May 6, 2018 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia!!!

Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am – 12 noon

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday: 4:00 pm – Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00 am
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am

Holydays of Obligation: 7:30 am only

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 – 3:30 pm and Weekdays: 7:00-7:25 am (and by appointment)

Baptisms
Seminars are held every other month - register by calling the office. Attendance is suggested during pregnancy.

Anointing of the Sick
The Church recommends this sacrament for those who are gravely ill or in danger of death. Call the priest to arrange a visit.

Weddings
Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance to allow time for preparation and planning.

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Welcome to St. Patrick Church

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 5--Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 PM: Dr. Leonard & Betty Rolfes; Howard Fournet; Betty Fournet (living); Judith White; Dale Cleveland (living); Anna Delcambre; Brandon Boudreaux (In Thanksgiving); Ray Kalweit & Kathy (living); Mike Guilbeau; Dawson, Gabrielle, Mia Foti (living)

Sunday, May 6--Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM: George Sigue & Siblings; Lorraine Day; Lloyd Sigue; Andre Arceneaux
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick’s

Monday, May 7--Easter Weekday
7:30 AM: Bella & Yvonne Hernandez; Adam Hernandez

Tuesday, May 8--Easter Weekday
7:30 AM: Pat Bulliard

Wednesday, May 9--Easter Weekday
7:30 AM: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living); Col. Kimberly Fedele (living)

Thursday, May 10--Easter Weekday
7:30 AM: Leroy Leday

Friday, May 11--Easter Weekday
7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

Altar Flowers
In Loving Memory of:
Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.
—John 15:16

Non-Liturgical Devotions
Daily Rosary: Monday - Thursday 6:55 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday 7:15 am
Rosary for Priests: Wednesday 7:00 am
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Thursday 7:15 am
Pro-Life Rosary: 1st Friday of the month 7 am

From The Women’s Center of Lafayette
Abortion leads to isolation, despair, and a feeling of being abandoned by everyone. The Church, on the other hand, brings the assurance of Jesus: “I am with you.” The People of God, while rejecting abortion, embrace with love those who have had abortions and lead them to the healing mercy of Christ. Thank you for your generous donation to help mothers and their babies, God bless you!

Thanks to all who contribute baby items. The bassinet for baby items is out every weekend.

Position Open-Sacristan
After decades of service to our parish, Joyce Stelly has informed us that she will be retiring from her position as Sacristan. While we cannot replace her, we are looking for someone to fill the position. This person will be available to be present at all weekday and weekend worship services in our church, as well as the occasional funeral or wedding. Duties include opening and locking the Church, setting up for Mass, etc., seeing to the care and upkeep of liturgical vessels and other items, etc. Anyone interested in this part-time, (20 hours per week) position please contact Fr. Keith at the office - 337-237-0988.

Pride
What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?
—St. John Climacus
Hospice of Acadiana Raffle  
The only not-for-profit hospice in the Acadiana area holds a raffle each year to support programs like “No One Died Alone”, “We Honor Veterans”, and free bereavement counseling services. On **May 5-6**, representatives from Hospice will be present at all Masses offering raffle tickets for sale, $20 each. Prizes include a car, a camper & a trailer.

Holy Hour for Vocations  
You are invited to the monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” on **Monday, May 7**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 406 E. Pinhook Road. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in these prayers for vocations and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Food For the Journey  
The Central Deanery of the Diocese of Lafayette presents “Food for the Journey”, a monthly lunchtime series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. Our speaker for May is Rev. Anthony Anala, SVD, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church, Lafayette. “Food for the Journey” will be held on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018**, at River Oaks Catering and Event Center, 520 East Kaliste Saloom Road, beginning at 12:00 noon. An optional buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to come “eat and be fed” – please bring a friend! Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Danielle Huval (232-1322).

