



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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Hours: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM Monday-Thursday

9:00AM-12:00PM Friday

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DECEMBER 22, 2024

FOURTH 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 23, Late Advent Weekday, St. John of Kanty

7:30AM Teresa L. Forte
r/o Jim & Barbara Abate

Tuesday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

4:00PM Special Intention
6:30PM Special Intention
8:15PM Special Intention

Wednesday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

7:30AM Special Intention
9:00AM Special Intention
10:30AM Special Intention
12:00PM Special Intention

Thursday, December 26, St. Stephen

7:30AM Clifford Wolfe
r/o Jim & Barbara Abate

Friday, December 27, St. John

7:30AM Camilla Angelucci
r/o Sister, Rita & Family

Saturday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

8:00AM Special Intention

Vigil, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:00PM Al & Margaret DiNorscia
r/o Family

Sunday, December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Maria Angelucci
r/o Filomena Angelucci
10:30AM John Noone
r/o Hearn Family
12:00PM Danny Madonna
r/o Mom, Wife & Family

"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 Church sees every Communion as a Christmas-the advent of the Savior-and every Christmas as a eucharistic feast."

Mike Aquilina

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, Bryan 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 Neyerson, 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 Maille, 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, Mark & Lynelle Robuck, that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory.



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

Major Dominic Paul DellaPelle, USMC

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Army LTC Matthew R. Emerson

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1st LT. USAF Natalie King

Army Major Robert C. McDonough

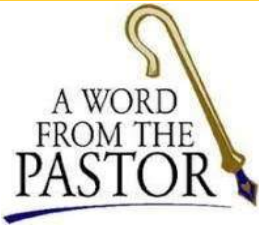
SFC Tyler Nellens

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,

Praise Be Jesus Christ! With Christmas so near, this week, we will be asked: ***“Where are you spending Christmas this Year?”*** For when all the spending and shopping is done; activities and dates on the calendar are thru, we come to Christmas. And the where we are spending Christmas is a real question.

For myself, I love the poem, “I’m Spending Christmas With Jesus Christ This Year” and it’s not just because I’m an Irish Melancholic. Rather, it’s really my heart’s desire, a desire fulfilled in the Eucharist each and every Christmas: To be with Jesus at Christmas! For that, I am so very grateful to God for my vocation to the priesthood; grateful to the Church for desiring God at Christmas and thru the year.

This week, when all the spending is done, consider where you are spending Christmas. And even amidst the chaos of family or in the quiet of your own self, pray for the grace to spend Christmas and the entire Season with Jesus, this year. He came for that, He longs for that and in that is our peace.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

[I’m Spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year by Brandi Nations](#)

I see the countless Christmas trees
Around the world below,
With tiny lights, like heaven’s stars,
Reflecting on the snow.

I can’t tell you of the splendor,
Or the peace here in this place,
Can you just imagine Christmas,
With our Savior, face to face?

So be happy for me, dear ones,
You know I hold you dear,
And be glad I’m spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.

The sight is so spectacular,
Please wipe away that tear.
For I’m spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.

I’ll ask Him to light your spirit,
As I tell Him of your love;
So then pray for one another,
As you lift your eyes above.

I send you each a special gift
From my heavenly home above.
I send you each a memory
Of my undying love.

I hear the many Christmas songs,
That people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music can’t compare,
With the Christmas choir up here.

Please let your heart be joyful,
And let your spirit sing.
For I’m spending Christmas in Heaven,
And I’m walking with the King!

After all “love” is the gift,
More precious than pure gold,
It was always most important
In the stories Jesus told.

For I have no words to tell you,
The joy their voices bring.
For it is beyond description,
To hear an angel sing.

I know how much you miss me;
I see the pain inside your heart,
But I’m not so far away,
We really aren’t apart.

Please love and keep each other
As my Father said to do,
For I can’t count the blessings
Or the love He has for you.

So have a Merry Christmas and
Wipe away that tear.

Remember I’m spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year!



CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER



Thank you for your generous support and kind donation of 1888 pounds of food on November 11, 2024 for our Thanksgiving food distribution program at Kennett Area Community Service (KACS). Thanks to your contributions, we were able to provide nourishing Thanksgiving meals to over 800 families. Each bag of thoughtfully chosen items brought comfort and warmth to tables throughout our community, reminding families who live in our community that they are not alone.

