



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

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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DECEMBER 8, 2024

SECOND 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 9, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM Rev. William J. Cox
r/o Friend

12:00PM Special Intention

7:00PM Special Intention

Tuesday, December 10, Our Ldy of Loreto

7:30AM Lawrence Pignone
r/o Nancy Pignone

Wednesday, December 11, St. Damasus I

7:00PM Stefanide Family-living
r/o Avedisian Family

Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30AM Paul Duva
r/o Mary Ann Duva & Family

Friday, December 13, St. Lucy

7:30AM Mary Salamone
r/o Brady Family

Saturday, December 14, St. John of the Cross

8:00AM Special Intention

Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00PM Beulah & William Peppernick
r/o Family

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Parishioners

9:00AM August & Emily DePippo
r/o Joseph & Richard DePippo

10:30AM Mary Alonzo
r/o Forte Family

12:00PM Fr. Joe Turner
r/o Jane Toner

"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.

Our Lady first appeared to St. Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill on December 9, 1531. The Church celebrates the feasts of St. Juan Diego on December 9 and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. The Madonna appeared dressed in a gown fastened at the waist with a black belt, identical to that worn by the local women during pregnancy. The Church "contemplates Mary with joy in the purest image-that which she desires and hopes to be in her entirety" (SC, 103): tabernacle, womb, pyx.

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, James O'Neil, Dave Gilpin, Virginia Cappel-la, Angela Vitola-Langtry, Vince Poole, Lisa Mangini 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, Diane Avello Wood-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.

SGT Richard Baffa

SFC Raymond Burke III

LCDR Michael Crawford

Major Dominic Paul DellaPelle, USMC

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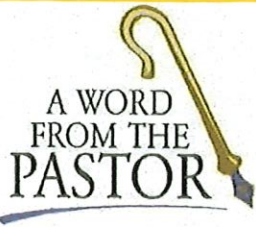
SFC Tyler Nellens

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My Dear Parishioners,

While not a Day of Obligation in the Archdiocese this year, this week Catholics across the Archdiocese are ***strongly encouraged*** to attend Mass on Monday, December 9 to celebrate the Immaculate Conception. Please see the Mass Schedule for Monday and make an effort to attend Mass on this significant day.

It's a significant day because the Blessed Mother is a significant person in Salvation History. The one who gave Jesus not just a place in her womb but gave Him flesh. In many ways, this is not merely the Mary's role ours as well: – to give Flesh to Jesus, the Son of God. How? By hearing and doing His Word.

This year, December 9th also marks the 45th Anniversary Venerable Fulton Sheen's Death. In reflecting on the Nativity of Christ, he wrote a beautiful reflection on this Vocation of giving God Flesh. I share it here and encourage you to live this Second Week of Advent with Mary – the Immaculate Conception.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

The Nativity

ALL LOVE TENDS to become like that which it loves. God loved man; therefore, He became man. Thanks to His human nature, He could take on our woes and our sorrows, and feel the effects of sin as if they were His very own.

But all this was conditioned upon Mary's giving Him a human nature. Without her He would never have had eyes to see the multitude hungry in the desert, or ears to hear the pleading of the lame man of Jericho, or hands to caress children, or feet to seek the lost sheep.

For nine months, her own body was the natural Eucharist, in which God shared communion with human life, thus preparing for that greater Eucharist, when human life would commune with the Divine.

Mary's joy was to form Christ in her own body; her joy now is to form Christ in our souls. In this Mystery, we pray to become pregnant with the Christ spirit, giving Him new lips with which He may speak of His Father, new hands with which He may feed the poor, and a new heart with which He may love everyone, even enemies.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sacred Heart, Thursday, December 12 at 7:00PM

St. Gabriel, Saturday, December 14 at 2:45-4:00PM & Saturday, December 21 at 2:45-4:00PM

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Monday, December 16 at 6:30PM

St. Patrick, Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00PM

St. Cornelius, Wednesday, December 19 at 11:00AM & 7:00PM

St. Patrick Church is **SPREADING CATHOLIC JOY**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SPREAD CATHOLIC JOY, TELL US YOUR STORY! SCAN THE QR CODE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SPREADING CATHOLIC JOY QUESTIONNAIRE.

Our Seminarians Michael and Josh have been meeting with our parishioners to learn their unique faith stories. In turn, they have been sharing them with us each week via short videos sent through our weekly Flocknote. If you missed them, you can find them on our St. Patrick YouTube Page (listed on the home page of our parish website).

These videos are part of our "Spreading Catholic Joy" initiative, which consists of inviting parishioners to reflect on their own unique faith journeys and to share them with others. To help facilitate this effort, members of Pastoral Council developed a series of open-ended questions designed to help you reflect on your faith journey. We now warmly extend an invitation to our parishioners to participate in the "Spreading Catholic Joy" Survey by scanning the QR code found above. Participation in this survey is completely optional. Please feel free to skip any questions that are not applicable to you or that you would prefer not to answer. With that said, we invite you to answer any and all questions that resonate with you.

