

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November 26th & 27th

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Times: Saturdays at 5:30pm
Sundays at 10:45am

Join us after 10:45 mass for refreshments
& fellowship.

Holy Hour – St. Patrick: After mass
on the 3rd Sunday of each month

Feast of the Immaculate Conception,
Thursday December 8th

Patron Saint of the USA. This is a Holy Day of
Obligation. The Masses for this feast are:
Saint Patrick 6:00 PM, Saint John 9am,
Saint Peter at 12:05 PM, and
Saint John 7:00 PM (Bilingual)

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Parishioners,

So soon the Advent season is here with us again with its many emotional overtones, as it ushers in the most popular season of the year. Advent looks forward to the annual celebration of Jesus' birth both the historical event and the saving event of the coming of God in flesh. It is a liturgical theme of preparation for the second and final coming of the Lord, called Parousia and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event.

The word Advent is from Latin *adventus*, 'coming', signifying Jesus' first coming into the world and what will be his final coming at the end times.

It is a period of four weeks, and on the Sundays, there is an emphasis on the end times and the consummation of all history. The first Sunday of Advent continues this emphasis, then on the second and third Sundays, John the Baptist, the Advent prophet issues a call to promoting the spirit of penance. On the fourth Sunday, the incarnation finally begins to unfold with the account of the annunciation.

The most popular tradition today is the lighting of four candles on an Advent wreath in both churches and homes during this period, one in each week. Three of them is of the traditional color of Advent, purple or violet, and one is a rose color. They are all blessed on the first Sunday of Advent with a prayer and a candle is lit on every week until all four are burning at the same time. It is worthy to note that the Advent wreath represents the longtime when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the messiah, the light of the world. That explains why every year, in Advent people wait

once again in darkness for the coming of the Lord, the historical coming in the mystery of Bethlehem, his final coming at the end of time and his special coming in every moment of grace.

Let us design the four weeks of Advent into a special Advent calendar of personal preparation, marking the goals toward personal service to be done for others.

Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.

- Father Maxwell.

News & Announcements:

Thank you: Thank you for everyone who in the spirit of Thanksgiving donated a turkey for those at the St. Francis Home and their families could share a meal for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We donated 395 pounds of turkey! Gobble Gobble!
Thank you!



Boxes of Joy:

Thanks to all who took and filled up a box of joy for a child! Was a great way to start the holidays!

GIVING TUESDAY Global giving day known as #GivingTuesday falls on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. (November 29). It was created to remind us, after all that shopping on Black Friday & Cyber Monday, to also spend our money benefitting the Charities that are near & dear to our hearts. We encourage you to give to your favorite charitable cases on #GivingTuesday this year & we hope that St. Patrick's will be one of them!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on December 4th, 2022, at 3:00pm in the sanctuary of St. John's Catholic Church. All are invited to attend!
Please bring a donation of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene goods, or new baby items. Questions? Please email Katie at musicministerkate@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Holy Moments –
by New York Times Bestselling author Matthew Kelly. You have so much more to offer. You know it. You have sensed it for some time now. This sacred truth has been bubbling up in your soul. But you have never known quite what to do about it. All that is about to change. Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them, changes our lives forever. **Holy Moments** is such an idea. **Please take a book for FREE and enjoy reading during this Advent season. The books are place at the entrance of the church & basement.**

Mark your Calendars:
Our annual Santa Breakfast will be on December 11th after mass.

Christmas Flowers Envelope

Don't forget to use your Christmas Flowers Envelope in memory or honor of a loved one.

CCC's HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC:

Commonwealth Catholic Charities' 31st annual Holiday Festival of Music featuring the Richmond Symphony is the perfect way to ring in the holiday season. Join us for one night only at Richmond's historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, November 28 at 7:00 pm. Your Holiday Festival of Music tickets enable CCC to continue a 100-year tradition of caring and compassionate service in our community. Tickets are available now at www.cccofva.org/tickets.

WEEKLY COLLECTION – 11/19 & 20th

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$2,856.5
Budget	<u>\$4,139.00</u> (\$1,282.45)
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$68,156.97
Budget	<u>\$86,919.00</u> (\$18,762.03)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE: 11/19: 23 11/20: 118

Saint Patrick depends upon your generosity. These walls, built by generations past, now need you to nurture them. Give what you can. No amount is too small. E-Giving makes it easy. Visit www.saintpatrickchurchhill.org and click on the logo.

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