

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

May 11th & 12th, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Mass times:
Saturdays at 5:30pm
& Sundays at 10:45am

Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession:
Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Message from our Pastor:

HAPPY EASTER!!! DON'T STOP REJOICING IN OUR LORD'S VICTORY OVER DEATH...IT IS THE BEST THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU!!!

Today I have to say a big Happy Mother's Day to all our moms.

I am Italian and if case you didn't know, Italians love their moms.

Mother's sacrifice so much for their families. And often in very unseen and hidden ways.

I once heard that if you were to calculate the value of a mother's work in taking care of their family, their work in raising children, contributions to home life, and the like – all the motherly stuff they do – that for them to be adequately compensated financially they would have to be paid a salary of \$167,000 per year! And that is before the compensation they earn from their outside the home jobs!

Mothers make many many many sacrifices that are often unseen, underrecognized and undervalued.

We can never pay mom back for all the sacrifices she makes on our behalf (don't worry God sees those sacrifices). But there are a couple things the rest of us can do to make moms lives a little better and will actually make our own better as well.

Children – honor and listen to your mother. There are few people in life who have your best interests at heart as does your mother. Listen to what she tells you. She is very perceptive and knows you possibly better than you know yourself. Do your part to help her with what she does to care for the family. Don't sit around and expect to be waited on, get up and do your part. You can be sure Jesus himself worked hard around the house to help out the Blessed Mother.

Grandchildren – show a particular respect and honor to your grandmothers. They have seen a lot of life, have likely seen harder times than you and are filled with wisdom on how to get through hard times, how to keep faith doing it, and how to be generally happy in life. Sit at their feet and listen. Follow their example and if they say they don't like how something is now-a-days, or if they don't approve of something you are doing, 99% you can be sure God is in agreement with them.

Husbands – be cognizant of the small and many sacrifices that your wives make on behalf of your family. Do not grow slack in your desire to sacrifice for them and help them care for the betterment of your family. Look and think about how St Joseph acted on behalf of his family – he never made a decision for his own betterment but rather always asked 'what is the best decision for my family?' Do the same and you will be a great husband to your wife and will help her in being a good mother to your children.

Thank you, mom, for all you do. We love you even if we do not tell you often enough. Thank you for helping make us into the people we are. Your example of dedication and self-sacrifice is something we hope to imitate in our own lives.

– Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Join us after mass today (Sunday) as we celebrate not only Mother's Day but First Communion Sunday. There will be a brunch in the hall to celebrate the children receiving their first communion as well as honoring all our Mothers.

Thank you: Thank you to all who made the May Procession last weekend such a wonderful day to honor our Blessed Mother.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is June 2nd. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Annual Kovar Collection for children and adults with intellectual disabilities next Sunday 5-19-19. Please consider a donation to this worthwhile cause.

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Building Our Family of Faith* Over the past couple of months, many of our parishioners have contributed their support to the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. To date, we have raised **\$8,890** on a target of **\$9,580**. If you have already made your 2019 Appeal gift, please accept our gratitude for your commitment. If you are praying about your decision, we ask you to think about the ways the Appeal is making an impact right now in our Catholic Church. For instance, did you know - This year the Appeal, for the first time, is providing funding to Saint Francis Home which is a ministry serving seniors and disabled adults who have little or no means of income. The cost to educate one seminarian is approximately \$50,000 per year which includes room & board, tuition and health insurance. A significant portion of this cost is funded by the Annual Appeal. The Appeal is helping to move evangelization forward across our Diocese by providing training, materials and resources. If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, please pick up a pledge envelope from our parish office. You can also donate securely online, as well as learn more about the ministries the Appeal supports, by visiting richmondcatholicfoundation.org/giving/ann

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Upcoming class dates are 7/7, and 10/6. If you are interested in attending a class or scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby

Memorial Day Flowers: We are having a special collection for Memorial Day Altar flowers. If you would like to donate in memory or in honor of a special Veteran, there are envelopes in the pews. Please put these in the collection basket. The names will be published in the Memorial Day weekend bulletin.



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