

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 14-15th, 2023

Twenty Eighth
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 ~ November 5th.

Message from Our Pastor

In the second reading this week, we hear from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians: In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

Of course, the focus is on the final phrase, Christ is the One who *strengthens us*. How is this the case? This week, we are reading from chapter four, in chapter 1 Paul says: "For to me, life is Christ and death is gain." Because He is *Source*, everything we need comes from Him.

When you look at your life, are you reliant on your own "reserves," or are you asking for specific kinds of grace by name? When you turn to the Lord, and "pray," don't just say "help me" or some version of that. What *specifically* do you need? Be direct, be clear. Your prayer also should be: "help me with 'x.'" What about "x"?

Instead, your prayer might be: "Lord, I can see I am at my end, give me patience in *this* task...in this upcoming conversation," or "Lord, I'm always sarcastic with this person, because I don't value their opinion and my sarcasm masks my disdain, help me to see their goodness, or their attempt to do what is right."

Notice the focus of the prayer, so that you and I can get at specific ways in which we might grow and rely upon Christ to give us everything we need.

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

Meeting Update:

A couple of weeks ago we had a meeting to begin discussions on the recently purchased duplex to the left of the Church. As you know, this purchase was secured through the assistance of the Irish Festival Committee. We have the next year to determine our next course of action, as we have tenants in both units on the second and third floors until at least next September. We are currently working on developing ideas for the good stewardship of the building and continuing conversations on the viability of developing a team of volunteers to establish an office and open-Church times at St. Patrick during the week. Please let me know your thoughts and concerns as we take next steps to build up the parish community: bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org

Construction projects: We are contracting with a local company to repair some plaster in the sanctuary around the windows and working to update some of the lighting in the sanctuary. Additionally, we are trying to secure bids to restore the front doors and the possibility of updating the sound system. As we are very tight in our weekly budget, we would benefit greatly from your financial generosity. The doors will cost anywhere from \$8000-\$10,000 and the sounds system might cost anywhere from \$10,000 - \$30,000. One step at a time, though, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fr. Capuano

Gratitude:

Many thanks for all those who came out to support St. Peter's gathering last Saturday. Thank you to all who dedicated so much time and energy to provide opportunity for fellowship. The Lord was very gracious with the weather, despite the initial forecast in the morning. Fr. Capuano

40 Days for Life:

Prayer Warriors needed on Thursday October 19th, signup sheet in the back of church.

Liturgical ministry workshop: Thank you to everyone who was able to be present for the workshop. For those unable to attend, please see one of the priests or other ministers who benefited from the time to learn about Fr. Capuano's perspectives on the liturgy and how we will be adjusting our celebrations to draw more closely to the Lord and one another and to ensure we are all growing in our liturgical understanding of the Sacred Liturgy.

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

Spaghetti Dinner: The Council of Women of St. John's will host an Spaghetti dinner on Friday, November 3, from 5 to 7. The cost is \$12 a person, children under 6 eat free. The menu is pasta with meatballs, sauce with vegetables, salad, bread, dessert, and drink. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of church. Please come and support us.

Boxes of Joy: Reminder to return your filled box on 10/28 and 10/29. (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.) 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.

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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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WEEKLY COLLECTION October 7 & 8th, 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	
Actual	\$4,554.55
Budget	<u>\$3,747.00</u>
	\$807.55
<u>Year to date</u>	
Actual	\$51,060.55
Budget	<u>\$56,205.00</u>
	(\$5,144.41)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE: 10/7: 43 10/8: 103