

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 7 ~ 8th, 2023

Twenty Seventh
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 November 5th.

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 text from Isaiah this weekend may seem difficult to receive from the Lord. How could it be that Israel, imaged as a vineyard – could be given *everything* – only to have the Lord leave it for grazing, allowing the wall to be trampled, overgrown with thorns, and left to a drought? The answer is simple: The Lord looked for judgment and justice – but the people left him bloodshed and outcry.

So, a couple of reflection points:

In what way do you “cut and run” from the Lord, from others who are supposed to be among those you would consider “intimates” – men and women who *know* you. What would it take for you to be “exposed,” or “real” before them?

What do you do more, complain or praise?

Challenge this week:

Have at least one *real* conversation with someone where you share your heart and invite them to do the same.

Take one moment when you find yourself complaining or expressing sarcasm, or criticism and turn it into praising the Lord and thanking him for one thing, to do reparation, to make up for, the complaint, sarcasm, or criticism.

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 15th
in the hall at 10:00 AM

St. John: Sunday, October 22nd
in the hall at 10:00 AM

St. Patrick: Sunday, October 22nd
in the hall at 11:45 AM

St. John: Sunday, October 22nd in the hall

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

Trip to Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America Anyone interested in going on a free bus trip with the bible study group on Thursday, October 12th, to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC. Please contact Jane Murphy at 804-441-4075. Filling up the seats on a 1st come 1st served basis. Will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m.

Mark your Calendars - Annual Christmas Concert
Join us for our Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert to be held on 12/3/23 at 3:00pm at St. John's. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer. All are invited to attend! Please bring a donation of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene goods, or new baby items. Questions? Please email Katie (musicministerkate@gmail.com).

Love and Mercy – A Women’s Retreat, Saturday, November 11th, 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 11th 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 or scan the QR Code
Please contact Fr. Capuano for more info: 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 14th, 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

Boxes of Joy: 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 & pick up your box & brochure, it's time to go shopping and select gifts 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 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.** Any questions contact Eddie Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com

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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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WEEKLY COLLECTION
September 30th & October 1st, 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$2,138.55
Budget	<u>\$3,747.00</u> (\$1,608.45)
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$46,506.04
Budget	<u>\$52,458.00</u> (\$5,951.96)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving
MASS ATTENDANCE: 9/30: 38 10/1: 90