



# 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

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

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

9:00AM-12:00PM Friday

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JANUARY 19, 2025

SECOND 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, January 20, St. Fabian & St. Sebastian**

7:30AM Paul Pesce  
r/o Daughter, Joan

**Tuesday, January 21, St. Agnes**

7:30AM Joann Tornari  
r/o Joe & Roseann Jester

**Wednesday, January 22, St. Vincent**

7:00PM Teresa DiPietro  
r/o Dominic & Donna DiUbaldo

**Thursday, January 23, St. Marianne Cope**

7:30AM Michele Charlier  
r/o Larry & Kathy Tornari

**Friday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales**

7:30AM Teresa DiPietro  
r/o Alyson & Sarah Marianelli

**Saturday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul**

8:00AM Special Intention

**Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00PM Joan M. Caputo  
r/o Ron & Children

**Sunday, January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM Robert G. Della Pelle  
r/o Jim & Marianne Jennings  
10:30AM Teresa DiPietro  
r/o Jennifer & Vince D'Amico & Family  
12:00PM Frank & Carmina Masciantonio  
r/o Nick Masciantonio

*"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.*

"Let us make the very best use of the precious moments and do all in our power for His Dear sake and for His greater honor and glory."

St. Marianne Cope

**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, 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 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**

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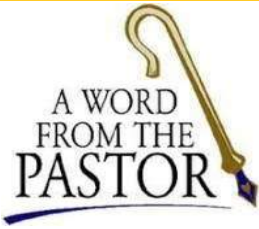
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Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Each year, I'm amazed at the proximity of both Martin Luther King Jr Day and the Anniversary of Roe-vs-Wade. Both dates though separated by time, point to the timeless Truth, that Life Matters. In fact, it matters a lot. While the blood of MLK Jr in the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis and that of 65+ Million babies legally killed in the USA since 1973 – may suggest something different, the Truth remains: Life matters no matter what. Which raises a question: How do we as Christians communicate that Truth to such a hostile world? May I suggest another date this week which can be a great help to us in doing this. Namely, Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>: The Feast of St. Francis DeSales. Here's a thoughtful reflection on him by Matthew Brunson and how Francis shared the Truth in a very hostile world.

Peace, Fr. Rogers

Francis DeSales had a vision for apologetics that was likewise far ahead of his time. As a bishop, despite his aristocratic origins in the nobility of Savoy, he dressed very humbly, very simply. He also took as his own two important mottoes. The first was, **"He who preaches with love, preaches effectively,"** which cuts to the very heart of how he approached his listeners and those he was trying to evangelize. He also had as his episcopal motto in Latin, *Non Excidet*, meaning **"he shall not fail."** The motto was not about himself. It pointed to God; if we trust in God who is love, He will not fail us. And that became one of the great burning mottos for the era. He had already shown it at work in his first years after ordination to the priesthood in 1593 when he had been sent to Chablais to preach among the Calvinists. His mission and sermons lasted for four years and, in the face of great physical danger, hostility, doors slammed in his face and insults hurled at him from every direction, he was largely successful in converting most of the inhabitants.

Francis' method of evangelization was clever, but it was also incredibly genuine. He recognized that the style of the times was to wage a war of rhetoric, a form of apologetics in which you tried to win arguments with those who held a different position from you. It could be effective, but it also posed challenges at times in attracting the uneducated. Francis instead adopted a very different model. It is said that he began simply to preach one on one with the inhabitants of Chablais. What that meant too was that he had to reach out to them, to their hearts.

One of the things that characterized his preaching was that Francis could speak to anyone. He could be understood very clearly by kings and emperors, but also by humble washer women and by farmers. His preaching was clear, profound and utterly riveting. He was reasonable, unafraid to point out error, sin and heresy, but always touching the heart and the mind. He wove Scripture, doctrine, an understanding of the human person and imagery from everyday life into a style of preaching that proved irresistible to those who took the time to listen. And his stealth communications, calm and humble manner, and clever way of appealing to the heart brought many stubborn Calvinists to his preaching and then inevitably to the sacraments and to the Church.

After four years in the Chablais region, he could report without boasting of more than 70,000 conversions. It was said that the Reformers in Geneva raged in frustration when word reached them that there were almost no Protestants to be found in Chablais and that Francis had been responsible for all of it. He proved to the Calvinists his maxim, "Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing is so gentle as real strength."

