



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

**Sunday, November 17 after 10:30 Mass
in the Parish Hall**

**Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex!
Please include your name & total number attending!**

Can you donate your time for an hour or more?

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We need volunteers to:

Donate Cooked Turkey Breasts (4-5 lbs. each)

Set-up Tables & Decorations

Serve Food

Clean-up

Parishioners (see last names below) are needed to bring:

A thru J – vegetable (e.g., beans, sweet potatoes, corn pudding, etc.)

K thru R – salad or fruit

S thru Z – dessert



**QUESTIONS? Contact Kathy Burant, Parish Life Coordinator at
540.291.1189 OR kathyburant@gmail.com**

Important Notice

Financial transparency is mandated throughout all parishes within the Diocese of Richmond. It is for this reason that we report our financial status weekly in the church bulletin and that we provide a Year-End Financial Report in the Shamrock at the end of each fiscal year. As you may know for the Diocese of Richmond, the fiscal year begins on July 1 and concludes on June 30. We explained in the last Shamrock that the Diocese determines many of the figures we use in our Fiscal Year 2020 budget (FY20) such as retirement contributions, medical insurance, cathedraticum (annual amount paid to the Bishop) rates, and the amount of permissible pay raises for the pastor and employees. Our Finance Council also offered several observations about the FY20 Budget to explain why our budget increased over the previous fiscal year. These included:

- Maintenance Reserve collection is no longer exempt from the cathedraticum tax.
- Under the new cathedraticum formula, St. Patrick's effective tax rate is about 8.6%.
- Overall budgeted income and expenses have increased by 4% as compared to FY19.
- Plate and envelope collections are budgeted to increase by 3%.
- Budget includes staff increases based on aligning salaries with the Diocesan pay scale.
- Majority of the budget is mandatory expenditures from utilities to salaries.

We are asking parishioners to do the following four things to help us meet these budget increases:

1. If you have missed any donations due to travel or vacation, we are asking that parishioners please send in those missing donations.
2. All parishioners, including those who use direct deposit, are asked to increase their donation amounts by about 3-4% to cover the increases to the FY20 budget described above.
3. All parishioners are asked to increase their Maintenance Reserve donations by about 9% to cover what we are losing due to the cathedraticum tax.
4. Finally, we highly encourage all parishioners who are not already using direct deposit to please consider using this form of payment as a way to ensure your contributions come into the parish on a regular basis.

Kroger Community Rewards: With 51 households participating between 6/1/2019 — 8/31/2019, we have received \$306.66. This money will be used by the Justice & Peace Ministry to assist the needy of our community. Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to register, and for using your card when shopping at Kroger. If more parishioners register their Kroger Plus card, our share will be greater. If you haven't registered your card, please consider doing so. You will need to know our assigned number (**RR394**) or Justice & Peace Ministry of St. Patrick Catholic Church. There are two ways to register:

1. **By Phone:** call 1-800-576-4377 and listen for the option which mentions Community Rewards.
2. **Online:** go to [kroger.com/community-rewards](https://www.kroger.com/community-rewards).

If you have questions or need assistance, call Sherry Smith at 261-8767.

Pizza Fundraiser: St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus will be teaming up with Domino's Pizza of Lexington to raise funds for the citizens of Rockbridge County with intellectual disabilities on Thursday, November 14. Domino's will donate a generous percentage of all sales on that day to KOVAR. KOVAR is a charitable organization administered by the Knights which provides grants to organizations assisting our fellow citizens with intellectual disabilities. This is a fun and easy way to help our community.



Join St. Patrick's Sainly Book Club! We are all called to be saints. We are all called to holiness. What better examples of virtuous living do we have than our friends in heaven, the saints? During the next 14 months, participants will read 14 books of their choice about saints. We will gather to share our experience of living with the saints through the study of their lives and discussions of how to model them in holiness. We will meet again Thursday, November 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Open to all adults, cadets, and students. Sponsored by the AFF/NE. Contacts: Marilou Schindler, marilous@aol.com or Kathleen Nowacki-Correia, DRE.

