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Join us on the 4th Sunday of the month for brunch from 7 AM - 3 PM in the hall.

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If you are in need of a priest in a sacramental emergency, please call this line and leave a message. We cannot guarantee we will see email requests or voicemails in the office in an emergency situation.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Please email or call the office to add to the prayer list. Please let us know how to pray for your loved ones in an intentional way.

Click to register in the parish, or see a registration form at the back of the Church.

Haga clic para registrarse en la parroquia, o vea el formulario de registro en la parte posterior de la Iglesia.

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Click to sign up for the community email.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation

As Catholics, we are very familiar with Sundays and other days that are set aside as Holy Days of Obligation. These are opportunities for the Faithful to regularly take time to give praise for the salvation offered by the Lord through the fruit of the Cross - how He renewed the world and, in a sense, recreated the world on Sunday.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Monday, December 9th

(This year the feast has been transferred from the 8th, a Sunday, to Monday the 9th). Please see the bulletin and website for Mass times.

Advent Reflection Series

Join parishioners for an Advent Reflection Series on the first three Mondays of Advent at The Pro-Cathedral of Saint Peter from 5:30 - 6:30 PM in the hall. The series is open to all; sessions are independent, so you can come to one or all. Please contact Mike Kachuba mikekachuba@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

Monday, Dec 2: Why Advent?

Monday, Dec 9: The anticipation of the prophets and John the Baptist

Monday, Dec 16: A comparison of the Infancy narratives of St. Luke and St Matthew and a look at how St John and St Mark treat the years prior to Jesus' public ministry.

Fiat Days is a weekend retreat for **high school girls** who want to follow Jesus and listen to His voice. We tap into our feminine genius with the religious sisters who lead us. Will you join us? **Friday, Dec 6 - Sunday, Dec 8 - 8727 River Road, Richmond (Roslyn Retreat Center).**

<https://ofe.regfox.com/2024-fiat-days>

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 2, Feast of All Souls

2:00 PM **Wedding**, Saint Patrick
 3:30 PM **Wedding**, Saint Peter
 4:30 PM **Confession**, Saint Patrick
 4:30 PM **Confession**, Saint John
 5:30 PM **Mass**, +Elena Chavez, Saint Patrick
 5:30 PM **Mass**, +Walter Taylor, Saint John
 7:00 PM **Assamblea - Renovación Carismática**, San Juan
 7:15 PM **Hora Santa Adoración y Bendición**, San Juan

Sunday, November 3, 2024, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM **Mass**, +Ruby Eleanor Parker, St. Peter
 9:00 AM **Mass**, +Otts Miskimon, Saint John
 9:30 AM **Religious Formation**, Saint Peter Left Parlor
 9:30 AM **Religious Formation and Fellowship**, Saint Peter Hall
 9:30 AM **Religious Formation**, Saint Patrick Hall
 10:30 AM **Religious Formation**, St. John Religious Ed Building
 10:45 AM **Mass**, Alan DeNardo, Saint Peter
 10:45 AM **Mass**, +Christopher Everhart, Saint Patrick
 11:45 AM **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Saint Patrick
 11:45 AM **Fellowship**, Saint Patrick Hall
 12:30 PM **Misa**, +Guillermo Rocha Ibarra, & Maria del Carmen Cerda, San Juan

Monday, November 4, St. Charles Borromeo, Memorial

11:15 AM **Confession**, Saint Peter
 12:05 PM **Mass**, Drs. +Gabriel & +Avril Makhlouf, Saint Peter

Tuesday, November 5, Feria

Election Day

11:00 AM **C.S. Lewis Study**, Saint Patrick Hall
 11:45 AM **Confession**, Saint Peter
 12:05 PM **Mass**, Daniel Lysinger, Saint Peter

Wednesday, November 6, Feria

10:00 AM **Council of Women Committee**, St. John RE Building
 11:15 AM **Confession**, Saint Peter
 12:05 PM **Mass**, Fr. John David Ramsey, Saint Peter
 2:30 PM **DCM Health and Safety Task Force**, St. Paul's Episcopal
 6:00 PM **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Saint John
 6:00 PM **Confession**, Saint John

Thursday, November 7, Feria

8:30 AM **Mass**, +Raymond Benjamin Lucas, Saint John
 10:30 AM, **Bible Study**, St. Patrick
 11:15 AM **Confession**, Saint Peter
 12:05 PM **Mass**, +Matthew Gillette, Saint Peter

Friday, November 8, Feria

11:15 AM **Confession**, Saint Peter
 12:05 PM **Mass**, +Ilona LaPaglia, Saint Peter

