



## St. Patrick's Newsletter

April 2, 2020

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**Dear Parishioners,**

I continue to pray and celebrate private Masses for you and your loved ones. I'm pleased to inform and share with you a few important items.



As recommended by our Diocese of Richmond, I've appointed two "Porters" for our parish. They are: Michael Yoemans and James Kvach. In brief, a porter, according to Canon Law, is a guardian of the doors and protector of the infrastructure of the church. Please give them your wholehearted cooperation and support.

**We are thankful that we now have the technological capability of "livestreaming" the following liturgical services:**

Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday Mass

Thursday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. – Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 10, 12:15 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 11, 8:00 p.m. – Great Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12, 10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Mass

Two Ecumenical Services have been canceled. They include the Palm Sunday procession and parade at 9:15 a.m. and the Easter Sunday sunrise service at 7:00 a.m.

On Palm Sunday, April 5, from noon to 4:00 p.m., blessed palms will be placed in the proper containers at the footsteps of our front piazza staircase. Please practice social distancing when driving through, stopping and picking up a few pieces of palms for your families and loved ones.

Finally, the tabernacle must be placed on the main altar of our beautiful (and completely sanitized) little church in accordance with diocesan regulations.

Sincerely in Christ,  
*Fr. Joseph A. D'Aurora*  
Pastor

**St. Patrick Parish Livestreaming:** Hopefully you've had a chance to view last Sunday's Mass at St. Patrick on our [Facebook page](#). If you would like to view any of the livestreams but do not wish to deal with the clutter of Facebook you can go straight to the videos on [YouTube](#). You can access these links from the parish website as well.

**The Pizza Fundraiser is Happening!** St. Patrick's



Knights of Columbus will be teaming up with Domino's Pizza of Lexington to raise funds for the citizens of Rockbridge County with intellectual disabilities this Monday, April 6. Domino's will donate a generous percentage of all sales on that day to KOVAR. KOVAR is a charitable organization administered by the Knights which provides grants to organizations assisting our fellow citizens with intellectual disabilities. This is a fun and easy way to help our community. Please thank Domino's Pizza of Lexington for their on-going support of KOVAR and the Knights of Columbus.



**Scripture Readings for this weekend:** April 5:  
Isaiah 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66.

**From the Director of Religious Education,  
Kathleen Nowacki-Correia:**

"Hosanna in the highest."

In his 1997 Palm Sunday homily, St. Pope John Paul II proclaimed, "All, like their predecessors in the Holy Land, want to accompany Christ, to share in the week of His Passion, of His Triduum Sacrum, of His Cross and Resurrection. They know that He is the Blessed One, who "comes in the name of the Lord," bringing peace on earth and glory in the highest. What the angels sang above the stable in Bethlehem on Christmas night, today resounds with a loud echo on the threshold of Holy Week, in which Jesus prepares to complete His messianic mission, achieving the world's redemption through His Cross and Resurrection." Inspired by the sainted Pope's words and amidst these challenging times, let us lift



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our hearts to the Lord to offer with faith and love his homily's concluding prayer, "Glory to You, O Christ, Redeemer of the world! Hosanna!" ~K.N.-C.

## Liturgy Notes by Justin Soutar:

On this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, our Scripture readings relate Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and his sorrowful Passion and Death for our salvation. In the Old Testament passage, Isaiah confidently affirms that God will rescue him from his unjust persecutors. Saint Paul declares to the Philippians that because Christ humbled himself to accept death on a cross, the Father exalted him above all creation. And in Matthew's Passion, Jesus patiently endures the drowsiness of his three disciples, false accusations, Peter's betrayal, scourging, crowning with thorns, mockery, and crucifixion.

"Looking at Jesus in his Passion, we see as in a mirror the sufferings of humanity and we find the divine answer to the mystery of evil, of grief and of death. So often we perceive the horror of the evil and pain that surrounds us and we ask: 'Why does God allow it?' It is a profound wound for us to see suffering and death, especially that of the innocent!... Jesus takes upon himself all this evil, all this suffering. It will do us all good this week to look at the crucifix, to kiss Jesus' wounds, to kiss him on the cross" (Pope Francis, General Audience, April 16, 2014). As we journey through Holy Week, let us reflect on the great mystery of the God who suffered and died for us.



## Bishop Knestout is pleased to announce our first-ever diocesan-wide virtual Holy Week Mission!

This engaging Mission will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night of Holy Week from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. It will feature three dynamic priests from our Diocese, music and choirs from across the Diocese, and four lay speakers. During the Mission, there will be an opportunity for discussion and activities for families at home. To access it and for more information go to [richmonddiocese.org/holyweekmission](http://richmonddiocese.org/holyweekmission).

