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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and
12 Noon

Weekday Mass: 7:30 AM Monday
through Friday, 8:00 AM Saturday

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

Holy Days of Obligation - See
Sunday bulletin.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays 8 AM to 7 PM

Parish Office

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Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday through Friday

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July 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every land. When it is full they haul it ashore. (Gospel)

Clergy

Rev. Christopher B. Rogers, **Pastor**

Rev. Victor F. Sharrett, **Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. Andres Garcia, **In Residence**

Oblates of St. Francis DeSales, Sunday Assistance

Deacons James K. Madonna and James J. Elliott

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Patrick Church, in the process of strengthening its Catholic Community, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ better known and loved through prayer, stewardship and good works

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola
 7:30AM The Jay Family
 r/o Dan & Marianne Gillman

Tuesday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori
 7:30AM The Centkowski Family
 r/o C. Szablewski

Wednesday, August 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli
 7:30AM Richard Franklin Balotti
 r/o Dick & Marcia Hall

Thursday, August 3, Weekday
 7:30AM Sam & Winifred O'Sullivan &
 Family
 r/o Bobbie O'Sullivan

Friday, August 4, St. John Vianney
 7:30AM Kathryn L. Cullen
 r/o Ray & Maura Burke

Saturday, August 5, Weekday
 8:00AM Special Intention

Vigil, The Transfiguration of the Lord
 5:00PM Alice Regester
 r/o Josephine Fragale & Family

Sunday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord
 7:30AM Mass for Parishioners
 9:00AM Alice Regester
 r/o Betty Ann Sweet
 10:30AM Edith & Henry Ciarrocchi
 r/o Vince & Jen D'Amico & Sons
 12:00PM Angelo Masciantonio
 r/o Wife, Domenica



It is time to submit your scheduling dates for the upcoming fiscal year and reserve your meeting space. The calendar covers from August, 2017 through July, 2018.

Please submit your requirements no later than July 31, 2017 to ensure that the space you require is available. Scheduling is done on a first come, first served basis, not automatically. Submit your request to the parish office.

Bishop Shanahan High School's 11th Annual Endowment Fund Golf Outing takes place on September 12. Enter to win the \$10,000 raffle –tickets are \$100.00. Contact 610-343-6238 for more information.

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for You have called us to serve You in love. Bless our sick: Helen Scotese, Jeanne Harkins, Ro Teel, James Killias, Ray Patterson, William Adair, Joshua Brown, Neal Reynolds, Gweneth Malchione, Bill Ewell, Ronald Hall, Frank Reck, Michael Odorisio, Sr., Mario Lorenzut, Ginny Basilio, Pastor Dan Nicewonger, Steve Briley, Ana Teresa Encarnacion, Robert "Mack" Marc-Aurele, Dennis Kelleher, Adriano D'Angelo, Judy Fritz, Clara Dunlap, Phil Morehead, Rosemary F. Madrigale, Tim Ewell, Ida DiNorscia, Mary R. Basilio, Rosa Maria Santos, Agnes DaVia, Lidi Brown, Rosaline Holloway so that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory. Amen.

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Lena Lovisa. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Good and loving Father, watch over and protect all who serve in the Armed Forces of our nation. Surround them with your love and care and bring them safely home.

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SFC Tyler Nellens
E1 Airman 1st CI Andrew Szonntag



FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! A few weeks ago, we welcomed Fr. Mark Fortner to our parish to speak about his work as a missionary priest. Fr. Fortner is a priest of the Sacred Heart of Jesus based in Wisconsin and spent a portion of his priesthood serving throughout the world, most notably in Indonesia. I'm grateful for Father's witness to us and alert you that next week's second collection is for Father Fortner's work. Please be generous and use the envelope labelled MISSION COOP.

Generosity to the missions involves not just money but self. We are reminded this in the scriptures we read, in our vocations as parents, priests and Christians. Of all the things that Jesus demands, He demands ourselves most of all and the gift of self which is called love. I see that type of generosity each week in your presence in the pews but also in your presence out of the pews, your life beyond Sunday Mass.

This summer, in visiting some of you in your homes, in hospitals and in simple conversation, I've witnessed in a particular way the day-to-day life of many of our parishioners. And it is without a doubt a life of generous service. Our parish is filled with men and women standing by the cross, carrying the cross and shouldering its weight with and for others. And that is the mission of Jesus Christ, responding to all of life with Love. I thank you for the witness you give and I encourage all of you to LIVE THE MISSION...in and out of the pews, Let the Light of God's Love shine in your human decisions and interactions. For that is our call and it's meant to be answered in and out of the pews.

Peace,
Fr. Rogers



In this 100th Anniversary Year of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, a statue of our Blessed Mother is traveling through the homes of our parish for devotion and family prayer. Participating families will have the

statue from Sunday to Sunday. This special blessing is available to all our families and a terrific way to help your family encounter God's Presence in your home.

You can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a5acac2da7f49-pilgrim> or call Susan at 610-388-6334.

**All are cordially invited to the 98th Annual
Feast of the Assumption
Sunday, August 13, 2017**

Communion Breakfast at the West Chester Golf & Country Club, 111 W. Ashbridge Street
Following the 9:00am Mass at St. Agnes Church
Solemn Procession at 2:30pm
Beginning in front of St. Agnes Church
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for information and breakfast tickets

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Sunday, July 30

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Monday, July 31

Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, August 3

Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 5

Rosary 8:30AM & 4:30PM C

C-Church



For eleven years The Barn at Spring Brook Farm has provided animal-assisted activities to children with disabilities. We are appealing to you to become a one on one volunteer to help guide a child one hour a week for twelve weeks beginning in September. No experience is necessary and training is provided.