We are truly grateful for your compassion and dedication to our mission of building a community where everyone can live well and with dignity. Thank you for being such an important part of our community and for helping us make a difference.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Leah M. Reynolds, M.S.P.L.
Executive Director

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION MONTH FOUR

Thank you to our 58 parishioners who have pledged to pray daily for your spiritually adopted child and his/her parents. We are at the four-month mark of our spiritually adopted child's development in the womb.

Did you know that during month four your baby is now about six inches long and weighs four ounces. She has fingernails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints which will remain unchanged until her death. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is present at 14 weeks. Your spiritually adopted baby is well-formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong.

Would you like to participate in St. Patrick Spiritual Adoption Initiative and receive monthly updates via Flocknote to include: A reminder to pray the Spiritual Adoption Daily Prayer; an update on your baby's developmental growth; and a word for prayerful reflection.

You may sign up anytime now through May using the pledge card found in the Narthex and place it in the basket next to the Expectant Madonna. You can also sign up online using the QR code found below. For questions regarding Spiritual Adoption, please contact Rose Hearn at rosehearn@comcast.net.



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.

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.



“Show us your strength; come and save us!”

~Psalm 80:2

In this week’s reading the miraculous birth of Jesus unfolds with Mary going to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. In this passage emphasizes the connection between Mary and Elizabeth. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and recognizes Mary as the mother of the Messiah. Mary is blessed not only for her status as the mother of the Lord, but for her trust in God’s promise. As we come to the end of our Advent journey, be mindful of how you and others react to the news of this impending birth. To whom do you turn to share good news?

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Refer to Flocknotes for more information

Next class for ALL Candidates

Sunday, January 12

Meet in the St. Joseph Room

NO PREP

Sunday, December 22 & 29

Monday, December 23 & 30

Classes resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025

ST. PATRICK OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday, December 23	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday, December 24	CLOSED
Wednesday, December 25	CLOSED
Thursday, December 26	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Friday, December 27	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Monday, December 30	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Tuesday, December 31	CLOSED
Wednesday, January 1	CLOSED
Thursday, January 2	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Friday, January 3	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Serving children ages 3-6



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

This week in the Atrium the children lit the third candle on the Advent Wreath. The children discussed families and thought about the people that love and help them.

Together, we heard about the Visitation, Mary was so excited to hear that her cousin Elizabeth was going to have a baby and Mary traveled for many days to help Elizabeth. Luke 1:46-56

Many of the children also have the opportunity to work with new 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



**St. Patrick Parish
Rosary
Sunday Evenings
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To join us online visit www.zoom.us. Select Join and enter Webinar ID: 859 4073 5946
Passcode: stpatsksq

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

THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 23. PLEASE VISIT OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30. THANK YOU!



The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of December 22 in memory of Margaret Mulherin, beloved sister of Susan and Tom Gore. 236



THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, December 22

Children’s Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM Mass	CB
Children’s Choir Practice	1:00PM	Choir Loft
Parish Rosary	7:00PM	Zoom

NO PREP CLASSES

Monday, December 23

NO Adoration	8:00AM	C
NO Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	PO

NO PREP CLASSES

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass Times 4:00PM, 6:30PM, 8:15PM C

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass Times 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM C

Thursday, December 26

Men’s Group 6:30AM C

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

Rosary	8:00AM & 4:30PM	C
Confession	3:30PM	Narthex



SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 1, 2024-\$16,015.00

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December 8, 2024-\$42,263.00

Last year-\$18,442.00



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If you are the first to arrive to church or a meeting, please pull your car to the back of the lot. **-All the way to the fence-**

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We thank you for your cooperation.



**EVERY
KNEE
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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.

RENEW AND BREATHE RETREATS FOR MOTHERS OF ALL AGES AND PHASES AT THE MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALLY CENTER IN PHILADELPHIA.

MOTHERS BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

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 motherhood. This retreat will offer personal prayer time and sharing with other mothers. Registration forms for these retreats are available in the parish office.

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