

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



It is a grace to be with you and have the pleasure to serve you as your pastor. From the time, just before my ordination as a priest in 2011, I made a commitment to embrace the “example” presented in a simple woodcut, *The Washing of the Feet*, by Albrecht Dürer. The image was then chosen as the central feature of one of the prayer cards

offered to the faithful on the day of my ordination. For me, the image expressed the passion that Our Lord had for Peter, His desire to serve his “intimate ones,” His desire to serve the least. It also shows Peter’s desire for Our Lord and his own sanctification. It became the daily reminder of why I wanted to serve the Church: “If I don’t wash...you have no inheritance.” If I don’t serve, I’m risking the salvation of those around me. That passion is what you and I are aiming for as men and women open to the good news of Christ Jesus. He is ever before us, inviting you and me to serve. I don’t come to you as a priest with a “plan,” with a “solution,” with anything other than *my presence* and my desire to help save souls. I desire to “know” the parish and you as individuals.

I grew up in a military family that landed in Chester in the 80s, I was formed St. Ann’s, Colonial Heights and graduating from Thomas Dale High School. I attend VCU for college and then served as a domestic missionary for a year before working as a youth minister at Our Lady of Lourdes the following year. During my time in the parish, I applied to the seminary and attended St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore, MD. After ordination, I served at St. Bridget for

one year and then was pastor of St. Joseph until 2021. During that time, I studied Canon Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, served as the Associate Director of Vocations and then was appointed Vicar for Vocations. In 2021 I became fulltime Vicar for Vocations and Interim Director of Worship and lived at St. Paul’s.

In addition to my new role as pastor of the cluster parishes, Judicial Vicar and Chancellor, I remain the Bishop’s Delegate for the communities around the diocese attached to the Traditional Latin Mass. It has been my practice to visit these communities from time-to-time. I ask for your patience as I navigate new roles and integrate into the varied communities of the cluster parishes.

Where we can maintain, and even increase, the pastoral efforts within the communities, I want to see that happen, but in the coming months there may also need to be adjustments to the liturgical and administrative expectations and offerings within the cluster. Please do not read that I’m implying there *will be* changes, only that *we will need time to discern together* how the schedule and offerings might need to be tweaked to maximize our shared apostolic labors for the proclamation of the Gospel in our parishes. Where I can be present in the coming months, I hope to be; please don’t shy away because you think: “He is too busy.” Simply reach out, email is the most effective way for me to keep tabs on things: bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org. I don’t have unlimited reserves, but I *desire* to be present *to you* and *for you* as needs dictate.

Please be assured of my daily prayers and weekly Masses for your intentions in *pro populo* Masses offered on Sundays and other holy days.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Capuano

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

July 1st & 2nd, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Times:

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

Holy Hour: After mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month



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News & Announcements

A Message from Father Maxwell

My dear friends, so soon it is time for me to begin a new pastoral assignment at St. Patrick's in Lexington with a new family in a different environment. Parishioners of St. Peter, St. Patrick and St. John churches have been so great for the past two years, though short-lived. I would therefore like to extend my gratitude to you all for your support, kindness, friendliness, and cooperation in this short but memorable time with you in the ministry. I am glad to the Lord for the unity that is so pronounced among you. It is my prayer that you continue in that good spirit of oneness. You are always welcome to Lexington. On this note I want to leave you with the prayer of St. Francis de Sales: "God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things as he carries you in his arms and takes care of you every day.... Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations." May the blessings of the Lord always be with you now and forever. Amen.
Fr. Maxwell - Outgoing Pastor.

Join Us:

This Sunday July 2nd after mass— we will be having a luncheon to celebrate the 4th of July.

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AT MASS: We need altar servers to serve mass. Please consider volunteering. Training and instruction will be provided. If you are interested in serving or would like to know more about contact Eddie Baird.

Looking to register at St. Patrick

Forms can be found in the vestibule of the parish as well as on our parish website. Come be a part of a small community with a large heart!

A 24-Hour Retreat for Young Married Couples

Hey there, lovebirds of the Diocese of Richmond! Buckle up for an amazing adventure with your spouse at our Young Married Couples Retreat at the breathtaking Wintergreen Resort on

August 25-26, 2023. This retreat is exclusively designed for couples who have been married for seven years or less. Mark those dates on your calendar, grab your partners hand and get ready to embark on a journey of love, laughter, and lifelong companionship. This retreat is your chance to reignite that spark and strengthen the bond you share. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to celebrate your love story in the most extraordinary way. The Young Married Couples Retreat costs \$270/couple. Registration closes July 23rd.

A 24-Hour Retreat for 2022 & 23 College Graduates

Going from college to adult, working life can leave you with a lot of questions. How do I find a parish? Where can I find Catholic young adults like me? What do I do with the skills I learned from my campus ministry? This summer, recent college graduates are invited to a retreat weekend in Richmond where you can find answers and encouragement. There will be time to hear talks, opportunity for prayer and reflection, and a chance to build community with other young adults. College graduates in the classes of 2022 and 2023 are invited to join us July 28-29, 2023 at Saint Michael's Catholic Church, Richmond. The Recent Graduate Retreat costs \$35/person. Registration closes July 16th



WEEKLY COLLECTION – June 24 & 25th , 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$2,866.11
Budget	<u>\$4,139.00</u> (\$1,272.89)
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$176,479.45
Budget	<u>\$215,220.00</u> (\$38,740.55)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE: 6/24: 24 6/25: 103

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