



**PRO CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Emergency** – If someone is dying  
or there has been a death, please  
Call: **804-402-1221**

**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm**  
**Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices**  
**Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:15 am**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 28, 2024**

**Mass Intention: 8:30am Nathaniel Ince(D)  
10:45am Buff Ward(D)**

**Today's Music**

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	#510
I want to walk as a child of the light	
<b>PSALM</b>	#875
If today you hear His voice O Harden not your hearts	
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	#513
Word of God come down on Earth	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	#729
O Food of Exiles Lowly	
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	#607
I heard the voice of Jesus say	

**Office Hours**

**8:30am to 4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

Emails:

Pastor: Very Rev. Fr Brian Capuano,  
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**PRAYER LIST**

Lillian Allen, Clemente Andrews, Ava Blakeslee-Carter, Elena Chavez, Tucker Conley, Alan DeNardo, Baby Genesis Del Valle, Rick DuFour, Robert Dunham, Shirley Dunn, Nancy Eckler, Joan Faison, Renee Galietti, Steve Gerloff, James Green, Dennis Greene, Sandy Haddix, Bret Hall, Chris Harley, Michael Harley, Willeen Kirby, Helen Liggan, Clotilde Uceta Jimenez, Mare Marshall, Ralph Hyatt, Millie Kennedy, Sherrie Markow, Trish Markow, Marie Martinelli, Rita Mayer, Stokes McCune, Eileen McLaughlin, A. R. Murray, Dr Paul Ohai, Helen Oliver, Jesse Oliver, Mildred Parham, Clara Pate, Pat Penhallow, Camilla Raimo, Mary Margaret Shannon, Linda Shisler, Special Intention, George Stilen, Geraldine Thornton, Kathy VanPelt, Mimi Ward, Roger Wayte, Richard Williams, Bob & Maggie Wilkins, Jim & Kathy Wood, Eileen Zorzi

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon 01/29: Casey Polczynski(L)  
Tues 01/30: Greg & Elaine DeNardo(L) Wedding Anniversary  
Wed 01/31:(St John Bosco) Lyouel Dupoux(D)  
Thur02/01: Peter Pruessman(D)  
Fri 02/02:(1<sup>st</sup> Friday-Presentation of Lord)Adeline S Murray(D)  
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**OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY**

~Volunteers feed over 274 guests 'hot meals'  
~14guests utilized the showers  
~62 guests utilized the clothing closet  
~26 bags of groceries were given out to those in need  
~St Peter continues assisting the DSS, helping those financially, spiritually, and physically

**WISH LIST FOR OUTREACH:**

~jars of pasta sauce  
~1lb jars of peanut butter  
~cans of tuna  
~chicken & hearty soups  
~canned pasta & canned fruit  
~dry cereal  
~deodorant  
~handled paper bags

**Lenten Study Group.** Would you like to strengthen your Lenten season with fellow cluster parishioners? You are invited to join a Lenten small group discussion on Bishop Sheen's book "The Last Seven Words of Christ". Each week, parishioner Mike Kachuba, will facilitate a reading & discussion from

the book with a time for prayer, reflection and comments by participants. Sign up in the back of the Church after Mass. Cost of the book is \$8 and can be paid for anytime during the sessions. You can sign up for either Tuesday evening session (5:30pm) starting Feb 13<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday morning (10:30am) starting Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Group size limited to 10 people in each session. Please contact Mike if any questions: [mikecacuba@gmail.com](mailto:mikecacuba@gmail.com)



**E-GIVING-JUST SCAN & GIVE to the Pro-Cathedral of St Peter**

**ADORATION:**

- ~St Peter 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 02/02 after 12:05 Mass
- ~St John 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 02/07 6pm
- ~St Patrick 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 02/18 after 10:45 Mass

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
January 21, 2024

	<u>Weekly</u>		<u>Yearly</u>
Actual	\$2,746.00	Actual	\$107,528.00
Budget	<b>\$3,058.00</b>	Budget	<b>\$91,740.00</b>
	-\$312.00		\$15,788.00

Attendance: 8:30 -61 10:45- 57

**General Updates with the 3 parishes**

Interested in being on our email list for a digital copy of the bulletin and other announcements in the parishes? Click the link to add your email: <https://mailchi.mp/d7fc3d86d526/richmond-catholic-cluster>. Alternatively, you may email the office to have your address added to the list: [officestpeter@richmondcluster.org](mailto:officestpeter@richmondcluster.org); [officestpatrick@richmondcluster.org](mailto:officestpatrick@richmondcluster.org); [officestjohn@richmondcluster.org](mailto:officestjohn@richmondcluster.org). Even if you have already submitted your email and have been on the list previously, this will help ensure we have integrated our previous contact lists and are using accurate addresses. Thank you for your assistance. Fr Capuano

**Weekly Reflection**

“I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.” In the second reading, Saint Paul gets to the root of some of our modern difficulties: intentions and distractions. Despite a lot of good will and effort, we can be distracted by all the “shiny” things in our lives from our vocations and the ways in which the Lord regularly wants to speak with us. You get married, or you get ordained, and no sooner than you set yourself to your vocation your mind can wander,

and you find yourself wondering if you made the right choice and your express regret.

Say “No!” to all of that.