We are in an era in which culture is adamantly opposed to so much of everything that Francis believed, everything that we, as Christians believe. Yet 400 years removed from his death, his method tells us how to reach those who might have never encountered Christ or who might also be in their own minds, thinking themselves to be enemies of Christianity, enemies of the Church. Heart speaks to heart, Francis tells us. May our gentleness be our strength as we too try to speak to the hearts of today and to remind the world of one absolute truth: God is love. St. Francis de Sales, bishop and Doctor of the Church, pray for us.



### Winter Bible Study Now Forming

**Lectio: Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible**

**Dates: February 4 – April 15, 2025 (10 weeks)**

**Tuesday Evening, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Where: St. Joseph Room**

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching.

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

This study from Ascension Press will be held for 10 weeks and will include a combination of video segments, group discussion, and prayer. It will begin on Tuesday, February 4 in the St. Joseph Room or on Zoom. **You have the option to purchase the Individual Participant Workbook via Amazon for \$24.95 at <https://qrco.de/bfgN4B>.**

To register for this study or if you have further questions, please contact Ann Marie Gillinger at [amgmag03@gmail.com](mailto:amgmag03@gmail.com). You may also register online through the Parish Website or Parish Flocknote.



**CULTURE OF LIFE  
CORNER**

**WORD OF LIFE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of *acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.*”

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**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN  
Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

**Did You Know?** January 22 is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance for Catholics in the United States, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373 directs:

*In all Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance.*

For more information, visit [www.respectlife.org/january-22](http://www.respectlife.org/january-22).

*On the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children....*

**PRAY A ROSARY FOR LIFE with St. Patrick’s Respect Life Ministry**

**Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30PM in Church**

**Meeting from 7:30-8:30PM in St. Joseph Room**

St. Patrick’s Respect Life Ministry will meet this Wednesday, January 22 beginning at 6:30PM in Church to pray the Rosary for Life followed by Mass at 7:00PM. After Mass we will have our first meeting of 2025 from 7:30-8:30PM in St. Joseph Room. Those interested in learning more are most welcome to join us this Wednesday. For questions, contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4364.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**St. Patrick’s Annual Gala**

**Young & Old - Come Shake, Rattle, & Roll with Elvis**

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**Mendenhall Inn**

**1:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

The Knights have stepped up their game this year and are poised to bring the parish an event that will be frequently referenced and fondly remembered for decades. We’re bringing back Elvis Presley to perform for you! OK, we’re not the Lord, so we can’t resurrect the real Elvis Presley.



*Life is a precious gift from God!*  
Please join us for the Annual **MARCH FOR LIFE**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Will you be there? Final chance to sign up for the bus and be part of this momentous day. SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE – RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!**

Please join St. Patrick Church as we partner with Assumption BVM and Sacred Heart Parishes for a bus trip to Washington, DC for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual March for Life. The motor coach bus will depart ABVM Church Parking Lot at 6:30 AM and return at approximately 7:00 PM. We will attend the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Mass at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Afterwards, we will reboard the bus and travel to the National Mall for the Rally and March for Life. For more details about the March, please visit [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org).

While there is no cost for the transportation, a free will offering will be collected and all are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch. To reserve your seat, please contact Jen Keller at 610.444.4364 or email at [jenkellersp@gmail.com](mailto:jenkellersp@gmail.com).

**CHESTER COUNTY MARCH FOR LIFE**

**Theme: “Every Life: Why We March”**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Saint Agnes Church, West Chester, PA**

**Can’t make the March for Life in Washington, DC? Come to the Chester County March for Life** sponsored by the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition. The event will begin at St. Agnes Church. Guest speakers include: Most Reverend Christopher R. Cooke, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM, Immaculata University; Debbie Biskey, “Options for Her” – Mobile Ultrasound Van; Susan Dentel, An Adoption Story. Following the Program, we will march to the Historic Courthouse on Market & High Street for a short program of prayer and song. Refreshments following at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 110 Market Street, West Chester, PA

But the singer who is performing could be Elvis’s clone. He talks like Elvis, he acts, and he definitely sings like Elvis. And in the true spirit of an Elvis performance, the show will open as most Elvis performances did, with Elvis’s hand-picked comedian warmup act.

