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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.

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## THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Join us every Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass for fellowship in the hall.

## SAINT PATRICK

Join us every Sunday after the 10:45 AM for fellowship in the hall.

## SAINT JOHN

Join us on the 4th Sunday of the month for brunch in the hall from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Proceeds from your purchase of a meal support parish ministries.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Pastoral Council:** Many thanks to those who have responded so far to assist with a revised Pastoral Council for each of our parishes.

**Instead of one council**, my hope is to create **3 parish councils**, one for each parish, given the unique features of each parish. **Please prayerfully consider joining me in reflecting on parish life and finding new means to grow our communities and reflect on ways we can deepen our faith as disciples.** My hope is to find mutually agreeable times from the various members of each pastoral council for each parish to meet (whether the time of day is during the work day or during the evening, is more appropriate, will depend on those who want to join me on the various councils. **Thank you for your dedication to our parishes.** We will schedule meetings, after I receive results from present interest and the coordination of meeting times. Thank you for your patience. Fr. Capuano

**Current count:** Presently 3 parishioners from Saint Peter, 3 parishioners from Saint Patrick, and 4 parishioners from Saint John have responded to the invitation to join or continue on Pastoral Council.

**Liturgical Training:** We're anticipating offering training for current and new ushers, sacristans, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for upcoming opportunities. - Fr. Capuano

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Saturday, September 21, Feast of Saint Matthew**

*Fr. Capuano away to assist the Bishop*

*Richmond Oktoberfest - St. Benedict, Richmond*

2:00 PM **Wedding**, St. Patrick

4:30 PM **Confession**, St. Patrick

4:30 PM **Confession**, St. John, *Fr. Kubneman*

5:30 PM **Mass**, Hali June, St. Patrick

5:30 PM **Mass**, +Joe Toland & +Suzanne DiMarino, St. John, *Fr. Kubneman*

7:00 PM **Asamblea Renovación Carismática**, San Juan

**Sunday, September 22, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Richmond Oktoberfest - St. Benedict, Richmond*

8:30 AM **Mass**, +Miriam Alleyne Ince

9:30 AM **Fellowship**, St. Peter

9:00 AM **Mass**, +Skip Sarosy, St. John

9:00 AM **OCIA**, Basement of St. Patrick Rectory

9:30 AM **Religious Education**, St. Patrick Hall

10:15 AM **OCIA**, St. John Conference Room

10:30 AM **Religious Education**, St. John R.E. Building

10:45 AM **Mass**, Carol Wallerstein, St. Patrick

10:45 AM **Mass**, +Buff Ward, St. Peter

11:45 AM **Fellowship**, St. Patrick Hall

12:30 PM **Misa**, +Leonarda Margarita Melo, San Juan

**Monday, September 23, Pio of Pietreclina, (Padre Pio), Memorial**

11:15 AM **Confession**, St. Peter

12:05 PM **Mass**, +Deceased of McLaughlin & Liggan families, St. Peter

**Tuesday, September 24, Feria**

11:15 AM **Confession**, St. Peter

12:05 PM **Mass**, +Ilona LaPaglia, St. Peter

**Wednesday, September 25, Feria**

11:15 AM **Confession**, St. Peter

12:05 PM **Drs +Gabriel & +Avril Makhlof**, St. Peter

**Thursday, September 26, Sts Cosmas and Damien, optional memorial**

8:30 AM **Mass**, +Elena Chavez, St. John

10:30 AM **Bible Study**, St. Patrick Hall

11:15 AM **Confession**, St. Peter

12:05 PM **Mass**, Holy Souls in Purgatory, St. Peter

**Friday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul, patron of the Diocese, Memorial**

11:15 AM **Confession**, St. Peter

12:05 PM **Mass**, +Margaret Frances Barlow, St. Peter

6:00 PM **VCU Campus Ministry Clothing Closet**, St. Peter

**Saturday, September 28, Sts. Wenceslaus and Lawrence Ruiz, op. memorials**

*Retiro de jóvenes - San Juan*

10:00 AM **Council of Women Board meeting**, St. John

3:30 PM **Baptisms**, St. Patrick

4:30 PM **Confession**, St. Patrick

4:30 PM **Confession**, St. John, *Fr. Armando Herrera*

5:30 PM **Mass**, Holy Souls in Purgatory, St. Patrick

5:30 PM **Mass**, +Pauline Sorenson, St. John, *Fr. Armando Herrera*

7:00 PM **Asamblea - Renovación Carismática**, San Juan

*Fr. Capuano will be away from Monday - Wednesday visiting parishes in the Western Vicariate.*

