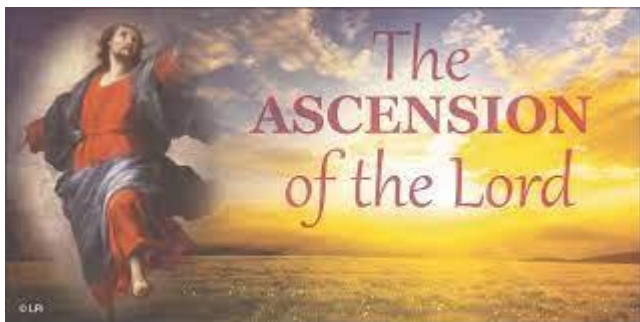


Saint Patrick Catholic Church

May 20th & 21st 2023



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

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

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars –
our next Sharing Sunday is June 4th.

SAVE THE DATE –
Friday June 2nd at 6pm
at St. Patrick Catholic Church

Come celebrate Father Nick Redmond's 5th Anniversary to the Priesthood on Friday, June 2nd – Mass will take place at 5pm with reception to follow at St. Patrick.

Please contact Eddie Baird at (804) 986-2898 or donnahbaird@yahoo.com if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

Also, if you would like to help with the event, please let us know.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Ones,

Forty days after Easter Sunday is the celebration of the **Ascension of the Lord**, *the mystery of the ending of Jesus' visible presence among his followers, the disciples*, observed every year by the church in many Dioceses in the US on the Seventh Sunday of Easter instead. (Cf. The General Norms of the Liturgical Year, No. 25).

It is simply the exaltation of Christ Jesus at the right hand of the Father, after completing his work here on earth and was *taken up in a cloud* (Acts.1:9), as the two men dressed in white beside him declared: "**this same Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven will come back the same way...**" (Acts. 1:11). This clearly indicates the close association between the *Ascension and the second coming of the Lord*. Interestingly, what appeared as Jesus' departure, really prefigures his return in glory as professed in the Creed every Sunday.

The Ascension of Jesus indeed is an indication to us his followers that we will never labor or toil in vain, but will receive an everlasting reward one day from the Father in heaven. May he give us the strength to withstand all challenges we are faced with in every life situation.

Happy Ascension Day. Praised be Jesus Christ
Fr. Maxwell



St. Patrick Catholic Church –
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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.*

News & Announcements

Annual Diocesan Appeal 2023 – Please help us strengthen the faith of our parish community with your support of our **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. Faith is usually not easy. God asks us to always believe in Him, especially when it's hard. The disciples in the Gospel today found it hard to believe Jesus even after seeing him risen from the dead. Today, we ask for the Holy Spirit to give our Annual Appeal what it needs to succeed, just as Christ gave the Holy Spirit to increase the faith of his disciples where it was lacking. We believe that together, we will reach new heights with your support and His Holy Spirit working together!

Saint Patrick Email Blasts: Email blasts are occasionally sent to St. Patrick parishioners with updates on church events, funerals, reminders, etc. If you're **not** currently getting these emails and would like to be added to the distribution list, please send your email address to Billie Keating at **bjk6269@comcast.net**.

Little Library – You may have noticed a cart down in the meeting area that has books and CDs on it. Please look and if you find something interesting take it home with you to listen and read! Many interesting books to be borrowed. Enjoy it and just bring it back when done!

Volunteer Opportunity for Gift Bearers – A clipboard with Sundays through 2023 and a space to sign your names can be found on the tables at the entrance to the Church. We encourage you to sign up for a Sunday to bring bread and wine to the altar during Mass. Sacristans will help you identify when to leave your pew during Mass and come to the back of the church to take the gifts up. **Take a moment and sign up!**

Church Directory - If you couldn't have your photo taken on April 30 at St. Patrick's Social Hall and still want to be included in the Church Directory, there are several opportunities to make it happen: You may send you photo (single, couple or family) with your completed form to **annmcmlln@yahoo.com**. The form is online at **<https://saintpatrickchurchhill.org>** Another photo opportunity will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 10 & 11 after Mass, and in September (TBD). The new church directory will be published in the Fall. Please email Anne McMillan with any questions - **annmcmlln@yahoo.com**

Second & Fourth Grade Teacher at All Saints School
All Saints Catholic School is seeking a second and fourth grade teacher for the 2023-24 school year, with a current VA state Teaching License. The successful candidate must instruct through engaged, hands-on teaching and learning, utilize 21st Century teaching skills, possess good communication skills, and be able to work collaboratively with an instructional team. Practicing Catholics preferred. Please send resume, Diocesan Application, three letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to All Saints Catholic School, Attn: Scott Meadows, Principal; 3418 Noble Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222 or via email to smeadows@allsaintsric.org.

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

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