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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Paulita Matheny will be out of the office from May 1 - 16, to bury her mother back home.

Please send all office correspondence to officestjohn@richmondcluster.org.

Let's pray for a safe trip home and let's give her some space to take time with family. - Fr. Capuano

The St. John's Annual Yard sale is almost here! And we need your help, and most importantly your donations to continue making this a successful and fun time for all! The sale will be on **Friday, May 17th from 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM and on Saturday, May 18th from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the social hall.** We will have special boutiques for adult gently used clothes, and extra special items in the classrooms. There will be a **bake sale** sponsored by the Council of Women. **Please call Dianne Cassady, 804-840-8642, to make a donation.** We will take furniture, gently used adult clothes, baby and toddler clothes; additionally, we will accept any other items you don't want but others might need.

**THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER
 MUSIC FOR SUNDAY**

Entrance	A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing	#469
Psalm	God mounts His throne to shouts of joy, to shouts, to shouts of joy	#851
Offertory	Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above	#702
Communion	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	#736
Recessional	Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise	#471

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, May 11

10:00 AM **Confirmation Class instruction and Reconciliation**, St. John
 10:30 AM **St. Francis Home Visitation**, St. Patrick
 11:00 AM **Funeral Mass - Louis Farina**, St. Patrick
 12:00 PM **Wedding** St. Peter
 3:00 PM **Wedding**, St. Peter
 4:30 PM **Confession**, St. Patrick
 4:30 PM **Confession**, St. John
 5:30 PM **Mass**, +Suzanne Redmond, St. Patrick
 5:30 PM **Mass**, +Francis & Jane Bischoff, St. John

Sunday, May 12

8:30 AM **Mass**, +Hugette Tucker, St. Peter
 9:00 AM **Mass**, +Elena Chavez, St. John
 9:30 AM **Fellowship**, St. Peter Hall
 10:45 AM **Mass**, +Carolyn Lange, St. Peter
 10:45 AM **Mass (1st Communion)**, *Misa Pro Populo*, St. Patrick
 11:45 AM **Fellowship**, St. Patrick Hall
 12:30 PM **Misa**, +Hilda Torrez, San Juan

Monday, May 13

10:00 AM **Burial Service - Louis Farina**, Oakwood Cemetery
 11:15 AM **Confession**, St. Peter
 12:05 PM **Mass**, Eileen & +Joseph McLaughlin, St. Peter
 2:00 PM **Huguette & Gordon Tucker Funeral**, St. Peter

Tuesday, May 14

11:15 AM **Confession**, St. Peter
 12:05 PM **Mass**, +Pearl Ross, St. Peter
 1:45 PM **Bible Study**, St. John
 6:00 PM **St. Patrick Finance Council**, St. Patrick Hall

Wednesday, May 15

11:15 AM **Confession**, St. Peter
 12:05 PM **Mass**, +Deacon Ed & Helen Liggan, St. Peter

Thursday, May 16

8:30 AM **Mass**, +James Geishermer, St. John
 11:15 AM **Confession**, St. Peter
 12:05 PM **Mass**, +Ilona LaPaglia, St. Peter
 5:30 PM **St. John Choir Rehearsal**, St. John
 6:00 PM Pastoral Council, St. John

Friday, May 17

11:15 AM **Confession**, St. Peter
 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Yard Sale, Saint John**
 12:05 PM **Mass**, +William Claiborne, St. Peter
 7:30 PM **Holy Hour for Diaconate Ordination**,
 St. Patrick

THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Weekend Collection

May 5, 2024

Weekly	Year-to-date
Actual \$4,490.00	Actual \$172,979.60
Budget <u>\$3,058.00</u>	Budget <u>\$137,610.00</u>
\$1,432.00	\$35,369.60

Weekend Mass Attendance

8:30 AM	10:45 AM
74	57

SAINT PATRICK

Weekend Collection

May 5, 2024

Weekly	Year-to-date
Actual \$4,580.55	Actual \$180,643.03
Budget <u>\$4,097.55</u>	Budget <u>\$168,615.00</u>
\$483.00	\$12,028.03

