

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Fifth Sunday  
of Lent



Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm

&

Sundays at 10:45am

## Message from our Pastor:

*One of my favorite passages from scripture is from the first reading this weekend in Jeremiah 31. It says, "I will place my law within their heart." It then goes on to discuss the ability for everyone to "know the Lord." If you've ever seen my license plate, that is what it is about. My license plate says "KNOWGD." Know God. Know Him.*

*I love that. Because I think it is the goal of the Christian life to KNOWGD. When we know someone, we are familiar with them. We can think like them, we can communicate with them easily and regularly. There is a familiarity.*

*God makes this possible because of how close He has decided to make Himself to us. How close? He is in fact inside of our hearts. That is how close He is. It does not get closer than that. You cannot ever get as close to another human being, even after many years of marriage, as we can get close to God. He is so so close.*

*And because He is so close, we all have the ability to discover His will for us and discern what He wants us to do on a regular basis. We can have a 'good life' that He sets for us, and avoid the sadness and self-destruction that can afflict the human condition as a result of bad choices.*

*He is our teacher, our savior, our guide, our Father, and He is so so very close to us!*

- Father Rossi

## Holy Week Schedule The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday  
April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

Good Friday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm

Easter Vigil  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm.

Easter Sunday  
April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am



### Confessions:

We as Catholics must go to confession at least once per year to receive Holy Communion.

We have confession 30 minutes before and after every weekend Mass at each parish and at 11:45am daily at St Peter.

## News & Announcements:

**Saint Patrick's Children's Religious Education** will be having **Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's Church** on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.  
**All are welcome!**

### **Easter Flowers:**

If you would like to donate for Easter Flowers now is the time. There are envelopes in the pews and where the collection basket it. You can put donation in envelope and put in basket. You can also donate online for Easter Flowers via our website.

### **Outreach for St. Francis Home**

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter in our parish community please consider donating a ham to the St. Francis Home. Easter dinner will be provided for the residents, caring staff and their visiting families. Please drop off your donations before or after Mass on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> in the St. Patrick Church Hall, they can be placed in the refrigerator on left leading into the kitchen. Thanks so much. If you have any questions, please contact Eddie Baird at 804.986.2898 (voice or text)

### **Lenten Dinners:**

Lenten Dinners at St. John's are back! \$8.00 a plate you can pick between breaded whiting filet or baked tilapia filet. Curbside only on Fridays from 5-7pm. St. John's in also hosting Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6pm.

### **Sharing Sunday!**

Our next Sharing Sunday is April 4<sup>th</sup>!  
**Please give if you can the need has increased during these times. Drop** non-perishable food items at the table in basement. Thank you.

### **Annual Appeal:**

Please remember to give alms this Lent. That feeling that we feel, the feeling of insecurity, especially about finances, can be overcome through almsgiving. When we give, we directly confront our fear of not having enough and are led into a place of greater freedom in our spirits. God wants us to trust and depend on Him. And we show our trust in Him when, in spite of our worry and concern of financial things, we give.

A great way to give is to support the Annual Appeal. It supports seminarians, retired priests, university chaplains and especially the poor in the diocese. When we give, we immediately realize there are a lot of folks worse off than us, and we immediately appreciate much more the things that we have, things that God has given us. To give you can go to <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>

**40 Days for Life:** *Ash* Wednesday began our Lenten season; the **40 Days for Life** campaign began as well.

It is a time for praying and fasting for an end to abortion in the world. Many people gather on the sidewalk at **201 N. Hamilton Street** in Richmond's near West End to peacefully pray for those men and women entering the building that they may change their minds and for the workers, too, to have a change of heart. We also pray and grieve for the little souls killed there every day. **St. Patrick has selected Tuesday, March 23rd from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Fr. Rossi plans to be there at 3:00 p.m. and Bill and I will be there several hours during the day. We try to go at least once a week during the 40 Days. If you would like to come & be sure some others are there for that hour, please contact Jane at **804-267-1935** or [jhmurphy1953@yahoo.com](mailto:jhmurphy1953@yahoo.com). You are asked to wear your mask and social distance on the sidewalk. Thanks so much for remembering this very important mission of our Catholic church. Please continue to pray and fast at home each day for the most vulnerable in our society. Peace and Love, Jane

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If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call.