

MARCH 25, 2018
PALM SUNDAY



**The Parish Offices will be closed
from 12:00 noon, Thursday, March 29
through Monday, April 2**

MASS INTENTIONS

+ *May their souls rest in peace*

Saturday, March 24

6:00pm John Delaney +

Sunday, March 25

7:30am Stacey and Bill Halstead

9:00am Guillian Soumier

10:30am Parishioners

12:00n William Ryan, Sr. +

1:30pm *

5:00pm Caesarina Danielli +

Monday, March 26

7:30am *

9:00am William Hagerty +

Tuesday, March 27

7:30am *

9:00am Julia Aungier +

Wednesday, March 28

7:30am Faustina Hill

9:00am Members & Families of the
South Vietnamese
35th Ranger Battalion

Thursday, March 29

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE

LORD'S SUPPER

7:30pm Robert L. Smeltzer +

Friday, March 30

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

(GOOD FRIDAY)

3:00pm Passion of Our Lord
Communion Service

Saturday, March 31

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

8:30pm A Special Intention

Sunday, April 1

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

6:00am Caroline Fischer +

7:30am Dave & Betty Case

9:00am Edward Gryczinski +

10:30am Dennis McClure

12:00n Mary Lynn Wheatley

1:30pm Parishioners

There is no 5:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday

** If you have an intention for which you
would like to have a Mass offered,
please contact the Parish Office.*

*For daily readings go to
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>*

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

*For the parish registration form, past bulletins, and current events
visit the parish website www.saintpatrickparish.org*

*For the parish calendar visit
www.saintpatrickparish.org/calendar.htm*

*Follow the news from the Virginia Catholic Conference
Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Barry Knestout have statements about faith and on
current social issues in the VA Commonwealth.*

See how you can get involved. www.VACatholic.org

Visit FORMED.ORG and enter Parish Code PWQ2Y4

Please do not sign up as an individual.

The parish access code provides more content than the individual subscription

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

*Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in
the Rectory Conference room. Please contact the Parish Office to register.*

ENGAGED COUPLES

*Please contact the rectory at least six months before
your desired wedding date.*

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

*Contact the rectory if you have been asked to
be a sponsor/godparent and require a Sponsorship Certificate.*

ALTAR AND ROSARY

Beth Bottorff wmjunc53@comast.net 972-2463

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Bill Vanderveer 540-710-2730

*Discover Your Irish Heritage! Men of Irish birth or descent are invited to join
the oldest Catholic lay organization in the USA. We support local Catholic
charities! www.aohfredericksburg.org*

BOOK STUDY (G. K. Chesterton)

Religious Education Office 785-7857

Mondays in the Parish Hall at 10:00am

CHURCH HISTORY

Religious Education Office 785-7857

Study of Church Fathers, Thursdays in the Conference Room at 10:30am

CURSILLO

Mary Lou McGonigle 972-4673

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

Ethel Malley 785-4753

*Meet 1st Tuesday after the 9am Mass in the Rectory Conference Room to discuss
St Faustina's diaries.*

FOOD DRIVE

*St. Patrick Parish holds a food drive on the second weekend of
every month. Non-perishable food may be dropped off outside the front of the
church. Next food drive = April 7-8*

GUARDIAN ANGELS

*To contribute to the Guardian Angels who assist families
in our parish with food, clothing medication and other basic needs, please see Jim
Duffy or call the Parish Office at 540-785-5299.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – BATTLEFIELD COUNCIL

*Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of the month Greg Gordon, Grand Knight
dggordo@comcast.net 540-786-0488*

LADIES AUXILIARY

Meets on the third Tuesday of the month

*Kathy Major, President
katmer66@comcast.net 540-207-1918*

LEGION OF MARY

*George Perreault gperreau@mac.com 412-5724
Elena Wiechowski emwiechowski@gmail.com 540-412-5865*

*Meet in the Rectory Conference Room - One Praesidium meets each Monday at
7:30pm. Another Praesidium meets each Friday at 10am.*