Weekend Mass Attendance

5:30 PM	10:45 AM
27	134

SAINT JOHN/ SAN JUAN

Weekend Collection

May 5, 2024

Weekly	Year-to-date
Actual \$5,904.00	Actual \$254,572.78
Budget <u>\$4,947.00</u>	Budget <u>\$222,615.00</u>
\$957.00	\$31,957.78

Weekend Mass Attendance

5:30 PM	9:00 AM	12:30 PM
78	165	325

All totals include weekly collection and E-Giving

Saturday, May 18

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Yard Sale, St. John**

10:30 AM **Diaconate Ordination**, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
 4:00 PM **Baptism**, Saint Patrick
 4:30 PM **Confession**, St. Patrick
 4:30 PM **Confession**, St. John
 5:30 PM **Mass**, +Margaret 'Peggy' Dowdy, St. Patrick
 5:30 PM **Mass**, +John Kolakoski, St. John
 7:00 PM **Asamblea Renovación Carismática**, San Juan

Hora Santa para la Fiesta de Pentecostés

PASTOR'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Footprints on the floor

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to assist with a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. One stop was to the traditional site of the Ascension of our Lord. In the chapel that marks the spot where the Lord rose to the clouds before the Apostles, there is a place marked in the marble by imprints that look like footprints. Tradition says that Our Lord left his mark on the ground in *that* place, leaving impressions of his feet. While it is *unlikely* that there was marble in *that location*, or that Our Lord left footprints behind, we can at least reflect on the significance that God has marked creation with His Presence. If that is the case, there is something beautiful in considering the reality that this world of ours has been *visited* physically by God Himself. He doesn't simply create and depart, leaving us to our own devices. He is an active participant in the "messiness" of our lives.

What would it take for you to "invite him in" this week? He loves you enough "to be invited" into the mess of your life, will you give Him permission?

Please be assured of my prayers this week. - Fr. Capuano

CLUSTER NEWS

As I near the one-year mark in the parish, I mentioned to the Saint John community two weekends ago, at the 9:00 AM Mass, that I am interested in having a **broader conversation** about the **weekend schedule**. *Presently*, the schedule does not allow the priests time to spend with the various communities *between Masses*, inhibiting us from offering or attending formation for youth or adults when the communities naturally come together on the weekends. This is largely due to the need to move from *three* priests to *two* priests, after the *reduction* following the time that Fathers Rossi, Bulinda and Wiggins were present in the communities. There is a **need** to *consider* providing another **Sunday Mass** at Saint Patrick; ***if this is considered, provided we can find an additional priest to assist with Masses***, we might be able to consider having 2 Masses each Sunday in each parish. For some of our retired priests, this would be a welcome addition, some are looking for opportunities to assist regularly on the weekends.

If this were considered as a viable option, what would you want your community to offer?

Presently, the following schedule has been suggested:

Saint Peter - remains the same - 8:30 (No Music), 10:45 AM (Music)

Saint Patrick - **8:00 AM** (No Music), **10:30 AM** (Music) (Formation before the 10:30, and Fellowship after)

Or an evening Mass. ***Personally, I am less than inclined to offer an evening Mass; there is one at the Cathedral and it is not well attended, outside of the academic year, due to the presence of campus ministry events in the evenings on Sundays.***

Saint John - **8:00 AM** (Music), **9:15 AM** Formation, **10:45 AM** Spanish Mass

If the schedule above were embraced, it would allow time for rehearsal the musicians at Saint Patrick, something that is lacking currently.

If we were able to secure an additional priest (costs would simply be weekend coverage for retired priests), we would be able to allow each priest to spend a Sunday in each parish, without worrying about travel and getting out from Mass quickly to cover other Masses and events. ***If this were opportune for us, then***, we would set up a schedule to allow us to *rotate between the parishes* on a regular basis. This conversation is also occurring at the same time as a conversation regarding setting up a volunteer-based office at Saint Patrick during the week. Presently, we are considering staffing an office in the basement of the rectory with a committed group of volunteers who have already offered their time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday - Friday. In the coming weeks, we are planning on meeting to discuss duties (to include opening the Church during that time). The more we can open our churches to the faithful, and to the curious, passerby, the better; what is better than opening our beautiful churches for quiet prayer? **Just a start to the conversations, please email me with ideas: bcapuano@richmondcluster.org** - Fr. Capuano