FORMATION IN THE COMMUNITY

All three parishes are open to assisting youth and adults in developing their faith life, from offering baptism to completing sacraments of initiation (ex: Confirmation). Due to the movement of the Holy Spirit, we have formation opportunities at each of the parishes this fall. **What do you need? Please let us know. - Fr. Capuano**

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THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Weekend Collection

September 15, 2024

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
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Actual \$4,110.47	Actual \$45,007.60
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Budget \$3,058.00	Budget \$37,015.00
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\$1052.47	\$7,992.60
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Weekend Mass Attendance

<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
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79	55
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**SAINT PATRICK**

Weekend Collection

September 15, 2024

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
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Actual \$4,868.24	Actual \$38,842.34
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Budget \$4,097.55	Budget \$45,419.00
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\$770.69	(\$6,576.66)
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Weekend Mass Attendance

<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
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42	119
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**SAINT JOHN/ SAN JUAN**

Weekend Collection

September 15, 2024

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
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Actual \$5,363.30	Actual \$60,011.70
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Budget \$4,947.00	Budget \$56,518.00
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\$416.30	\$3,493.70
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Weekend Mass Attendance

<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>
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79	170	413
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All totals include weekly collection and E-Giving

COMMUNITY NEWS

We updated the online giving pages of all three parishes, to provide an option for you to pay a convenience fee for online transactions from your personal accounts, to assist in lowering the fees the parish pays to provide online contributions for the faithful. This fee is not automatic if you are presently making recurring contributions. To pay the convenience fee you would need to log in to your account and update your contribution. Thank you so much for your consistent generosity to the parishes and for enabling us to be on a stable footing financially.

If you are not presently contributing online to the parishes, please prayerfully considering making an intentional financial sacrifice to help us grow our parishes.

See the website for each parish and navigate to the "Support" tab on the top menu bar, then click: "E-Giving". Fr. Capuano

PASTOR'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

*And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.* Nice sentiment, very... difficult... to... implement. We're all full of "jealousy and selfish ambition," which steps from the Fall and shame, which seems to cover everything. We know that pushing for recognition and advantage is "at least" problematic... and yet, we still seem to strive.

So, what is the fix? If you pour yourself into those committed to your care and strive to be "real," to be authentic... well, the rest doesn't matter quite as much. Are you willing to be "seen" by family members, staff, co-workers, friends? Or, are you more worried about what they might see if they peered "under the cover?"

I'm generally introverted and reserved, more severe and withdrawn when I'm still reading a room, but I love to laugh and poke fun at life. I want "real" conversation and recoil from personality facades. I'm sensitive and yet sometimes put on an iron mask when I can sense false personae. What about you?

Maybe take some time to think about how you "present" to the world and how you might need to strive for peace in the relationships that make up your "little world. Please be assured of my prayers this week. - Fr. Capuano

SAINT PATRICK

**Parish Office:** As we anticipate opening a parish office to meet possible needs of the parish, we're considering staffing the office Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, allowing the church to be open for visitors and prayer. Please see Fr. Capuano for more information.

**The Adult Bible Study** group that meets at St. Patrick on **Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM began a new study on September 12th.** Anyone is invited to join us as we begin an *Ignatius Catholic Bible Study* on the Psalms. This is a penetrating study using the text and the Church's own guidelines for understanding the Bible with a workbook by Scott Hahn. Please join us. Call Jane Murphy at 804-441-4075 with any questions.

**An additional study** is in the planning process. Please keep an eye out for more information.

THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

**Assistance with linens:** In order to attend to the Sacred Liturgy properly, we need assistance with cleaning and ironing altar linens and altar cloths on a periodic basis. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Fr. Capuano.

