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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

Weekday Mass:

7:30 AM — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

7:00 PM - Wednesday

8:00 AM - Saturday

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM in School

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays 8:00 AM—7:00 PM in Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter



Clergy

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

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Oblates of St. Francis DeSales, Sunday Assistance

Deacon James K. Madonna

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.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 26, Easter Weekday

7:30AM Joe Versagli, Sr.
r/o Linda & Art Dowdy

Tuesday, April 27, Easter Weekday

7:30AM Marcella Maxwell
r/o Jerry & Marianne Kane

Wednesday, April 28, Easter Weekday & St. Peter Chanel

7:00PM Glenn Adams
r/o Sandy Hazzard

Thursday, April 29, Easter Weekday & St. Catherine of Siena

7:30AM Terri Fuski
r/o Anita Caputo

Friday, April 30, Easter Weekday & St. Pius V

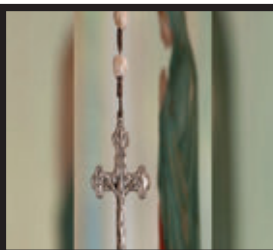
7:30AM Virgil & Lena Caputo
r/o Son

Vigil, Saturday, May 1, Easter Weekday & St. Joseph the Worker

5:00PM Rose Strengari
r/o Fred & Rose Marie Fieni

Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Mass for Parishioners
9:00AM Joe Versagli
r/o M/M Stephen DePaoli
10:30AM Evelyn D'Amico
r/o Jack & Ethel Ann Murphy
12:00PM Jack DePoulter
Wife



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us all unite to pray the rosary as the family of St. Patrick Church.

Please join us in this virtual connection on Sunday nights at 7:00PM and let us be united in mind and heart while meditating on the mysteries of our salvation in Christ.

Join by clicking the link found below or you may call in at:

312-626-6799 or 301-715-8592

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All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for You have called us to serve You in love. Bless our sick: Ro Teel, Bill Ewell, Ronald Hall, Mario Lorenzut, Rosemary F. Madrigale, Tim Ewell, Rosa Maria Santos, Thomas Layug, Steven Mangini, John Pellegrino, Thomas Kelleher, Diane Jones, Giovanna Sankus, Frankie Knowles, Richard Reynolds, Marc Palfy, Karen Dinius, Joshua Brown, Maria Rowe, William Morey, Eufemia Ortega Milagros Ada Maldonado, Tiffany Volovich, Bryan Pudelka, Miles Kennedy, Ron O'Brien, Diane Stansberry, Diane & Jeff Jones, Ana Teresa Encarnacion, Robert "Mack" Marc-Aurele, Pamela Maldonado, Mary Anne Proch, Aaron Pogue, Benjamin Pin, Susan Walker, Jessica Moorhead, Aline Frank, Beth Stingel, Kathi Lafferty, David Brice, Andy Wolf, Brian Donia, Marlene Brown, Hunter Hartman, Nancy Maillie, Maria Martelli, John Whiteman, Sylvia Masciantonio, Jim Feiler, Dianne & Anthony Smith, Shannon Quinn, Florence Ciliberti, Clint Norris III, Brian Nolan, Samantha Brown 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: Maria Martelli



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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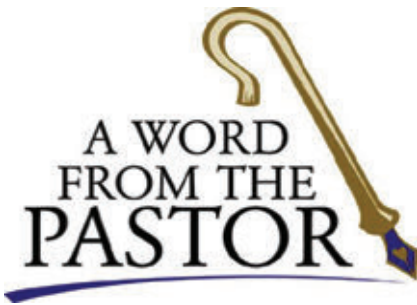
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My Dear Parishioners,

With yesterday's First Communion Day and this Tuesday our parish's Confirmation Day, I offer a word on the Sacraments. Gray-haired folks, like myself, may remember the classic definition of Sacrament. "**An outward sign instituted by Christ entrusted to the Church to give grace.**" Grace, of course, is not merely a girl's name, it is the very life of God. So the Sacraments are powerful vehicles of God's life. They are what makes our Churches different from museums or mere prayer rooms. Sacraments are what makes us different too. Sacraments change and transform us. Through them, we are received into the very life of God.

This Easter Season, we have celebrated almost every Sacrament for our people. We have had baptisms and confirmations; people reconciled and anointed; couples united in marriage and so many fed with Christ's body. In just two weeks, we will even see an Ordination as seminarians Andrew Auletta and Ryan Ngyugen are ordained deacons. (Saturday, May 8 at the Cathedral.)

What a grace-filled Easter this has been! Our access to the Sacraments is a great gift to be treasured. But often, that does not happen. Sacraments can too easily be abused or even trashed. This week, let's treasure these sacred gifts which provide healing, hope and transformation. To help, I share what St. Justin had to say about the Eucharist.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

From the first apology in defense of the Christians by Saint Justin, martyr (Cap 66-67: PG 6 427-431)

The celebration of the Eucharist

No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Saviour became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: *Do this in memory of me. This is my body.* In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *This is my blood.* The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, "Amen." The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our Saviour Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.



SAVE THE DATE for the next St. Patrick's Young Adults Social

Saturday, May 29, 2021

Calling all young adults, married and single, mid-20s to mid-30s! Have you always wondered about how to befriend that other person or couple you see each week at Mass? Trying to connect with others your age from St. Pat's? Then save the date for **Saturday, May 29 at 6:00PM at Braeloch Brewing (225 Birch Street)** for a casual meet-up! RSVP online at www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org. Individual bar tabs for food and beverage. Children welcome. We hope to see you there!



MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Mother's Day Cards are available in the back of Church. All of our moms will be remembered throughout the month of May.

Envelopes with their names will be placed and will remain on the Altar throughout the month.



"Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron, St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking."

