

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

April 7-8, 2018

Divine Mercy Sunday

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.



**Welcome to our newest member
Baptized Sunday at mass
Angelina Lucille Reitz.**



Communion Meditation:

"Magnificat"

My soul gives glory to the Lord,
In God my Savior I rejoice.
My lowliness he did regard,
Exalting me by his own choice.
From this day all shall call me blest,
For he has done great things for me,
Of all great names his is the best,
For it is holy; strong is he.

His mercy goes to all who fear,
From age to age and to all parts.
His arm of strength to all is near;
He scatters those who have proud hearts.
He casts the mighty from their throne
And raises those of low degree;
He feeds the hungry as his own,
The rich depart in poverty.

He raised his servant Israel,
Rememb'ring his eternal grace,
As from of old he did foretell
To Abraham and all his race.
O Father, Son and Spirit blest,
In threefold Name are you adored,
To you be ev'ry prayer addressed,
From age to age the only Lord.

Message from our Pastor:

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Today, approximately 100 years ago, Jesus Christ appeared to a nun, named Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in Poland. He appeared to her multiple times. As with all such spiritual events, the Church was interested.

She was assigned a spiritual director to help her discuss these apparitions. She told her spiritual director that Jesus was appearing to her and that they would have conversations. He asked, 'what type of things do you discuss?' She stated that they discuss God's mercy for the world. He instructed her to begin writing down what they talk about.

So she did. She obeyed and began to keep her conversations noted in a diary. Today, we have that diary. We have collected in a book all those conversations Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska had, who has since been canonized, with Christ. It is called the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy in My Soul.

In this diary are some of the most beautiful descriptions of the inner feelings and thoughts of God. They are recorded in great detail. If you have ever wondered how God thinks or feels, it's a great chance to dive into those sentiments.

The diary is available to purchase online. Also, along with the book, St. Maria Faustina taught a new way to pray. It is called the Divine Mercy Chaplet. It is a prayer with consistent repetitions, similar to the Rosary, but with differing words. The bulk of the works are thus: Eternal God, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of your dearly beloved Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

It's a wonderful prayer and is full of a considerable amount of the Church's theology and doctrine. If we understand the meaning and significance behind those prayers, then we understand the theology of the Church in a multitude of ways.

Today (Sunday) at St. Patrick, we will have a video presentation as well as a prayer service to which all are invited, beginning at 1:30. Please come if you would like to learn more about this special Saint and Special Day. This day, Divine Mercy Sunday, was proclaimed and inaugurated by Saint John Paul II to commemorate and highlight that attribute of our Father that is of most significance to us and is the subject of St. Faustina's book, God's Divine Mercy.

- Fr Rossi



News & Announcements:

Thank you! The Children of our Religious Education Program want to give special thanks for those who supported them in collecting stuffed animals for the Sacred Heart Center during lent. Dozens were collected and will be delivered very soon. Thank you.

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

"Women, Wine, and the Word" Now that the Irish Festival and Easter is over we can get back to our monthly "Women, Wine, and the Word" gatherings! They will continue Friday April 27th from 6:30 -8.30pm in the St Patrick social hall.

Join us for an evening of great discussion & fellowship. All ladies are invited to join, please invite your friends & family as well. Bring a light dinner dish to share. Please let Donna Baird know if you plan to attend at 804.888.3470 or at donnahbaird@yahoo.com

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8: St. Patrick Catholic Church will be host a Divine Mercy Sunday program from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the social hall. There will be a movie on Sister Faustina and Divine Mercy; reconciliation; and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Refreshments will be served. Contact Kathy Buttner at (804) 737-6199 for any questions.

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.

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.

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.

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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 4/1/18

	<u>Weekly</u>
<i>Actual</i>	\$5,234.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	\$1,013.00

	<u>Year to Date</u>
<i>Actual</i>	\$151,504.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$168,840.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$17,366.00)

Attendance for 3/31/18 = 30 and 4/1/18 = 306



**Please join us after 10:45
mass in the social hall
downstairs for coffee, cake,
& fellowship!**