



# St. Patrick Parish

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

212 Meredith Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348

[www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org](http://www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org)

### 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

Wednesday: 6:00PM-6:45PM in Church

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

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays 8:00 AM—7:00 PM in Church

### PARISH OFFICE

205 Lafayette Street

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Hours: 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Monday through Friday

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AUGUST 27, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Clergy

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

Rev. Andres Garcia, **In Residence**

Deacon Alan T. Haley

Deacon James K. Madonna, Retired

### Sunday Assistance:

Rev. James T. McCabe

Oblates of St. Francis DeSales

### 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, August 28, St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:30AM Marlene McDonough  
r/o Bobbie O'Sullivan

**Tuesday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

7:30AM Grace Smith  
r/o Bobbie O'Sullivan

**Wednesday, August 30, Weekday**

7:00PM Grace Smith  
r/o Rose Hearn

**Thursday, August 31, Weekday**

7:30AM August & Emily DePippo  
r/o Rich & Joe DePippo & Families

**Friday, September 1, Weekday**

7:30AM Edward Moran  
r/o Eileen Sutton

**Saturday, September 2, Weekday**

8:00AM Special Intention

**Vigil, Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00PM Catherine Cutaia  
r/o Jane

**Sunday, September 3, Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM St. Patrick Parishioners  
9:00AM Szablewski & Sableski Families  
r/o Conrad  
10:30AM Robert Abernethy  
r/o Jack & Ethel Ann Murphy  
12:00PM Joe Mahek  
r/o Joe & Rosemarie Kennedy

*"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." ~ John 6:51*



**Eucharistic Etiquette:**

*A weekly word about reverence for the Eucharist.*

☒What you see is the bread and the chalice...But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the Body of Christ and the chalice the Blood of Christ.☒

St. Augustine of Hippo

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for You have called us to serve You in love. Bless our sick: Rosa Maria Santos, Thomas Layug, Steven Mangini, John Pellegrino, Thomas Kelleher, Diane Jones, Giovanna Sankus, Frankie Knowles, Richard Reynolds, Marc Palfy, Joshua Brown, Maria Rowe, William Morey, Eufemia Ortega Milagros, Ada Maldonado, Bryan Pudelka, Miles Kennedy, Diane Stansberry, Diane & Jeff Jones, Ana Teresa Encarnacion, Robert Mack Marc-Aurele, Pamela Maldonado, Mary Anne Proch, Aaron Pogue, Susan Walker, Beth Stingel, Kathi Lafferty, Tom Lafferty, Barry Fragale, David Brice, John Whiteman, Jim Feiler, Dianne & Anthony Smith, Shannon Quinn, Florence Ciliberto, Clint Norris III, Samantha Brown, Mary Ellen Rorke Ventrella, Diane Jones, Janice DiGennaro, Ellen Rendel, Chris Baker, Linda Harris, Millie Basile, Vira Smith, Bob McCaffrey, Ed Homa, Chris Santos, Alan Hobbs, Jeff Hammaker, Karen Amato, Jessica Moorhead, Carmen Rossini, Joe Posse, Maria Ireson, Karen Neyerson, Dure Gantz, Brent London, J. A. Shiner, Kaia Rae Watson-Seery, Tony Brown, Joan Ricevuto, Tracy Conway, Thomas O'Neil, Lucy Carroll, Randy Myers, Marino T. Plebani, Ronald J. Caputo, Gary Levon, Sutton & Daphne Greene that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory. Amen.

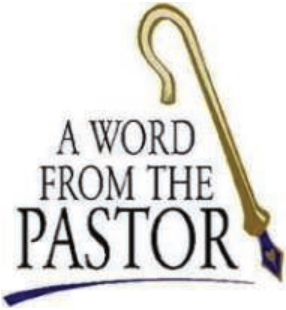
**Names on the prayer list will remain for two months. Please contact the office to add, renew or remove a name.**

**Our Faithful Departed:**



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.

- SGT Richard Baffa
- SFC Raymond Burke III
- LCDR Michael Crawford
- Capt. Dominic Paul DellaPelle, USMC
- Army LTC Matthew R. Emerson
- LCPL Ben Farrell, USMC
- 1st LT. USAF Natalie King
- Army Major Robert C. McDonough
- SFC Tyler Nellens
- Airman U.S. Navy Francis M. Raimato
- E1 Airman 1st CI Andrew Szonntag
- 1st LT. USAF Scott Seidenberger
- Major Ian C. Whiteman



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised be Jesus Christ!

