

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church February 25 & 26th 2023



## Mass Times:

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

## Holy Hour - St. Patrick:

After mass on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

## Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

*The church just began the holy season of Lent, a forty-day journey with the Lord, to avoid or renounce sin in order to do good.*

*“Forty” signify:*

- *From the Old Testament how Moses fasted for 40 days and nights on the mountain Sinai writing the ten commandments of the Lord. (Ex. 34:28)*
- *Elijah travelling for 40 days and nights to Horeb, the mounting of God without any food (1 Kgs. 19: 8)*
- *The fasting of Jesus for 40 days and nights on the desert after his baptism (Mt. 4:2ff), which became the model for Christians even till today.*
- *Christians prepare their bodies as temple of the Holy spirit by fasting at the start of Lent for 40 days (Pope Francis).  
Lent then is a journey of repentance, sacrifice, penance and reflection, by turning away from the road that does not lead to God (Joel 2:12). The three very important practices to be observed in this Lenten journey are Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving. (Mt. 6:2-18).*

*May we observe these practices by listening to the Lord’s voice and acting accordingly for our sanctification.*

*Praised be Jesus Christ - Fr. Maxwell*

## Irish Festival 2023

### It is that time of year again!

Irish Festival Planning time. **Join us after mass on Sunday.** We hope to see you all there! Your taking part in the planning and volunteering for the festival is what makes it a success.



**Stations of the Cross** – Will be held at noon on Thursdays during Lent .

St. Patrick Catholic Church Scan & Give. Thank you for your Generosity.



***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 go to our website at [saintpatrickchurchhill.org](http://saintpatrickchurchhill.org) and click the e giving link***

# News & Announcements

**IRISH FESTIVAL VOLUNTERING:** Please sign up after mass on our signup sheets or contact our volunteer coordinator at

**Jennifer M at [Irishfestival@yahoo.com](mailto:Irishfestival@yahoo.com).**

It is important to sign up to volunteer, so we have an accurate account of where we need people! **Thank you for your time!**

**Nursery Interest:** We had a nice nursery going before COVID and would like to restart if there is interest. Of course, we want parental involvement, but anyone can volunteer their time during Mass. We will hold Vertus training which is required by the Diocese. Please meet downstairs after mass at the round table to discuss with Jane Murphy - today - and we'll repeat next week, as well, to try to reach everyone.

**MASS JOURNAL** - This lent we are providing you a Mass Journal to write down the one thing you sense God is saying to you that week, and date your entry. Then use your Mass Journal in daily prayer and allow it to stimulate your conversation with God. Please take a Mass Journal for FREE during this LENTEN season.

**RICE BOWLS:** Rice Bowls (a great was for almsgiving) are available in the vestibule picks yours up before or after mass.

**Easter Flowers:** Easter flower envelopes are available in the vestibule as well. Please grab on to memorialize and honor loved ones. They can be dropped in the collection basket.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The spring campaign for 40 Days for Life will begin on February 22 and run through April 2. Please consider giving an hour to pray for an end to abortion. Come to pray at Planned Parenthood 201 N. Hamilton Rd, Richmond, VA 23221. Vigil hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Prayer warriors will be needed on Thursday March 23rd.** Your witness makes a big difference. Miracles happen when we pray and fast. The babies and their mothers need our witness and prayers.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal 2023 - Sharing His Love with Others:** This Lent don't be afraid to give generously. Our Annual Diocesan Appeal needs you. You may feel your resources are too small to make a difference, but thankfully, we have a God who specializes in strengthening the weak and multiplying gifts given generously. Give anyway; He'll take care of the rest. Thank you in advance!

## WEEKLY COLLECTION – February 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$3,518.55
Budget	<u>\$4,139.00</u> (\$620.45)
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$116,725.54
Budget	<u>\$140,726.00</u> (\$24,000.46)

**Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving**

**MASS ATTENDANCE: 2/19: 39 2/20: 110**

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**SPC Emergency # 804-402-1221:** If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk to a Priest, please call.

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