

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

August 26 & 27th 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



## Mass Times:

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

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

Sharing Sunday – Our next  
Sharing Sunday is September 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Drop off your nonperishable food  
donations in the parish hall.

## Message from Our Pastor

***“Who do you say that I am?”***  
*the perennial question. Who is He to  
you? The truth of that answer is based  
on how you conduct yourself before  
Him. When you were dating, you spent  
a lot of timing trying to impress.  
Consider what happens when you take  
for granted the devotion of others in  
your life, you “give up on life” and  
“chill out” and “relax.”*

*Does the Lord “relax” with you, or is  
He attentive, and longing for you,  
striving for your attention and devoted  
to your well-being?”*

*Who is He to you? If He really is God,  
how should you be acting with Him?  
How might you adjust your priorities  
this week as you consider how you  
should be approaching Him?*

*Please be assured of my prayers  
this week.*

*- Fr. Capuano*

## News & Announcements

**BIBLE STUDY:** We are beginning a new 4-week study on Thursday, September 14 on the Sacraments. The group meets 10:30 to noon in the social hall. Following this we will study the book of Ephesians until Christmas break. More people are encouraged to join in for the wonderful lessons and fellowship. For more info call or text Jane at 804-441-4075.

**Knight of Columbus School Supply Drive**  
Join the K of C in collecting school supplies for the Boys & Girls Club of Church Hill the weekends of 8/27, 9/2, and 9/10/2023. There will be a bin for collection in the church hall.

**Picnic Lunch:** Join us for an end of Summer Picnic Lunch on 9/3 after mass in the Social Hall as we celebrate the Labor Day Holiday as a parish.

**Community Garden – Family Potluck  
& Blessing of the Garden:**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER. 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm  
AT Cluster Community Garden  
@ St. John’s Catholic Church (Rain or shine)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage-** October 21, 2023 National Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington DC. Join Bishop Knestout for a multilingual pilgrimage day of talks, tours, Eucharistic Procession, Adoration & Mass as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. Register for free & secure your spot on the bus at [evangelizerichmond.org](http://evangelizerichmond.org)

**40 Days for Life-** Prayer Campaign will take place 9/27 – 11/5th. Prayer Warriors needed, so look out for sign-up sheets in the back of the church in the coming weeks.

### **Follow Your Vocation to Serve:**

Do you think you may be called to serve the Church in a new role? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is hosting three informational sessions this fall for men who might have a calling to ordained service to the Church and to the bishop as a permanent deacon, and are interested in discerning their calling while learning about the commitment it involves. Qualifications for formation to the permanent diaconate include, but are not limited to the following:

- A Roman Catholic for a minimum of five years at time of application.
- Registered parishioner within the Diocese of Richmond for five years at the time of application, and active in the parish community.
- Between the ages of 30 and 59 at the time of application.
- Committed to and living out values of justice, charity and service.
- Demonstrates grateful fidelity to all that the Church teaches, openness to formation and has demonstrated leadership.

Following these sessions, a new cohort of permanent deacons will be formed in 2024. Our permanent deacons are assigned to a parish where they exercise liturgical and catechetical ministries within their parish communities. Deacons hold roles both in their church and in a variety secular professions, showing how unique this vocation is. Please prayerfully discern whether you may be called to join a thriving and essential vocation to serve the Church in a new way. For those interested, visit the Permanent Diaconate page on [richmonddiocese.org](http://richmonddiocese.org) or email [gmanuso@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:gmanuso@richmonddiocese.org). If you feel the call, talk to your pastor!

### **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 10<sup>th</sup>.

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### **WEEKLY COLLECTION – August 19 & 20th, 2023**

	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>
Actual	\$2,893.55
Budget	<u>\$3,747.00</u> (\$853.45)
	<b><u>Year to date</u></b>
Actual	\$24,474.80
Budget	<u>\$29,976.00</u> (\$2,501.20)

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

Mass Attendance: 5:30: 46 10:45: 111

### **Contact & follow us at:**

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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.

**Mailing address: St. Patrick's Church**

813 West Nine Mile Road,  
Highland Springs, VA 23075

**This week's update:** We have been working on internal communication changes. One of the areas is social media. Once the new websites are live, we will also be utilizing a new Facebook Profile:

<https://www.facebook.com/RichmondCatholicCluster>. If you are currently a "friend" on the Cluster Facebook page, it is the same account. Over the course of time, we will be merging all **5 accounts** within the cluster into one. If you are social media savvy and would like to help, please let me know...I have no personal use for any of it...Fr. Capuano

**Assisting in the parish** - Many thanks to our long-standing parishioners who have assisted in various unsung areas of the life of our communities, particularly our ushers, sacristans, those in the flower guilds, and collection-counters, all of whom are generally "unseen" by the wider community. In these last couple of years, they have been most effective in assisting our parishes in "transitioning" out of the health crisis restrictions. Thank you, may the good Lord bless you abundantly for your humble service.

**Internal Updating** As mentioned previously, we have acquired the domain names "richomndcluster.org" and "richmondcluster.com". We will be migrating our email, websites, and calendaring to a new platform in the coming weeks. If you can share photos with me, that would be a big aid toward preparing for renewed communication in the cluster.

We're also considering updating the bulletins and finding ways to provide consistent

messaging on the weekend, as well as email communication, through platforms like FlockNotes and similar digital media. If you would like to lend a hand, please be in touch with me: [bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org)

**Schedules, Devotions, etc.** While I'm not quite ready to make adjustments to the liturgical schedule in the cluster, and **at this stage, I am not really looking to make changes**, I am open to ideas and concerns that you may have within each of the three parishes. What do you need, or want? Are you open to, do you want, alternate daily Mass, confession, adoration times? Is there something about the current schedule that works, or does not work? What about formation opportunities for youth and adults? What are we missing in the community? How can we reconnect with folks who have not come back from the health crisis? These are all concerns to be addressed in pastoral council, but I also want to address broadly with you in the parish. Feel free to send me a note: [bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org).

**Duplex next to the Church** As you probably know, through coordination with the St. Patrick Festival and through a lot of hard work from parishioners, and in consultation with the Bishop, the parish was able to purchase one half of the duplex next to the Church (building on the left of the church as you face the front doors). Currently, we have neighbors residing in the top two floors, who will continue to provide rent payment to assist in the debt service, for at least the next year, based on current rental agreements. This will give us time to discern how the building will be

utilized and how we will cover costs into the future. The basement is currently accessible to the parish and is being rented as storage space for the St. Patrick's Festival. **At present, we are anticipating forming a small group to assist in discerning how the house will be used moving forward. If this is of interest to you, please reach out to me directly, via email: [bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org).**

*Painting and other projects:* As you know, there are a couple painting projects that we need to finish up (the basement back wall, exterior of windows at the rectory). Hopefully we can finish these projects this summer, bids were coming in this week. Many thanks to our parishioners who are quietly working behind the scenes.

Fr. Redmond has been busy finding options for security measures around the Church. With the newly acquired duplex, I felt it was important to have "eyes on" the building, *within reason*. In the next couple of weeks, we'll be installing a couple cameras around the Church that will include the basement door access to the festival supplies, the side alley where there HVAC units are located, and the back alley near the handicap ramp.

I have a contact to provide some updates to the estimates to continue the restoration process for some of our stained-glass windows. From what I can tell, the windows are in good shape, but the frames and screens on some of the windows need to be addressed. More to come when we get some price quotes and can get a professional opinion on the condition of the windows themselves.