

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

July 15 & 16th, 2023

Fifteenth 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

Sharing Sunday ~

Our next Sharing Sunday
will be August 6th

Message from Our Pastor

In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear this: "For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God." What a strange thing to say! It is true that the world *needs* the children of God, that creation is groaning for man to be what man was supposed to be. That said, the sinful world is not interested in welcoming the light of grace and the simplicity of children. Why would we want to be children in a corrupt world?

In addition to the "hard sayings" we spoke about last week, here we have an example of "my way is not your way" – the Gospel message following a different logic than that of the world.

Most of us grew up with the "expectation" of hitting certain benchmarks in life. To be able to be labeled "mature" was a milestone. In contrast, we hear that the Lord "grew in wisdom and grace" – while living out the affirmation extended to him by the Father that he is "my beloved Son."

Our task as Christians is to learn how to grow in grace, while remaining children: "wise as serpents, and innocent as doves." Our way of "relearning" "maturity" is to go back spiritually to the waters of the Jordan and allow the Father to say over us: "you are my beloved son/daughter."

This isn't sentimental theology or wishful thinking. This is a Christian turning to the Father and asking to be reminded who and what one *is* and then taking next steps, beginning prayer again, serving again, with a different orientation to the world around us. Reminding ourselves

that we are His children, are held in His Hands, that He will protect us – all this is an act of faith – we start there when the world around us expects a different kind of maturity than the example set by Christ Jesus. This faith leads to confidence that the Holy Spirit will be present in times of need, when a word of testimony is necessary, or difficulties seem insurmountable. In those moments we "remember" that we are children in His Hands, that we are loved, and then we ask the Holy Spirit to come and inspire and we step out each time in confidence and joy.

- Fr. Capuano



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.

News & Announcements

Seeking Donations for Veterans

For the weekends of July 15, 22, & 29th we will be collecting some items for inpatient Polytrauma Unit at the Central VA Veterans Healthcare System. This unit provides rehabilitation for patients with brain injuries, strokes, amputees and polytrauma (meaning multiple injuries). Both active-duty military and veteran population are seen on this unit. Patients on this unit enjoy having coffee and could use the following items. K cups- both regular and decaf and a few teas or hot chocolate, sugar packets (are better to control the amount), creamer (powder), Coffee cups (with and without lids in 12oz and 16 oz). A donation box will be downstairs in the church hall for all donations. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Dawson at mjmvcu@aol.com. Thank you in advance.

Religious Education for 2023/2024

It's time to register your children for Religious Education for 2023/2024. Classes are for students from kindergarten through high school.

If your child is preparing for **First Reconciliation/First Eucharist or Confirmation**, full participation in St. Patrick's Religious Education is required including attendance at all scheduled classes and as well as weekly mass. Classes will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings before 10:45 mass. Please contact Donna at donnabaird@yahoo.com or speak with her after Sunday mass. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Donna as well. Looking forward to another great year!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey for Welcoming Adult newcomers (inquires) into the Roman Catholic Church. RCIA is for adults who, after having their hearts opened to conversion and faith by the Holy Spirit, seek to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. The RCIA process assists them in becoming full, conscious, active, and ongoing participants in a life with Christ and His Church. RCIA welcomes those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in another Christian tradition and those who are baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. An RCIA class will be starting at SPC on September 10th. Anyone interested is welcome to join the class. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton before September 10th.



WEEKLY COLLECTION – July 8th & 9th, 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$4,090.05
Budget	<u>\$3,747.00</u>
	\$343.05
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$8,187.60
Budget	<u>\$7,494.00</u>
	\$693.00

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE: 7/8: 56 7/9: 97



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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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