Instead, remember the Lord calls *where you are tight now*, in the life that you live today. How will you unite with him, in your marriage, your family, your situations, whatever it is, however it looks? Be “anxious” which really means here in Saint Paul, to be focused, about what is before you and dig deep. That will be the place of sanctity for you. Those who are unmarried – be concerned about the Lord *for* the sake of others. Those who are married – be concerned about the Lord *through* your spouse and our children.

Please be assured of my prayers this week. Fr Capuano

**Opportunities for Fellowship & Service**

We have Friday Fish Frys at St John and the possibility of Soup Suppers on Wednesdays, following Vespers at St Patrick during the Season of Lent. Please consider offering a hand, getting involved or just attending some of our upcoming events. More details to come, please don’t let the sentiment that “they have it under control and don’t need me” keep you from entering more deeply into the community life of the parishes; we need more assistance in every area of the life of the parish. Don’t forget, we have 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch at St John every month! Come by for some amazing food, or to offer a hand. All proceeds are contributed to continuing opportunities for fellowship and for general parish needs.

**Holy Week 2024**

We’re solidifying plans for liturgical celebrations for Lent (right around the corner) and Holy Week. For Lent, we are adding Vespers and various additional opportunities for Confession. Presently, we are *considering* continuing the 3pm Good Friday Liturgy at Saint Peter (with Confessions available 12noon-3pm), but eliminating the celebrations of Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil *at Saint Peter only*. Saint Patrick would maintain its past schedule and celebrations would be: 6pm Holy Thursday, 7pm Good Friday, 7:30pm Easter Vigil. At Saint John, we would offer: 7pm Holy Thursday, 7pm Good Friday, 7:30pm Easter Vigil – attention would be focused on the Hispanic community, recognizing that most of those coming into the Church are Spanish-speaking. Easter Sunday would be regular Sunday schedule within the cluster. Again, we are having conversations, please reach out to me directly with ideas and concerns, the solidified liturgical schedule will come out shortly -Fr Capuano: [bcapuano@richmondcluster.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmondcluster.org)

## **Interested in contributing to Parish Communication?**

There are various platforms, like FlockNote that would help us streamline and update our communication efforts. Would you be interested in financially supporting updates? FlockNote would cost a community our size about \$68 a month. \$1,000 a year would give us some flexibility to consider our options for clean, consistent, and more digitally centered communication. We're not ready now to launch anything, this is just an exploratory comment to get folks talking and committing to ideas. Please direct ideas, concerns, or interest to Fr. Capuano: [bcapuano@richmondcluster.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmondcluster.org)

## **Facilities**

As you know, we have been attempting to get a handle on the external maintenance of the Church. Our city "friends" have been making quite a mess of the property lately, despite attempts from some of our "regulars" to help protect the property from abuse. I'm basically to the point where I want to block the church from overnight stays, due to the immense difficulty in cleaning up the lot each morning, through significant effort and time offered by John Thornton and some key volunteers on Wednesdays, not to mention Kris' morning routine bleaching the doorstep to the office. Your comments and ideas are most welcome: [bcapuano@richmondcluster.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmondcluster.org)

Recently, I spoke with Bishop Knestout and he supported my idea to restore the baptismal font; altar rail and gates; and the stands, flanking the high altar. Presently the marble for all three of the features is behind the sanctuary in a pile. In honor of the 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish, I would like to see us restore these elements and protect the patrimony of the parish and its history. Comments and concerns are welcome, please email me directly: [bcapuano@richmondcluster.org](mailto:bcapuano@richmondcluster.org). I hope to have some bids soon that would give us a sense of the cost.

## **190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Our parish anniversary is Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. While we have two weddings in the cluster that day, and one the day before, I would like to suggest that we offer Solemn Lauds in the morning, at 9am followed by a simple reception in the hall. Additionally, in honor of the anniversary we have been able to restore a chalice and paten set used at daily Mass; the Pascal Candle stand; cruet set (being restored now); and the oil painting of Bishop Van de Vyver hanging in the meeting room off the narthex

(currently being restored). These costs have been graciously covered by the Office of Archives through a grant. Thoughts, comments? What else should we do? Are you willing to assist with Lauds, or a reception? -Fr Capuano

**The Mary's Choice Baby Bottle Campaign**-has ended, please return all bottles asap. Thank you for participating in this wonderful fundraiser.

## **Calling all Irish Festival Leprechauns!**

Mark your calendars for the 2024 Church Hill Irish Festival hosted by St Patrick Church and scheduled on the weekend of St Patrick's Day, March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. A good path toward fellowship and strengthening our Cluster, St. Patrick, St. John, and St. Peter parishioners are all welcome and encouraged to volunteer during the Festival; donations will be made back to each parish. Signups are available to serve food, beer, or wine, sell Festival merchandise, welcome Festival goers at the gate, work the hamburger/hot dog tent, help with children's games in Patrick Henry Park, and so much more.

To volunteer for a 3-hour block of time on March 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> you can sign up in the back of the church, let the office know if interested, or email Mallory at: [mccunemallory@gmail.com](mailto:mccunemallory@gmail.com)

**Slainte! Cheers to a successful 2024 Irish Festival with the largest St Patrick, St John and St Peter participation ever!**

## **Dates to keep in mind:**

February 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Youth Conference  
February 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday 12:05 Mass St Peter  
February 21<sup>st</sup> March for Life Rally Downtown RVA  
April 13<sup>th</sup> Grieving Parents Retreat at Redeemer  
April 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Couples Retreat at Wintergreen