MARTHA'S CARING HANDS

*Parish Office 785-5299
A service providing funeral receptions in our parish hall. Please call the office if
you need this service. Donations are gratefully accepted to support this service!*

PILGRIM VIRGIN

*John Gladis at 891-7408 or Tim Dimond at 854-8479
Have the Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima grce your home for two weeks*

SACRED HEART OF JESUS HOME ENTHRONEMENT

A service of the Legion of Mary To set a date: Terri Miles 406-0710

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

*Meets on the first Saturday of each month after the 8am Mass and on the third Thursday at
7pm. Meetings are held in the St. Matthew Activity Center.*

USHERS

Greg Gordon, dggordo@comcast.net or 786-0488

VISITATION APOSTLES

Parish Office 785-5299

*Please call if you know a member of our Parish, homebound or in a nursing
home, who would like to be visited or taken the Eucharist.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

March 17 - 18

Offertory..... \$14,887

HOLY WEEK

Confession

Monday, March 26	9:30 – 10:15am
Tuesday, March 27	9:30 – 10:15am
Wednesday, March 28	9:30 – 10:15am
Wednesday, March 28	6:30 – 8:00pm
Thursday, March 29	No scheduled confessions
Friday, March 30	12:00 – 1:00pm
Friday, March 30	7:30pm
Saturday, March 31	9:00am – 9:50am

No afternoon confessions on Saturday, March 31

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – March 29

No 7:30am or 9:00am Masses

Mass of the Lord's Last Supper 7:30pm
*followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Parish Hall from Mass until 10:00pm*

Good Friday – March 30

No 7:30am or 9:00am Masses

Church will be open all day for Silent Prayer and Meditation
Confessions 12:00 - 1:00pm
Stations of the Cross 12:00n
Scriptural Rosary 1:00pm
Divine Mercy Devotion 2:00pm
Passion of Our Lord – Communion Service 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
Confessions 7:30pm

Holy Saturday – March 31

No 7:30 or 9:00am or 6:00pm Masses

Confessions 9:00am - 9:50am
Blessing of Easter Food 10:00am
Easter Egg Hunt on the Grounds 11:50am
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 1

Masses 6:00am, 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am*, 12:00n
and 1:30pm (Extraordinary Form)

****No 5:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday**

***At the 10:30am Mass on Easter Sunday,
the Ordinary of the Mass (the texts sung at each Mass,
including the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Mysterium Fidei and
Agnus Dei) will be sung in Latin (and Greek).
The Easter Sequence and the Lord's Prayer will be
sung in English.**

REVERENCE FOR BLESSED PALMS

Because the palms are blessed by the priest at Mass on Palm Sunday, they are now sacramentals, which "are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare [us] to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1667)." Sacramentals should be treated with respect and never be thrown away. **Blessed palms may only be reverently burned or buried.** *These guidelines also apply to any other Sacramentals such as rosaries and medals which have been blessed.*

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

***"The soul that will go to Confession
and receive Holy Communion shall obtain
complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."***

*Opportunity for Confession from 3:00-4:00pm
(additional priests will be hearing confessions)*

HOLY HOUR WITH THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

3:00pm at St. Patrick

*Confessions in preparation for the
Feast of Divine Mercy are also scheduled for
Saturday, April 7 from 4:30-5:50pm.*

THE NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY

**Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy
- the Sunday after Easter -**

**be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy
*This Novena begins on Good Friday, March 30***

*A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer to obtain
special graces or to make special petitions. In the case of the
Novena to the Divine Mercy, we pray the Chaplet of the Divine
Mercy each day for a specific intention.*

**The prayers of the novena and chaplet are available in the
vestibule or may be found at www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/**
The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy
is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska,
an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual
director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the
revelations she received about God's mercy.
God wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our
sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust,
receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others.

WHY DO WE COVER

CRUCIFIXES AND STATUES DURING LENT?

Veils alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. The last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Veils produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

The veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered. **The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth.** We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to truly see.

