

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November 25 – 26th, 2023



The Solemnity of
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Mass Times:

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

Holy Hour:

After mass on the 3rd Sunday
of each month

Sharing Sunday – December 3rd

Message from Our Pastor

St. Paul says to the Corinthians in the second reading: “as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Do you do that? I think, most days, I try to simply “survive” the day. If we are “awaiting” we have bags packed, not actively looking for “the bus to pick us up,” as if we were standing still, but “dynamically living,” engaged, hopefully, expectant...not just surviving.

This week, I challenge you to “see” how you are simply “surviving.” Gather that up before the “eyes of your heart,” offer it to the Lord at the foot of the Cross and repent of having an unhealthy self-reliance. Maybe ask the Lord for the gift of trust this week to be able to rely more deliberately upon Him and not your own resources.

Please be assured of my prayers.
Fr. Capuano

News & Announcements

CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST: The Knights of Columbus will be holding the Real Meaning of Christmas Poster Contest beginning on Sunday 11/19 with judging on Sunday 12/3. Open to all children & teens between the ages of 3-17. Please see Donna Baird for details

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH
PRESENTS:**

Wednesday Advent Reflections
(and tapas)

Each Wednesday during Advent, St. Patrick's welcomes you, your family, and your friends to join us for a time of prayer and reflection.

Sung Vespers Prayer

6 - 6:30 pm
Vespers is a meditative prayer service consisting of two psalms and a hymn. It is a great opportunity to wind down and recenter mid-week during this busy time of year. Virginia Tilley will serve as cantor and soloist.

All-Ages Advent Reflection (and tapas)

6:30 - 7:30 pm We will review a Gospel reading each week, and discuss how it impacts our everyday lives. Related coloring pages and crayons will be provided.

Weekly Reflection Themes:
• Dec 6 - Peace (Psalm 23)
• Dec 13 - Joy (St. Luke 1:39-47)
• Dec 20 - Love (St. Luke 1:26-38)

Bring an appetizer, tapa, or beverage to share. We will be meeting downstairs in the church hall. If you are attending Vespers, you can drop it off beforehand.

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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!

#GIVING TUESDAY: Global giving day known as #GivingTuesday falls each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. which is 11/28. It was created to remind us, after all that shopping on Black Friday & Cyber Monday, to also spend our money benefitting the Charities that are near & dear to our hearts. We encourage you to give to your favorite charitable cases on #GivingTuesday this year and we hope that St. Patrick's will be one of them! Please click this link <https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-1843> Or visit saintpatrickchurchhill.org & click in the logo E-giving.

Thank you: Thank you to everyone who donated a turkey to St. Francis Home for their Thanksgiving dinner. We collected 22 turkeys weighing in around 375 pounds! The religious education children did a great job collecting shampoo, soap, body wash, lotion, and other items for residents.

Finances: You may or may not have noticed the weekly deficit to the budget. All three parishes rely on one another to ensure that we can manage costs, support staff, and keep doors open. **St. Patrick is lagging behind and not pulling its weight.** Without your generosity, we are not in a place to be able to keep the Church accessible to the faithful. Moving forward, we cannot assume that the Irish Festival contributions will continue. While the Festival is not going anywhere anytime soon, we cannot assume they will always have funding to support the parish and our various needs. **We need to support ourselves.** Recently the ice machine broke down, I do not have funding to fix it or replace it and we have had additional maintenance costs in other areas of the building. Without consistent commitments to the parish general offertory, we will be forced to pull funds from our endowments – this is not sustainable long-term. Please consider making a regular contribution to the general offertory through E-Giving. If you are already doing so, thank you for your generosity. Without our combined sacrifices, I will have to consider cutting efforts to grow the parish and will be forced to slow efforts to support needed restoration and maintenance of the buildings. For those not contributing anything, why not? For those who have made a commitment to E-Giving, have you reviewed your contribution? At one point in the past, I didn't review my own contributions to the Church for ten years, I could have been making adjustments for change in pay and inflation. If you don't regularly attend St. Patrick, but consider it home, please consider making a regular contribution to ensure we can keep this little parish open in the city. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity and continued support of the parish. - Fr. Capuano

Stained Glass Window Update

We've finally received an update regarding the stained-glass windows. Two proposals have been offered: 1) maintain and provide new covers, without completing restoration of the last of the windows: \$98,844 – this is pretty reasonable in my experience; 2) Complete new covers to all windows, finish restoration of remaining windows: \$207,804. Please let me know your thoughts and concerns. At present, we can hold the project, but it will need to be addressed at some point in the next couple of years. – Fr. Capuano



WEEKLY COLLECTION
November 18 & 19th 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$4,214.55
Budget	<u>\$3,147.00</u>
	\$1,067.55
<u>Year to date</u>	
Actual	\$72,683.89
Budget	<u>\$78,687.00</u>
	(\$6,003.11)
Mass Attendance:	
11/18:	36
11/19:	101

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

Saturday, December 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent.
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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