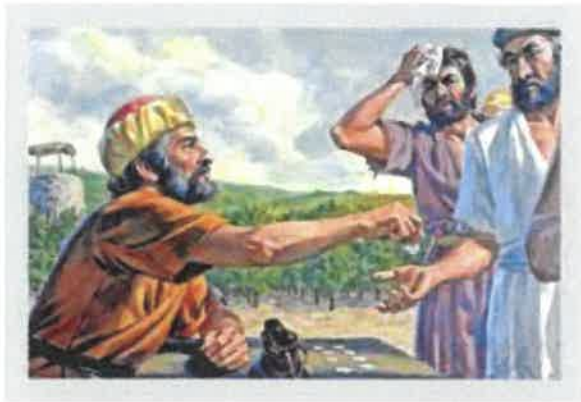


Saint Patrick Catholic Church

September 23rd & 24th 2023

Twenty Fifth
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
is October 1st.

Message from Our Pastor

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? The parable of the landowner is frustrating. Do we not immediately empathize with the laborer who was hired and paid a full day's wage, and feels cheated when other laborers only worked for an hour and received the same? The last will be first, and the first will be last seems a bit backward.

Of course, the Lord and His ways are "bigger" than ours, but they should be logical, since the very Word of God is Logos, is rational. They are of course, it may just take bit to think through it.

In the divine order of things small is big, weakness is strength, childhood is maturity. It doesn't mean we shouldn't grow our business, work on virtue, or take on adult responsibilities. Instead, the Lord reminds us, at least in today's Gospel passage, that He expects us to be generous with those around us. What blessing might be around the corner if we are super-abundant in our love and service, in our commitments, in our forgiveness? Of course, we do not act in order to be blessed, rather we act in thanksgiving for the Lord's constant Presence.

Please be assured of my prayers this week.

Fr. Capuano

News & Announcements

Update - St. Patrick Church Directory - 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

Delicious Breakfast and Lunch: Sunday September 24 from 7:00 AM—3:00 PM: Steak Omelets, bacon, sausages, home fries, waffles, tacos, pupusas, gorditas, and more. **Join us this Sunday at St. John's Highland Springs.**

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

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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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Thank you: Thanks to all who attended the great cluster picnic this past Sunday. What a gorgeous afternoon for this event. The garden is beautiful & plentiful. Father Nick blessed the garden & new shed. Fr. Capuano was a great help on the dinner line. We had attendance from all three churches & are thankful for that. The food was abundant and delicious. Thank you everyone who participated. Looking forward to many more gatherings to come.

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus: Thank you from the K of C & the Church Hill Boys and Girls Club for the many school supplies that were collected at SPC.

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.

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



WEEKLY COLLECTION **September 16 & 17, 2023**

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$3,125.49
Budget	<u>\$3,747.00</u> (\$621.55)
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$41,004.94
Budget	<u>\$44,964.00</u> (\$3,959.06)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE: 9/16: 40 9/17: 112



Preparing and Voting as Virginia Catholics

September 2023

This year, voters will elect members to all 140 seats in the Virginia General Assembly – 40 in the Senate and 100 in the House of Delegates – as well as other offices in some localities. Early voting begins September 22. Election Day is November 7.

Much is at stake, and it is the sacred duty of each voter to form his or her conscience and participate in these critical decisions. To prepare:

First, register to vote if you are not registered already. A Virginia Catholic Conference bulletin insert explains how to register, eligibility and key dates. Registration ends October 16.

Second, locate your new districts. New General Assembly district maps are in effect for this year's elections. A VCC bulletin insert explains how to find your new state Senate and House of Delegates districts and who the candidates are.

Third, prayerfully form your conscience. The VCC's *Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching* bulletin insert provides a helpful overview for reflection, in an easy-to-read format.

Visit www.vacatholic.org to view these materials.

As we have stated in previous pre-election letters, three foundational principles are essential to forming consciences and evaluating candidates:

- Many issues are important.
- Not all issues have equal moral weight.
- Protecting life is paramount.

Addressing the tragedy of abortion is the “preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, Introductory Letter).

As a Catholic and a voter in Virginia, please respond to the call of faithful citizenship. Prepare and engage in these vitally important elections. Protect life to the fullest extent possible.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond



REGISTER TO VOTE!

This fall, voters will elect Virginia General Assembly candidates — and in some areas — “down-ballot” offices. The deadline to register is **Monday, Oct. 16.**

✓ Who is eligible to register?

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be a resident of Virginia.
- Must be 18 on or before the next election (e.g., 17-year-olds born on or before Nov. 7, 2005 can register today).
- Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.

✓ How to register:

You can register online, by mail, or at your local registrar’s office, among other locations. Visit **vote.elections.virginia.gov** or **scan the QR code to:**

- Register to vote online.
- Check registration status.
- Find your polling place.
- Apply to vote absentee by mail.



FOR MORE ELECTION RESOURCES FROM THE
VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE VISIT:

vacatholic.org/Election2023

EARLY VOTING BEGINS SEPT. 22. **REGISTRATION ENDS OCT. 16.** ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 7.