As we begin to receive responses, members of Pastoral Council and our Seminarians will follow up with those who responded in an effort to thoughtfully share your story with others. On behalf of Pastoral Council, thank you for participating in this exciting effort and helping us to "Spread Catholic Joy" within our parish and our community. We look forward to hearing your story! For questions, contact Jen Keller in the Parish Office.



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

THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM ROSARY ON SUNDAY, DEC. 8
Rather, pray with us in person in Church at 4:00 PM for the Joyful Scenes of Christmas.

Join our Level 6 PREP Students & Families on Sunday, December 15.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.

MASS SCHEDULE 7:30AM, 12:00PM, 7:00PM



CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Patronal feast day of the United States of America (observed on Monday, December 9, 2024)

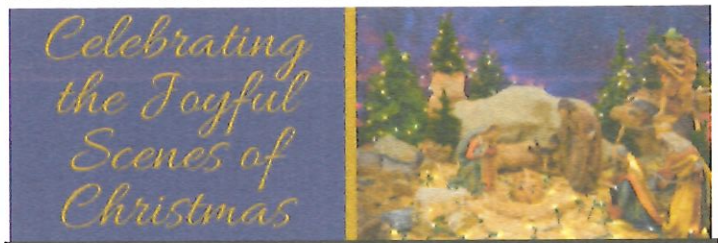
On December 9, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Normally celebrated on December 8, this year the solemnity falls on a Sunday and is therefore transferred to Monday, December 9 and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is an important feast day on which we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization: *"You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb"* (Ps 139:13).

On this solemnity, consider praying Pope Francis' Prayer for the Immaculate Conception:
"We are in need of your immaculate gaze, to rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things with respect and awareness." The full prayer can be found at www.usccb.org/prayers/pope-francis-prayer-immaculate-conception



THIS IS THE FINAL WEEK FOR OUR PARISH GIVING TREE.
PLEASE RETURN ALL ORANGE TAG ITEMS by MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.
ALL OTHER GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

All gifts should be unwrapped and with the ornament attached to ensure it goes to the proper organization. A word of thanks to all who have taken an ornament from the tree and/or who already dropped off your gift. Your kindness to those in need this holiday season is greatly appreciated.



THE JOYFUL SCENES OF CHRISTMAS
PARISH ROSARY & CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 AT 4:00 PM

Please join us in Church this Sunday, December 8 to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary as our parish children represent each of these mysteries in the five joyful scenes. Afterwards, all are welcome outside in the Parish Courtyard for our Christmas Tree Blessing & Lighting followed by Christmas caroling, hot chocolate and other delicious treats sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Come and share the joy of this Advent Season with friends and family!

ATTENTION FAMILIES... SANTA WILL BE MAKING A STOP FOR FAMILY PHOTOS!

All our families are invited to pay a visit to Santa Claus for a free holiday family picture. This event, to take place in the School after our Tree Lighting, will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with the assistance of fellow parishioner and photographer Tony Basilio. Just bring your smile and we'll get that Family Christmas Card Photo for you!



LET THERE BE JOY ~ ADVENT GIFT BASKET

Members of the St. Patrick Respect Life Ministry have thoughtfully prepared an Advent Gift Basket, which will fill the home of one

lucky winner with PEACE, HOPE, JOY, and LOVE. This basket includes the following items donated by members of the Respect Life Ministry:

- Outdoor waterproof flag of the Nativity (size 3ft x 4.3ft) handmade with love by a member of the Respect Life Ministry (flag pole included);
- Expectant Madonna statue;
- Book entitled *The Reed of God* by Caryll Houselander, which contains meditations on the humanity of Mary, Mother of God. A beautiful book fitting for the season of Advent.

THIS IS THE FINAL WEEKEND TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS. Tickets are available to purchase after all Masses this weekend in the Narthex: **2 Tickets for \$5 / 5 Tickets for \$10 – Cash or Check payable to St. Patrick Respect Life Ministry.**

The winner will be drawn following the Noon Mass on Sunday, December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception).

Proceeds from the raffle will be used to help support pro-life causes and to build up a culture of life in our parish community. Thank you for your support and participation.

Ministry of Consolation

Assumption BVM in West Grove

Are you in need of support after losing a loved one? The Ministry of Consolation is here to serve you. The holiday season can be a rough time for those experiencing a loss. Don't grieve alone.

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 12 from 7:00-9:00PM in the Assumption BVM Chapel.

For individual grief support or questions, please contact Dennis at 610-345-1480/Consolation@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org



“Indeed, he did great things for us; how happy we were!”