**Sacristans at daily Mass:** John Thornton, our custodian usually sets up for weekday Mass. Would you consider assisting the priests for daily Mass by supporting the priests at the end of Mass? It's an intimate way to draw close to the Lord. Please see Fr. Capuano for more information.

For those viewing the bulletin digitally: Click [HERE](#) for a **photo album of the progression of the statue restoration at the parish.** *It can be found on the parish website on the homepage by hovering over the "history" tab on the menu bar and clicking "Statue Restoration Photo Gallery.*

THE PRO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

<b>Entrance</b>	<b>O Christ the Great Foundation</b>	<b>#618</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>The Lord upholds my life</b>	<b>#938</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>How Brightly Beams the Morning Star</b>	<b>#390</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Eat This Bread</b>	<b>#734</b>
<b>Recessional</b>	<b>Lift High the Cross</b>	<b>#704</b>

**Social Ministry:** This week, we fed over 300 guests a hot meal, 21 guests utilized the showers, 54 guests utilized the clothing closet, 11 bags of groceries plus 23 snack bags were given out to those in need. Saint Peter continues assisting the Department of Social Services, helping those financially, spiritually, and physically.

I'm grateful for hard work of parishioners and non-parishioners who have found a home in our social ministry efforts at St. Peter. We're continuing efforts to maintain *and expand* our offerings, while striving to also protect our property and ensure that it is safe and welcoming for those coming to worship and receive social aid. I'm grateful also for the collaboration that is developing with local faith leaders and our developing relationship with the dedicated officers of the 4th Precinct of the City Police. - Fr. Capuano

**Wish List:** Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned chicken, soups, cereal, 1lb peanut butter. Men's athletic casual shoes-all sizes

**Formation:** We're starting up a formation session to assist the non-baptized, Catholics who need to receive sacraments, and those Catholics who need a refresher. Presently, we are working on developing the schedule. The sessions will be held on periodic Sundays after the 8:30 AM Mass. **The first meeting will be Sunday, October 6th in the parlor** (to the left of the front doors of the Church). For more information, please contact Fr. Capuano.

**Restoration and renewal in the Church:** As you know, we recently restored three statues and pedestals that were in storage. The Sacred Heart statue had lost its feet and pedestal and one of the hands (according the restorers, the statue dates to before or around 1900). The other two statues are unique in their own right and date to the early 1900s, both saints depicted are patrons of the missions, St. Francis Xavier, from the Society of Jesus and St. Thérèse de Lisieux, from the discalced Carmelites, her statue is of Spanish origin.

Currently the company has taken the Mary and Joseph statues for restoration. We welcome contributions that will help preserve these works of art for a new generation. Please contact the office if you would like to make a memorial to continue to preserve elements of this unique Church in the City.

Additionally, we're continuing to address the need of restoring and repairing various marble features in the Church, I hope to meet with a local contractor in the coming weeks. We welcome designated donations for this project as well.

Lastly, we do have some plaster issues and hope to be able to address possible leaks in the roof in the near future.





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

Please ask for his intercession and send favors granted to: [chancellor@richmonddiocese.org](mailto: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.*

INTERESTED IN ASSISTING?/

¿INTERESADO EN AYUDAR?

[outreachstpeter@richmondcluster.org](mailto:outreachstpeter@richmondcluster.org).

**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?*

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*Y el fruto de la justicia se siembra en paz para quienes cultivan la paz.* Un sentimiento bonito, muy... difícil... de... implementar. Todos estamos llenos de "celos y ambición egoísta", que proviene de la Caída y la vergüenza, que parece cubrirlo todo. Sabemos que esforzarse por obtener reconocimiento y ventajas es "al menos" problemático... y, sin embargo, parece que seguimos esforzándonos.

Entonces, ¿cuál es la solución? Si te entregas a quienes están comprometidos con tu cuidado y te esfuerzas por ser "real", por ser auténtico... bueno, el resto no importa tanto. ¿Estás dispuesto a que te "vean" familiares, personal, compañeros de trabajo, amigos? ¿O estás más preocupado por lo que podrían ver si miraran "debajo de la sábana"?

