

St. Patrick Parish
2017 Advent/Christmas Schedule

(Please note that these are highlighted special activities.
The usual Mass schedule remains the same unless noted below.)

- Monday, December 11 **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Fiesta in Undercroft
- Friday, December 15 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Red Cross Blood Drive**
12:15 p.m. Mass
- Saturday, December 16 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Breakfast with Santa – Church Hall**
10:30 a.m. **Children’s Communal Reconciliation**
4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
7:30 p.m. **Trio Festivo Concert**
- Thursday, December 21 **11:00 a.m. - Noon Reconciliation**
- Friday, December 22 **11:00 a.m. - Noon Reconciliation**
12:15 p.m. Mass
- Saturday, December 23 **11:00 a.m. - Noon Reconciliation**
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, December 24 8:00 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent Mass
10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent Mass
4:30 p.m. Christmas Reflections
5:00 p.m. **Mass of the Nativity of the Lord** (Family Focus)
10:30 p.m. Christmas Reflections
11:00 p.m. **Mass of the Nativity of the Lord**
- Monday, December 25 10:00 a.m. **Mass of the Nativity of the Lord**
- Tuesday, December 26 – Friday, December 29 No Mass
- Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**
- Sunday, December 31 8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass
4:45 p.m. Pre-Service Music
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
- Monday, January 1 12:15 p.m. Mass
- Tuesday, January 2 – Thursday, January 4 No Mass



Spotlight on: Respect Life

The Respect Life Committee promotes the dignity of all human persons from conception to natural death. We espouse the value and virtue of chastity and promote awareness through education in our Spiritual Adoption Program. Our education extends to the community with our Rockbridge Community Festival booth. The committee stresses the importance of prayer and legislative advocacy, and organizes

March for Life participation for the parish.

Skills: Must have a strong desire to protect and promote the dignity of human life and to work in these endeavors.

Duties: Seeks to promote, defend, and witness to the dignity of each human life from conception to natural death. Through prayer, education, witness, outreach, and support of the local pregnancy help center, we direct our efforts primarily toward the unborn, who are the most vulnerable and at risk in today's society.

Seeking: Anyone 8 years of age or older. Ideal for older school-aged children, adolescents, and adults in all family groups.

Time Commitment: Attend 5 meetings a year, 1 hour each; several hours a year helping with the Spiritual Adoption Program for the 7th grade Religious Education class; attend the annual Prayer Service for Life; participate at our pro-life booth at the Rockbridge Community Festival.

Contact: Darcy McCabe 540-348-5077

Keep Christ in Christmas: Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas cards after all Masses. Check out the cards for 2017.

SPARC: How can knowing what the seven deadly sins are help you in life? Studying these sins can help us recognize if they are present in our lives, and what virtues we need to eliminate these sins and behaviors that can sometimes rule our lives. Sign-up sheets are located on a table in the narthex for the next SPARC session on the Seven Capital Sins. Besides your name, address, phone number and email address, please indicate three day and time preferences, and a location will be determined after groups are formed. The sessions will begin in January and each monthly session will last approximately one and a half hours. For more information contact Marilou Schindler, Adult Faith Formation/New Evangelization chair at 291-2992.

Haiti Update: As we celebrate and give thanks for all that we have ourselves received over the upcoming holidays, please remember our twin parish in Haiti. We continue to request school supplies (pens, paper, solar-powered calculators, folders, pencils, drawstring or sling backpacks for youngsters 1st to 6th grade, lots of white chalk, black board erasers, pencil erasers, rulers, and other school items). Also soccer balls (no basketballs), and jump ropes and small air pumps are extremely appreciated. Travel size soaps, toothpaste, shampoo, personal hygiene items, combs for boys and girls, girls barrettes/hair elastics and brushes, new underwear for children ages 5 and up and vegetable seeds are needed for shipment to the school at Saint Peter and for twin community of Fond Pierre. We encourage you to leave your donations in the "Haiti" collection basket in the Narthex of the Church. THANK YOU so much for your generosity!!!

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The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites are lay people inspired by the Holy Spirit to answer the call to holiness through prayer, study, and apostolic works of charity. Their formation is founded on the writing and teachings of the Carmelite Saints: St. Teresa of Jesus, St. John of the Cross, and St. Therese of Lisieux, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Lady of Mount Carmel. If you desire to learn more about this way of life, the Secular Community of Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity meets at St. Francis of Assisi in Staunton on the second Sunday of each month from 12:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For further information, please pick up a brochure in the narthex or call Laurie Strong at 463-9879.

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