

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

May 6-7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:45am

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Congratulations to our newest members baptized this Sunday Alexis Hope Vance and Maynard Allen Timberlake.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (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.

Baptisms: 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. The next class will be held on 6/4/17. If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

Visitation to the sick and homebound – 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.

Message from our Pastor:

*“God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary”
– St. Bernard*

Happy May everyone!!! May is a wonderful month. It is spring. The temperatures are warming. The trees are blooming. The fish are biting! And for us, May is a special month devoted to Mary. May is Mary's month.

There is a history behind how May became Mary's month which is important. But what I want to focus on is why we should honor Mary this month!!!

Mary should be honored because of what St Bernard said in the above quote. Mary is the chosen instrument through which God decided that ALL his gifts should come to us. You might say..." well, I got a raise at work, or I got into the college I wanted, or I won the lottery and that didn't come to me through Mary...so how can all gifts come to us through Mary?"

Well let me explain.

While getting raises at work are great, getting into the first-choice college is good, and winning the lottery is nice, they cannot on any level even be compared to the greatest gift ever given to humans, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is God's greatest gift to humanity. And it is a gift so far beyond any other gift that other things cannot be referred to with the same word that St Bernard uses in his above quote, 'gift.'

It's like a Christmas when you open presents and grandma gives you some new socks and Santa brings you a Playstation 4. The latter is so far beyond the former that using the word 'gift' to refer to both of them doesn't even make sense.

It's like that but way more.

So all God's gifts, which are totally and completely comprised in the gift of Jesus Christ, have come to us humans and they came through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

And so she is to be revered because of the unparalleled role she played in our and the whole world's salvation.

And so there are in May wonderful ways to honor Mary, May Crowning's, Processions, and other devotions.

But especially, I encourage everyone to make an extra effort to pray the Rosary more this month. There is no private prayer that is more powerful than the Rosary. It is like nuclear spiritual power in our spiritual lives. It will increase our love for Mary which translates directly into a greater love for her Son, our Lord, our greatest gift, Jesus Christ.

-Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Welcome to our Newly Registered Members:

Welcome to newly registered members Laura Hoeg and Thomas & Jordan Zydell.

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

Youth Mass: A Votive Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Monday, May 22nd at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Father Brian Capuano will be the celebrant & music will be provided by the Ward Centre of Richmond Youth Choirs. The Ward Centre of Richmond Schola was featured at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in 2013, the Church Music Association of America Colloquium in Saint Louis in 2016, and the conference, "Gregorian Chant in Pastoral Ministry and Religious Education," this past March at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY. For more information on the Ward Centre, please visit www.grsm.net/programs/wardcentre. *****These children will also be singing for us at mass on 5/14 @ 10:45.**

Thank you: Thank you from the Knight of Columbus for everyone's generous donations for the KOVAR collection taken up last weekend. KOVAR is a K of C charity established in 1971 that provides financial assistance in the community to support those citizens with intellectual disabilities.

May Procession: St. Patrick's May Procession will be held on Sunday, May 21st. The procession will begin at 10:30 at Patrick Henry Park at 25th & Broad. Please arrive at 10:20 to join in the procession, all are welcome, particularly children. We will prayerfully process into St. Patrick's & place roses on the Mary altar. Roses will be provided. Please contact Donna Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com if you plan on attending so enough roses can be purchased. This is our third year of this long-time tradition of the church. Please join us!

Church Support as of 4/30/17

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$2,824.33
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$1,282.67)

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$173,435.61
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$180,771.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$7,335.39)

Attendance for 4/29 & 30/2017: 29/149

Contact & Follow us at:

Facebook: SPChurchHill

Emails:

Pastor Fr. Gino Rossi: ginopaulrossi@hotmail.com
Father Ernest Bulinda: livasia@gmail.com
Father Frank Wiggins: Padreop@verizon.net
Office: office@saintpatrickchurchhill.org
Michelle Dawson: mjmvcu@aol.com
Donna & Eddie Baird: donnahbaird@yahoo.com
Kathy Butner: kathybuttner@hotmail.com
Heather Coleman: heatherscoleman@yahoo.com
Dave Stull: dstull@stjohnscatholicchurch.org
Paulita Matheny: pmatheny@stjohnscatholicchurch.org
Mike Treadwell: Mikenme2@verizon.net
Billie Keating: bjk6269@comcast.net
Fred Powell: fmpjr2009@aol.com
Ryland Paxton: paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu.

Mailing address:

St. Patrick's Church, 813 West Nine Mile Road,
Highland Springs, VA 23075
Office Phone number: 804-737-8028

SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died and you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

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