St. Thomas Aquinas



Holy Hour with the Good Shepherd

Need some encouragement? Join us for a holy hour with fellow priests, religious and lay faithful as we seek strength and hope from Jesus, our Good Shepherd, the saints and one another during these difficult times in the world and the Church. The Holy Hour includes Rosary, Litany and Benediction. Afterwards join us for a short talk on a saint, exploring how he or she remained faithful to Christ and His church during the trials of his or her time.

September 19, 2021-Talk: St. Gregory the Great's Reforms of the Church in Crisis, Fr. Dennis Gill

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA.



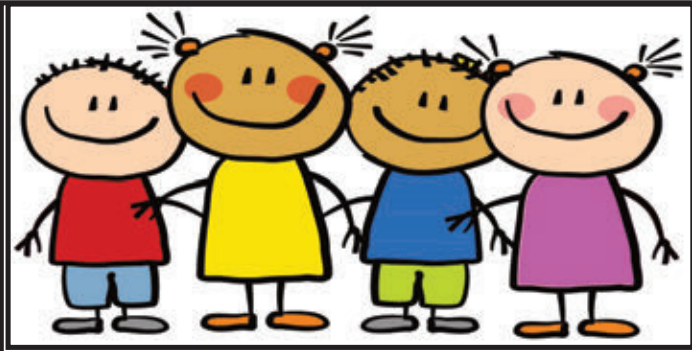
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you.



A most happy and eventful day in the life of your child was the day of their Baptism. Your child was consecrated to God in a special way, received the gift of God's presence in her/his soul and made a member of Christ's Body, the Church. Here at St. Patrick we want to assist you and your family with continual faith formation for your children. Our PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) helps to unlock the mystery of God and His love for us in greater detail and strengthens the vocation of living a true Christian life. For those among us not enrolled in a catholic school we strongly urge you to enlist your child in PREP. In doing so you will continue to fulfill the promise you made on your child's Baptism Day. Those children who will be five by August 31, 2021 can register for Kindergarten. Children who will be six by August 31, 2021 should register for first grade. Registration will begin on May 3, 2021 for classes that begin in September.

For more information, contact Marianne Kane:

stpatdre15@gmail.com

call 610-444-2214


OR

visit our church website:

www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org and click on PREP

THANK YOU!

Now that our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) has come to the end of the season, we would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all the catechists who helped make this year possible. These individuals dedicated themselves on a volunteer basis to share the Catholic faith with the children of our parish during the school year. (continued in next column)



RED CROSS
Our next Blood Drive will be held on Friday, May 21, 2021 from 2:00PM-7:00PM. Please sign up by going to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: stpatrickks to schedule your appointment.

Sign up is also available on our website:
stpatrickkennettsquare.org

Thank you so much for your continued support to the Red Cross.

The following individuals have done a wonderful job!

Barbara Abate, Joanna Armer, Warren BeVard, Patricia Brady, Kate Buchanan, Don Drinker, Ray Gamble, Marge Korn, Alex Lawes, Maria Miller, Matthew Murphy, Damon Owens, Deborah Reedy. We want to especially remember the deceased Mary Plumley who dedicated over 30 years to the PREP children.

A big THANK YOU is also given to the aides and substitutes as well as all the moms and dads who taught from home this year. May God bless them and their families.

COME AND JOIN US AT ST. PATRICK PREP

As we look to next year's PREP classes there will be a need for individuals to step forward as catechists. You will be provided with training, materials and the support of many catechists. Find out what you have been missing. Contact Marianne Kane at 610-444-2214.



"I repeat, there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary."

St. Lucia of Fatima

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, April 25

Baptism	1:15PM	C
Parish Rosary	7:00PM	Zoom

Monday, April 26

Adoration	8:00AM	C
Rosary	7:00PM	C

Tuesday, April 27

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
Romans: The Gospel of Salvation	7:00PM	Hybrid
Metanoia	7:30PM	Zoom
Confirmation	4:00PM	C

Wednesday, April 28

Mass	7:00PM	C
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Thursday, April 29

Friday, April 30

Saturday, May 1

Rosary	8:30AM & 4:30PM	C
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM	S
Confession	3:30PM	C

As more people are vaccinated, we are excited to see many returning to Church and we ask your assistance in welcoming people back. Therefore, please note the following when coming to Church:

1. Please wear a face covering. Exceptions are "children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, and anyone who is incapacitated or unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance". (CDC Guidelines)
2. Every other pew will remain available for seating to allow for social distancing.

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3. IF COMING TO CHURCH ALONE, PLEASE MOVE TO CENTER OF PEW TO ALLOW A SEAT FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

4. THE CHURCH BASEMENT IS OPEN FOR OVERFLOW SEATING AT ALL MASSES. FOR THOSE SEATED DOWNSTAIRS, USHERS WILL COLLECT YOUR CHURCH OFFERING AND A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER WILL BRING COMMUNION.

5. When coming to receive Communion, please continue to use the side aisles and return to your seat by way of the center aisle forming a single line.

6. At the conclusion of Mass, pews will continue to exit through the center aisle one at a time from back to front. If you are worshipping in the Church Basement, an Usher will direct you to exit through the side door of the basement.

Thank you for your continued kindness to one another and your assistance to provide a safe, comfortable worship experience for our parish community. God Bless.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 4, 2021	\$3,151.00
April 11, 2021	\$12,505.00
Easter 2021 to date	\$33,488.00

April 5, 2020	\$17,739.00
April 12, 2020	\$12,644.00
Easter 2020	\$22,280.00

April 18, 2021	\$12,825.00
Last Year	\$9,827.00

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism: celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Please call the parish office to schedule.

Matrimony: celebrated throughout the year. Please contact Fr. Rogers.

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.

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