

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

December 9 & 10th, 2023



Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Times:

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

Holy Hour:

After mass on the 3rd Sunday
of each month

Sharing Sunday - January 7th

Message from Our Pastor

In the epistle from St. Peter, we are reminded that the Lord's sense of time is not like our own. We are often impatient with the Lord's action in our lives. St. Peter reminds us that the Lord is patient with us, which in my view, should prompt us to regularly reflect upon how that patience is manifest in our life. Consider how we are often presumptuous of His Mercy in our delay or refusal to go to confession, in our delay or refusal to repent and convert.

We're then reminded that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night". As a penitential season, Advent is a grace-filled time to return to the Lord and cultivate those devotions that will foster faith in our youth and various family members.

We've listed a series of opportunities for devotion and sacraments in the cluster this season. Please take advantage and draw closer to the Lord!

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones this week.

Fr. Capuano

News & Announcements



Father Brian Bourbon Brown Ale

A few years ago, through a series of various of events, I had the opportunity to collaborate with Trapezium Brewing Company, 423 Third Street, Petersburg, to create a unique beer. The result: brewery blessing, beer release just before Lent, and a fan favorite beer in Petersburg that supported the renovation of the Church and School over multiple years. This year, Trapezium wanted to re-release the beer, prepped in bourbon barrels over the last two years. Proceeds will be contributed to The Pro-Cathedral of Saint Peter in honor of the parish's 150th anniversary in May. The beer will be released beginning at 12:30 PM on Saturday, December 16th with a simple tapping of the keg and available for purchase on draft and in cans until gone. For more information, please be in touch, Fr Capuano.

SAINT FRANCIS HOME:

Please join Saint Patrick's members for a joyful Christmas visit to the Saint Francis Home on Saturday December 16th at 10 am. We will meet with residents and provide Christmas treats (treats will be provided). We will meet at the St Francis Home located at 65 West Clopton street at 10 am on Saturday December 16th. To RSVP & for more information contact Eddie Baird at 804.986.2898 (voice or text)

CHURCH HILL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR:

After Mass on Sunday, December 10th, we will be opening our doors to the greater community as part of the Church Hill Holiday House Tour from 12pm-5pm. This is an exciting opportunity to share the history and welcoming aesthetic of our cozy parish. With that said, we are looking for volunteers to help with refreshments during the event and the donation of prepared Holiday baked goods. Please sign-up downstairs after mass if you can help with either of these requests. Baked good donation drop offs can be made day of or on Saturday, December 9th between 3-5pm. Thank you and God Bless!

ANNUAL SANTA BREAKFAST:

Please join us for St. Patrick Santa Breakfast in the church hall after 10:45 mass on Sunday, 12/17. Come enjoy breakfast and a visit from a special guest!

HELP NEEDED TO DECORATE CHURCH:

Help is needed to decorate the church immediately after 10:45 Mass on 12/24. Because Sunday being the 4th Sunday of Advent, we cannot decorate until the afternoon, HOWEVER it needs to be completed by the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass. Please consider helping - many hands will make it quicker and more fun! Contact Kara at 804-683-5552 or email at kara7811@msn.com. In addition, help will be needed after Mass on Jan. 7th to UNdecorate!

St. Patrick Presents – Advent Series

Join us for Vespers in the Church followed by refreshments and a shared reflection on Wednesday in Advent. Come for all or part. If you plan on staying for the reflection, please bring an appetizer, tapa, or beverage to share. Please email Fr. Capuano with questions or concerns: bcapuano@richmonddiocese.org.

When: 6:00 PM Vespers, in the Church; 6:30 – 7:30 PM Reflection and Fellowship in the hall

Topics: December 13, Joy (Luke 1:39-47); December 20, Love (Luke 1:26-38)

Finances: As noted previously, the boiler was down over the Thanksgiving weekend. Through a generous contribution from a non-parishioner, the cost of the repair was covered. Additionally, we were able to repair the ice maker and freezer after losing both recently. St. Peter social ministry covered the cost of the freezer and the Irish Festival covered the cost of the repairs to the ice maker. Lastly, a parishioner donated \$4,000 for use by the pastor according to the needs of the parish. I will be working with the finance council during our next meeting to consider

how to use the funds. At present, I think starting a simple building fund would be an appropriate use of the funds to slowly build up reserves for the church, rectory and duplex expenses. Thank you for your continued generosity, please pass the word around that we encourage folks to make recurring contributions to the parish through E-Giving. – Fr. Capuano



**WEEKLY COLLECTION
November 25 & 26th 2023**

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$3,162.55
Budget	\$4,963.55
	\$1,801.00
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$80,809.99
Budget	\$86,181.00
	(\$5,371.01)
	Mass Attendance:
11/25:	37
11/26:	135

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

**Holy Day Schedule for Saint Patrick for
December and January**

As you are aware, the celebration of Advent and Christmas poses some unique challenges for us this year, since the fourth Sunday of Advent is on Sunday, December 24th. To that end and given the limitation of our priests and guest celebrants, we have a modified liturgical schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Please note that Catholics are obligated to attend Holy Mass on Sunday and all Holy Days. So don't plan on coming on Christmas only to the exclusion of the 4th Sunday of Advent!

**Friday, December 8 – (Holy Day of Obligation)
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**
6:00 PM Mass (St. Patrick)

Saturday, December 9: Confessions from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at St. Patrick

Wednesday, December 13: 6:00 PM Vespers (St. Patrick); 6:30 PM St Patrick Presents Advent Reflection (St. Patrick Hall)

Wednesday, December 14: Confessions from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at St. Patrick

Wednesday, December 20: 6:00 PM Vespers (St. Patrick); 6:30 PM St Patrick Presents Advent Reflection (St. Patrick Hall)

Saturday, December 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent. 4:30 PM Confession (St. Patrick); 5:30 PM Mass at St. Patrick

Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent
10:45 AM Mass at St. Patrick.

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
4:00 PM Mass at St. Patrick.

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day
MIDNIGHT Mass at St. Patrick
10:45 AM Mass at St. Patrick

**Monday, January 1,
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**
Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year
10:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick

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