

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021

Fifth Sunday  
of Easter

Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm

&

Sundays at 10:45am



Upcoming Events:

**Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> –**  
Father Rossi's Birthday

**Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
May Procession

**Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
– at 10:45 mass  
the Celebration of First Communion

**Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> –** Sharing Sunday

**Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> –**  
Knights of Columbus  
Brunswick Stew Sale

## Message from our Pastor:

*For the pastor message this week I want to say a few words of thanks to a few groups of people who have really made the difference during this pandemic.*

*First, we have gotten the results of our Annual Appeal and I must say I am very proud of each parish. Each of our parishes did better on the Annual Appeal than I had thought they would. I am gratefully surprised that, in spite of all that has happened this year, many folks dug deep and made generous contributions. Thank you greatly as your gift will go a long way to provide for the needs of the Church now and for its future needs as well.*

*Second, there have been many people who have really stepped up this past year in response to all the extra demands that have been placed on the parishes because of the pandemic. For example, all the ushers and volunteers who each week clean and disinfect the pews. They do this every week, routinely, consistently and they get the job done. They also seat people and make sure we are doing what we are supposed to be doing. In addition to these folks, there are folks such as catechists, who in spite of their own personal fears, stepped up and continued to educate our youth in the faith. We had a full year of faith formation, but we would not have, had these folks not stepped up. Additionally, there have been many folks like this, who in spite of any risks to themselves, have continued to perform their service to the Church, such as lectors, musicians, volunteers who help with our charitable outreach, and the list goes on...I apologize for those whom I am forgetting.*

*Finally, I want to say a big thank you to the staff at our three parishes. You may not realize this, but we have very dedicated employees who work for our three parishes. They put in long hours, they work at Church rates (which aren't the best) and they are flexible with all the surprise demands that come about in Church life. In a particular way, they have been very diligent in working this year with all the extra requirements and burdens caused by the pandemic. I cannot adequately express how many ways they have worked to keep our Church life as normal as possible and moving ahead.*

*I was very concerned, to say the least, how detrimental this pandemic was going to be to our parishes. As we head out of the worst of the pandemic and see the horizon where things will get back to normal, I can confidently say we are going to be ok. God has provided, He has inspired many people to act on their faith, and for this I want to say a big thank you to God and to all those responded. **THANK YOU!** - Fr Rossi*

## News & Announcements:

### **Knight of Columbus Open House – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus are recruiting and have a Zoom and in-person open house to discuss benefits on May 4th (RSVP at [May4.abbatekofc.com](http://May4.abbatekofc.com)). Joining the K of C is a great opportunity for fellowship and charity as well as to meet your insurance needs with a faithful organization. Please contact Josh Lowry ([joshl@jamesriverac.com](mailto:joshl@jamesriverac.com)), Eddie Baird ([Donnahbaird@yahoo.com](mailto:Donnahbaird@yahoo.com)), or Charles Opalak ([charles.opalak@vcuhealth.org](mailto:charles.opalak@vcuhealth.org)) if you're interested.



**New Catholic Virtual Academy** - Saint Vincent de Paul Virtual Academy (SVVA) is opening this fall for students in grades 8-12 throughout the Diocese of Richmond. It will be administered by the faculty and staff at Peninsula Catholic High School who have experience delivering their curriculum virtually since 2016. Applications are being accepted for high school students seeking a dynamic virtual learning experience built on Catholic values. Join us for our Virtual Open House on Monday, May 10th at 6pm via Zoom. Contact [Alyson LeMaster](#), Director of Enrollment, at 757-596-7247 ext. 106 to register or visit our [website](#) to learn more about SVVA.

### **Sharing Sunday!**

Mark your calendars....the next

### **Sharing Sunday is June 6th.**

Please give if you can the need has increased during these times. Drop non-perishable food items at the table in basement.



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