CLUSTER NEWS

Weekly Bulletin

We're a **few months in** to the new format of the bulletin. I realize there has been a lot of change: email format; combined, and condensed format; color, different graphics; more information/ less information... **it's been a lot...** **What's working, what isn't, what do you need, what do you not want?** A significant thing we have lost, for a variety of reasons, is our sponsor page, *at Saint John*, that helps offset the cost of ink and paper to print, we have owned the cost in our annual budget at Saint Peter and Saint Patrick. We've been blessed with a donation this year to cover the email platform, but we lost the "free-to-us" feature of our advertisers... essentially, the company hosting the bulletin at Saint John was losing money, when we found out the reality of the situation it proved to be a good time to move platforms; we won't be able to re-enlist our advertisers for a few more months. **Please let me know your thoughts.** While the present digital platform is more manageable for our staff, I don't want to close doors if other options are out there. Please email me with thoughts and ideas, it is the fastest way to be in touch: bcapitano@richmondcluster.org.

- Fr. Capuano

**Lebanese Food Festival, Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Church,
4611 Sadler Road, Glen Allen
Please come and support the parish.
Friday, May 17th 11am-10pm
Saturday, May 18th 11am-10pm
Sunday, May 19th 10am-8pm**



Formation Opportunity - Father Redmond will lead a special class called "The Basics of Catholicism" open to all parishioners and guests at the end of May and beginning of June. **It will be held at Saint Patrick's in the Social Hall on Wednesdays May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, and June 19 - 5:30-6:30 PM.** Coffee and snacks will be provided.

We hope you can make it to any or all of these special classes!

MUSIC AT SAINT PATRICK & SAINT JOHN

There is a term used in connection to the liturgy called "Progressive Solemnity." This concept refers to the incremental levels of formality or embellishment that can be included in the celebration of the liturgical life of the Church and which highlight the parts proper to the priests, the cantor, the choir, and the congregation as a whole. Over the next several weeks, we will explore the different parts of the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours, in relation to their degrees of solemnity and the principal assignment of the people and the priest.

Upcoming Event: Holy Hour & Sung Compline for Ordinandi | **Friday May 17th, 7:30 PM | St. Patrick**
Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with sung Compline, as we pray for the three men who will answer the call to the Order of the Diaconate.

SAINT PATRICK

Saint Patrick Office: We're continuing conversations about setting up an office again at Saint Patrick, see note above for more information. To *volunteer* to assist, or to offer **ideas** about **needs in the community**, please contact Karen Lipscomb: glipscomb06@comcast.net.

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Social Ministry This week, we fed over 295 guests a hot meal, 15 guests utilized the showers, 57 guests utilized the clothing closet, 35 bags of groceries were given out to those in need. Saint Peter continues assisting the Department of Social Services, helping those financially, spiritually, and physically.

Wish List Jars of pasta sauce, **dry cereal**, & handled paper grocery bags.

190th Anniversary Mass: We are looking for any old photos of St Peter, so please scan and email or bring into office to copy. **We are planning on celebration one Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 9:30AM.**

On that date, the 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM Masses are canceled. It is the desire of the planning committee that both Fr. Redmond and I are present for one Mass for the weekend, at 9:30 AM, necessitating coverage from a visiting priest at 9:00 AM at Saint John, and possibly the 10:45 at Saint Patrick. Donations are welcome to cover the cost of: Coverage for retired priests to assist in the cluster; Food for a social after the Mass; History boards and other costs associated with preserving and presenting our parish history; Costs associated with printing invitation materials. We are looking for more parishioner involvement in planning and general participation in the parish to grow our parish, is the Lord inviting you to get more involved, the more involved we are the more we are telling the Bishop we need to preserve and protect our little community! - Fr. Capuano

SAINT JOHN

Eastern Henrico FISH, Inc. depends on the help of local churches and charitable organizations. It provides clothes, food, and financial assistance for people with short term emergencies. **May needs: canned green vegetables.**

HVAC, roof and other

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we negotiated contractors and options regarding our facilities. As you know, a generous benefactor contributed **ALL** of the funds to pay for the new HVAC system for the Church. In the next couple of weeks, we will finalize the contract, with a walkthrough of the changes. The present work is a bit different from what was originally agreed to in our initial planning, but without *major* changes to the cost. When all is “said-and-done,” we will have some tweaks to the property (landscaping), some covers to the copper piping, and some education on the thermostats.

