

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

9151 Ely's Ford Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

www.saintpatrickparish.org

Christmas **December 25, 2017**



Welcome!

The Parish registration form is located in the vestibule. Please ask an usher for one. It can also be downloaded from the parish website. If you are new to the parish, or if you change your address or phone number, please fill out a form and give it to an usher or fax/mail it to the parish office.

Parish Office

9149 Ely's Ford Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

540-785-5299

540-785-5692 – Fax

9:30am – 4:30pm *Monday – Friday*

Religious Education Office

9151 Ely's Ford Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

540-785-7857

10:00am – 3:00pm *Monday – Friday*

Saint Patrick Catholic School

9151 Ely's Ford Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

540-786-2277 – School Office

540-785-2213 – School Fax

School web address:

www.saintpatrickschoolva.org

Clergy

Reverend John A. Ziegler, Pastor
Reverend Jerry A. Wooton, Parochial Vicar
Deacon David E. Conroy
Deacon Paul D'Antonio
Deacon Donald Perusi
Deacon William Pivarnik (Ret.)
Deacon James Stenstrom

Parish Staff *email link: www.saintpatrickparish.org/contact.htm*

George Elliott, School Principal
Martha Massad, School Secretary
Phil Camill, Director of Religious Education
Jessica Kenney, Religious Ed. Admin. Assistant and OPCYP Liaison
Lisa Schumacher, Director of Youth Activities
Maureen McClure, Director of Music and Bulletin Editor
Katherine Howe Evans, Ed.D, Parish Secretary

Masses

Saturday Vigil	6:00pm
Sunday	7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00noon, 5:00pm
	Extraordinary Form 1:30pm
Daily – Mon-Sat	9:00am / Morning Office at 8am / Rosary at 8:30am
First Friday	9:00am, 12:00noon

Confession

Thursday	After 9am Mass until 10:15am
Thursday	7:30-8:30pm – during Holy Hour
Saturday	5:00-5:50pm
First Saturday	Confession from 7:50am until 9am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Miraculous Medal Novena and Adoration	Mondays 7:00-7:30pm
Holy Hour	Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm
First Friday	All night adoration from Thursday Holy Hour until 12:00n
First Saturday	Adoration and Devotion from 7:50am until 9am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Each Thursday evening from 7:30–8:30pm
until Noon Mass on Friday

Opportunity for Confession during Holy Hour

**The parish offices will be closed until
Tuesday, January 2.**

A priest will be at the residence during the
break. If you have a sacramental emergency
and need to contact a priest,
please call the rectory at 785-5299 and
follow the prompts for emergencies.
St. Patrick School will resume classes on
Wednesday, January 3
CCD classes resume on Tuesday, January 9

FR. SOLANUS CASEY, O.F.M., CAP.

You are invited to join Father Ziegler
following the 9:00am Mass on
Tuesday, December 26.
to watch a DVD on the recently beatified
Fr. Solanus Casey, O.F.M., Cap. entitled:
Solanus Casey: Priest, Porter, Prophet
(Ignatius Press)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

For info or to RSVP please contact
Lisa Schumacher stpatsyouth@comcast.net

Sunday, January 7 ~ 6-7:30pm ~ Parish Hall

"The Spotlight's On...." China Briceno

China is a well-known speaker in the
Diocese of Arlington.
She has spoken at RALLY and Work Camp.
China has spoken at St. Patrick once before.

Join us for dinner and dessert!

Sunday, January 14 ~ 6 - 8pm ~ Parish Hall
"We Walk by Faith"

The final session of *Altaration* by Ascension Press
Altaration is designed to stir thought, create
conversation, dispel myths, and inspire young
souls to a deep and lasting love for the Mass.
Dinner & dessert will be provided

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! **AND WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS**

January

- 17 St. Patrick School Registration begins
- 19 The Annual MARCH for LIFE
2 Buses have been chartered for the event
- 27 Ladies' Day of Recollection
All women of the parish are welcome
- 28 Catholic Schools Week begins

February

- 4 Ladies' Auxiliary Cookie Sale
- 10 First Penance Workshop for
students and parents
- 10 Spaghetti Dinner
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 17 Parish Mission begins
- 17 First Penance (CCD)
- 23 Honor the Clergy Dinner
- 26 Confirmation Meeting for Parents

April

- 14 Men's Day of Recollection
All men of the parish are welcome

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

For the parish registration form, past bulletins, and current events
visit the parish website www.saintpatrickparish.org

For the parish calendar visit

www.saintpatrickparish.org/calendar.htm

Follow the news from the Virginia Catholic Conference
Bishop Burbidge and the Bishop of Richmond have statements about faith and
on current social issues in the VA Commonwealth.

