

# St. Patrick Parish

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Reconciliation Room located in Narthex Wednesday: 6:00PM-6:45PM Saturday: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays: 8:00 AM—7:00 PM in Church First Fridays: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in Church

#### PARISH OFFICE

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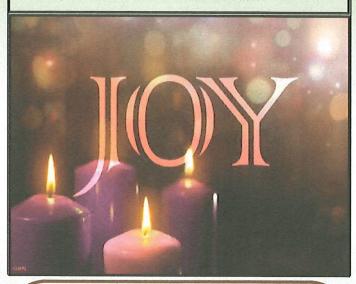
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# DECEMBER 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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 Antentions

Monday, December 16, Advent Weekday

7:30AM Joann Warren

r/o Tom & Carolyn Peppernick

Tuesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

7:30AM August & Emily DePippo

r/o Joseph & Richard DePippo

Wednesday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

7:00PM Archbishop Ettore DiFilippo

r/o Family

Thursday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

7:30AM Al & Margaret DiNorscia

r/o Family

Friday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Caputo &

DaVia Family

r/o Charlie & Dianne Smith

Saturday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday, St. Peter Canisius

8:00AM Special Intention

Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00PM Richard Salamone

r/o Brady Family

Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Parishioners

9:00AM Magyar & Borecki Families

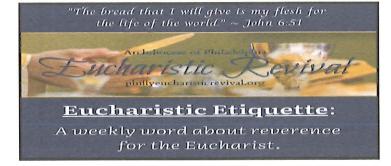
r/o Dennis Magyar

10:30AM Anthony & Emelia Malchione

r/o Family

12:00PM Ethan Byrne

r/o Mom, Dad & Sister



The Holy Eucharist is the continuation of Christ's incarnation on earth. The mystery of the Eucharist gives us the joy of having Christmas every day. When we come to the Blessed Sacrament we come to Bethlehem, a name which means "house of bread."

St. Theresa of Calcutta

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

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, Richard Reynolds, Marc Palfy, Joshua Brown, Maria Rowe, William Morey, Eufemia Ortega Milagros, Ada Maldonado, Pudelka, Miles Kennedy, Diane Stansberry, Diane & Jeff Jones, Robert "Mack" Marc-Aurele, Pamela Maldonado, Mary Anne Proch, Aaron Pogue, Susan Walker, Kathi Lafferty, Barry Fragale, David Brice, Jim Feiler, Dianne & Anthony Smith, Shannon Quinn, Florence Ciliberto, Clint Norris III, Samantha Brown, Mary Ellen Rorke Ventrella, Diane Jones, 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 Neverson, Brent London, J. A. Shiner, Kaia Rae Watson-Seery, Tony Brown, Joan Ricevuto, Tracy Conway, Lucy Carroll, Randy Myers, Ronald J. Caputo, Gary Levon, Nancy Maillie, Gina Serra, Patti DeFazio, Melissa MacCleery, Rebekah Simunek, Anne Marie McCarthy, Susan Gore, Theresa Evans, Alyssa Pierangeli, Joyce Pellegrino, Doris Gillis, Conrad Szablewski, Mia Staley, Megan Heller, Dee Chandler, Brian Chandler, Bob Regenye, Dave Gilpin, Virginia Cappella, Angela Vitola-Langtry, Vince Poole, Lisa Mangini, Eileen & Joe Posse, Joe Watson, Jay McEvoy, that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory. Our Faithful Departed-Maria Hamilton-Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she 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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My Dear Parishioners,

Praise Be Jesus Christ! In this last full week before Christmas, we enter a new phase of Advent which is reflected in the "O Antiphons" of the Liturgy. What are the "O Antiphons"? That question was asked and answered well by Fr. William Saunders and I share his words with you.

O Antiphons refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil.

The exact origin of the O Antiphons is not known. Boethius (c. 480-524) made a slight reference to them, thereby suggesting their presence at that time. At the Benedictine abbey of Fleury (now Saint-Benoit-sur-Loire), these antiphons were recited by the abbot and other abbey leaders in descending rank, and then a gift was given to each member of the community. By the eighth century, they are in use in the liturgical celebrations in Rome. The usage of the O Antiphons was so prevalent in monasteries that the phrases, Keep your O and The Great O Antiphons were common parlance. One may thereby conclude that in some fashion the O Antiphons have been part of our liturgical tradition since the very early Church.