Visit [Praymorenovenas.com](http://Praymorenovenas.com) for a special Novena.

**Prayer Net:** Michele Fletcher; Antoinette Warzinski; Tom Greenwood; Matt Hemp; Jerry Beckley; Noel MacDermott; Terry Early; Antonietta Scire; Mrs. Donald; Dean Batterman; Fr. Chapin Engler; Lou Ramsey; Carol Leninger; Carolyn & Julie Rapoza; Kathy Crawford; Jeanette Luke; Sally Ann Bulger; Robert Dunlap; Deborah Soutar; Ted DeLaney; John Hilt; Wendell Tucker; Patricia Rafferty; Rebecca Greywall; Pauline Porter; Isabella; Aailiyah & Joseph Slagle; Rita Rooney; Frances Farrell; Maria Rosenberger; Margaret Strong; Cathy Keyser; Janet Martin; Carol Melvin; Barbara Thomas; Clare Kulle; Janet Nablo; Carolyn Miller; Marcelle Figlo; Mary Olsen; Eleanor Skip Knight; Ruby Ramsey; Jerry French; Jackie Briganti; Hector Guerrero; our parishioners in nursing homes and those who are homebound; those addicted to alcohol & drugs; the underemployed and unemployed; our military and their families; the sick and suffering around the world; families affected by the coronavirus; those struggling financially because of this crisis; first responders, medical personal and all government leaders; and our parish, your pastor, bishop and the Holy Father in Rome. (For Prayer Net requests, contact Cher McCoy at 540-570-2111 or [chergrindlemccoy@gmail.com](mailto:chergrindlemccoy@gmail.com).)



## Parish Finances:

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| Collection for 3/29/2020        | \$ 5,986   |
| Weekly Budgeted Need            | \$ 7,469   |
| Operating Income YTD            | \$ 295,779 |
| Budgeted Operating Income YTD   | \$ 291,291 |
| Over YTD Budgeted Income        | \$ 4,488   |
| Collections not included above: |            |
| Justice & Peace                 | \$ 400     |
| Catholic Relief Services        | \$ 785     |

**Giving Options:** Thank you for your continued financial stewardship during this difficult time. With public Masses suspended, please consider giving online at [offertory.richmonddiocese.org](http://offertory.richmonddiocese.org) or through our direct debit program at [Direct Debit](#). Both can be accessed through this link or our website. Alternatively, you can mail checks (no cash please) to P.O. Box 725, Lexington, VA 24450 or drop your envelopes in the locked mailbox on the side door of the Parish House.



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**Please beware of scammers and hackers** who remain busy amidst the current COVID-19 situation. Neither St. Patrick's nor Fr. Joe will send emails or text messages to you soliciting donations, gift cards, or private meetings. Stay vigilant and do not reply to emails soliciting money, do not click on links within those emails, and do not download content in them.

**Please continue to check the parish website** at [stpatricksllexington.com](http://stpatricksllexington.com) for updates as well as the diocesan website [richmonddiocese.org/coronavirus](http://richmonddiocese.org/coronavirus). You can call the parish office at 540-463-3533 or email [office@stpatricksllexington.com](mailto:office@stpatricksllexington.com) if you need anything or are having trouble getting essentials like groceries or medicine without putting yourself at undue risk. We have some volunteers willing to help. Take care & be safe!

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention:** That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

**Additional Worship Opportunities:** You can listen to Fr. Joe's and Kathleen's two celebrations of Sunday Scriptures on [96.7 fm 3WZ](http://96.7fm3WZ) radio which also can be live streamed on your computer and smartphone at [3wzfm.com/](http://3wzfm.com/). Kindle My Fire with Kathleen Nowacki-Correia airs Sundays at 8:30 a.m., and Fr. Joe's program airs at 10 a.m. These programs present two Catholic opportunities to hear God's Word on Sunday mornings. You can also access the past week's episodes on the parish website. Weekly Sunday Mass is also available at [adw.org/tvmass](http://adw.org/tvmass) and [ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states](http://ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states).

**FORMED:** Take advantage of our free parish subscription to FORMED for the best Catholic movies, e-books, study series, webinars, and top speakers! Go to <http://www.formed.org>, scroll down, click Register, enter parish code T2WDQ3, your personal email, click Submit, and fill in your information for free access.

**Mass Intentions:** All Mass Intentions for canceled Masses will be rescheduled. You will receive an email with the new date.



### **SEAL YOUR DOORPOSTS WITH DIVINE MERCY: A Powerful Form of Protection!**

Catholics are familiar with the image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, with the red and white rays emanating from His side, which flowed forth, when the centurion pierced His side with a lance after His death on the Cross, as witnessed by St. John the Evangelist. The red ray denotes Christ's blood as the life of souls and the white ray denotes the waters of Baptism in Christ, which make souls righteous.