For the Glory of God

Thank you for the additional pledges!

Let's all try to keep current to remit our pledges
in order to meet our goal!

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$ 6,000,000

As of March 19, 2018

Pledged: \$ 5,978,300 Paid to Date: \$ 5,138,080
To contribute or for questions contact Father Ziegler or
Deacon Stenstrom in the parish office ~ (540) 785-5299

THE GIFT SHOP IN THE PARISH HALL

Closed March 29 – April 7.

If you need items during the week
please call Mary Gladis at 540-891-7408

PREGNANT AND NEED HELP?

Birthright of Fredericksburg 540-898-8558
Catholic Charities 540-371-1124
Mary's Shelter www.marysshelternva.org
Rappahannock Pregnancy Help Center 370-1800
Paul Stefan Homes of VA 540-854-2300
www.paulstefanhome.org

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 8

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Church
Divine Mercy Holy Hour
and confessions.

Sunday, April 15

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall
We Walk by Faith

Join us for food, fellowship & fun!

Sunday, April 22

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall
Game Night – Food will be provided

To Join the Youth Group, for info, and to
RSVP please contact Mrs. Schumacher at
stpatsyouth@comcast.net

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31 – Rain or Shine
at 12:00 noon – sharp

Please be in the Parish
parking lot by 11:50am

- Please be sure to bring an Easter basket -
There will be 3 designated areas by age level

For more info please contact:

Tom Malanga (540) 419-2494

Sponsored by the Battlefield Knights of Columbus

High School volunteers are needed to prepare
for this event (counts for volunteer hours)

If you can help, please call Mr. Malanga

Paul Stefan Home

6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 11

For Info & Registration Call: 540-854-2300

Or mail rjames@paulstefanhome.org

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Now accepting applications for Preschool thru
Grade 8 for the 2018 - 2019 school year.

Pick up an applications in the church vestibule,
school office or download one from our website
www.saintpatrickschoolva.org



DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FAMILIES

For more information, please contact Principal, George Elliott at
540-786-2277 or gelliott@saintpatrickschoolva.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

March 26	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
March 27	Pope Francis
March 28	Most Rev. Bishop Paul Loverde
March 29	Most Rev. Bishop Michael Burbidge
March 30	Rev. Peter Reynierse
March 31	Rev. Jerry Wooton
April 1	Rev. John Ziegler

Battlefield Ladies' Auxiliary

BUS TRIP TO THE BIBLE MUSEUM SATURDAY, APRIL 14

The bus will depart from St. Patrick at 8am and return by 4pm
\$40 Payment due with reservation. Call Pam Lehman 540-972-1659

THANK YOU GUARDIAN ANGELS!

For the month of February the Guardian Angels of our parish
provided 95 families with \$1,415 for shelter, utilities,
food, gas, and medicines. If you are able to
assist fellow parishioners financially, please see Jim Duffy.

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CASINO NIGHT

Friday, April 27 ~ 7 to 10 pm

Cost: \$30 Thru April 26 \$35 at the Door

Join us for Games of Chance*, Silent Auction,
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, and a Cash Bar

*Games of Chance will be run by the K of C Battlefield Council 10246

For tickets, cut off and return this coupon with payment to
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Please make checks payable to "SMHS PTO"

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Number of tickets: _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Your tickets will be held at the door. Or you may purchase them
at the front desk during the school day.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Helping Christians in the Holy Land



According to Blessed Pope Paul VI, the Pontifical Good Friday collection was crated "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering Worship, Christian Formation, youth and family programs. They operate and support parochial schools that are open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. Scholarships are provided for students to prepare them to get jobs and remain in the Holy Land as part of living Catholic communities.

Funds are used to help hospitals, and community centers in these areas to protect and care for their communities, which often include refugees, asylum-seekers, children, and victims of war.

Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places discovering historical artifacts.

Funds are distributed to young men studying to become Franciscan priests or brothers.



www.myfranciscan.org

