



# 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

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

205 Lafayette Street

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

9:00AM-12:00PM Friday

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FEBRUARY 9, 2025

FIFTH 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, February 10, St. Scholastica**  
 7:30AM Catherine Jennings  
 r/o Pat & Bill Kotkin

**Tuesday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes**  
 7:30AM Beverly Lingesso  
 r/o Carlo Lingesso

**Wednesday, February 12, Weekday**  
 7:00PM Rae DeWire  
 r/o Anne

**Thursday, February 13, Weekday**  
 7:30AM Janet Camp (living)  
 r/o Nancy Pignone

**Friday, February 14, Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius**  
 7:30AM August & Emily DePippo  
 r/o Joseph & Richard DePippo

**Saturday, February 15, Weekday**  
 8:00AM Special Intention

**Vigil, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00PM Rudolph Cerami  
 r/o Cerami Family

**Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30AM Parishioners  
 9:00AM Teresa DiPietro  
 r/o Helen Belfiore & Family  
 10:30AM Theresa Manfredi  
 r/o Love, Maureen  
 12:00PM Teresa DiPietro  
 r/o Rita & Angelo Mastrippolito

*"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 Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in Light and Love."

St. Bernadette Soubirous

**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, Marc Palfy, Joshua Brown, Maria Rowe, William Morey, Bryan Pudelka, Miles Kennedy, Diane Stansberry, Diane & Jeff Jones, 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 Maillie, Gina Serra, Patti DeFazio, Melissa MacCleery, Rebekah Simunek, Anne Marie McCarthy, Susan Gore, Theresa Evans, Joyce Pellegrino, Doris Gillis, 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, Fran Vlases, Cookie Kealey, Stu Stabley, Tony Slezak 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-Bridget Wilson-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**

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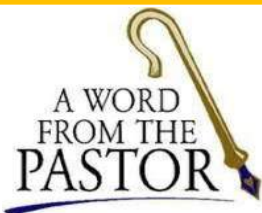
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**Major Ian C. Whiteman**



My Dear Parishioners,

Praise be Jesus Christ! On this Superbowl Weekend with the Eagles in New Orleans, a few Philly/NOLA Catholic Trivia Notes for your SuperBowl Conversations.

- Did you know that Philly’s own, St. Katherine Drexel founded Xavier University in New Orleans in 1915. Xavier U. is the first and only, Catholic institution of higher education for blacks in the United States.
- Did you know that New Orleans’ 12<sup>th</sup> Archbishop was Philly’s own Bishop Francis B. Schulte? He served there from 1989 to 2002 and is buried in the St. Louis Cathedral.
- While not connected to the city of New Orleans, how can we not forget, Phillies own...AARON NOLA! Another connection. Go Birds!

With the first full week of February complete, a few important notes for your calendars:

- 1) Archbishop Perez has asked parishes to hold a **TOWN HALL** Meeting in regards to his recent Pastoral Letter. I do hope that you read his letter and by way of this writing, I invite you to join our parish leadership in this special TOWN HALL Meeting. A facilitator from Catholic Leadership Institute will be here to lead us in the discussion and I have asked all our parish leaders to be here as well. It will be held on **SUNDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 3PM.**
- 2) In addition to the TOWN HALL, all parishes have been asked to participate in **the DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX**. This is VERY familiar to us already at St. Patrick as we have participated in this twice in the past 8 years. It has proved helpful for us in identifying Pastoral Priorities and I believe this time around it will be helpful in showing forth how much we have grown. The DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX will be available beginning in LENT – which beings on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Finally, this SPRING, we need to have the back outside stone of our Church re-pointed. Over the past few months, we’ve noticed some water leaking into the “candle closet” which sits behind the St. Joseph Statue. While not visible or damaging the body of the Church, it soon could be, with summer rainstorms. And that would be a disaster! The re-pointing project is tricky in terms of scaffolding and workers’ safety. For that reason, it’s also costly, one estimate has come in at \$28K. While not a terribly exciting project, like building an addition, it’s necessary and hopefully will be underway in SPRING. MORE TO COME.