See how you can get involved. www.VACatholic.org

Visit **FORMED.ORG** and enter Parish Code **PWQ2Y4**

Please do not sign up as an individual.

The parish access code provides more content than the individual subscription

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in
the Rectory Conference room. Please contact the Parish Office to register.

ENGAGED COUPLES Please contact the rectory at least six months before
your desired wedding date.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES Contact the rectory if you have been asked to
be a sponsor/godparent and require a Sponsorship Certificate.

ALTAR AND ROSARY Beth Botorff wmjunc53@comast.net 972-2463

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS Bill Phillips 540-972-3649

Discover Your Irish Heritage! Men of Irish birth or descent are invited to
join the oldest Catholic lay organization in the USA. We support local
Catholic charities! www.fredericksburgaoh.org

BOOK STUDY (G. K. Chesterton) Religious Education Office 785-7857
Mondays in the Parish Hall at 10:00am

CHURCH HISTORY Religious Education Office 785-7857
Study of Church Fathers, Thursdays in the Conference Room at 10:30am

CURSILLO Mary Lou McGonigle 972-4673

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE Ethel Malley 785-4753

Meet 1st Tuesday after the 9am Mass in the Rectory Conference Room to
discuss St Faustina's diaries.

FOOD DRIVE St. Patrick Parish holds a food drive on the second weekend
of every month. Non-perishable food may be dropped off outside the front of
the church. Next food drive = January 13-14

GUARDIAN ANGELS To contribute to the Guardian Angels who assist
families in our parish with food, clothing medication and other basic needs,
please see Jim Duffy or call the Parish Office at 540-785-5299.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – BATTLEFIELD COUNCIL

Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of the month Greg Gordon, Grand Knight
dggordo@comcast.net 540-786-0488

LADIES AUXILIARY

Meets on the third Tuesday of the month Kathy Major, President
katmer66@comcast.net 540-207-1918

LEGION OF MARY George Perreault gperreau@mac.com 412-5724

Elena Wiechowski emwiechowski@gmail.com 540-412-5865
Meet in the Rectory Conference Room - One Praesidium meets each Monday at
7:30pm. Another Praesidium meets each Friday at 10am.

MARTHA'S CARING HANDS Parish Office 785-5299

A service providing funeral receptions in our parish hall. Please call the office if you
need this service. Donations are gratefully accepted to support this service!

PILGRIM VIRGIN John Gladis at 891-7408 or Tim Dimond at 854-8479

Have the Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima grace your home for two weeks

SACRED HEART OF JESUS HOME ENTHRONEMENT

A service of the Legion of Mary To set a date: Terri Miles 406-0710

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Meets on the first Saturday of each month after the 8am Mass and on the third
Thursday at 7pm. Meetings are held in the St. Matthew Activity Center.

USHERS Greg Gordon, dggordo@comcast.net or 786-0488

VISITATION APOSTLES Parish Office 785-5299

Please call if you know a member of our Parish, homebound or in a nursing
home, who would like to be visited or taken the Eucharist.

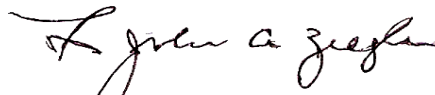
December 25, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

At Christmas we celebrate the mystery of God's love in sending forth for us a Savior. The love of God is made manifest in the tiny babe of Bethlehem, little and yet the all-powerful Son of God through Whom all things are made. He called shepherds to His crib by the Holy Angels and led the wise men by a wonderful star. Each of us is likewise called to share in the love of God who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

As we ponder the love of God in this holy season, let us recall that Christ came to earth not only to be born at Bethlehem but to be born in our hearts as well. In the mystery of Christ's Mass, Our Lord comes to us in the Most Holy Eucharist to make this a reality, to change our hearts to be more like His. May He always find us eager to receive Him in a worthy manner and with an ardent faith.

