

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 21-22nd, 2023

Twenty Ninth
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.



All Hallows' Eve Candlelight Compline and Vigils with Procession

Tuesday October 31,

Halloween Night at 7:30pm

Historic St. Patrick's Church in Church Hill

All are invited to this special sung candlelit prayer
service. Refreshments to follow.

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.

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

Message from Our Pastor

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, we hear of Cyrus the Persian who was the ruler during the Babylonian captivity who pulled the Israelites from bondage. He was classed as a Messiah by the people.

We are used to thinking of those who serve as “liberators” as men and women on the same “side” as those oppressed. More specifically, we are used to seeing the Messiah as Christ Himself. That is clear, but so is the person of Cyrus, who was termed as “shepherd” (44:28), the “anointed” (45:1), which is also a metaphor for a “king” (Jeremiah 23:1-6; cf. 2 Samuel 5:2). These anointed ones were meant to lead, guide and protect the people.

What it suggests is that all things and all people can be used by the Lord in the life of grace to assist us in our process of sanctification. This week, look around your life and see what unique situations and circumstances you might turn “inside out” and consider in a new light. Might the Lord be using a unique moment (like He used the pagan King Cyrus) to help liberate you from some unique form of bondage in your life?

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

News & Announcements

The 2024 Catholic Art Calendars have arrived at St. Pat's and may be picked up at the entrance to the church.

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

St. Patrick: Sunday, October 22nd in the church at 12 noon *this is a change to accommodate those who have a difficult time accessing the hall.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The return of the World-Famous St Patrick's Irish ☘ Coffee is just around the corner! Please join us on **Nov 4th & 5th** as we celebrate the Richmond Highland Games at Dorey Park.

The proceeds from the Irish Coffee go to St Patrick's Church, so please come out and help!

Great way to meet fellow parishioners & enjoy the Highland Games which benefits the Cullather Brain Tumor Center at Bon Secours.

Don't know how to make an Irish ☘ Coffee, we will teach you! **Sign-up sheet is in the Church Hall**, free passes to the Games. For info, please contact Stokes @ stokesmccune@aol.com or see Ryland, Fred, Eddie or Michelle.

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.

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!

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.

Looking for your input: 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

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

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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 14 & 15th, 2023**

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$4,249.55
Budget	<u>\$3,747.00</u>
	\$1,102.55
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$55,310.14
Budget	<u>\$59,952.00</u>
	(\$4,641.86)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE: 10/14: 36 10/15: 115