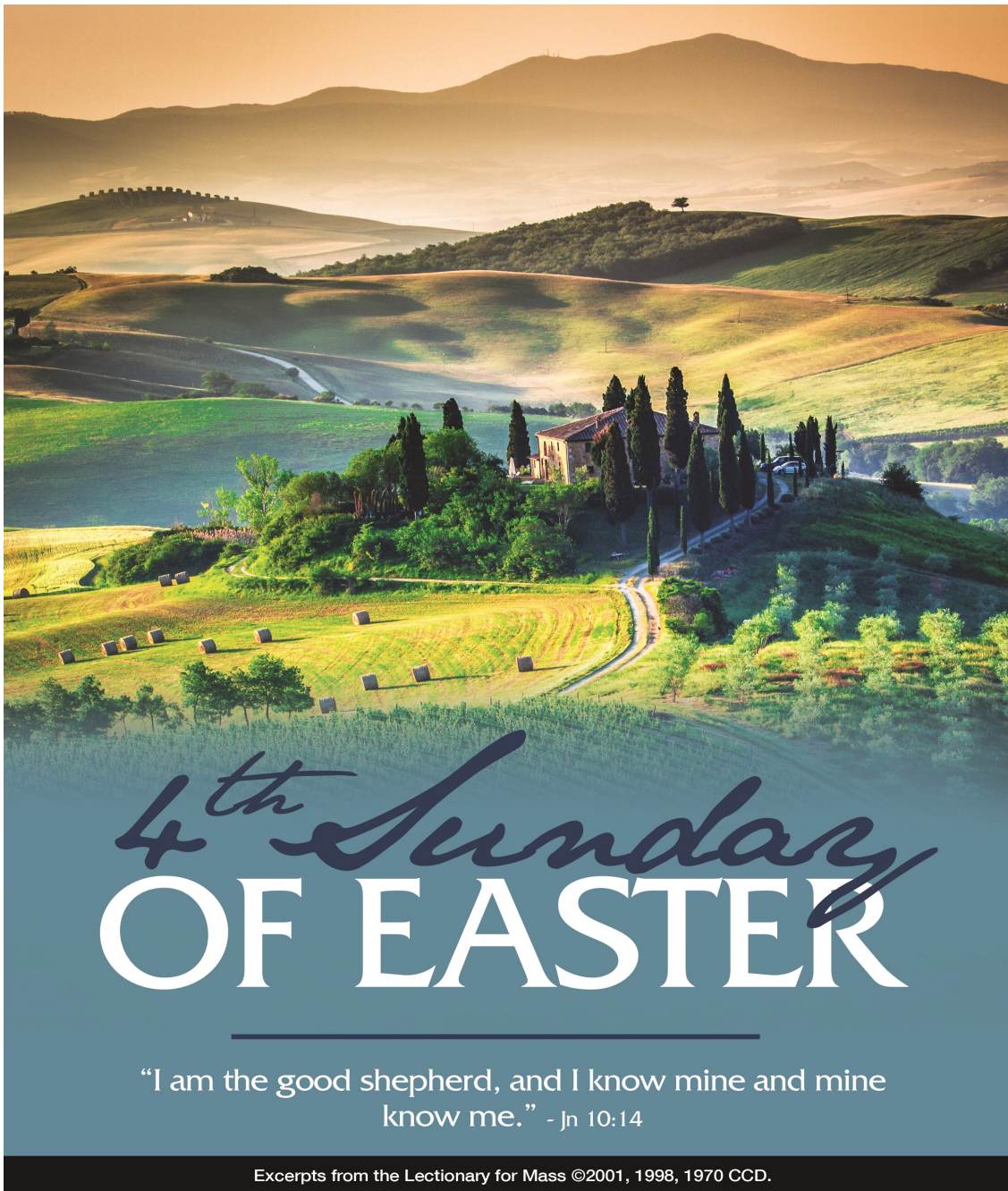


Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

April 22, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
22 de abril de 2018 — Cuarto domingo de Pascua



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday)..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo..... 12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY

APRIL 21,, 2018

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass for St. John, St. Peter & St. Patrick parishioners

SUNDAY

APRIL 22, 2018

9:00 AM

Mass for soul of Florisa Garcia

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa por el alma del Marta Graciela Aboytes y Fidencio Barcenás

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 25, 2018

12:00 Noon

Mass for soul of Erica Parris

THURSDAY

APRIL 26, 2018

8:30 AM

Mass for soul of Esneda Parra de Sanchez

FRIDAY

APRIL 27, 2018

12:00 Noon

Mass for the soul of Shirley Hughes

SATURDAY

APRIL 28, 2018

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass souls Lea Flores & Feliciano Flores

SUNDAY

APRIL 29, 2018

9:00 AM

Mass soul of Deborah Shorter

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/
RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:**
Pray for

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah Shorter, Maxine Di-

Marino, Melanie Patterson, Lillian Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Shirley Griffey, Fred Brown, Judy French, Lynn Miskimon, Suzanne DiMarino, and Donald Barock.

