

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

September 30<sup>th</sup>  
~ October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Twenty Sixth  
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 November 5<sup>th</sup>.

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.*

## Message from Our Pastor

The invitations from the Lord are quite simple, we make things difficult. Consider the ending to the pericope for the first reading: "...since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die."

That's it really, in the last analysis, we will be judged by what we have done and how we have come home, or not. We all spend a lot of time "resisting" and trying to maintain lives that are "our own" instead of *learning* how to hand them over to the good God.

Our aim is to be like the Lord, as we hear from St. Paul in the second reading: He didn't "grasp," or claim for Himself, He willingly served and "submitted" to what was His lot according to the Father's will. Maybe you are not what or who you want or should have been. OK. Today the Lord is calling you back from your major and minor sins, to allow Him to heal you.

Hand them over and start again. I have a list of my own every day, and find that I struggle to *begin* to offer them to Him every morning and every evening when I face a little picture of Him in the wall. All we can do is begin again.

Please be assured of my prayers this week.

Fr. Capuano

## News & Announcements

### Healing and the Sacraments:

Please join Fr. Nick Redmond for a three-part teaching series entitled Healing and the Sacraments.

The sessions will be as follows: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Part 1:** Monday, Oct 16, St. John's Social Hall

**Part 2:** Monday, Oct 23, St. Patrick's Social Hall

**Part 3:** Monday, Oct 30, St. Peter's Basement

We hope to see you there!

### State of the Parish

As an opportunity for you to get to know your pastor a bit more and to provide him time to be with you, please consider attending a "State of the Parish" conversation with Fr. Capuano following various Masses in the parish. This is an opportunity for him to share himself and his overall vision in the parish communities and for you to ask questions and share as well. He wants to hear from you! This is meant to be a conversation.

**St. Peter: Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
in the hall at 10:00 AM

**St. John: Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
in the hall at 10:00 AM

**St. Patrick: Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
in the hall at 11:45 AM

**St. John: Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the hall

**St. Peter Block Party** Saturday, October 7th. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In the church parking lot. Bring a comfortable chair. Food: Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, various potluck sides and desserts. Events: Heads and Tails, Ring Toss, Corn hole toss, Egg race and more. Themed gift baskets.

**Love and Mercy – A Women’s Retreat, Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at St. John**

In collaboration with the lay missionary community, Missioners of Christ, and their women’s ministry, *Cor Christi*, the women in the parish are invited to register to attend a day-long retreat on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at St. John from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Fr. Capuano will be presenting a series of talks, there will be time for Mass, adoration, confession, fellowship, and opportunities to grow in your faith.

**Who:** All women (aged 10 and up, all youth should be accompanied by adult relatives)

**Where:** St. John, Highland Springs **When:** Saturday, November 11; 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM (the retreat begins with Mass in the Church, with registration and fellowship to follow. **How to**

**register:** [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTg5NzQ2](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTg5NzQ2) or scan the QR Code

Please contact Fr. Capuano for more info: [bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org)

**Liturgical Training for the Cluster**

Please join Fr. Capuano for a refresher training for all altar servers, ushers, lectors, musicians, sacristans, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and altar society members. This will be an opportunity for all to hear Fr. Capuano’s orientation to the Sacred Liturgy, receive updates on liturgical ministries and the reasons for various liturgical actions and roles. All current volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend, those interested in assisting in the various roles who are not currently serving are also welcome to attend.

**When:** Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Lunch to be provided. **Where:** St. John **RSVP, so we have an accurate headcount for food:** [office@stjohncatholicchurch.org](mailto:office@stjohncatholicchurch.org)

**Boxes of Joy:** Christmas is fast approaching. Pick up your Box of Joy on 9/30 & 10/2 to fill for a child in need. Boxes are available in the Church Hall. Once you sign up and pick up your box and brochure, it's time to go shopping and personally select gives to bring joy to a child - small toys, hygiene items, school supplies, hard candy, etc. Please do not include any liquids, food, or combat-like items. Return your filled Box of Joy on 10/28 and 10/29. A \$9 donation for shipping costs is requested. Please use the envelope attached to the brochure to mail your check or pay online on their website. **Do not put the donation inside the Box of Joy.** We look forward to another great year! Any questions, please contact Eddie Baird at 804.986.2898 or [donnahbaird@yahoo.com](mailto:donnahbaird@yahoo.com)

**40 Days for Life:** Prayer Warriors needed on Thursday October 19th, sign up sheet in the back of church.

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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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Highland Springs, VA 23075  
**Office Phone # 804-737-8028**



**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**September 23 & 24, 2023**

	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>
Actual	\$3,362.55
Budget	<del>\$3,747.00</del> (\$384.45)
	<b><u>Year to date</u></b>
Actual	\$44,367.49
Budget	<del>\$48,711.00</del> (\$4,343.51)

**Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving**  
**MASS ATTENDANCE:** 9/23: 24 9/24: 103