Saturday, November 9

2:00 PM **Wedding**, St. John
 4:30 PM **Confession**, St. Patrick
 4:30 PM **Confession**, St. John
 5:30 PM **Mass**, St. Patrick
 5:30 PM **Mass**, +Clayton & +Jean Miller, St. John
 7:00 PM **Boda y Asamblea Renovación Carismática**, San Juan

THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Weekend Collection

October 27, 2024

Weekly	Year-to-date
Actual \$3,965.99	Actual \$69,960.97
Budget \$3,058.00	Budget \$57,205.00
\$907.99	\$12,755.97

Weekend Mass Attendance

8:30 AM	10:45 AM
88	69

SAINT PATRICK

Weekend Collection

October 27, 2024

Weekly	Year-to-date
Actual \$2,351.72	Actual \$61,974.08
Budget \$4,097.55	Budget \$70,193.00
(\$1,745.83)	(\$8,218.92)

5:30 PM	10:45 AM
16	105

Weekend Mass Attendance

SAINT JOHN/ SAN JUAN

Weekend Collection

October 27, 2024

Weekly	Year-to-date
Actual \$5,209.80	Actual \$94,667.31
Budget \$4,947.00	Budget \$87,346.00
\$262.80	\$7,239.51

Weekend Mass Attendance

5:30 PM	9:00 AM	12:30 PM
57	143	298

All totals include weekly collection and E-Giving

FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

We have feast days honoring our patrons:
 Saint John the Evangelist (Friday, Dec 27)
 Saint Patrick (Monday, Mar 17)
 Saint Peter [& St. Paul] (Sunday, June 29)
These 2 saints are almost always paired.

We should start planning for them now.
 Anyone interested?

So far, the suggestion for Saint Patrick is Mass, a procession and fellowship to follow.

The earlier we start planning the better!
 Who is willing to help?

Fr. Capuano

THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY REFLECTION/ REFLEXIÓN SEMANAL DEL PASTOR

When we think about conversion, often, making a “sacrifice” is part of our starting over. Think of what we often consider at the start of the new year: we’re going to exercise, go on a diet, cut out x, y, z...

As Christians, our starting point should not be the wider culture, but Christ Himself. Consider the second reading: Christ offers the *one* sacrifice. So our starting point in conversion, in starting again, should be *receiving* the love He offers, our common theological sonship. From there we take tentative steps in gratitude to change certain behaviors. When we falter, we go back to that place of being *received* in an eternal embrace by the Father. When we struggle with one of the Church’s teaching, we go back to that first place of being loved by the Father in order to consider again how the teaching should be embraced.

I often counsel folks to use their imagination to give them that starting point. What would it look like to receive the Love of the Father. What do you *look like* when you accept the love of another? When you have that image, you can start again, no matter the sin you struggle with in your life.

Please be assured of my prayers this week.

Cuando pensamos en la conversión, a menudo, hacer un “sacrificio” es parte de nuestro nuevo comienzo. Pensemos en lo que a menudo consideramos al comienzo del nuevo año: vamos a hacer ejercicio, a ponernos a dieta, a eliminar tal o cual cosa...

Como cristianos, nuestro punto de partida no debería ser la cultura en general, sino Cristo mismo. Consideremos la segunda lectura: Cristo ofrece el único sacrificio. Por lo tanto, nuestro punto de partida en la conversión, en el nuevo comienzo, debería ser recibir el amor que Él ofrece, nuestra filiación teológica común. A partir de ahí, damos pasos tentativos en agradecimiento para cambiar ciertas conductas. Cuando flaqueamos, volvemos a ese lugar de ser recibidos en un abrazo eterno por el Padre. Cuando luchamos con una de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, volvemos a ese primer lugar de ser amados por el Padre para considerar nuevamente cómo debe ser aceptada esa enseñanza.

A menudo aconsejo a las personas que usen su imaginación para darles ese punto de partida. ¿Cómo sería recibir el Amor del Padre? ¿Cómo te ves cuando aceptas el amor de otro? Cuando tengas esa imagen, podrás empezar de nuevo, sin importar el pecado con el que luches en tu vida.

Ten la seguridad de que esta semana puedo orar por ti.

FROM THE PASTOR

I recently sent out notes to those interested serving in our pastoral councils for each parish. We’ll start with meetings at 9:00 AM on the second Saturday of each month, starting in January with Saint Peter, February with Saint Patrick, and March with Saint John. Once we get one or two meetings under our belts, we will discuss appropriate dates and times that work for everyone. If you are interested in serving on the council or have ideas or concerns to discuss, please email me: bcapuano@richmondcluster.org.