This weekend we welcome to our parish Fr. Callan, a Divine Word Missionary. Fr. Callan is a native of the Philadelphia area and it is a delight to welcome him to St. Patrick for the Annual Mission Appeal. A collection for the Mission Appeal was already taken earlier this summer. If you missed it or would like to make an additional donation, simply place an envelope in the Sunday Collection and mark it "Mission Appeal". We will send the total collection to the Propagation of the Faith at the end of September.

This weekend, we welcome back to our parish many of our families as Summer 2023 comes to an unofficial end. In years past, schools waited until after Labor Day to begin. But now, things have changed. In fact, things are changing rapidly and a lot of the changes are not good. Times of transition can be difficult especially the start of the school year. In such times, we lean heavily on family for support including Church Family. In that regard, I want to assure all our moms, dads and children of special prayer, support and assistance in this transition time of year. We as a parish will be praying for you all! So too are the Saints! I highlight the support of two saints whose feasts are this week: St. Monica and St. Augustine. Both knew a lot about transitions and their friendship can be a big help.

Consider the following reflection written by Glenn E. Myers:

St. Augustine presents the whole of human existence as a journey. Every step we take moves us closer to God or farther away. That venture begins long before conversion. In fact, it is often the twists and turns in life that God uses to draw us to himself. Even when we veer off in the wrong direction the Lord pursues us.

In his *Confessions*, Augustine details his own pilgrimage. Running from God for many years, he finally yielded his life to the Almighty. After conversion the journey did not end. The remainder of Augustine's life was spent in hot pursuit of the One he loved.

According to Augustine, each of us is a homo viator—a traveler, a pilgrim. Along each segment of the path, the ultimate question is: Which direction are we headed? Are we moving toward God or wandering away from him? The essence of evil is movement away from the God. Sin is orienting ourselves toward our narcissistic cravings instead of toward God's love.

Only God's grace redeems and sets us in the right direction. From beginning to end, Augustine emphasizes that the whole of the Christian life is by faith. In his debate with Pelagius, Augustine affirms that we cannot somehow reach God or fulfill his commands by human effort. Rather, God is always prior—working in our hearts by grace.

May we welcome the friendship of Augustine and Monica into our lives especially this week!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

**LIVING STONES APPEAL**  
St. Patrick Connecting Cornerstones Project

**LIVING STONES APPEAL: PHASE II ~ MENDING THE GAP**  
Thank you to all who are part of our Connecting Cornerstones Project and to all those who continue to help us MEND THE GAP! As of 8/22/23:  
MONEY RAISED: \$1,614,823  
COST OF PROJECT: \$1,966,908  
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For more information or to make a donation, please visit our website.  
[www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org/living-stones-appeal/](http://www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org/living-stones-appeal/)

**PLEASE NOTE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**  
**MASS AT 9:00AM**  
**NO ADORATION**



Please join us Friday, September 1  
at 7:00PM in church  
for First Friday Adoration



**CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER**

**WORD OF LIFE BULLETIN BRIEFS-** No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart. Read more at [www.uscb.org/death-penalty-q-and-a](http://www.uscb.org/death-penalty-q-and-a). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Death Penalty: Catholic Q&A

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR BIRTHRIGHT-** Our friends at Birthright are seeking donations to support the mothers and children that they serve. At this time, the following items are of most need: Diapers Size Preemie & 4; Infant bath towels; Baby Wash & Lotion; Diaper Cream; Onesies (Boy & Girl) Sizes 12-18m, 8-24m, 24m-2T; Winter Clothes for Boys Sizes 9-12m, 12-18m, 24m-2T; Winter Clothes for Girls Sizes 9-12m, 18m-24m; Maternity Clothes Size XL and XX. Donations are currently being collected by Jim DiBrino. If interested in making a donation, please contact Jim directly at 484-867-7141. Thank you!




