

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

## First Sunday of Lent

### Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm  
& Sundays at 10:45am

Join us after 10:45 mass  
for refreshments and  
fellowship

Holy Hour ~ St. Patrick  
Hosted at SPC on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday of each month  
with 6pm Holy Hour & 7pm Mass.



Stations of the Cross  
Join our bible study group  
Thursdays during Lent  
at noon for Stations of  
the Cross.

## Message from the Administrator's Desk:

### Lenten Message: The Holy Journey of Lent

Last Wednesday, the church began *Lent*, the traditional forty-day journey, for more intense *prayer*, a well-chosen *penitential act* and some gift of *alms* to charity. It is indeed a period of offering your whole heart to the Lord as the psalmist repeatedly says: "*if today you hear his voice harden not your hearts*" (Ps. 95:8-9), so as to be able to overcome temptations, just as Jesus did to affront the evil one with the strong hand and outstretched arm of God's saving word; "*get behind me Satan*" (Lk. 4:8)

This is the time to return to God in a journey of forty days involving your whole life, to reconsider the path being taken to find the route leading to God; a time to feel more connected to Him, to draw closer to Him, to give more time to Him, to dedicate more to His service, to receive his restoring grace and to feel his loving care. This can be done by: a) accepting the bad attitudes in you such as laziness, pride, selfishness, anger, gossiping, inordinate sexual behaviors, excessive drinking habits etc., that have to be worked on, as well as b) visiting the Lord regularly in *the Blessed Sacrament (adoration)*, and c) reading the *scriptures* in order to be enlightened by the word of God to find true wisdom, courage, and love so as to overcome your passions and fleshy desires. May you have a fruitful Lent full of renewal in the Lord after this holy journey. -Fr. Maxwell.

### Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus (Here we are, Holy Spirit)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



### **JOURNEY TOGETHER:**

#### **SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

The synod's theme is *communion, participation, and mission*. [This is an opportunity to share your thoughts and hopes.](#)

Thank you very much to all those who heard the call and came to listen and share their thoughts, as well as the members of the parish council who took time out of their schedule to oversee all of these sessions. Many good ideas have come out of these sessions, some of which will be reviewed and implemented soon in our parish cluster. **If you have not attended a session, please try to attend our last meeting this Sunday March 6, 2022, at 12 Noon, so that your voice may be heard.**

## News & Announcements:

### Irish Festival 2022

Please consider donating some of your time and volunteering at the Irish Festival. Sign up sheets are in the basement after mass. This festival does a lot not only for our parish but our community. Please sign up for a shift or two!

Meetings have started and will be on Sundays following 10:45 mass in Church Kitchen. Festival Scheduled dates March 26 & 27. Hope to see everyone! For information Stokes McCune 804-356-1093 or stokesmccune@aol.com

### Baby Bottle Campaign for East End Pregnancy Center

Saint Patrick is having a Baby Bottle Campaign for East End Pregnancy Center during Lent (3/5-4/10). East End Pregnancy Center reaches some of the most vulnerable women, babies, & families in Richmond. All their services are FREE which include pregnancy tests, prenatal vitamins, ultrasounds to confirm pregnancy, individualized parenting and mentoring classes, emergency baby essentials, abortion education (we do not refer for abortions), post-abortion support, adoption referrals, and referrals to community resources and churches. As you take a baby bottle home, we encourage you to pray for EEPC & to consider financially supporting their ministry. The bottles can be filled with change (no need to roll), checks (made payable to EEPC), cash, or you can give online at [www.richmondisforlife.com](http://www.richmondisforlife.com) or text "GIVE" to 804-531-3372

### Lenten Dinners at St.

#### John's are Back!

Starting Friday - March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at St. John's. Curbside pick-up only.

### **2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Together, we bestow His first fruits**

Almsgiving is a staple of our Lenten disciplines as Catholics.

As we begin this Lenten season, please consider supporting our Annual Diocesan Appeal as opportunity for almsgiving, and as a way to deepen your trust and dependency upon God the Father. We will conduct our Digital In-Pew pledge process at all Masses during next weekend.

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

The spring campaign for 40 Days for Life will begin on 3/2 and run through 4/10. Please consider giving an hour to stand in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic to pray for an end to abortion.

### **THE WISDOM OF VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN**

365 DAYS OF INSPIRATION  
Venerable Fulton Sheen was one of the greatest communicators to ever live. Please take a book for FREE & enjoy reading this Lenten season.

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION February 26 & 27**

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$4,305.55
Budget	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
	\$555.55
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$131,134.58
Budget	<u>\$131,250.00</u>
	<b>(\$115.42)</b>

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

### **MASS ATTENDANCE:**

2/26 at 5:30: 22

2/27 at 10:45: 170

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