I Lived on Parker Avenue  
Highly recommended is a short (30 min) documentary centering around the adoption process and the people involved. The story is of a young man who lives in Louisiana. On the web, it can be found at ilivedonparkerave.com

Aquinas Institute  
Register Now for an Aquinas Institute Course! Summer Course: THE 293 Augustine and the Dawn of the Christian Era 3 sem. hours will be taught by Fr. Clinton Sensat, STL on Saturdays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at John Paul the Great Academy in Lafayette. Classes start June 2 and end August 4. Fall Courses: THE 203 Jesus, Son of God by Fr. Michael Russo, STB, MA (Tuesdays 6:15 – 9:00 PM at Knight Hall at Our Lady of Fatima – Classes begin Aug. 21 and end Dec. 4) and PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy 3 sem. hrs. by Fr. Brian Harrington, MA, PhL (Wednesdays 6-8:45 PM at ULL – Classes begin Aug. 22 and end Dec. 4). The classes can be taken for college credit (accredited through University of Holy Cross) or for catechetical credit (audit). For more info or to register call (337) 394-6550, email frchampagne@yahoo.com, or go to www.aquinaslafayette.org

Centennial News  
**Month of Mary—Devotion of Our Lady**

Has been a prominent theme of the people of the Lafayette Diocese and of her bishops. In 1953, Bishop Jeanmard asked for all families to pray the Rosary declaring: “We do not place all our confidence in the atomic bomb or other lethal weapons of war, but in Jesus Christ and the intercession of our Blessed Mother to whom this Diocese owes so much.” Jeanmard and Bishop Sheen’s episcopal motto, “Sub Tuum Praesidium” (Under Thy Protection) and “Ad Te Clamamus” (To Thee Do We Cry), are both taken from Marian prayers and express their devotion to her.

**Centennial Indulgence** has been granted by Pope Francis to all Catholics of our Diocese during this year of Jubilee who visit our Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (Please check the Diocese Centennial Webpage for the requirements to obtain the indulgence). We encourage all to take advantage of this Spiritual Papal gift throughout the year.

**Concert Organist in Recital**  
Ms. Gail Archer, will give an organ recital **May 6 at 2:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church**. She will play works by Bach, Schumann, Reger and others. Ms. Archer is a Grammy-nominated, internationally renowned concert organist and recording artist with seven solo albums to her name. She is concert organist at Vassar College and chair of the music program at Barnard College of Columbia University, where she conducts the Barnard-Columbia Chorus. She also serves as director of the artist and young organ artist recitals at Historic Central Synagogue in New York City. The concert is free and open to the public.

**Silent, Individually Directed Retreats**  
Are offered at the Jesuit Spirituality Center on the following dates: May 14 or 17; May 28 or 31; June 18 or 21. For more information on all of the retreats at the Spirituality Center, call 662-5251 or www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org

**STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK**  
Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us  
Offertory……………………. $ 4,521.14  
Catholic Home Missions……… $ 1,081.82  

**Thank You!**

The second collection this weekend is for our **Building Fund**.

*Jesus’ commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself—my skills and talents, my time and resources—will best demonstrate my love for God’s people?*
From the Pastor’s Desk

We continue this week sampling the recent Apostolic Exhortation, ‘Rejoice and Be Glad’, issued by our Holy Father. (A link to the document is on our website—stpat.org.) As mentioned in this space before, one chapter offers a reflection on the beatitudes, in the context of a desire for holiness. Consider what Pope Francis says about the call to be merciful, if we would grow in holiness:

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy”

80. Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, helping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding. Matthew sums it up in one golden rule: “In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you” (7:12). The Catechism reminds us that this law is to be applied “in every case”, especially when we are “confronted by situations that make moral judgments less assured and decision difficult”.

81. Giving and forgiving means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God’s perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly. For this reason, in the Gospel of Luke we do not hear the words, “Be perfect” (Mt 5:48), but rather, “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you” (6:36-38). Luke then adds something not to be overlooked: “The measure you give will be the measure you get back” (6:38). The yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive. The yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive. We should never forget this.

82. Jesus does not say, “Blessed are those who plot revenge”. He calls “blessed” those who forgive and do so “seventy times seven” (Mt 18:22). We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion. If we approach the Lord with sincerity and listen carefully, there may well be times when we hear his reproach: “Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” (Mt 18:33).

Seeing and acting with mercy: that is holiness.