# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

September 9th & 10th 2023

Twenty Third
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 October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Message from Our Pastor

As we hear in the Letter to the Romans this weekend, Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. This might seem like a hollow saying considering the anniversary of the attacks on the United States that occurs every year on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. The attacks are a stark reminder that not everyone is in union, that ways of life and belief are different, that there are wide chasms that exist between us.

Let us pray for the Kingdom of Christ to triumph in the whole world, and for the tenderness of Our Lady to rest within our hearts and invite us to greater conversion.

Thank you to all those who serve and have served in the military and various service professions. Your choice to sacrifice your life and time does not go unnoticed.

May the Lord have mercy upon those who consider violence in order to conquer. May the Lord receive the just into His Merciful Embrace.

Please be assured of my prayers this week.
Fr. Capuano





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These walls, built by generations past, now need you to nurture them. Give what you can. No amount is too small.

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#### 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.

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

<u>Update - St. Patrick Church Directory</u> - Another opportunity for church directory photos! If you have not had your photo taken for the church directory, please come on Saturday, September 23 and Sunday the 24th in St. Patrick's Church Hall. The directory will be published this fall so this is your last chance. Questions: email Anne McMillan annmcmlln@yahoo.com

Pastoral Council additions: A big thank you to all those who reached out about possibly serving on Pastoral Council. Now that I have a few names from each parish, I'll take some time to consider options and dynamics in the Council and who would be a good fit. While the Pastoral Council is a helpful organ for considering the pastoral needs of the parish, parishioners are always welcome to share their hearts about the needs of the communities.

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.

<u>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.</u>



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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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