The item being collected for **FISH** for **April**
toothpaste

En el mes de **abril** necesitamos
Pasta de dientes



"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Readings for the Week of April 22, 2018

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/
1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a] /
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

April 14 & 15, 2018

Weekly		Year to Date
Actual	\$4,655	\$199,106
Budget	<u>\$5,266</u>	<u>221,172</u>
Difference	(\$611)	(\$22.066)

Debt Reduction \$2,634

Remaining Debt Balance \$30,544.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
77	186	295

The COUNCIL OF WOMEN YARD AND BAKE SALE will be here on May 12. Now is not too early to start your spring cleaning and donate your usable items. We are now accepting calls and making arrangements to get your donations to our storage shed. If you plan to move or downsize we love what you have! Just call Dianne Cassady 840-8642 or Pat Hinton 746-5842 and we will be glad to make arrangements to get it to our shed.

Pastor Message

The first reading today is a wonderful example of the clarity with which the Apostles spoke the truth of the gospel after receiving the Holy Spirit.

Go back and read it again. But don't just read the selection from Mass but read what happened before this. Here you have these simple men standing in the face of all the powerful and more educated, after having been thrown in jail and warned not to talk about what had happened on the Easter weekend, and instead of listening to the demand to shut up, they rather stand boldly in front of the powerful and tell them, with crystal clarity, the truth of what happened. "If we are being examined today about a good deed done...then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified...There is no salvation through anyone else nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

They spoke with utter clarity. There was absolutely no half-speak or mixing of words, no worrying about being politically correct. Peter is sure to point out that it was them who crucified Jesus and that the very one they crucified is the only one who can save them and the only one who can save anyone in the entire human race.

Peter is very clear.

Clarity is always a good thing. When you go to visit a doctor, you expect him to tell you clearly what is going on. If he is unclear in what he says, you start to worry. He probably doesn't know what he is taking about, is probably unconvinced himself and it's time to get a second opinion.

Clarity is always good. Clarity is good in math, $2+2=4$. It's good in chemistry, H₂O is the chemical makeup of water, exactly, the atomic mass of carbon is 12.011. It's clear. In technology too just think about your smartphone...there is a lot of clarity in the design and construction of it to make it work...they didn't just simply stick some stuff together. Clarity is even good in relationships. No one gets married because someone says "I sort of like you." You get married when someone says I love you and you are convinced of it. They have to state it clearly.

The opposite of clarity is vagueness. Vagueness is always bad. No one is happy in a vague relationship. Vague math doesn't work. No one would take vaguely concocted prescription medicine. No one wants vagueness in their medical recommendations. And no one wants to drive on what is vaguely a road...unless you have a truck with big tires.

Vagueness when it comes to religion and morals is similarly bad. We want to know what is right and wrong. We want to know the truth about God. We want the best way to worship God. We want clarity, not vagueness when it comes to religion and morals.

Maybe this seems obvious but in fact, there is a temptation to not use clarity when speaking on these subjects. We can be afraid of offending or afraid of ostracizing. We can be unhappy with the possible ramifications of clearly defined moral maxims or of clearly stated religious truths.

But why? Is that rational?

If I am sick and go to a physician, and the doctor is vague when he speaks of my condition, it does not change the objective reality that I have a problem. It simply keeps it unknown.

And contrary to the slogan, ignorance is, in fact, not bliss.

Ignorance as a result of vagueness is an unhappy situation. When it comes to religion and morals, it is a triumph of emotion over reason, a triumph of feelings over truth.

It is always better to have clarity, first, then deal with your options based on what you clearly know, rather than hiding in the disorienting fog of vagueness.

Fr Rossi

THANK YOU NOTE

On behalf of Eastern Henrico FISH, I would like to express our gratitude for the combined contribution of **\$751.00** from your community Lenten Services. We are blessed with people like you. With your partnership FISH will continue to meet the many needs of individuals and families living in Eastern Henrico. Sharon Greene, Treasurer

Music Ministry News Thank you all for the warm welcome while I've had the blessing of becoming the new music coordinator at St. John and St. Patrick! I look forward to each of you continuing to be active members of our congregational choirs, but if you find yourself experiencing the call to become a member of the choir that helps lead congregational singing during masses, there is no better time than now to join: consider this to be your formal invitation!! If you are interested in joining with our wonderful musicians, in any capacity, please reach out to me at (804) 256-3450 or <musicministerkate@gmail.com>. Instrumentalists, singers, and "joyful noisemakers" are always welcomed! Thank you! Katie

After Mass Collection: The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual KOVAR collection after Mass on April 29th. All donations help provide assistance to those with intellectual disabilities.

Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protection of families, service to others and to defend our values.

For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families.

Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process.

As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including tens of thousands here in Virginia, who stand together.

Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit kcof.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, Council 6936.