PITCHERS AND CATCHERS are underway this week in Clearwater, a sign that whatever happens to the Eagles this weekend, SPRING is on the way in the weeks to come. Praise God!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



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

**THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM ROSARY THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025.**

**Join Deacon Alan and Jen Keller on Sunday, February 16, 2025.**

*An Introduction to Prayer*  
**Book Discussion with Seminarians Michael and Josh**  
**Begins Thursday, February 13, 2025**  
**7:00 PM – 8:00 PM-St. Joseph Room**

*“You say you don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and once you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ rest assured that you have begun to do so.” — St. Josemaría Escrivá*

At Christmas, our parish distributed 300 copies of Bishop Robert Barron’s book entitled *An Introduction to Prayer*. This book explores the answers to questions like: *Why should I pray? What should I say or do when I’m praying? How can I establish as solid routine of prayer?*

It is now time to unpack this book and learn more about prayer with our Seminarians Michael and Josh. This discussion series will be held for **four weeks on Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the St. Joseph Room. Dates are as follows: February 13, February 20, March 6, and March 13.** All are most welcome. For questions, contact the Parish Office at 610-444-4364. 236





### CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

**World Marriage Day**, the second Sunday of February, and **National Marriage Week USA** (February 7 – 14) are observed annually in dioceses and parishes throughout our country as an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Love Beyond Words." More information and resources are available at [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org).

#### Word of Life Bulletin Briefs

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*. Used with Permission.

For more information: <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/love-and-sexuality/married-love-and-the-gift-of-life>



Our Parish Pilgrim Statue of the Expectant Madonna began her journey into the homes of our parishioners in October Of 2023. Since that time, she has graced over 50 homes in our parish community.

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). Do you have a special anniversary coming up? Are you expecting new LIFE in your family? Are you experiencing a difficult time in your life? Consider welcoming Our Lady into your home and be open to the graces that she will pour into your heart. For more information and to sign up for your week, please contact Jen Keller at [jenkellersp@gmail.com](mailto:jenkellersp@gmail.com) or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4CAAA72CA1FE3-expectant>.

#### COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY

MARCH 9, 10, 11

40 HOURS-THEME: HOPE

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**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY (DMM)**-Our search for a DMM is now under way, please see the parish website for more details.

### Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Gala Sunday, March 16, 2025 1:30 PM – 6:00 PM Mendenhall Inn

The St. Patrick's Gala at the Mendenhall Inn is back and it's again a must-attend event. Year after year, guests rave about the delicious meal, fun entertainment, great deals found at the silent auction and the unbeatable sense of community that fills the room.

But this event is more than just a celebration—it's a mission. This is because our Silent Auction is the lifeline that allows the Knights to financially support local charitable causes. While ticket sales cover the cost of the event, it's the generosity of local businesses and parishioners, who have donated to our Silent Auction, that truly makes this event remarkable.

To those who have attended in the past, thank you for making this tradition so special. And to our new parishioners— please join us for a day that blends faith, fun, and philanthropy.

Your support helps us change lives!

**Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and join us for a day to remember!**

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE & ARE ON SALE NOW!**

#### How can I purchase my ticket(s):

- See a Knight after Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday;
- Stop in the Parish Office during the week;
- Purchase online via credit card by scanning the QR code below or visit the parish website.

We hope to see you there!  
The Knights



**Deadline to request a tax receipt is Friday, February 14!**

**No tax receipt will be provided without a written request.**



#### Request for tax receipt

I request a tax receipt for contributions to St. Patrick Parish for the calendar year 2024.

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**“You answered me when I called to you; with your strength you strengthened me.” Psalm 138:3**

We must put behind us anything that may keep us from following Jesus. Follow the example of the apostles that left behind their homes, jobs, families and followed Jesus to become disciples. How is Jesus calling you to follow him?

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR ALL CANDIDATES**

Sunday, February 23

Meet in the St. Joseph Room

**REACH MORE SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK THIS LENT!**

*“Even now, says the Lord, “return to me with all your heart.” Joel 2:12*

Join your fellow parishioners as we come together to deepen our faith and build friendships through Small Group discussions.

Groups of 6-10 people meet weekly to pray, read Scripture, and discuss how it applies to you personally. Small Groups are about friends helping friends follow Jesus!

We are expecting a wonderful Lenten season filled with hope, joy, faith sharing, and friendship. **Groups will begin meeting the week of March 2, 2025.** They are open to adults of all ages and are offered in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

YOU ARE INVITED! Space is limited so sign up today using the card found in the pew, online through the parish website, or scan the QR code here. For more information, email Brian Eyre at [eyre.brian.s@gmail.com](mailto:eyre.brian.s@gmail.com) or call Jen Keller at the Parish Office at 610.444.4364.