I pray that you have a very happy and blessed Christmas. May the Infant Jesus fill your hearts with peace and joy!



Fr. John A. Ziegler
Pastor

SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

beginning January 17, 2018 at 9am.
for preschool 3 year olds through
8th grade for the 2018/2019 school year

The mission of St. Patrick School is to embrace the Catholic faith and lead our students to do God's will in this world. The administration and faculty of St. Patrick School are committed to providing every student with an education that is academically challenging.

Download an application from our
website www.saintpatrickschoolva.org

*Please don't let the cost of a Catholic education prevent
you from exploring a Catholic education at
St. Patrick School.*

Tuition assistance information is available on the Catholic
Diocese of Arlington website www.arlingtondiocese.org

**Information will also be available at our
OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 28
or contact Mr. Elliott at (540) 786-2277**

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED

You are invited to judge the St. Patrick School 2017/2018
Science Fair on the morning of January 30, 2018. This is a
great opportunity to support the students as they prepare to
compete in the Diocesan Science Fair.

For more information, please contact Morgan Stower at
mstower@saintpatrickschoolva.org.

FRUIT SALE ~ FRESH FLORIDA CITRUS

All proceeds will benefit

St. Patrick Athletics

**Order by January 4 and pay upon
pick-up at the school (estimated January 18)**
Competitively priced (0.87 – 1.65/pound)

Navel Oranges, Grapefruit, or Juice Oranges
Full box (40#) \$35 || Half Box (20#) \$26

Honeybells

Half Box (20#) \$32

Order by email Stallards5@gmail.com or
Call Sean Stallard at 540-645-9231

ST. PATRICK 5K MUD RUN & 1 MILE FUN RUN

All proceeds will benefit

St. Patrick School's Technology Fund

Saturday, March 17 at Miller Farms Market

The 5k Mud Run begins at 9am with the
Fun Run following at 10am.

5k Mud Run - \$25 Reg Fee

until Jan 31st, when price increases.

1 Mile Fun Run - \$15 Reg Fee

Sign up

at [https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/LocustGrove/StPatrick
MudRun](https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/LocustGrove/StPatrickMudRun)

Follow us on Facebook

at <https://www.facebook.com/StPatrickMudRun/>



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Christmas 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we are profoundly aware of the need to pray that His peace will reign in our world, in our nation, in our homes and in our lives. We are witnessing much turbulence, unrest and division in our midst. Yet, we do not despair. Our newborn King has shown us the way to peace and unity.

We pray that the leaders of our nation and those throughout the world will allow the Lord to guide their decisions, being ever mindful of the sacredness of all human life and the dignity of each and every human person. We pray that all people will recognize that they are united as God's holy Family and respond by treating one another with charity and respect. In our own lives, we pray for the grace to love, honor, and forgive each other. In a special way, may our prayer always lead us to seek peace not in the empty promises of the world but in the One who alone can sustain and protect us.

It is my hope and prayer that what we do at Christmas will continue throughout the New Year, to keep our relationship with the Lord our highest priority; to share our gifts and resources with all those in need; and to be instruments of His peace in our communities, workplaces and homes.

Please be assured of a special remembrance at the masses I will celebrate on Christmas. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus fill you with His choicest blessings at Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

For the Glory of God Parish Capital Campaign

A warm welcome to those who are visiting at St. Patrick's this year at Christmas!

Please prayerfully consider helping our parish campaign

For the Glory of God, in order to help fund our plans for a new church and middle school.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$ 6,000,000

As of December 18, 2017

Pledged: \$ 5,678,441 Paid to Date: \$ 4,708,512

To help us reach our financial target, a generous parishioner has agreed to match up to \$100,000 for any new pledges from now until December 31, 2017.

So far we have received \$ 86,698 in additional pledges that will be matched.

To contribute or for questions regarding the Capital Campaign, please contact

Father Ziegler or Deacon Stenstrom at the Parish Office – 540-785-5299, or email deacon@saintpatrickparish.org