**SAVE THE DATES FOR THE 38TH ANNUAL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL-SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10-ST. PATRICKS WILL BE THERE!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CUTE AS A BUTTON BOOTH**

It's now a tradition to St. Patrick Parishioners to staff the Cute As A Button Baby Photo Contest booth at the Mushroom Festival. The Mushroom Festival is the biggest event held each year in our hometown attracting between 80,000 to 100,000 people. Our booth is the only one in the festival dedicated solely to collecting funds for local charitable causes, primarily for children and families in need at Nemours Children's Hospital.

Although this tradition largely started as an event staffed by members of our Knights of Columbus and Ladies of St. Patrick, it has evolved over the past few years to now embrace the entire congregation. As such, we are in need of volunteers to staff this year's booth for a 2-hour shift on Saturday and/or Sunday-both morning and afternoon shifts available. It's a great way to meet other parishioners while living our parish vision of receiving and giving the Love of God in support of our larger community. Because most volunteers thoroughly enjoy their booth duty interacting with the festival goers, open slots go quickly. **If you're interested in learning more and able to volunteer, please contact Jen Keller at : [jenkellersp@gmail.com](mailto:jenkellersp@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 610-444-4364.**

**KENNETT MUSHROOM FESTIVAL CUTE AS A BUTTON PHOTO CONTEST SUBMISSION DEADLINE-AUGUST 31-** St. Patrick Parish is blessed with many young people ages 6 mos.-3 years who would qualify. Do you have a photo of a special "button" that's just the cutest around? Enter him/her in the Cute As A Button Contest-categories include Buttons (6-15 mos.) Criminis (15-24 mos.) & Portabellas (24-36 mos.). To enter please visit: <https://mushroomfestival.org/cute-as-a-button-photo-contest>



**St. Patrick Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**  
**12:00PM-5:00PM**

Our next blood drive will be held on Wednesday, September 20 in the St. Joseph Room, located on the first floor of the St. Patrick Religious Education Center. Just like our pantries need restocking, so does the blood supply.

To sign up to donate and to schedule your appointment, please visit:

[www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org)  
 and enter sponsor code **stpatrickks**.

Sign up is also available on our parish website or flocknote.

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**MONDAYS:**  
**8:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

**FIRST FRIDAYS - 8/4/23:**  
**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



If the idea of Eucharistic Adoration is new to you, you might wonder what should I *do* during Adoration? St. John Paul II said *"We must understand that in order 'to do', we must first learn 'to be', that is to say, in the sweet company of Jesus in adoration."* Our lives are filled with doing, movement and sounds. If you are just starting out, it's helpful to just sit reverently in the presence of the Lord for about fifteen minutes. With practice, sitting quietly in His Presence will become easier. Don't give up if you are distracted, that's normal! It can take time to build spiritual muscles.

Our parish offers **Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM**. All are invited to stop in Church to spend some time with the Lord. We also **celebrate First Fridays with Adoration from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**. First Fridays include beautiful music and a short teaching on prayer from Father Rogers. Why not have an early dinner on State Street, then walk down to Church to kick off your weekend? In fact, since there is no Adoration on Monday, September 4 (due to the holiday), **mark your calendars for Friday September 1** and do just that!

For questions or more information regarding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, please contact Angela Eyre at 484-753-4801 or by email at [reachmorestpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:reachmorestpatrick@gmail.com).



*faith*

Praise God with shouts of joy, all people! Psalm 66:1

Simon faith results in Christ to re-name him Peter or Rock but even Peter faith is shook up in the shadow of the cross. We all have hard times of uncertainty and of doubt in our journey of faith. We can hold firmly to Christ promise that the powers of death and destruction will not prevail against the Church or the people who are its living stones. Quietly reflect on who is Jesus to you? How can you help the kingdom of God grow?

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**PREP CALENDAR**

**Welcome Back to PREP Mass**

Sunday, September 10

Kindergarten students attend Mass at 9:00AM followed by an

orientation in the St. Joseph Room

Levels 1-7 Mass at 6:00PM

A brief orientation will take place in the church basement then materials will be distributed.

