Message from our Pastor:

Happy Easter Everyone!!!

We are still celebrating the greatest event to ever happen in history.

I would first like to say thank you, I am not sure if I did already, for all the folks who worked so hard over the Lenten season and Easter Triduum.

First, I would like to say thank-you to my brother priests. Fr Frank and Fr Danny put in a lot of hard work and effort to make the services and season beautiful. I am grateful for their hard work and comradery. We are very blessed to have them in the cluster parishes.

I would also like to thank my staff. In case you didn't know, we at these three parishes have dedicated and talented staff who put in time and effort beyond what they are compensated for...they are generous when times are demanding.

Finally, we also have many, many, many generous volunteers who work and sacrifice their time, talent and treasure for nothing other than the glory of God and the up-building of the Church. I am very grateful and thankful for all the people who give of themselves as volunteers to serve Christ in these three Churches. Thank you!

The other thing I wanted to mention is that we (the priests) are back on the regular Mass rotation (we have finished most of the heavy lifting for the Living Our Mission Campaign at St Peter). We will continue this for the foreseeable future. I have not heard anything in regards to priest transfers (I know they usually are in the Catholic Virginian in the next month or so) but its great having all three of us to handle all the work at these three parishes. Whether that continues into the future I don't know, it will depend on what happens with the priest shortage in the next year.

In the meantime, pray for vocations. Ask God to open the hearts of men to follow God as priests (and women as consecrated religious). The Church cannot survive without them. We cannot have the Eucharist without priests.

Fr. Rossi

Saint Patrick Catholic Church April 9-10, 2016

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass downstairs.

<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.

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 the SPC office or email Fred Powell: <u>fmpjr2009@aol.com</u> or Ryland Paxton: <u>paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu</u>.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class for new parents is held at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class will be held on July 10 and remaining classes this year will be the second Sunday of September and November. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Baptism information is on our website under the Sacraments tab. If you have additional questions, please contact the office.

Year to date budgeted: \$175,709.00 Year to date actual income: \$136,897.35 Current loss: \$38,811.65 April 2-3 attendance: 45/213

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

Lord, when did I see you hungry? St Patrick's, St. Peter's and St. John's are teaming together to feed our neighbors in need. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact, John Glynn: john@leadminepond.com. John will be heading up the St. Patrick's team of volunteers. One Wednesday each month we will be preparing food at St. Patrick's, delivering that food to St. Peter's, serving our guests and cleaning up afterwards. In this way we will encourage each other to live our faith.

Children's Religious Education - Donna Baird

Children's religious education classes are held the first three Sundays of each month in the classroom located in the social hall from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM. If you have questions, contact Donna Baird donnahbaird@yahoo.com or at 804.888.3470

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

May is almost here, the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother: You are invited to honor her by placing flowers from your garden on St. Patrick's Mary altar throughout the month.

<u>Mike Treadwell Appreciation Dinner</u> - the parish would like to honor our Building and Grounds Supervisor for his dedication and hard work at St. Patrick for over 12 years. We will have a dinner on **Friday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** in the social hall. All are invited. Mike just went through his second serious medical problem in the last couple of years and hardly missed a beat in keeping St. Patrick running smoothly. Of course, behind every good man is a good woman and Mike's wife, Tobie, is always by his side! Please call Jane Murphy if you would like to help with the dinner (267-1935) and mark this fun night on your calendar.

<u>Richmond Catholic Theater</u>: You're invited to a performance of Pope John Paul II's play The Jeweler's Shop. It will be at St. Peters on April 15th at 7:30pm. . The free performance will be followed by a talk back with the actors. St Peter Catholic Church 800 E Grace St, Richmond VA 23219, reserve your seats at www.RichmondCatholicTheatre.com

Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

Bible Study: Meets on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Social Hall downstairs.

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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.