

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November 11 ~ 12th, 2023



Thirty-Second 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 ~
December 3rd



Celebrating Children

**To the parents of our young children,
may we suggest....**

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- Sit towards the front where it is easier to see and hear.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you need to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back.
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to Church, to God, and to Christ. Let them know that they are at home in this Liturgical gathering.

**To the members of the parish,
may we suggest....**

- A smile of encouragement is always welcome to the parents with small, active children.

Message from Our Pastor

Following the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls at the beginning of the month, we are aware of the need as Christians to focus on the development of a personal life of sanctity, that we might become saints, and the need to pray for those who have gone before us who have not yet been purified to embrace the Lord in His Beatific Vision.

Today we encounter St. Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonians. In the early days of the Church, so soon after Our Lord had ascended to heaven, there was worry, as there is now, regarding the state of those who have "fallen asleep," those who have died. St. Paul reminds us that we are not to be like the pagans, the unbelievers; we are *not* to be *unaware*, we are to have *hope*.

"Belief" for St. Paul is not intellectual assent. It is a "full life" commitment, a handing over, "I believe" means, "I hand my life to Jesus Christ". When I give myself to Jesus Christ, he lives in me and I in Him. Because I live in Him and He in me I can be assured that those who attached themselves to Him also live with Him following death.

What about those who have not "lived in Him", what will become of them? We entrust them to the mercy of God and work diligently for those still alive that they might see the Mercy of God.

We who are alive are offered the promise to be with Him. Will we accept it on a daily basis?

Please be assured of my prayers this week.

Fr. Capuano

News & Announcements



Donate a Turkey: *REMINDER

NEXT WEEKEND IS THE LAST WEEKEND FOR COLLECTION * In the spirit of Thanksgiving, please consider donating a frozen turkey to the St. Francis Home where they will provide Thanksgiving dinner to the residents & their visiting families. Donations may be dropped off in St. Patrick's Church Hall.

GIVING TUESDAY: Global giving day known as #GivingTuesday falls each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, which is November 28th. It was created to remind us, after all that shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, to also spend our money benefitting the Charities that are near and dear to our hearts. We encourage you to give to your favorite charitable cases on #GivingTuesday this year and we hope that St. Patrick's will be one of them! Please click this link <https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-1843> Or visit saintpatrickchurchhill.org and click in the logo E-giving.

The 2024 Sunday Missals: Now available in the vestibule with a suggested \$5.00 donation

CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST: The Knights of Columbus will be holding the Real Meaning of Christmas Poster Contest beginning on Sunday 11/19 with judging on Sunday 12/3. This is open to all children & teens between the ages of 3-17. Please see Donna Baird for details.



Unfortunately, individuals with poor intentions attempt to take advantage of us all when we are most vulnerable and distracted. The holiday season is always a scammer's busiest time. PLEASE DO NOT FALL PREY TO EMAILS IMPERSONATING FR. CAPUANO, FR. REDMOND, OR THE STAFF. THE PRIEST AND STAFF OF THE PARISH WILL NEVER ASK YOU FOR GIFT CARDS OR CASH/MONEY ORDERS BE MAILED TO THEM FROM YOU. IF EVER CONFUSED BY AN EMAIL OR TEXT LOOKING AUTHENTIC OR NOT, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THE OFFICE FOR VERIFICATION.

BOXES OF JOY: Thanks so much for your participation in the boxes of joy program this year, 42 boxes were collected & are on the way to children in time for Christmas.

EMAIL BLASTS: Occasionally, email blasts are sent to St. Patrick parishioners with church event details or other items of note. If you haven't been receiving emails and would like to be on the St. Patrick distribution list, please email Billie Keating at bjk6269@comcast.net.

Announcements in the parish: Those interested in submitting weekend announcements should send them via email to office@saintpatrickchurchhill.org no later than **Wednesday at 9:00 AM each week**. I will review the submission and edit the selections as necessary. We are attempting to direct attention to the bulletin and provide for immediate needs only during weekend announcements. Generally, recurring events would be advertised in the bulletin, and website. – Fr. Capuano

State of the Parish: Thanks very much for your kind attention to the “State of the Parish” conversation. As mentioned in previous bulletins and in general conversation, please see some basic facts about the duplex property that will help fill out some of the details that may or may not have been conveyed in the past:

1. Fr. Maxwell sent a letter to the parish inviting feedback around the time that the property was up for purchase. Information was subsequently conveyed to the parish-at-large about the purchase, after the project was considered by the Bishop, diocesan offices, and parish finance council.
2. Purchase price: \$535,000
 - a. \$358,000 from General Savings
 - b. \$178,000 financed 10-year note, to be paid over the course of time by regular payments by the Irish Festival proceeds.
3. The property is currently managed by *Real Property Management*. We have 2 tenants (the 3rd floor lease expires on 31 July 2024. The 2nd floor lease expires on 30 September 2024. Both units comprise independently accessed units for separate tenants and include 1 or 2 bedrooms, other living spaces, kitchens, and appliances. The roof is in “good” condition currently. There is parking available for the unit, behind the building.
4. As communicated previously, the Irish Festival Committee is renting out the “English Basement” for storage.
5. We will need to let the current tenants know of our intentions regarding the units by the spring.
6. Immediate possible options:
 - a. Continue to rent out the 3rd and 2nd floors as income and to pay the parish/ Irish Festival back for the investment.

- b. Flip one or both units for new tenants for investment.
- c. Flip one or both units for a collaboration with the Office of the Vicar for Clergy for priest housing.
- d. Flip one or both units for the establishment of a parish office and auxiliary needs of the parish.
- e. *All of these ideas are presently being considered by a committee of individuals in consultation with the Finance Council and collaboration with the Office of Finance.*

As always, don't hesitate to reach out with concerns, questions, and ideas - Fr. Capuano



WEEKLY COLLECTION November 4 & 5th 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$3,887.55
Budget	<u>\$3,147.00</u> \$740.55

	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$64,715.79
Budget	<u>\$71,193.00</u> (\$6,477.21)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving



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