

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

December
23 & 24th, 2023



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Times:

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

Holy Hour: After mass on the 3rd
Sunday of each

Sharing Sunday – January 7th

Message from Our Pastor

In the first reading, we see the Lord's promise to send His Son, seen through the image of King's David's desire to construct a Temple. Historically, the first temple will be built by his son, Solomon, and it will be fully realized in the Incarnation. As we turn from the penitence of Advent to the glorious simplicity of the Nativity, how are you handing your desires over to the Lord so that He might properly purify them and fulfill them.

Practically, as we start the Christmas season this evening, try to be intentional about calling a desire to mind and spiritually hand it to the Lord asking him to purify it and heal it for you. Add to it an intention to be very deliberate in your engagement with others over the Christmas season. The Father deliberately sent His Son, so that His gaze might heal us. You and I share in that in the ways that we are deliberate with one another.

In anticipation, Merry Christmas, please be assured of my prayers,

Fr. Capuano

News & Announcements



2024 IRISH FESTIVAL:

The Board of Directors of the Church Hill Irish Festival voted to move the festival from its regular weekend to the weekend of March 16 & 17th. We are looking forward to getting things rolling in the new year with planning meetings & getting our fantastic volunteers set up!

Phone Text Scam. Recently a scam has been going on around the parish, sent by an individual claiming to be Fr. Capuano. As we have indicated before, the clergy and staff will never solicit funds in random, half-written emails, or in texts. Please consider the context in which emails and texts are sent. Do you have someone's cell number? How does the person usually sign his or her name or craft sentences. Please be safe, I don't need an Apple Gift Card! -
Fr. Capuano

Message from our Music Minister Katie Goodloe & Father:

Over the past six years of serving as music coordinator for St. John and St. Patrick Catholic Church, I've met and worked with wonderful clergy, dedicated lay leaders, appreciative congregants, and some of the most kind and talented musicians I've ever known. The kindness, gratitude and support you've shown during my time with you is deeply appreciated. However, I've taken the opportunity to serve Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church starting in the new year. While this wasn't an easy decision, it was needed to help meet the needs of my family and me. I will miss getting to work with everyone, especially my beautiful, dedicated, and very talented music ministry ladies at St. John and St. Patrick!
In Christ's Love - Katie Goodloe

I'm very grateful for Katie's dedication to the parish, and I know that she will be sorely missed by the communities. Let's be sure to accompany her with our prayers as she begins a new chapter in her life and then be ready to welcome her back if there are opportunities in the future. Katie has been so kind as to set us up with assistance through the middle of February, as we take time to consider looking for someone who can fill her shoes. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out. – Fr. Capuano

Special Collection to benefit The Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Pontifical Mission:

In the last couple of weeks, Bishop Knestout approved support to take up a special collection that would benefit the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Pontifical Mission that is on the ground in Jerusalem, Gaza, Beirut, and Amman. They are collecting aid for immediate emergency needs. We will take up a **special collection** on the weekend of December 30-31 at all Masses in the collection in support of the Association.

FreeWill & Catholic Community Foundation

The diocese has partnered with FreeWill to offer a **free, comprehensive estate planning tool**. This will allow you to prepare your “estate” & consider supporting our parishes through a unique contribution. St. Peter & St. Patrick have both benefited from significant gifts over the last year that have enabled the parishes to maintain & develop programming for the communities due to individual end-of-life contributions that called each of the parishes “home.” Visit:

<https://www.freewill.com/richmondcatholicfoundation> for more information



Happy Birthday Father Capuano! (12/27)
Wishing you many blessed years!

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!

**Saturday, December 23
– 4th Sunday of Advent**

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Confession (St. Patrick)
4:30 PM Confession (St. Patrick, St. John)
5:30 PM Mass (St. Patrick, St. John)

Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Mass (St. Peter)
10:45 AM Mass (St. Patrick)
10:45 AM Mass (St. John – Bilingual)
*The 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM Mass
are cancelled for this day only.*

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas

4:00 PM Mass (St. Peter, St. Patrick)
6:00 PM Mass (St. John, English)
8:00 PM Mass (St. John, Spanish)

Monday, December 25 – Christmas

MIDNIGHT Mass (St. Patrick)
8:30 AM Mass (St. Peter)
10:45 AM Mass (St. Patrick)
10:45 AM Mass (St. John, Bilingual)
*Daily confession and 12:05 PM Mass is
cancelled for this day only.*

**Wednesday, December 27 –
Patronal Feast of St. John 9AM Mass (St. John)**

**Saturday-Sunday, December 30-31
– Feast of the Holy Family**
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

**Monday, January 1 -
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**
Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year
9:15 AM Confession (St. Peter)
10:00 AM Mass (St. Peter, St. Patrick, St. John)



Weekly Collection
December 16th & 17th 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$7,084.55
Budget	<u>\$4,963.55</u>
	\$2,121.00

	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$93,164.09
Budget	<u>\$93,675.00</u>
	(\$510.91)

Mass Attendance:
12/16: 40 12/17: 150

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

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