

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

Twenty Second 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

*Who doesn't empathize with the words of the youthful prophet, Jeremiah in his lamentation in the first reading this week?*

*You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped...All the day I am an object of laughter...the word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him...*

*Sometimes, being a Christian is not easy, at home, in the workplace, or on the street.. A significant challenge for all of us is to "discern" what is coming from us and what is coming from the Lord. To "discern" is to "sift," to weigh options and ideas against one another to determine the right course, the good action. While Jeremiah knows he must speak the Lord's message, he tries not to because it brings pain and separation, but because he is sifting out the emotions from the call of the Lord, he is able to recognize that the Word given to him is "like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones," it must be spoken. He sees the difference between his way and the Lord's way and begins to speak.*

*When you look at your life and make decisions, what is coming from you and what is coming from the Lord? How do you know the difference, or more simply, are you even looking? I know in my own life, sometimes I'm just trying to get through the day and make it*

*to the next day, but when I am actively looking for how He is working the day is much more interesting, active, and peaceful.*

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

## News & Announcements

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON:** Join us Sunday after mass for an end of the summer picnic lunch in the social hall as we celebrate the Labor Day Holiday as a parish.

**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.

### **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)

**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.

**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)

**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>.

**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](mailto:bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org).

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### **WEEKLY COLLECTION – August 26 & 27th, 2023**

	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>
Actual	\$2,561.55
Budget	<b><u>\$3,747.00</u></b>
	(1,185.45)
	<b><u>Year to date</u></b>
Actual	\$30,036.35
Budget	<b><u>\$33,723.00</u></b>
	(\$3,686.65)

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

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**  
**8/26: 42 8/27: 122**

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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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