# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

# June 10-11, 2017 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 10:45am

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

# Message from our Pastor:

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Happy day everyone! I pray you had a great week!

First, I'd like to begin by saying a big welcome to our seminarian for the summer, Deacon John Baab. Deacon will be with us for the summer before he heads back to seminary in the fall to complete his last year of formation before ordination to the priesthood next June. Please keep him and all the seminarians in your prayers. Seminary is very, very, very, very, very, very, very, looooooooooonnnnnnnnngggggggg.

Also, we are grateful to God for the three new priests ordained last weekend by Bishop DiLorenzo at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, one of them being our Deacon Miguel...now Father Miguel. God still calls many men to priesthood (and women to religious life), how wonderful it is when they respond!!!

For today, for the pastor message, I want to say a word about the feast day today. Today is the feast of the Holy Trinity. Today we remember that we pray to one God that exists eternally in three persons. God is, was, and will always be a Father, a Son and a Holy Spirit.

I have heard many analogies for how this can be. For example, some say it's like water, ice and stream...all the same just different forms. Or it is like a three leaf clover, one plant with three leaves. I have used these analogies before. And chances are one of my brother priests will use these analogies this

weekend (don't yell at them if they do!). And while these are cute, they are in fact wrong. Every one of the analogies we use to describe the Trinity is faulty at best and, at worst, was probably more along the lines of a heresy according to the early Church theologians.

The reason I and others grasp for these analogies when trying to understand the Trinity is because we like to know what we are talking about. In fact, when we don't have a handle on things, we are uncomfortable...like standing on one foot. Someone could just come and push us over and we would fall really easily. In the same way, if someone were to 'poke' us by challenging us about this doctrine of the Trinity...we would have trouble defending it...because we do not fully grasp it...and that makes us feel indefensible.

This certainly is no excuse to through our hands up and excuse ourselves from critical thinking and study...study isn't just for seminarians...

But it does require a peaceful and trustful acceptance that we cannot understand everything about God. A child cannot understand nuclear science, but he has a better chance of understanding that then we do of grasping the nature of God (the Trinity is the inner workings of God). Spouses say they still don't understand the spouse they've been married to for 50 years...and they're human! So don't feel too bad if you don't understand what's going on inside of God.

That said, we can be absolutely sure of the things we do know. Because God has told us and he isn't a liar. God is one God. He existed eternally as a Father, a Son and a Holy Spirit.

What is even possibly more amazing to think about is that when we go to Heaven, we enter in to the core of that relationship, inside those inner workings of God...wow...talk about make your head spin!!!

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Have a good week!	Fr Rossi

<u>The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u> (RCIA): The RCIA is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should please contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

<u>Baptisms</u>: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. Classes are held at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. <u>The next class will be held on 9/3/17</u>. If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

<u>Visitation to the sick and homebound</u> – If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call the office at 737-8028. Office staff will ensure the information will be relayed to Visitation Ministry individuals.

### News & Announcements:

<u>Sharing Sunday</u>: Please mark your calendars for <u>the next</u> <u>Sharing Sunday</u> which will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring nonperishable foods to be donated.

**Box Tops for Education**: Please continue to collect box tops for education. The K of C will continue to collect them for All Saints Catholic School. The is a small box in the basement where they can be dropped off.

#### **Attention Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:**

Installation of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers will take place at all masses on Corpus Christi — June 17 and 18. Please make every effort to attend one of the Masses that weekend.

<u>Father's Day:</u> Please join us downstairs after the 10:45 mass on 6/18 as we celebrate our Fathers with a special picnic luncheon in the social hall!

<u>Nursery Workers</u>: As our parish grows we need more nursery workers during the 10:45 mass. You do not have to have young children to help out. Even though we have moms and grandmas helping in our nursery those who love children are encouraged to volunteer! Please consider this important ministry. Contact Jane Murphy (804) 267-1935.

**BLOOMING NOW!** Irises, Peonies, Roses, Lilies, Astillbe, Azaleas, Rhododendrons, and Aromatic Herbs. Please consider sharing your beautiful blooms with St. Patrick's so that we may decorate our altars each week for Mass! Timing is all important and your cut flowers may be dropped off in the basement before each weekend mass between (5:00-5:20pm) on Saturday and (10:15-10:35am) on Sunday. Thank you for adding to our worship celebration!

Ministers Needed: St. Patrick's Parish is enjoying tremendous growth and we find ourselves in need of several ministers to ensure weekend Masses are celebrated seamlessly. Duties are easy to learn and you will be scheduled only once a month. Please reach out to Billie Keating with your interest and for details on becoming a Greeter/Usher, Altar Server or Sacristan. 804 347-7919; bjk6269@comcast.net

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<u>Bulletin</u>: All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday prior by noon.

# Church Support as of 6/4/17

Figures not available at the time of the printing of the bulletin. Will be in next week's bulletin. Sorry.