



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 way to ensure your contributions come into the parish on a regular basis.

Adoration Needs: While everyone is invited to drop by Adoration anytime 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each Wednesday, we need an additional person to commit to an hour with Jesus every week from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Please call or text Maggie Davies at 540-817-6426 if you are able to fill this need. A special thank you to those who have said "yes" to consoling the Heart of Jesus at Adoration!

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Homebound Ministry: Please contact the parish office if you are aware of a parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to injury, chronic illness or hospitalization and would like to receive communion. Also, the Prayer Shawl ministry has shawls and lap pads for those who are sick. Notify the parish office to request one.

Parish Library: Catholic books, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, and cassettes are available in the Parish House Living Room, including books about saints. We have many new donations, come browse our selection. The Adult Faith Room, accessed through the side church entrance, is open to parishioners, providing a quiet place for reading and reflection.

Daniel Deng of the South Sudan Diaspora Network will be speaking at Lexington Presbyterian Church on Thursday, November 21 about the Diaspora Network and events in the South Sudan more broadly. All are invited to attend. The dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. at a cost of \$8.00 per person. The talk begins at 6:30 p.m. Both events will be held in the Dunlap Auditorium. There is no charge for the talk, but if you would like to attend the dinner, please inform the Lexington Presbyterian Church office at 463-3873 by noon on Monday, November 18.

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