The Marian Fathers of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy remind us now to follow the tradition of posting on our home's outside doors this image, facing outward, of the Divine Mercy, with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You," noting the promise of Jesus to the patron of the Divine Mercy, St. Faustina Kowalska, approved by the Church:

"The only refuge will be trust in My mercy. Let everyone procure for their homes this image because there will yet come trials. And those homes, and entire families, and those individuals, who will hold this image of mercy in deep reverence, I will preserve from every sort of misfortune. The time will come when all those who do so will give witness to the miraculous efficacy and to the special protection of mercy flowing from this image."

To view a brief video for the Scriptural basis and theology behind it, and how to bless it, go to Divine Mercy, YouTube, Let's Seal the Doorposts and to download a Divine Mercy image, go to [DivineMercy.org/DivineMercyImage](http://DivineMercy.org/DivineMercyImage). (From The National Catholic Register's ChurchPOP daily newsletter -owned by EWTN; 3.29.20) ~ K.N-C

**Magnificat Online:** Here are the links for what is now a *free* subscription to the renowned Magnificat Online to meet daily and Sunday devotional and spiritual needs for adults (English and Spanish) and for children - [magnificat.com/free](http://magnificat.com/free), [magnificat.com/gratis](http://magnificat.com/gratis) (Spanish), [magnifikid.com/free](http://magnifikid.com/free).





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**From Kathleen Nowacki-Correia, DRE**  
**RE: All-ages, Parish-wide Religious Education, Faith Formation, and New Evangelization**

Dear Parents and Catechists of youth in Sunday Rel. Ed., RCIA for 10 to 13; Children's Liturgy, Teen Confirmation Mystagogy, and VBS; and Adult Faith Formation and New Evangelization Team Members and participants:

I hope you and your families are doing well in these challenging times. My prayers and thoughts are with you, and I know your faith in the Lord is great. Please trust that I am here for you, working hard from home, as we plan to offer our programs in a new format to meet the current situation.

Virtual Adult Faith/New Evangelization meetings will happen! Religious Education, Teen Post-Confirmation follow-up, and adult continuing Faith Formation will be offered. First Communion for our nine second graders and six RCIA students was scheduled for May, but that date may change, as the Coronavirus peak in our state advances. Two Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Ann Arbor, Michigan, hope to join us for Vacation Bible School, June 22-26, but we will provide updates, as the situation in our nation unfolds.

After consultation with officials at our Diocesan offices, and with our pastor's approval, I want to pass on their recommendation to wait until after Easter before putting online programs in place utilizing Zoom or other platforms. Meanwhile, we have been commended for our many current parish offerings and our provision of one of the greatest resources for adults and children in all areas of Catholic enrichment, entertainment, and education - our free online subscription to FORMED from the Augustine Institute. Please take advantage of this comprehensive offering, faithful to Church teachings, and one which also provides devotional opportunities. Registration instructions are printed in each parish newsletter.

As I note in these parish updates, Magnificat (English and Spanish) and Magnifikid online subscriptions are now free. And, as most people know, EWTN online, TV, and radio offers everything Catholic – daily Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet, call-in talk shows, devotionals, and

comprehensive Catholic news coverage and commentary, as well as programming for children, and online viewing of Our Lord, exposed in the Most Blessed Sacrament, for Adoration at home. In addition, I recommend listening to Relevant Radio – you can livestream the programs or listen to all the posted podcasts and devotionals from trusted lay and Church leaders. I will continue to add further links in our newsletters to trustworthy Catholic sources, faithful to the Magisterium.

Sheri Kemp, Director of our Diocesan Office for Christian Formation, agreed with me that people are flooded with so much information right now and she commended our parish for what we have offered: livestreamed Mass; Fr. Joe's and my weekly New Evangelization community Catholic radio programs; FORMED; Magnificat/kid, virtual Stations of the Cross from our parish; online viewing of our own Tabernacle for personal prayer at home; drive through Confession, as well as further outreach opportunities that we are working on now. Your staff and our volunteers are still working hard for you and for the Lord!

Please remember that I am always open to hearing your suggestions, desires, needs, and, yes, worries and concerns. If I can help you in any way, even if just to chat by phone or text, don't ever hesitate to contact me at (540)460-0025, or contact me at [DRE@stpatrickslexington.com](mailto:DRE@stpatrickslexington.com)

God bless you! God's peace be with you.

Kathleen



**Diocesan Rite of Election (two Catechumens)  
at St. Andrew, Roanoke, on February 29**