

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times: Saturdays at 5:30pm &  
Sundays at 10:45am

Holy Hour: After mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sunday of each month

Sharing Sunday – November 5<sup>th</sup>.



### All Hallows' Eve Candlelight Compline and Vigils with Procession

Tuesday October 31,  
Halloween Night at **8:00pm**

**(Please note this is a change from the last bulletin)**

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 boxes on 10/28 and 10/29.

## Message from Our Pastor

In the Book of Exodus this week we hear the following: "If ever you wrong [the widow and orphan] and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." These are stark words.

In the Gospel, the Lord reminds us not to be afraid of the one who can kill the body, but to be more concerned with the one who can kill the soul (cf. Matthew 10:28).

*One of our concerns as Christians is to care for the least, to support the least, to work for their defense. Without that care and concern, we are risking killing the soul, the sword of judgment left hanging over our heads. This is why we have the corporal and spiritual works of mercy placed before us, to ensure that our bodies and souls are united, and we are ever aware of the need to work to promote the buildup of the Body of Christ.*

This week, how can you be attentive to the needs of those around you? Please be assured of my prayers this week.  
- Fr. Capuano

## News & Announcements

**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.

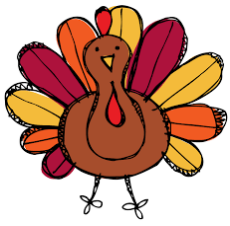
**The proceeds from the Irish Coffee go to St Patrick's Church, so please come out and help!**

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](mailto:bjk6269@comcast.net).

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

**Healing and the Sacraments:** Please join Fr. Nick Redmond for the last of the three-part teaching series entitled Healing and the Sacraments. The third session is Monday, Oct 30, St. Peter's Basement.



**Donate a Turkey:** In the spirit of Thanksgiving and as in years past, please consider donating a frozen turkey to the St. Francis Home where they will provide Thanksgiving dinner to the residents and their visiting families. Turkey donations may be dropped off in St. Patrick's Church Hall in back freezer on Sundays 11/5, 11/12 & 11/19/23 before or after Mass. Any questions contact Eddie Baird 804-986-2898.

**State of the Parish:** Thank you to all those who participated in our "State of the Parish" conversations that have provided an opportunity for you to hear from me and me to hear from you in a more casual way. Please consider how we might continue to grow our communities and provide additional formation for you in the Faith.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTg5NzQ2) or scan the QR Code  
Please contact Fr. Capuano for more info: bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org

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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 21 & 22nd, 2023

	Weekly
Actual	\$3,357.55
Budget	\$3,747.00
	(\$250.55)
	Year to date
Actual	\$58,667.69
Budget	\$63,699.00
	(\$5,031.31)

**Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving**