



# St. Patrick Parish

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

212 Meredith Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348

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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

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

Phone: 610-444-4364 / Fax: 610-444-2129

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Monday through Friday

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DECEMBER 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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, December 18, Late Advent Weekday**

7:30AM Archbishop Ettore DiFilippo  
r/o Clara Dunlap & Family

**Tuesday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday**

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

**Wednesday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday**

7:00PM Deceased Members of the Frabriso  
Family  
r/o M/M Robert Bertrando

**Thursday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday/St. Peter Canisius**

7:30AM Harry Zunino  
r/o Joe & Roseann Jester

**Friday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday**

7:30AM Joseph DiNorscia, Sr.-55 year anniv.  
r/o Family

**Saturday, December 23, Advent Weekday**

8:00AM Special Intention

**Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:00PM Special Intention

5:30PM Special Intention

**Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM Special Intention

9:00AM Special Intention

10:30AM Special Intention

**Sunday, December 24, Vigil Nativity of the Lord**

4:00 PM Special Intention

6:30 PM Special Intention

8:15 PM Special Intention

**Monday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord**

7:30AM Special Intention

9:00AM Special Intention

10:30AM Special Intention

12:00PM Special Intention

*"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.*

The manger on Christmas anticipates the table at the Last Supper. Jesus is the "Bread of Life." As the owner of the animals made sure that his animals would be well-fed to provide for their physical health, the infant Jesus would feed his sheep to provide for their spiritual health.

**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, Lucy Carroll, Randy Myers, Ronald J. Caputo, Gary Levon, Sutton & Daphne Greene, Nancy Maillie, Gina Serra, Patti DeFazio, Melissa MacCleery, Rebekah Simunek, Regina Sarno, Anne Marie McCarthy, Susan Gore, Theresa Evans 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.**



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**

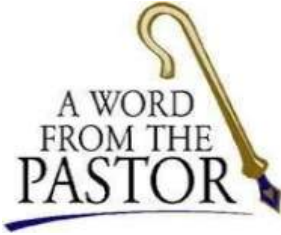
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**Airman U.S. Navy Francis M. Raimato**

**E1 Airman 1st CI Andrew Szonntag**

**1st LT. USAF Scott Seidenberger**

**Major Ian C. Whiteman**



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! On this Gaudete Sunday, when we are encouraged to Rejoice, I share a word about JOY. In the Scripture, Joy is listed as a fruit of the Holy Spirit. As such, it is not simply a matter of the will, i.e. "I will be joyful". Rather JOY is the result, the result of right living, right order. Mother Teresa noted the spelling of **JOY. J – Jesus; O- Others; Y-You!** No wonder, we are often without joy. We are often out of order: YOJ or OJY or JYO is more our experience!

To assist in the right ordering – in discovering Joy – noted psychotherapist and traumatologist Dr. Dan Edmunds suggests three additional things that are necessary: Connectedness, Community and Consistency. This is especially true for those who have suffered addiction or trauma. I share his words here in the hope that you can extend the 3 Cs and find the JOY for which each of us were created.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

### Connectedness

What I believe is necessary in order to have people be able to reconnect is to get them to the point of discovering some kind of meaning and purpose in their life. That is always one theme – somewhere along the line, this person has lost their sense of purpose. Too often we take this confrontational approach, and what these people are really longing for is to find a sense of identity. If they can be treated as a fellow human being, they can recapture that sense of meaning.

### Community

With social media and so forth, we're said to be a more connected world by having these things. But I find that people are more alienated. And when we struggle and we have some type of crisis, it's not going to be our Twitter followers, it's not going to be all these other people with social media who come to our aid. It's going to be those real people who we have truly connected with and with whom we have a communion and fellowship.

We have to reach out with a heart of love and compassion. Not in a confrontational mode, because all that will do is build up a wall of resistance. But if we can simply just be there with the other – to journey with them, to struggle with them, to stand with them – then I think we can really accomplish something.

### Consistency

We see these individuals who are in this very dark place, and we're trying to reach them, we're trying to connect with them. And we feel like what is being said is falling on deaf ears, and nothing is really changing. There is a quote from St. John of the Cross that says, 'God has to work on the soul in secret and in darkness. Because if we fully knew what was happening, and what mystery and transformation God and grace would eventually ask of us, we would either try to stop or change the whole process.'

So sometimes this person may appear to us as being in this very dark place, but we can have this faith and hope that they will one day emerge, and that God is working through this. Through our prayers, through our actions, and through our connections, I believe we can reach out and make a difference.



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

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 Passcode: stpatksq

Additional login details and to submit your prayer requests  
 can be found on the parish website.

### Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule

#### 4th Sunday of Advent, December 24

- There will be two vigil Masses on Saturday, December 23: 4:00PM & 5:30PM
- There will be three Masses on Sunday, December 24: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, & 10:30AM

#### Christmas Mass Schedule

- Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24: 4:00PM, 6:30PM, & 8:15PM
- Christmas Day, Monday, December 25: 7:30AM, 9:00AM (Livestream), 10:30AM, 12:00PM

PLEASE NOTE: THE 9:00AM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY IS THE ONLY MASS THAT IS LIVESTREAM



## CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

### 10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting *Your Support may be the only support she receives.*

As a mom who had my first baby I college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother.

It's okay if you don't know the perfect words to say. Let her know you are there for her, and ask how you can support her. Assist her in lining up practical help. She may not feel she "deserves" to show happiness; reassure her it's okay (and good) to be happy. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

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Read the full version at [www.respectlifeprogram.org/support-her](http://www.respectlifeprogram.org/support-her).



Our Parish Pilgrim Statue of the Expectant Madonna continues her travels and recently made a stop at the home of Bob & Jen Keller. They shared the following regarding the Expectant Madonna's visit:

*"We had the honor to visit with the Expectant Madonna during the first week of Advent and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Having her presence in our home was a constant reminder of her unwavering faith and humility, which we hope and pray to imitate in our own lives."*

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). She began her journey through the parish in October and currently has a home through the end of March 2024. Please consider welcoming Our Lady into your home. For more information and to sign up for your week, please see your weekly parish flocknote, visit the parish website, or contact Jen Keller at [jenkellersp@gmail.com](mailto:jenkellersp@gmail.com).



### ST. PATRICK CHRISTMAS CARDS

One pack of 10 cards for \$10.00. Each pack offers an image of St. Patrick Church decorated for Christmas with a special holiday greeting inside. Cards are available in the Parish Office during the holiday season.



### 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, 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!



*St. Cecilia, Patron of Music & Musicians*

### Join us as we pray a Healing Prayer for Anne Marie McCarthy, our Music Director

Eternal God, you gave us St. Cecilia as a faithful disciple and powerful protector.

We turn to you through her and seek her intercession for Anne Marie in this time of need.

Grant her your healing and peace;  
May she experience your loving presence, strength and hope.  
Grant wisdom to the doctors and caregivers who care for her.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
St. Cecilia, Pray for Us!  
Amen.



Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Psalm 51:12

If you were alive 2000 years ago, would you have been able to follow John the Baptist? Living in 2023 it is hard for us to truly appreciate how difficult it was for people to trust in John's authority. John was questioned and persecuted, but he never wavered from his work of preparing the way for the true Messiah. John's faith never wavered and he was blessed to baptize his cousin, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all the families that participated in the Joyful Scenes of Christmas.

NO PREP

Sunday, December 24 and Sunday, December 31
Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1



THANK YOU!!

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. Job well done! Thanks for getting St. Pat's in the Christmas Spirit!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



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

Serving children ages 3-6

Advent in the atrium is all about preparing our hearts and our space. We are reminded that purple is for preparation and the prayer table is covered with our purple cloth and our prayer cards are bordered by purple. As we begin the third week of Advent, we light the pink candle and we focus our intentions on joy.

Children also have the opportunity to work with materials bringing the Annunciation and the Visitation to life through scripture and 3d dioramas.

For inquiries about CGS contact Kelly Pin or Maria Miller
Kpin.teacher@gmail.com or mmillerdresp@gmail.com



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. It will be held in the St. Patrick Religious Education Center (old school) in the St. Joseph Room on the first floor from 12:00PM-5:00PM.

We're still in the midst of construction at our parish. Parking will be available on Meredith Street, Cypress Street or Chestnut Alley. There will be no parking in the parking lot. You will enter by the back door of the school or the Meredith Street door that has the handrail.

Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Sign up to donate by going to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: stpatrickks to schedule your appointment. Sign up is also available on our website: www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org

Thank you so much for your continued support to the Red Cross. 236

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS



Friday, December 22 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Monday, December 25 - CLOSED
Tuesday, December 26 - Friday, December 29 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Monday, January 1 - CLOSED
Tuesday, January 2 - CLOSED
Wednesday, January 3 - Normal Office Hours

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, December 17

Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM Mass	CB
Children's Choir Rehearsal	1:00PM	Choir Loft
PREP Class	10:05AM	S
Rosary	7:00PM	Zoom

Monday, December 18

Adoration	8:00AM	C
PREP Class	4:45-6:15PM	S
Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	SJR

Tuesday, December 19

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
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Wednesday, December 20

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30-11:00AM	S
Blood Drive	12-5:00PM	SJR
Confession	6-6:45PM	C
Mass	7:00PM	C
Choir Practice	7:30PM	C

Thursday, December 21

Men's Group	6:30AM	SJR
Reach More Formation Training	2-4:00PM	SJR
Penance Service	7:00PM	C

Friday, December 22


Saturday, December 23

Rosary	8:30AM & 4:30PM	C
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM	S
Confession	3:30PM	C
Vigil Masses	4:00 & 5:30PM	C



**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**MONDAYS AT ST. PATRICK**

*"Communicating with Christ demands that we gaze on him, allow him to gaze on us, listen to him, get to know him. Adoration is simply the personal aspect of Communion. ... God is waiting for us in Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us not leave him waiting in vain! Let us not, through distraction and lethargy, pass by the greatest and most important thing life offers us."* Cardinal Ratzinger in God is Near Us: The Eucharist, Heart of Life

Our parish offers Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are invited to stop in the church to spend some time with the Lord. For questions or more information, please contact Angela Eyre at 484-753-4801 or by email at reachmorestpatrick@gmail.com.

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a 3 session training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 16; Thursday, January 18; and Monday, January 22, 2024. Each session will be held from 6-8:00PM. For more information about this exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610-918-8222 or visit the website at [www.volunteerenglish.org](http://www.volunteerenglish.org). A one year commitment of approximately 3 hours a week is requested. 236

**Fr. Rogers' homilies are available online:**

[www.cbr.podbean.com](http://www.cbr.podbean.com)

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**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.

**Flock Note Sign Up:**  
**Sign up by visiting [www.flocknote.com/StPats](http://www.flocknote.com/StPats) or text the message 31716 to the Number 84576 from your cell phone.**



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

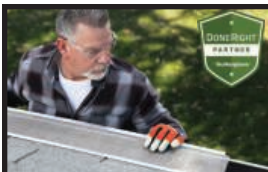
Thanks to the generosity of so many, we are **just \$150K away from the Goal Line** of our our \$1.9M Living Stones Appeal.

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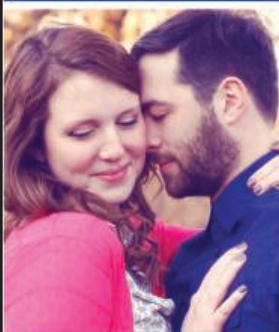
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