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**RETREAT DATES**

Please refer to the calendar and your PREP Flocknotes regarding the retreat

Levels 1-2-3 Saturday, January 20, 2024  
snow make-up on Saturday, January 27, 2024

Levels 4-5-6 Saturday, February 10, 2024  
snow make-up Saturday, February 24, 2024

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**2023-2024 PREP**

Registration forms are available on the parish website under YOUTH tab-PREP

Any returning family will be charged a \$25.00 late fee

Any questions contact Maria Miller  
mmillerdresp@gmail.com/610-444-2214



Catechesis of the  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
"Let the little children come"  
Matthew 19:14

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Serving children ages 3-6

In the atrium appropriate patterns of polite behavior and values of self-respect, kindness, peacefulness, compassion, empathy, honor, individual responsibility, and courage to speak from our hearts are taught and encouraged. All the activities in the atrium reinforce order, concentration, coordination and independence.

Thank you to all who have answered our need for donations. We are busy organizing and arranging the Atrium with all our new found treasures.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Registration Forms may be found on the parish website under the YOUTH tab-CGS. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 27.**

For inquiries about CGS contact

Kelly Pin or Maria Miller

[Kpin.teacher@gmail.com](mailto:Kpin.teacher@gmail.com) or [mmillerdresp@gmail.com](mailto:mmillerdresp@gmail.com) 236



**THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS HAS REACHED CAPACITY AND REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED. IF YOU ALREADY REGISTERED AND STILL NEED A RIDE, PLEASE JOIN YOUR ST. PATRICK FRIENDS!**

St. Patrick, St. Gabriel and ABVM are sponsoring a charter bus to the Eucharistic Congress. The bus will depart from St. Patrick Church at 7:30AM. Estimated return time is 5:30PM. While there is NO FEE for the transportation, a FREE WILL offering will be collected.

**SPACE IS LIMITED! To reserve your seat or for additional questions, please contact Jen Keller at [jenkellersp@gmail.com](mailto:jenkellersp@gmail.com) or call 610-444-4364.**

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**VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IS NOW AVAILABLE!** We're sorry, the in-person Eucharistic Congress has reached maximum capacity and is now sold out. **Consider participating virtually via livestream! The cost is \$20 per household.** To register for virtual participation please visit: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v>

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH**

Sunday, August 27

Baptism	1:15PM	C
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Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
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Wednesday, August 30

Confession	6-6:45PM	C
Mass	7:00PM	C
Catechist Meeting	6:30PM	SJR

Thursday, August 31

Men's Group	6:30AM	SJR
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Friday, September 1

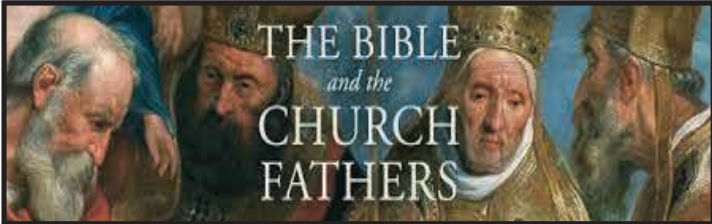
First Friday Adoration	7:00PM	C
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Saturday, September 2

Rosary	8:30AM & 4:30PM	C
Confession	3:30PM	C



**SUNDAY COLLECTION**  
August 20, 2023-\$13,764.00  
Last Year-\$13,839.00



**Fall Bible Study Now Forming**  
*The Bible and the Church Fathers*  
Dates: September 12 – December 5, 2023 (12 weeks)  
Tuesday Evening, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
Where: St. Joseph Room

*The Bible and the Church Fathers* is part of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology's dynamic Journey Through Scripture Bible study series.

In *The Bible and the Church Fathers*, you'll learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture. This video and discussion series will teach you everything you need to know about how the Bible took form. You'll learn powerful tools for reading it, and you'll understand Scripture's relationship to Tradition and, in particular, to the sacraments.

This study will begin on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00pm in the St. Joseph Room or on Zoom and will run for 12 sessions. Workbooks are available for \$24.95 each. The purchase of the workbook will also give you access to the videos in the series for four months.

To register for this study or if you have further questions, please contact Ann Marie Gillinger at [amgmag03@gmail.com](mailto:amgmag03@gmail.com). You may also register online through the Parish Website or Parish Flocknote.

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**HAPPY 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



**FRED & ROSEMARIE FIENI**

Our parish wishes a JOY-FILLED WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING to Fred & Rosemarie Fieni as they celebrate 70 years together on August 29. May God continue to bless the love in your hearts and your life together with an ever-deepening faith.

**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.

**Fr. Rogers's homilies are available online:**  
[www.cbr.podbean.com](http://www.cbr.podbean.com)

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