

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November 18 - 19th, 2023



Thirty-Third 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

Message from Our Pastor

As we come to the closing days of the season and anticipate a new liturgical year, the second reading is appropriate. Advent is a time to celebrate the dual coming of the Lord: a liturgical commemoration of the Incarnation and a hope-filled anticipation of the Second Coming of Our Lord at the end of the age. As we approach the Lord, we should not be cavalier as if we just rest on the merits of baptism; nor should we be fearful, as if grace is not available for us to remain "children of light and children of the day."

This week, let's prayerfully consider how the Lord is inviting us to be alert and ready for the coming of the Lord, is always at the door ready to knock, will we answer?

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

News & Announcements



Donate a Turkey: This Sunday 11/18 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 dinner to the residents & their visiting families. Donations may be dropped off in St. Patrick's Church Hall.

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.

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH
PRESENTS:**

Wednesday Advent Reflections
(and tapas)

Each Wednesday during Advent, St. Patrick's welcomes you, your family, and your friends to join us for a time of prayer and reflection.

Sung Vespers Prayer

6 - 6:30 pm

Vespers is a meditative prayer service consisting of two psalms and a hymn. It is a great opportunity to wind down and recenter mid-week during this busy time of year. Virginia Tilley will serve as cantor and soloist.

All-Ages Advent Reflection (and tapas)

6:30 - 7:30 pm

We will review a Gospel reading each week, and discuss how it impacts our everyday lives. Related coloring pages and crayons will be provided.

Weekly Reflection Themes:

- Dec 6 - Peace (Psalm 23)
- Dec 13 - Joy (St. Luke 1:39-47)
- Dec 20 - Love (St. Luke 1:26-38)

Bring an appetizer, tapa, or beverage to share. We will be meeting downstairs in the church hall. If you are attending Vespers, you can drop it off beforehand.

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215 N. 25th St. Richmond, VA 23223

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

Finances: You may or may not have noticed the weekly deficit to the budget. All three parishes rely on one another to ensure that we can manage costs, support staff, and keep doors open. **St. Patrick is lagging behind and not pulling its weight.** Without your generosity, we are not in a place to be able to keep the Church accessible to the faithful. Moving forward, we cannot assume that the Irish Festival contributions will continue. While the Festival is not going anywhere anytime soon, we cannot assume they will always have funding to support the parish and our various needs. **We need to support ourselves.** Recently the ice machine broke down, I do not have funding to fix it or replace it and we have had additional maintenance costs in other areas of the building. Without consistent commitments to the parish general offertory, we will be forced to pull funds from our endowments – this is not sustainable long-term. Please consider making a regular contribution to the general offertory through E-Giving. If you are already doing so, thank you for your generosity. Without our combined sacrifices, I will have to consider cutting efforts to grow the parish and will be forced to slow efforts to support needed restoration and maintenance of the buildings. For those not contributing anything, why not? For those who have made a commitment to E-Giving, have you reviewed your contribution? At one point in the past, I didn't review my own contributions to the Church for ten years, I could have been making adjustments for change in pay and inflation. If you don't regularly attend St. Patrick, but consider it home, please consider making a regular contribution to ensure we can keep this little parish open in the city. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity and continued support of the parish. - Fr. Capuano

GIVING TUESDAY: Global giving day known as #GivingTuesday falls each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. which is 11/28. It was created to remind us, after all that shopping on Black Friday & Cyber Monday, to also spend our money benefitting the Charities that are near & 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 & click in the logo E-giving

Duplex Committee:

As you know, I have created a “duplex committee” to discuss the use of the newly acquired property and to continue the discussion regarding the desire of the development of a volunteer-based office that would enable us to develop efforts of growth within the parish. To that end, I invited parishioners to consider reaching out if they wanted to assist in these efforts. In addition to those who reached out, I extended invitations to others. The current committee is made up of the following parishioners: Ken Aspinall, Steve Costa, Karen Lipscomb, Kristi McCune (representing the finance council), Gerri Glidden, Eddie Baird (presenting the Pastoral Council), Billie Keating (who sits in on parish staff meetings), and Bruce Kitchen. Please let me know if you have any reflections or concerns – Fr. Capuano

Annual Appeal Check

As you know, we have an annual diocesan appeal to support larger projects in the diocese, like vocation promotions, support for growing the patrimony of the diocese and ministry to divorced individuals (i.e. the Marriage Tribunal) as well as other worthy projects. This appeal is usually conducted in the spring. A portion of every dollar comes back to the parish, during the 2023 fiscal year, we pledged \$7,412 and \$1,500 was to come back to the parish. Of those funds, a \$209 disbursement recently came back to the parish. Thank you for your continued generosity. Fr. Capuano

Stained Glass Window Update

We’ve finally received an update regarding the stained-glass windows. Two proposals have been offered: 1) maintain and provide new covers, without completing restoration of the last of the windows: \$98,844 – this is pretty reasonable in my experience; 2) Complete new covers to all windows, finish restoration of remaining windows: \$207,804. Please let me know your thoughts and concerns. At present, we can hold the project, but it will need to be addressed at some point in the next couple of years. – Fr. Capuano

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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



WEEKLY COLLECTION
November 11 & 12th 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$3,735.55
Budget	<u>\$3,147.00</u> \$588.55

	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$68,469.34
Budget	<u>\$74,940.00</u> (\$6,470.66)

Mass Attendance:
11/11: 27 11/23: 143

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving



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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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