

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 31- April 1, 2018
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:

Happy Easter everyone!!!

Today is the Day of the Lord!!! Today is the great day of salvation!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Christ beat death. Christ beat the effects of sin. Christ beat sadness, despair, chaos and hopelessness. And He gave it to us. He gave to anyone who wants it. And He gave it for free!!! All we do is say, 'yes sir, I will take it!'

This has great consequences for the lives of Christians.

Because of what waits for us in heaven, Christians now have the freedom to live a life without fear. What can anyone do to us? What harm can anyone cause us? No matter how dire the situation, any difficulty or pain or suffering is only a temporary speed bump in comparison to the infinite eternity of joy and bliss that awaits just across the finish line. You have never experienced nor have you even imagined how extensive the joy of people who are in heaven.

This is what Christ gave us when He gave us His life through His agony, his scourging, His crowning with thorns, His carrying of the cross, and His crucifixion. Christ voluntarily suffered to give us Heaven. The Father loves His creation that much. He loves His adopted children that much.

Live without fear. Do not fear to live for Christ despite repercussions you might experience because of your obedience to God. Do not fear the grief you might get from the world because you are a bright light in the midst of darkness. Do not fear physical problems that limit or affect your body. Do not fear mental or emotional pains you suffer. All those things are temporary and will be restored and they will be forgotten about in an instant. Christianity cast out fear. Christianity is the best medicine you will ever find.

If we have any visitors with us this weekend, you too I hope know this. Whether you are from another church or if you don't have a church, make sure you have interiorized these facts. They will change your life for the better. They will help you have more peaceable relationships with family and friends. These facts will make you a better mom, dad, son, daughter, employee, employer, and overall your life will improve the more you interiorize these facts.

If you are a visitor for this weekend, I invite you come back at any time and be encouraged by hearing these truths which are proclaimed and reinforced each week here. The highlight of these truths and ability to physically interiorize them is most directly accomplished by offering the Mass each week and your reception of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of Christ. It is the consumption of Heaven itself.

May the power of Christ's resurrection keep your hearts strong and focused on the hope that is held for you in Heaven. May this power transform the lives of you and your loved ones away from all fear and anxiety and into excitement for the joy God wants to give you.

Have a great time celebrating Easter!!!

Fr Rossi

Communion Meditation:

"Christ Is Risen"

Let no one caught in sin
Remain inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Refrain:

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim

BRIDGE:

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead
He's alive He's alive

News & Announcements:

Dear all.

I wanted to alert you to a staff change. Angie Pometto, our music minister for St John and St Patrick, is moving back to South Carolina where her family resides. We are very sad to see her go. She has been fun to work with and has helped provide a prayerful and reverent environment for music in our communities. I thank her very much for her hard work and her love and dedication to God and the Church.

The good news is that we have found another music minister to assist and lead music at these two communities. Katie Goodloe, whom many of you know, has agreed to step up and take on the task. Katie currently assists at Masses at both St John and St Patrick whenever Angie needs a backup. She is already familiar with the communities and with the musicians. I think she will be a good fit for the communities and I am grateful she has agreed to take on the job.

Please join me in saying a big thank you to Angie for her sacrifices for our communities and be sure to pray for her that she will be given the strength to continue in her work and service to God. Also, please be sure to express your welcome to Katie and make her feel at home. I know you will.

-Father Rossi



Nursery: There will be **no nursery** on 4/1 Easter Sunday.

Sharing Sunday: Is April 1st however we are extending it till next weekend April 7th and 8th. Please bring non-perishable food items. A table will be in the basement for collection.

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 3/25/18

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$2,718.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
Difference	\$1,503.00

	<u>Year to Date</u>
Actual	\$143,386.00
Budgeted	<u>\$164,619.00</u>
Difference	(\$21,233.00)

Attendance for 3/24/18 = 58 and 3/25/18 = 153