

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

December 30th & 31st, 2023



Feast of the Holy Family

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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It was established by Pope Benedict XV in 1921 and was originally set within the context of the Octave (8-day celebration) of the Feast of the Epiphany (the Sunday between January 7 and 13). With the revision of the liturgical rites, it was transferred to the Sunday after the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas). It was first celebrated in 1841 as a local feast of the Diocese of Quebec.

For Catholics, the family is the first experience of faith. As we hear from St. Paul, “faith comes through hearing” (Romans 10:17). Your decision to share the faith through signs and symbols is essential for our youth to grow in “wisdom and grace” as we hear in the Gospel of Matthew. Our youth will come to understand the necessity of the sacraments because of your worthy and deliberate celebration of the same. I came to see the necessity of confession, because I watched my father make a deliberate attempt to access the sacrament regularly. When he recognized he wasn’t prepared to go to Communion, he didn’t jump in line, and neither did my siblings and I. He demonstrated faith by actively participating in Church and demanding that the culture of the home was imbued with religious ritual.

Consider setting up a home altar, with icons, crosses, liturgical colors, et cetera, to show your family members the centrality of the faith at home where Christ can be the King of hearts.

Merry Christmas, please be assured of my prayers. - Fr. Capuano

News & Announcements

Special Collection this weekend

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** this weekend in support of the Association. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Day Schedule for January

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Monday, January 1st

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

9:15 AM Confession (St. Peter)

10:00 AM Mass at

St. Peter, St. Patrick, & St. John

Thank you: Special thank you to all the people who made our Advent and Christmas Season around SPC special. From the people who decorated our church so beautifully, took care of cleaning up, the elves who made our Santa Breakfast special, our musicians who play and sing so beautifully and all others – THANK YOU!

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!

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

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



Weekly Collection December 23 & 24th 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$9,244.55
Budget	<u>\$4,963.55</u>
	\$4,281.00

	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$102,408.64
Budget	<u>\$97,422.00</u>
	\$4,986.64

Mass Attendance:

5:30: 54 **10:45am:** 93 **4PM:** 147

MIDNIGHT: 54 **10:45AM:** 65

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

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