For more information, please visit our website www.springbrook-farm.org or contact The Barn at 610-793-1037. A volunteer training is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 9:00AM-12:00PM at The Barn. Please RSVP to attend and learn more about The Barn!

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Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



St. Thomas the Apostle is blessed to welcome Brother Carmelo Cortez, the miracle of the roses, to the parish August 29 at 7:00PM.

Brother Cortez has been given a special Grace by God, so that when he is present and rose petals are distributed, miraculous images of the Crucifixion, of Our Blessed Mother, of angels, saints or other symbols form on the rose petals.

These miraculous rose petals are certainly a great testimony to Our Father and Our Savior, giving us these external signs of their reality, a reality that is in fact much more real than all the stuff we see around us and occupy ourselves with.

Join Brother Cortez, Father Francis and all of St. Thomas as we give praise and thanks to our Lord and Our Lady for the blessing of their presence in this sign.



Welcome to the St. Patrick Parish Family

Olivia Joy Ledezma

Peyton Lawrence Wagner



May God bless the following couples married at St. Patrick Church

Amy Trelenberg & John Kanzleiter

Jaclynn Hopkins & Frederick McCarthy

Maria Hoff & Edward Golden

Dineen Sampson & Alec Driskill

Michelle Dunbar & Alexander Krynski

Katherine Curry & James Gwinn



PREP

The school bells for the return to class can be heard off into the distance. Before you know, students will be returning to a new school year. The same is true for religious education classes at St. Patrick PREP. Classes for children in kindergarten through middle school will begin on September 10, 2017. If you have not registered your children for these classes there is still time to do so. Returning families can go on line to download a registration form. New parishioners are asked to call the office at 610-444-2214 for an appointment to learn about our faith formation for children.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Like to help in the Religious Formation of our parish children but have limited time?

We are now forming new teams of Children's Liturgy of the Word families. It involves a commitment of once a month at the 9:00AM Sunday Liturgy. Please call the Office of Religious Education at 610-444-2214 for more information.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Young People (RCIA)

RCIA is a program for those interested in becoming members of the church or coming into full communion with the faith community.

It is especially tailored to:

- Those who have never been baptized.
- Those who have been baptized Catholic, but never received the sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Those who have no church to call their own.
- Those who have been baptized and would like to come into full communion with the Church.

If you are interested, or would like to investigate the possibilities of taking this step call the Office of Religious Education at 610-444-2214.

A Reflection on Church Pews, by Philip Kosloski

In the United States we see pews as a necessary and basic part of every Catholic church. However, pews are a rather recent invention and surprisingly didn't even originate in Catholicism. For most of Church history, worshipers stood during the celebration of Mass. There did exist a few scattered benches for the elderly to sit on, but in general the nave of the church was entirely void of places to sit.

This made practical sense, especially when kneeling became a common posture of the laity. Additionally, in medieval churches the pulpit was typically placed in the middle of the church, apart from the sanctuary. This meant the laity had to physically walk over to the pulpit to listen to the priest's very brief homily. There was so much movement during Mass that no one, including the priest, ever had a chance to sit down. Pews were essentially non-existent until the Protestant Reformation. In most Protestant churches the emphasis during worship services was not the many liturgical movements, but the sermon given by a preacher. The interpretation of the Bible by the local pastor was a chief focus of Protestant liturgies and led to long discourses at the pulpit.

Pews were gradually introduced over time and were especially popular in English churches. On account of the expensive nature of pews, individuals and families would purchase pews and guard them with their lives. In some cases they even constructed "pew boxes" to protect them, locking them up so that nobody else could use them. Unfortunately there even arose various legal battles over pews as individuals regarded their seats as personal property.

Later on when churches could afford the installation of pews, they still relied on parishioners for additional income and began to "rent" pews. This practice was brought over to the United States from England and was adopted by the Catholic Church. Pew rentals were very common in Catholic churches and even authorized by the Third Council of Baltimore as a type of fundraiser. Catholics, primarily in England and the United States, introduced pews in their churches after Protestants started using them. Homilies became longer in Catholic churches than before and sitting was more common during various parts of the Mass.

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism: celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each Month. Pre-Jordan class is required and held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please call the parish office to schedule.

Confirmation: celebrated annually at the Parish with our Bishop. For more information, please contact Religious Education office.

Matrimony: celebrated regularly throughout the year. Engaged couples must meet with the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding, to arrange for the Sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick: celebrated regularly throughout the year in hospitals, homes or after Mass. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the Sacrament in times of sickness, prior to surgery or in emergency.

Holy Orders: Please visit www.HeedTheCall.org for information about priestly vocations

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For information about becoming Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration is held on the First Sunday of Each Month or at the parish office. Roman Catholics who live within the boundaries of the parish should register in the parish. This will regularize one's status and allow for the issuance of certificates and make possible the arrangements for Baptism, Weddings and Confirmations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Formal Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation is provided for children grades 1 thru 6. Classes are held on Sunday Mornings and Monday Evenings. Contact Marianne Kane for more information at 610-444-2214.

Sunday Celebrant Schedule

Subject to Change

August 5-6, 2017

5:00 Fr. Rogers

7:30 Fr. Rogers

9:00 Fr. Mullan

10:30 Fr. Rogers

12:00 Fr. Rogers

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Sunday Collection

July 22-23, 2017

Regular-\$14,754.00

Last year-\$11,580.00

Fr. Rogers' homilies are available online:
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