Psalm 126:3

In this second week of Advent, we see that John the Baptist was sent to help people prepare their hearts and minds for the Messiah’s arrival. In the Gospel it is proclaimed that God’s ways lead to salvation. John is preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented for their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. John came to baptize sorrow for sin he is not to telling people how to get to heaven.

The following students made their First Confession this weekend.

Continue to pray for them as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion.

Grayson Adams	Camryn Bowes	Gabriel Busam
Sebastian Busam	Jane Cardone	Mateo Carvalho
Nicholas Carvalho	Carter Cozzi	Dante Davolos
Ania Ely	Henry Engle	Eleanor Feininger
Sara Field	Andrew Frisch	Olivia Granitto
Anna Ireland	Avery Lloyd	Patrick Mohan
Penelope Moore	Giada Morgan	Kabella Negron
Lillian Pehrson	Benjamin Pin	Mia Quinn
James Raab	Bennett Reen	Ava Schott
Silas Shutt	Clark Sido	Quinn Ann Tanner
Cooper Towey	Logan Towey	Mickey Wallace

Eucharistic Parish Mission with Fr. Kevin MacDonald

December 9, 10, 11 at 7:00PM

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 300 State Road,
West Grove

Fr. Kevin MacDonald is a Redemptorist priest from Woburn, MA, about 10 miles north of Boston. He entered the Redemptorist Missionary order after attending Boston College and playing seven years of professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization and overseas in Holland and Australia. He is a member of the Boston College Hall of Fame. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1991 and has worked as a parish priest in Dominica, New York, Boston, St. Lucia and the Virgin Islands. He is currently assigned to the Redemptorist Community at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ.



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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Serving children ages 3-6

This week in the Atrium, the children prepared the prayer table for Advent. They were reminded that color purple is for waiting and preparation; as well as preparing our hearts. The Advent wreath was placed on the prayer table as a way to help us mark the four weeks of this season and first candle lit as we sang “Light One Candle.”

Together, we heard the first of the Messianic prophecies Isaiah, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!” followed by the name of the Messiah, “The Future King,” and we pondered this name while we worked.

For inquiries about CGS contact Kelly Pin or Maria Miller

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



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 Rose & Dan Hearn. They shared the following regarding Our Lady’s visit:

“It was our 34th wedding anniversary the day we received the Expectant Madonna statue into our home. We are thankful to God, through Mary, for the many blessings we have received over the years and for the love of family and friends that continue to enrich our lives.”

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.

BISHOP SHANAHAN HONOR ROLL FOR FIRST QUARTER-The following St. Patrick Parish students have achieved academic honors at Bishop Shanahan High School for the first quarter of 2024-2025.

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| Emma Bergey | Keira Smith |
| Broderick Knight | Clare Voss |

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, December 8

Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM Mass	CB
Children's Choir Practice	1:00PM	Choir Loft
Baptism	1:15PM	C
NO PARISH ROSARY	7:00PM	Zoom
Parish Rosary & Christmas Tree Lighting	4:00PM	C

Monday, December 9

Adoration	8:00AM	C
Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	PO
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule-7:30AM, 12:00, 7:00PM		

Tuesday, December 10

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
Advent Adult Faith Formation	7:00PM	SJR

Wednesday, December 11

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30-11:00AM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Confession	6:00PM	Narthex
Mass	7:00PM	C

Thursday, December 12

Men's Group	6:30AM	C
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Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

Rosary	8:00AM & 4:30PM	C
Soul Core	9:15AM	SJR
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM	S
Confession	3:30PM	Narthex



SUNDAY COLLECTION-November 24, 2024

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**SOULCORE IS BACK THIS ADVENT SEASON!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Join SoulCore Leader Heather Smalley, to nourish body, mind & soul with SoulCore - a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level or experience required. Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat if you have one. All are welcome! Visit www.stpatrickkenettsquare.org/soulcore for more information.

WHEN: Saturday Mornings
DATES: December 14 & December 21
TIME: 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
WHERE: St. Joseph Room / School Building

There is no cost to attend but a suggested freewill offering of \$5.00, for those who are able. All funds collected will be donated to Kennett Area Community Center. Contact Heather Smalley

mrs.smalley219@yahoo.com for additional information

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our friends at the Kennett Senior Center need our help with FALL CLEAN UP!

Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 AM

Historically, St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus have joined together with other parishioners in the Fall/Winter Grounds Cleanup at the Kennett Senior Center (427 S. Walnut Street). Our cleanup date is set for Saturday, December 14 beginning at 8:00 AM. Men and Women of all ages willing to lend a helping hand are most welcome. If we get anywhere near the number of volunteers we had for the Spring Cleanup, we should be finished by 10:00 AM leaving plenty of time to do our Christmas shopping.

To help us plan accordingly, please let us know if you can help by sending an email to David Chopko at dchopko@comcast.net. Please bring gloves and a rake (if you have one). If weather forces us to cancel, we'll contact you by email. We hope that you will join us!

Dave Chopko
Knights of Columbus

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