The importance of O Antiphons is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: O Sapientia (O Wisdom), O Adonai (O Lord), O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O Clavis David (O Key of David), O Oriens (O Rising Sun), O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), and O Emmanuel. Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

According to Professor Robert Greenberg of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the Benedictine monks arranged these antiphons with a definite purpose. If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one — Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia — the Latin words <u>ero cras</u> are formed, meaning, <u>Tomorrow, I will come</u>. Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, Tomorrow, I will come. So the O Antiphons not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion.

Given that "<u>Tomorrow, He will Come</u>!" Be ready for His Coming, I encourage all of you to come to our parish Penance Service this Tuesday. Peace,

Fr. Rogers

#### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

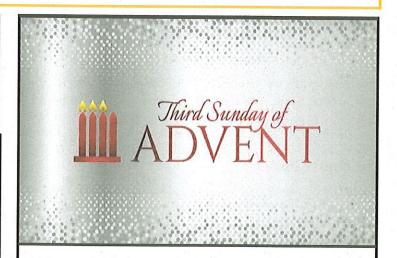
- St. Maximilian Kolbe, Monday, December 16 at 6:30PM
- St. Patrick, Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00PM
- St. Cornelius, Thursday, December 19 at 11:00AM & 7:00PM



St. Patrick Parish Rosary Sunday Evenings 7:00 PM via Zoom

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The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudette Sunday. Gaudette is the Latin word meaning "rejoice."

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## ST. PATRICK CHURCH, KENNETT SQUARE, PA



# CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

#### WORD OF LIFE - BULLETIN BRIEF

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity (<a href="https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity">www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity</a>)

#### LET THERE BE JOY - RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY ADVENT RAFFLE

Congratulations to the Costello Family on winning the Respect Life Ministry Advent Raffle, which included the beautiful outdoor Nativity Flag, Expectant Madonna Statue, and *Reed of God* Book. A word of thanks to all our parishioners who participated in support of pro-life causes.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2025 SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 WASHINGTON, D.C.

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. Please consider joining St. Patrick & Assumption BVM in attending the annual national March for Life. More details soon to come.

#### MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of men, women, young people and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill. It is the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest...TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.

Please join St. Patrick Church as we partner with Assumption BVM, St. Gabriel and Sacred Heart Parishes to sponsor a bus trip to Washington, DC for the 52nd annual March for Life. The motor coach bus will depart Assumption BVM Church parking lot (300 State Road, West Grove) at 6:30AM and return approximately 7:00PM. We will attend the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. We will then reboard the bus and travel to the National Mall for the Rally & March for Life. To sign up for the bus, call Jen Keller at 610-444-4364.

#### **DECEMBER 15, 2024**

# THE GIVING TREE

#### THANK YOU

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...
yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer
him your hand."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

A heartfelt word of thanks to all of our parishioners who participated in our Parish Giving Tree. We received an abundance of gift cards, toys, clothing, household items, personal care items, diapers and much, much more. As such, through your generosity, we were able to support the good work of KACS, Sunday Breakfast Mission, St. Edmonds Home for Children, Family Promise, Good Samaritan Services, and Birthright of Coatesville. The agencies are in the process of picking up their items and expressed their gratitude for the good people of St. Patrick parish. Thanks again!

#### **CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2024**

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE** 

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024 4:00PM, 6:30PM, 8:15PM

**CHRISTMAS DAY** 

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024
5:00PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY** 

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING-9:00AM MASS CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WILL BE LIVE STREAMED. PLEASE CONSULT THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UPDATED MASS TIMES. 236

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



great things
for us
AND WE ARE
filled with joy.

"Sing to the Lord because of the great things he has done. Let the whole world hear the news".

#### Isaiah 12:5

This week we hear how people react to John the Baptist as he travels great

distances to baptize and preach instructing different groups of people, (including tax collectors and soldiers), on how to act with justice and care for one another. John tells them to put God's commandments into practice. Quietly reflect on how you are called to care for others?

#### **NO PREP**

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Sunday, December 22, 2024

Monday, December 23, 2024

# 2024 PARISH TREE LIGHTING & JOYFUL SCENES OF

**CHRISTMAS** 

Thank you to all our children and families who participated in our joyful Scenes of Christmas celebration last Sunday and to all who joined us. It certainly was a joyous event!

