

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

April 21-22, 2018  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Mass times:**

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 10:45am  
**Nursery:** Available at 10:45 mass

**Rosary:** Sunday at 10:10am

**Confession:**

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.



## Message from our Pastor:

*The first reading today is a wonderful example of the clarity with which the Apostles spoke the truth of the gospel after receiving the Holy Spirit.*

*Go back and read it again. But don't just read the selection from Mass but read what happened before this. Here you have these simple men standing in the face of all the powerful and more educated, after having been thrown in jail and warned not to talk about what had happened on the Easter weekend, and instead of listening to the demand to shut up, they rather stand boldly in front of the powerful and tell them, with crystal clarity, the truth of what happened. "If we are being examined today about a good deed done...then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified...There is no salvation through anyone else nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."*

*They spoke with utter clarity. There was absolutely no half-speak or mixing of words, no worrying about being politically correct. Peter is sure to point out that it was them who crucified Jesus and that the very one they crucified is the only one who can save them and the only one who can save anyone in the entire human race.*

*Peter is very clear. Clarity is always a good thing. When you go to visit a doctor, you expect him to tell you clearly what is going on. If he is unclear in what he says, you start to worry. He probably doesn't know what he is taking about, is probably unconvinced himself and it's time to get a second opinion.*

*Clarity is always good. Clarity is good in math,  $2+2=4$ . It's good in chemistry,  $H_2O$  is the chemical makeup of water, exactly, the atomic mass of carbon is 12.011. It's clear. In technology too just think about your smartphone...there is a lot of clarity in the design and construction of it to make it work...they didn't just simply stick some stuff together. Clarity is even good in relationships. No one gets married because someone says "I sort of like you." You get married when someone says I love you and you are convinced of it. They have to state it clearly.*

*The opposite of clarity is vagueness. Vagueness is always bad. No one is happy in a vague relationship. Vague math doesn't work. No one would take vaguely concocted prescription medicine. No one wants vagueness in their medical recommendations. And no one wants to drive on what is vaguely a road...unless you have a truck with big tires.*

*Vagueness when it comes to religion and morals is similarly bad. We want to know what is right and wrong. We want to know the truth about God. We want to the best way to worship God. We want clarity, not vagueness when it comes to religion and morals.*

*Maybe this seems obvious but in fact, there is a temptation to not use clarity when speaking on these subjects. We can be afraid of offending or afraid of ostracizing. We can be unhappy with the possible ramifications of clearly defined moral maxims or of clearly stated religious truths.*

*But why? Is that rational?*

*If I am sick and go to a physician, and the doctor is vague when he speaks of my condition, it does not change the objective reality that I have a problem. It simply keeps it unknown.*

*And contrary to the slogan, ignorance is, in fact, not bliss.*

*Ignorance as a result of vagueness is an unhappy situation. When it comes to religion and morals, it is a triumph of emotion over reason, a triumph of feelings over truth.*

*It is always better to have clarity, first, then deal with your options based on what you clearly know, rather than hiding in the disorienting fog of vagueness. -Fr Rossi*

## Communion Meditation Song

### Join in the Dance

**Refrain:**

Join in the dance of the earth's jubilation! This is the feast of the love of God. Shout from the heights to the end of creation: Jesus the Savior is risen from the grave!

Wake, O people; sleep no longer: greet the breaking day! Christ, Redeemer, Lamb and Lion, turns the night away!

All creation, like a mother, labors to give birth. Soon the pain will be forgotten, joy for all the earth!

Now our shame becomes our glory on this holy tree. Now the reign of death is ended; now we are set free!

### Ubi Caritas

**Refrain**

Ubi Caritas est vera, est vera; Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est.

The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him, and in our love and care for all now love God in return.

In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace.

May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ.

For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your might. Make us your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life.

## News & Announcements:

**St Patrick May Procession:** On 5/6/18 we will continue the tradition of our Annual Children's May Procession to honor our Blessed Mother. All children & adults are invited & encouraged to participate. We will process from Patrick Henry Park on Broad & 25<sup>th</sup> to the church right before the beginning of mass. We will meet in the social hall at 10:20 am. We encourage everyone to wear their Sunday best for this special day. Stay after mass to enjoy an ice cream social to continue the celebration. Please let Donna Baird know at 804.888.3470 or at [donnahbaird@yahoo.com](mailto:donnahbaird@yahoo.com) if you and your children plan to participate so enough flowers can be purchased

**KOVAR COLLECTION:** The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual collection after mass on 4/29 for children with intellectual disabilities.

**Music Ministry News:** Thank you all for the warm welcome while I've had the blessing of becoming the new music coordinator at St. John & St. Patrick! I look forward to each of you continuing to be active members of our congregational choirs, but if you find yourself experiencing the call to become a member of the choir that helps lead congregational singing during masses, there is no better time than now to join: consider this to be your formal invitation!! If you are interested in joining with our wonderful musicians, in any capacity, please reach out to me at (804) 256-3450 or [musicministerkate@gmail.com](mailto:musicministerkate@gmail.com). Instrumentalists, singers, & "joyful noisemakers" are always welcomed! Thank you! Katie

**Sharing Sunday:** The next Sharing Sunday is May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please bring non-perishable food items. A table will be in the basement for collection.

**"Women, Wine, and the Word"** Join us for "Women, Wine, and the Word" gathering! They will continue Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 -8.30pm in the St Patrick social hall. Join us for an evening of great discussion out topic will be "I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back" Bring a light dinner dish to share. Please let Donna Baird know if you plan to attend & feel free to bring a friend at 804.888.3470 or [donnahbaird@yahoo.com](mailto:donnahbaird@yahoo.com)

**The Ward Centre of Richmond Choirs** will be singing the 10:45 Mass on May 6. If you haven't heard this children's choir yet, please try to be here to hear them. You'll be glad you did! For more information about the Ward Centre and their talented choirs, contact director Colleen Crafton at [director@wardcentre.org](mailto:director@wardcentre.org) or (804) 334-8094.

**Up for Adoption:** Our Easter hydrangeas will be up for adoption after both Masses this Saturday & Sunday (4/21 & 4/22). The lilies will not survive outdoors but the 3 hydrangeas will. Even though they are white, they may rebloom as blue, depending on your soil!

**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. **Two more classes will be held during 2018.** The dates are as follows: 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.

**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.

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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.



## Church Support as of 4/15/18

**Weekly**

<i>Actual</i>	\$1,955.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$2,266.00

**Year to Date**

<i>Actual</i>	\$156,853.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$177,282.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	( <u>\$20,429.00</u> )

**Attendance for 4/14/18 = 25 and 4/15/18 = 168**