Weve also stepped up the menu offerings by including the Mendenhall’s Inn classic crab cakes as one of the entre options.

Finally, there are always great bargains at the Silent Auction.

Here is looking forward to an afternoon of entertainment, comradery and fine dining as well as the KOC’s classics: Silent Auction, Basket of Cheer and 50/50 Raffles.

Tickets will go on sale February 1<sup>st</sup>! Mark your calendars and be sure to purchase a your ticket(s) before they’re gone.



“Proclaim his glory to the nations, his mighty deeds to all peoples.” Psalm 96:3

In this week’s Gospel Jesus performs his first miracle. This miracle symbolizes Jesus’ mission and foreshadows his role as the Bridegroom of the Church. God desires all good things for us.

Through his miracles he demonstrates his love and invites us to respond with faith and thanksgiving. Quietly reflect on the good God has bestowed upon you.

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**Family PREP**

January 26, 2025

More information in PREP Flocknotes

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**Level 6 Families**

Bishop Shanahan High School has opened registration for Camp Caritas

<https://www.shanahan.org/faith/campcaritas>

**Parent Information Meeting**

Sunday, January 26

11:00AM and 12:30PM

Level 6 room in Religious Ed Building

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2024 CHANGE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN  
THANK YOU ST. PATRICK PARISH!**

The Knights of Columbus St Patrick’s council would like to thank all of you who contributed to the 2024 "Change for Life" baby bottle collection. You generously contributed \$6000 in coin, cash, check and on-line cash donations which is the highest amount ever. We will be issuing checks to six different local pro-life organizations with several of them appearing in person on February 2nd for presentation of the contributions at the coffee and donuts sessions after the masses.

We could not have done this without the continued support of the many families that make up our St. Patrick community. Please save the date and plan to join us on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Peace and may God Bless.

Thank you from all of the Brothers of the Knights of Columbus St Patrick Council 15346.

*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, we sang Joy to the World and celebrated the Epiphany through the presentation of the Adoration of the Magi. Children heard the Word proclaimed while once again having the opportunity to narrate and absorb the Gospel with the beautiful wooden figures and special materials including gold, myrrh, and frankincense.

We pondered the joy of the magi, the gifts they bring, Mary’s reaction to their visit, and wonder what gifts we would bring to Jesus.

At this point in the year, some of the children may be making the cosmic connection of "gift and receive"-that Jesus gives us gifts and we give him gifts in return. This notion lays the foundation for a deep relationship between child and God, and in turn a lift of faith that is grounded in goodness and beauty.

For inquiries about CGS contact

Kelly Pin or Maria Miller

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If you require a tax receipt for your contributions, please forward the request on the form below to the parish office no later than Friday, **February 14, 2025**.

Receipts must be requested in writing or by using the form below, as a security precaution for you. After the date specified, the office records must be updated for the new year and your information may not be available.

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**REQUEST FOR TAX RECEIPT**

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

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

Cardinal Dougherty High School Class of 1975 50 Year Reunion, Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 6:00PM. Additional questions /email:

[1975cdreunion@gmail.com](mailto:1975cdreunion@gmail.com)

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Assumption BVM in West Grove is currently seeking a new Music Director. A detailed job description can be found on our parish website at:

[assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](http://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org). If interested please contact Fr. Scott Brockson at [padrescott96@aol.com](mailto:padrescott96@aol.com) or call the parish office, 610-869-2722.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, January 19

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

Monday, January 20

Adoration 8:00AM C  
 Rosary 7:00PM C  
 RCIA 7:00PM PO

Tuesday, January 21

Flame of Love Prayer Group 1:00PM C

Wednesday, January 22

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

Thursday, January 23

Men’s Group 6:30AM C  
 Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM SJR

Friday, January 24

March for Life Bus leaves ABVM at 6:30AM

Saturday, January 25

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



**FAMILY CAKE BINGO NIGHT-**  
 Friday, February 28, 2025  
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM-SJR  
**PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

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! **AS SEATING IS LIMITED, we ask that you sign up in advance by Monday, February 24** using the QR code found here or call Jen Keller at 610-444-4364 or email [jenkellersp@gmail.com](mailto:jenkellersp@gmail.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.

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