

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

January 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> 2024



## Feast of the Epiphany

### Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm &

Sundays at 10:45am

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

Sharing Sunday - February 4th

## Message from Our Pastor

*Today we celebrate the transferred Feast of the Epiphany, traditionally celebrated on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. In the Gospel, the magi indicate that they “saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” One of the necessary “faculties” that must be exercised in the human soul is that of “sight.” The ability to “see” with the “eyes” of faith (cf. Heb 11:1-140). Two people can react to the same scenario in two drastically different ways, one response leads to more faith, the other to despair. Each moment is a moment to be “looking” for how the Lord is working, or we can allow these moments to pass us by because we are consumed with tasks and events. The magi were consumed with coming to greater faith; Herod was consumed with staying in power. Consider the kind of “sight” you might cultivate this week.*

*Merry Christmas, the season ends tomorrow on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, please be assured of my prayers this week,*

*Fr. Capuano*



### **Celebrating Children: To the parents of our young children, may we suggest....**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.

Sit towards the front where it is easier to see and hear.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you need to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back.

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to Church, to God, and to Christ. Let them know that they are at home in this Liturgical gathering.

**To the members of the parish, may we suggest....** A smile of encouragement is always welcome to the parents with small, active children.

## News & Announcements

**Pastoral Council:** The Pastoral Council has been meeting recently to discuss new efforts to share the Gospel within the parishes. Upcoming meetings will involve sharing facilitator techniques and training the members in the skills necessary to share the Gospel. Additionally, various members will be offering small-group formation opportunities for the faithful in the coming months. Keep an eye out on the bulletin.

**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!

### 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

## 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 & 17<sup>th</sup>. **Our kickoff planning meeting will be after mass on Sunday 1/14.** We are looking forward to getting things rolling in the new year with planning meetings & getting our fantastic volunteers set up!*



## Weekly Collection December 30 & 31st 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$3,316.55
Budget	<u>\$4,963.55</u> (\$1,647.00)

	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$105,725.19
Budget	<u>\$101,169.00</u> \$4,556.19

**Mass Attendance:**  
**5:30: 39 10:45am: 81**  
**Monday 10am: 42**

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

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