En general, soy introvertido y reservado, más severo y retraído cuando todavía estoy leyendo una habitación, pero me encanta reír y burlarme de la vida. Quiero una conversación "real" y me aparto de las fachadas de personalidad. Soy sensible y, sin embargo, a veces me pongo una máscara de hierro cuando puedo percibir personajes falsos. ¿Y tú?

Tómate un tiempo para pensar en cómo te "presentas" ante el mundo y cómo podrías esforzarte por lograr la paz en las relaciones que conforman tu "pequeño mundo". Ten la seguridad de que esta semana puedes contar con mis oraciones. - Padre Capuano

COMMUNITY NEWS

**You're Invited to St. John's Sunday Brunch  
September 29, 2024  
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Indulge in a delicious spread of breakfast and lunch favorites while supporting a great cause! All proceeds from this brunch will help us install new flooring in our Social Hall. Come enjoy fantastic food, great company, and be a part of something special. Don't Miss it- mark your calendar and join us for a brunch that makes a difference!



**Get Ready for Box of Joy This October!**

Join our Cluster Parishes in spreading Christmas cheer and hope to children in extreme poverty through the Box of Joy! This wonderful initiative, allows us to fill shoeboxes with toys and gifts that bring joy and share the message of the Gospel. Let's Make a Difference Together!

Last year, our amazing community came together to bless 240 children with gifts. This year, we're setting our sights even higher—our goal is to bless 300 children in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean!

**How You Can Help:**

We encourage everyone to pack a Box of Joy! Need more boxes? Just let us know—we've got you covered! Together, let's fill these boxes with love and hope, making a lasting impact in the lives of children who need it most. Thank you for your generosity and spirit! Let's make this Christmas unforgettable!

**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. **September: shampoo & conditioner.**

**Interior Church Renewal:** We're working with architects to continue the renewal of the interior of the Church. As mentioned last fall, and as mentioned in recent comments in the bulletin and announcements, we're planning on moving the sacristy and continuing updating of the sanctuary, flooring, fixing the baptismal font, constructing confessionals and updating the choir area. More information for *discussion* in the coming weeks, once the design concepts are complete. **I would like this to be an open conversation for the parish, so please don't hesitate to share ideas and concerns.** Thank you for your continued commitment to the parish - Fr. Capuano

**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.

**Consejo pastoral:** Como ya sabrán, estoy cambiando el enfoque del consejo pastoral. En lugar de un consejo para las tres parroquias, espero establecer tres consejos pastorales para nuestras parroquias. Por favor, consideren unirse al consejo pastoral de San Juan. Comuníquense conmigo personalmente si desean unirse al consejo para reflexionar juntos sobre cómo podemos seguir haciendo crecer la parroquia y satisfacer las necesidades de la comunidad para mejorar lo que ofrecemos a los fieles. Gracias por su dedicación a nuestra parroquia. Padre Capuano

**Recuento actual:** 4 feligreses de San Juan han respondido a la invitación para unirse o continuar en el Consejo Pastoral.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Italian Feast Friday!**

Momma Mia! It's that time of year again! Join us for our Annual Italian Feast hosted by the Council of Women.

Date: Friday, October 18, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Social Hall

Indulge in a delicious Italian dinner and savor all your favorites! A detailed menu and sign-up sheet will be available next weekend.

Your support means the world to us! We can't wait to share a night of food, fun, and community with you!

Grazie!



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Starting September 25 and running through November 3, be a part of a powerful movement to save lives by praying for an end to abortion in our community. We invite you to join our Prayer Warriors at Planned Parenthood on Hamilton Street, any time from 8 AM to 5 PM. Your prayers can make a real difference!

Mark Your Calendars:

- Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter's Day: Thursday, October 10th
- Saint Patrick's Day: Thursday, October 17th
- Saint John's Day: Thursday, October 24th

Let's come together as a community, filled with hope and determination. Together, we can create a wave of compassion and support for life!

We can't wait to see you there!

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