SIGN UP/SCAN ME



The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 17th Annual Man Up Philly Men’s Conference on March 8 at Cardinal O’Hara High School. Speakers include Ward FitzGerld, CNBC Contributor & Papal

Knight, Eddie Morris, creator Team Hope, Msgr. Federico Britto, Pastor of St. Cyprian Parish and our keynote speaker, Brian Dawkins, Pro Football HOF Safety. Back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. For more information and to register –[www.manupphilly.com](http://www.manupphilly.com) 236

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

*Serving children ages 3-6*



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Matthew 19:14

We proclaim the parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32) as we continue to ponder the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. We observed and held the tiny mustard seeds and marvel over how the tiny mustard seed can grow into a great big tree.

We wondered how this tiny seed grows into such a large tree. God’s kingdom will continue to grow as long as we have faith.

We sang our “Kingdom of Heaven” song and as desired, children may trace the mustard seed packet or create artwork inspired by the parable.

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)



**COME TO FAMILY CAKE BINGO NIGHT**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

**FAMILY CAKE BINGO NIGHT IS ALMOST HERE  
DON'T DELAY & SIGN UP TODAY!**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**ST. JOSEPH ROOM**

**PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

**FREE FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

Attention all parents, grandparents, super cool aunts and uncles! Are you looking for something fun to do with your family to fight off the winter blues? If so, look no further that right here at St. Patrick Parish.

All are welcome to join us on Friday, February 28 for our Family Cake Bingo Night. While there is no fee to participate, we ask that you **bring a wrapped baked good which will serve as some of our prizes.** Some Gluten & Peanut Free treats are welcome for our friends with special dietary considerations.

In addition, you have the option to have dinner with us and order a pizza in advance from Presto Pizza. All pizzas are size LARGE and are \$14.00 (cash or check payable to St. Patrick Church). Choice of plain, pepperoni, or half/half. Pick up will begin at 5:45 PM in the St. Joseph Room. We’ll provide water and pretzels. The only cost to families is for the pizza if you choose to order one in advance.

***This fun event is open to all our parishioners!*** Parents – round up the family for a fun night out with other parish families! Grandparents – bring the grandkids for a night; Aunts & Uncles – take your niece/nephew. Husbands – free date night with the wife! **AS SEATING IS LIMITED, we ask that you sign up in advance by Monday, February 24** using the QR code found here or call/email Jen Keller at [jenkellers@gmail.com](mailto:jenkellers@gmail.com) / 610-444-4364. We hope you will join us.



RSVP HERE

Sunday, February 9

Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM Mass	CB
Children's Choir singing	9:00AM Mass	C
PREP Class	10:00AM-11:30AM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Baptism	1:15PM	C
NO PARISH ROSARY	7:00PM	Zoom

Monday, February 10

Adoration	8:00AM	C
PREP Class	4:45PM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	PO

Tuesday, February 11

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
Winter Bible Study	7:00PM	SJR

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

Men's Group	6:30AM	C
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Friday, February 14

Saturday, February 15

Rosary	8:00AM & 4:30PM	C
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM	Rel. Ed Bldg.
Confession	3:30PM	Narthex



**SUNDAY COLLECTION-FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

**\$21,300.00**

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**SOULCORE IS BACK THIS FEBRUARY!  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 & FEBRUARY 22  
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*~ Dr. Allen Hunt*

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All are welcome to join us. For more information about SoulCore at St. Patrick, please visit [www.stpatrickkenettsquare.org/soulcore](http://www.stpatrickkenettsquare.org/soulcore) or contact SoulCore Leader Heather Smalley at [mrs.smalley219@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs.smalley219@yahoo.com).



**COME WALK WITH ME NIGHT OF PRAYER  
with Irish tenor, Mark Forrest**

**Friday, March 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

St. Patrick Parish looks forward to welcoming back Irish tenor, Mark Forrest for a very special Lenten evening of prayer and spiritual reflection.

The *Come Walk With Me* evening is a time for us to reflect on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. During the evening, the blessed sacrament will be exposed and Irish tenor Mark Forrest will take you

through an evening of music, reflection, and healing. Consider taking an hour with the Lord as he invites you to a closer walk with him.

Please save the date and join us. All are welcome.

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

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

**Flock Note Sign Up:**

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