A special word of thanks to our Knights of Columbus for donating the beautiful tree and organizing our holiday social gathering. All had a wonderful time and especially enjoyed the family photos with our friend from the North Pole-thanks to Tony Basilio for capturing the moment behind the lens. Job well done! Thanks to all for getting St. Pat's in the Christmas Spirit!



#### **DECEMBER 15, 2024**



#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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Last week, we heard the first of the Messianic prophecies Isaiah, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!" followed by the names of the Messiah, and we continued to

ponder this while we work in the atrium and lit the second candle on the Advent Wreath.

We know that Jesus came to us as a baby but this week we focused on where Jesus was born. Looking at a globe we travelled across the Atlantic to Israel and using the raised surface map the children saw what Israel looked like in Jesus' time. On the surface map the children saw that Israel was similar to where we live. They could see high mountain ridges, sand, forest land and seas & rivers. We focused on the town of Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem.

For inquiries about CGS contact Kelly Pin or Maria Miller.

Kpin.teacher@gmail.com or mmillerdresp@gmail.com

#### ST. PATRICK PARISH PILGRIM STATUE OF THE EXPECTANT MADONNA



Our Parish Pilgrim Statue of the Expectant Madonna continues to bless the homes of our parish families and recently made a second visit to the home of Ethel Ann Murphy. She shared the following regarding Our Lady's visit:

"I never stop being amazed at the way the Lord touches my life through divine intervention. He knows what I need... And when I need it. His plan is my plan! I signed up months ago for this past week to be my second visit from the Expectant Madonna to my home. I was actually the first one on the list the week of October 16th of 2023 - what would have been Jacks and my 30th anniversary.

There was no reason I picked this week, this time. It was just one that was available. Little did I know that through divine intervention Mary would be in my home the week after my sweet sister went to meet our good Lord and her angels in heaven.... A few days after I held her hand for the very last time..... Yet another act of divine intervention. Mary has always been a great source of comfort to me throughout my life. To have her here this past week has been such a blessing in so many ways."

Have you signed up yet to welcome Our Expectant Madonna Pilgrim Statue? All parishioners and families are invited to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of the Expectant Madonna into your home for a one-week visit (Sunday to Sunday). As we now celebrate the beautiful season of ADVENT, this can be a special way to gather your family together in prayer each day while contemplating Mary's FIAT. A Prayer Booklet complete with the Rosary for Life intentions and other prayers specific to the family and pro-life matters will accompany the statue to help deepen your prayer time. For more information and to sign up for your week, please visit the parish website or contact Jen Keller at jenkellersp@gmail.com.

#### ST. PATRICK CHURCH, KENNETT SQUARE, PA.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH		
Sunday, December 15		
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM Mass	СВ
Children's Choir Practice	1:00PM	Choir Loft
Parish Rosary	7:00PM	Zoom
Monday, December 16		
Adoration	8:00AM	С
Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	РО
Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting	7:00PM	СВ
Tuesday, December 17		
Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	С
Penance Service	7:00PM	С
Wednesday, December 18		
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30-11:00AM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Confession	6:00PM	Narthex
Mass	7:00PM	С
Advent Adult Faith Formation	7:00PM	SJR
Thursday, December 19		
Men's Group	6:30AM	С
Friday, December 20		
Saturday, December 21		
Rosary	8:00AM & 4:30PM	C
Soul Core	9:15AM	SJR
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM	S
Confession	3:30PM	Narthex

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#### **JANUARY 11, 2025**

Come as you are and allow God to delight in you. A contemplative retreat for mothers to slow down, be present to God, breathe, relax and begin the new year with a spiritual reset.

#### MOTHERS AND THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

#### MARCH 1, 2025

Enter into the Easter Triduum in a deeply personal way as we prayerfully meditate on the parallels between the days of Holy Week and mother-hood. This retreat will offer personal prayer time and sharing with other mothers. Registration forms for these retreats are available in the parish office.

#### **DECEMBER 15, 2024**



# SUNDAY COLLECTION-November 24, 2024 NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME



THANK YOU-Thank ioners who donate

THANK YOU-Thank you to all our parishioners who donated baked goods for the Ladies of St. Patrick Holiday Bake Sale and to all those who supported the Bake Sale. We hope you enjoyed the delicious treats and we look forward to seeing you all

again for our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale.

We wish you a happy and blessed holiday season!

The Ladies of St. Patrick

# Fr. Rogers' homilies are available online: www.cbr.podbean.com

#### 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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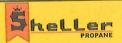
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