MUSIC AT SAINT PATRICK & SAINT JOHN

This past Thursday, we celebrated the All Hallows Eve Vigil at Saint Patrick, followed by a procession around the block. Much of the service was chanted in latin. Even if you could not attend, the service—as a part of the liturgical life of the cluster, and the upcoming Vespers services in December at Saint Patrick—presents a good opportunity to reflect on *participatio actuoso* [active participation]. Openly and actively listening to the latin parts that are unfamiliar as well as singing the simpler tones [ex. the Psalm tones that are short and repetitive] are ways in which we can begin engaging in these latin-english bilingual liturgies with chant that may not be familiar. Active participation is an inward and outward sign of worship to God. The word “liturgy” derives from the Greek *leitourgia*, which means work. Singing, reading, serving, laundering the linens, setting up for Mass, making the floral arrangements – all these endeavors take work on the part of the people as well as the parish priest. What is the goal or the *raison d'être*? In humility, we come to commune with Christ. In love, we give praise and worship to God, in response to what he asks of us throughout the Psalms. In union with the Body of Christ, we share a “common purpose of knowing, loving, and serving God” (*Good Music, Sacred Music, and Silence*, Kwasniewski). In other words, when we are generous with the Lord, he is generous with us!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Seven Sisters Apostolate

This past spring, the cluster established a Seven Sisters Apostolate to support Father Capuano and Father Redmond through prayer. A Seven Sisters Apostolate consists of seven women committed to pray for one of our priests, on a chosen day of the week, for an hour, and in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour can take place in any church and any time of day or night on the day selected. We are currently seeking individuals willing to be on a list as potential substitutes when one of the Sisters is unable to make their given commitment. While members of the Seven Sisters Apostolate are all female, substitutes may be male. If an individual is willing to substitute, the Sister will advise the day needed and which priest she is committed to pray for.

If you are willing to be on the substitute list, please email Nancy.heltman@gmail.com. “Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ’s heart.” – Pope Francis.

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**Outreach Schedule at
 The Pro-Cathedral of Saint Peter**

- Tuesday Lunch – 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Tuesday Clothes Closet – 12:30 – 3:00 PM
- Tuesday Pantry Bags – 12:00 PM
- Tuesday Shower – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Wednesday Dinner – 4:30 – 5:30 PM

What else can we be doing to reach out?

Interested in assisting?! ¿Interesado en ayudar?

outreachstpeter@richmondcluster.org.



Servant of God Francis J. Parater
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*I have nothing to leave or give but my life and
 this I have consecrated to the Sacred Heart to
 be used as He wills... This is what I live for and
 in case of death, what I die for...*

**Servant of God, Frank Parater,
 pray for us!**

Please ask for his intercession and send favors
 granted to: chancellor@richmonddiocese.org.

*If you would like to help financially support the
 creation of a statue of Frank to help support
 devotion, please email the Chancellor's office.*

THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Entrance	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	#547
Psalms	I love you, I love you, Lord, my strength	#956
Offertory	Morning has Broken	#674
Communion	Jesu , Jesu, Fill us with Your Love	#431
Recessional	For All the Saints	#705

Social Ministry: This week, we fed over 313 guests a hot meal, 14 guests utilized the showers, 52 guests utilized the clothing closet, 16 bags of groceries plus 20 snack bags were given out to those in need. Big THANK YOU shout out to Shood, who fitted 186 pairs of almost new sneakers to our guests.

Wish List: spaghetti sauce, dry cereal, canned meat, men's belts, deodorant.

Sacristans at daily Mass: I need assistance in closing the Church on Fridays and other days when I am able to assist at Mass at Saint Peter. If you are able to help please let me know. - [Fr. Capuano](#)

SAINT PATRICK

Parish Life: As you have probably noticed, **our collections are down considerably and there has been a consistent lack of support for volunteer efforts** in the last few months to support the basic maintenance of the few opportunities available to parishioners in the parish.

Some of the need has become apparent because a number of our regular committed parishioners have been away around the same time for various personal reasons. It highlights the need for us to come together as a community and be deliberate about checking in and asking if help is needed. Please consider checking in regularly with the priests or sacristan if help is needed for the roles of usher, lector, altar server or other needs. If you are trying to get on the schedule and are not able, we would like to know that as well.

I am convinced that this parish can grow, but it cannot do so without your involvement in very practical ways on the weekends and throughout the course of the liturgical year. We want your involvement and ideas. We have a parish ready to grow if we come together and begin inviting one another to directly engage in parish life.
- 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. **November: microwave meals.**

The Council of Women's membership drive runs from **September 1 to November 6.** Don't forget to sign up in the Commons, see the bulletin board.

