

Message from our Pastor:

Good day to all. A few reminders.

First, have you gone to confession yet this Lent? Why not? Do you have a good reason why not? I have many good reasons why you should go. First, you have to as a Catholic at least once per year. Second, you will feel better like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders after you do. Third, it will help you to become a better person for your family and loved ones, for yourself, for God! Fourth, it will help you to become closer to God now. Fifth, it's a short amount of discomfort for an eternity of joy. And the list goes on and on and on... you only have a couple weeks left before Easter. Just come to Mass a little early on Saturday or Sunday and walk in the confessional. Or stay for a few minutes afterward and walk in the confessional. You have no good excuse.

Second, please if you are able, consider making a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. There are envelopes in the pews. The Appeal supports retired priests, seminarians, youth ministry at campuses in the Diocese, ministry to the needy in Appalachia, and the list goes on and on and on...

Third, I hope you have been enjoying the Friday night program at St John. You have the opportunity to come pray Stations of the Cross every Friday there during Lent and also enjoy a nice fish dinner. Please come.

Fourth, in only a week we will have our Irish Festival in Church Hill at St. Patrick. We still need volunteers. It's tons of fun and also a way to support the festival, which raises money to support children's cancer research, homeless ministry programs in Richmond, St Francis home, St Patrick and many neighborhood causes. Please contact Stokes McCune if you would like to volunteer at (stokesmccune@aol.com).

Finally, Holy Week and the Triduum will be here before we know it. We will have Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday services at each of our parishes at 7pm, 7pm, and 8pm, respectively. Please plan to attend. Easter Sunday Masses will be at the regular Sunday Mass times.

Have a good week everyone. It has been an awesome Lent thus far. I can only imagine how great the Easter season is going to be!

- Fr. Rossi

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 17-18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass times:

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 10:45am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Stations of the Cross:

Please join each Thursday at noon during Lent.

Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.



Communion Meditation Song

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

News & Announcements:

Irish Festival:

Volunteer signup sheets are in the basement please sign up after mass if you haven't already to volunteer! Join us if you can.

Bakers:

Calling all bakers in our parish, please consider makings something for the SPC bake sale table! Festival Goers look forward to our home-made treats so please consider making something! As well if you can't come volunteer for the festival great way to still be involved! They can be dropped off Thursday & Friday the week of the festival.
(Contact person Kathy Buttner)

EASTER EGG HUNT

at the Murphy's on March 31st at 11:00 am. All parishioners are invited. Hot dog lunch will be provided. Please call Jane to R.S.V.P. and for directions - 804-267-1935.

Nursery:

There will be **no nursery** 3/25 (Irish Festival) and Easter Sunday 4/1.

Sacred Heart Center:

Please help our children in the Religious Education Program with a special project they are doing for Lent. During Lent our kids are collecting stuffed animals in good & clean condition for the Sacred Heart Center here in Richmond. It is a Jesuit run center that helps families in need. When parents are meeting with staff in the center children are often with them. These toys are provided to the child to give them comfort in an unfamiliar place & give them something to play with while they wait. This surprise can brighten up that child's day. These stuffed animals can be left in the social hall (there will be a place for them to be left) or to Donna Baird or a child in the program.

Do it!!!

We have extended confessions hours for all of Lent. 30 minutes before and after EVERY Saturday and Sunday Mass! Go! Go! Go! It will make you feel better and love God more! - Father Rossi

Sharing Sunday:

Everyone the next Sharing Sunday is April 7th & 8th. Please bring non-perishable food items. A table will be in the basement for collection.

Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protection of families, service to others and to defend our values. For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process. As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including tens of thousands here in Virginia, who stand together. Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer? Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, Council 6936.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): An RCIA class will be starting at SPC. Anyone interested is welcome to join the class. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Three (3) more classes will be held during 2018. The dates are as follows: April 15; July 1; and October 7. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.



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

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.

Church Support as of 3/11/18

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$3,179.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	\$1,042.00

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$135,327.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$156,177.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$20,850.00)

Attendance for 3/10/18 = 29 and 3/11/18 = 195