Additionally, we are preparing for a new roof on the Commons in the coming weeks; we are anticipating a walk-through of the work to be accomplished. When this project is complete we will follow-up with the replacement of the ceiling tiles throughout the additions that were added on to the Church. - Fr. Capuano

Una nota del Párroco

Huellas en el suelo

Hace unos años tuve la oportunidad de colaborar en una peregrinación a Tierra Santa. Una parada fue al sitio tradicional de la Ascensión de nuestro Señor. En la capilla que marca el lugar donde el Señor ascendió a las nubes ante los apóstoles hay un lugar marcado en el mármol por huellas que parecen pisadas. La tradición dice que Nuestro Señor dejó su huella en el suelo de ese lugar, dejando huellas de sus pies. Si bien es poco probable que hubiera mármol en ese lugar, o que Nuestro Señor dejara huellas, al menos podemos reflexionar sobre el significado de que Dios haya marcado la creación con Su Presencia. Si ese es el caso, hay algo hermoso en considerar la realidad de que este mundo nuestro ha sido visitado físicamente por Dios mismo. Él no simplemente crea y se marcha, dejándonos a nuestra suerte. Él es un participante activo en el “desorden” de nuestras vidas.

¿Qué haría falta para “invitarlo” esta semana? Él te ama lo suficiente como para “ser invitado” al desorden de tu vida, ¿le darás permiso? Tengan la seguridad de mis oraciones esta semana. P. Capuano

Lista de deseos para FISH

Eastern Henrico FISH, Inc. depende de la ayuda de iglesias locales y organizaciones caritativas. Proporciona ropa, alimentos y asistencia financiera a personas con emergencias a corto plazo. **Este mes de abril necesitamos comida lista para colocar en el microondas.**

Venta de Garaje. ¿Ha estado limpiando y ahorrando para la venta de garaje de San Juan? ¡Ciertamente espero que sí! La venta de garaje se llevará a cabo **el viernes 17 de mayo de 12:00 PM a 7:00 PM y el sábado 18 de mayo de 7:00 AM a 3:00 PM en el salón social!** Esta es una función PARROQUIAL divertida, el VOLUNTARIADO te ayuda a conocer a tus amigos de la parroquia, sentarte y hablar, ¡y conseguir algo maravilloso sin lo cual no puedes irte! Centro East End para las Embarazadas La campaña de biberones está en marcha, puede devolverlos llenos en efectivo o cheque y en cualquier momento.

¡Una clase especial! Padre Nicolás va a ofrecer una clase especial sobre la Santa Misa y la vida litúrgica de la Iglesia este mayo y junio. Las fechas van a ser: **los martes 21 de mayo, 28 de mayo, **no se reúne el 4 de junio**, 11 de junio, y 18 de junio - a las 7 hasta las 8:30 por la noche cada martes.** ¡Esperamos verlos en estas clases!

HVAC, techo y otros

Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión mientras negociamos contratistas y opciones con respecto a nuestras instalaciones. Como saben, un generoso benefactor contribuyó con TODOS los fondos para pagar el nuevo sistema HVAC de la Iglesia. En las próximas semanas finalizaremos el contrato con un resumen de los cambios. El trabajo actual es un poco diferente de lo que se acordó originalmente en nuestra planificación inicial, pero sin cambios importantes en el costo. Cuando todo esté “dicho y hecho”, tendremos algunos ajustes en la propiedad (paisajismo), algunas cubiertas para las tuberías de cobre y algo de educación sobre los termostatos.

Además, nos estamos preparando para un nuevo techo en los Comunes en las próximas semanas; Estamos anticipando un recorrido por el trabajo a realizar. Cuando este proyecto esté completo, continuaremos con el reemplazo de las placas del techo en todas las ampliaciones que se agregaron a la Iglesia. - P. Capuano