A New Parishioner needs a ride to Church after a recent accident, If you are able to assist, the individual lives near Labaurnum and Gay Avenues. If you are available to assist, please contact [Fr. Capuano](#)

SAN JUAN**Próximos días de precepto**

Como católicos, estamos muy familiarizados con los domingos y otros días que se reservan como días de precepto. Estas son oportunidades para que los fieles se tomen un tiempo regularmente para alabar la salvación ofrecida por el Señor a través del fruto de la Cruz: cómo renovó el mundo y, en cierto sentido, lo recreó el domingo. Las otras fiestas designadas para la asistencia obligatoria nos permiten centrarnos en los misterios centrales del Señor y de Nuestra Señora. Tenemos dos fiestas próximas que obligan a los fieles a asistir:

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María: lunes 9 de diciembre

(Este año, la fiesta se ha trasladado del día 8, que es domingo, al lunes 9). Consulte el boletín y el sitio web para conocer los horarios de las misas.

Recientemente envié notas a aquellos interesados en servir en nuestros consejos pastorales para cada parroquia. Comenzaremos con reuniones a las 9:00 a. m. el segundo sábado de cada mes, comenzando en enero con San Pedro, febrero con San Patricio y marzo con San Juan. Una vez que tengamos una o dos reuniones en nuestro haber, discutiremos fechas y horarios apropiados que funcionen para todos. Si está interesado en servir en el consejo o tiene ideas o inquietudes para discutir, envíeme un correo electrónico a: bcapuano@richmondcluster.org.

- P. Capuano

In the spirit of Thanksgiving and as in years past, please consider donating a frozen turkey to Saint Francis Home to help to provide Thanksgiving dinner to the residents and their visiting families.

Frozen turkey donations may be dropped off at Saint Patrick's Church Hall in the kitchen's back freezer during the next several weekends - 11/3 through 11/24 - before or after Mass.

Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions please contact Eddie Baird at [804.988.0318](tel:804.988.0318)

COMMUNITY NEWS

As you know, early voting began on September 20th, Election Day is November 5. To help you prepare, please visit the Virginia Catholic Conference [Election Resource hub](#). There you can view, download and print the following materials:

[Pre-election letter](#) issued by Bishop Burbidge (Arlington) and Bishop Knestout

[Register to Vote](#) bulletin insert flyer explaining how to register, eligibility and key dates

A re-issued [Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching](#) resource

New [USCCB faithful citizenship](#) bulletin inserts (6-part series)

[Presidential Candidate Comparison](#)
[Virginia U.S. Senate Candidate Comparison](#)

Pregnant and need help? [Click here](#) to find pregnancy resources offered by our two dioceses.

If you are not a member of the Conference's advocacy network, click [here](#) to receive regular Conference email alerts and updates. Please like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) and [Instagram](#). In prayer and in public, your voices are urgently needed to bring Gospel values to bear on vital decisions being made by those who represent you.

The [Virginia Catholic Conference](#) is the public policy agency representing Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses.

<https://vacatholic.org/election2024/>

The Memoræ

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Please consider praying this powerful prayer to Our Lady from now until the election. Padre Pio and Mother Teresa recommended praying this as a novena (nine times in a row) in difficult circumstances.

The Memoræ

Acordaos, oh piadosísima Virgen María!, que jamás se ha oído decir que ninguno de los que han acudido a vuestra protección, implorando tu auxilio, haya sido desamparado. Animado por esta confianza, a Vos acudo, Madre, Virgen de la vírgenes, y gimiendo bajo el peso de mis pecados me atrevo a comparecer ante Vos. Madre de Dios, no desechéis mis súplicas, antes bien, escuchadlas y acogedlas benignamente. Amén.

Por favor, considere rezar esta poderosa oración a Nuestra Señora desde ahora hasta las elecciones. El Padre Pio y la Madre Teresa recomendaron rezarla como novena (nueve días seguidas) en circunstancias difíciles.

Join Us in Growing Our Community Garden!

We need your skills and talents to help our Cluster Community Garden thrive—no membership required!

Here's how you can contribute:

- **Plumber Needed:** Help us install a drip irrigation system by extending our water source from the social hall to the garden.
- **Carpenters Welcome:** Assist us in extending our raised beds.
- **Fencing Upgrades:** We're seeking suggestions and hands-on experience!
- **Pine Tags Donations:** If you have any pine tags to spare, please drop them off by our garden gate. They're "gold" for our plants!
- **Need to borrow large tarp** to cover mulch for winter months.

Your support will not only enhance our garden but also nourish our local community. Together, we can provide fresh, organic produce to those in need. Join us in answering the call to "Feed the Hungry"!

Thank you for making a difference!

All Souls Envelopes: Fill out an All Souls envelope with the names of those who have passed and are dear to you. The envelopes can be found in either in your offertory boxes or pick up one in the vestibule. The envelopes will be tied with ribbon and put on the High Altar of each church during the month of November.

RESOURCES FOR DEEPER DISCIPLESHIP



Click here to access the young adult calendar listing area events for continued formation, or visit:

<https://evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults/events/young-adult-community-calendar/>



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