



# 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 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

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

9:00AM-12:00PM Friday

### BUFFINGTON HOUSE

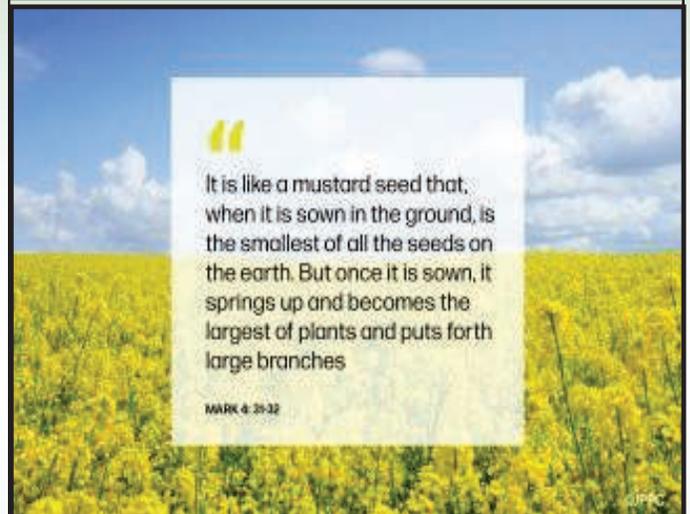
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JUNE 16, 2024

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches

MARK 4: 31-32

### 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, June 17, Weekday**

7:30AM Laura Ludlam  
r/o Pat & Bill Kotkin

**Tuesday, June 18, Weekday**

7:30AM Jenny Masters  
r/o Gillinger Family

**Wednesday, June 19, St. Romuald**

7:00PM Anna Timmons  
r/o Rose & Michael Piccora

**Thursday, June 20, Weekday**

7:30AM Will Giallonardo  
r/o Mark & Marlene Pauline

**Friday, June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

7:30AM George Schaefer, Sr. & Diane Schaefer  
r/o Schaefer Family

**Saturday, June 22, St. Paulinus of Nola, SS. John Fisher & Thomas More**

8:00AM Special Intention

**Vigil, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00PM Lino & Bina DePaoli  
r/o Family

**Sunday, June 23, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM Frank & Rita Bingnear  
r/o Sipala Family  
10:30AM Joanne Warren  
r/o Family  
12:00PM Rich Forte  
r/o 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.*

This week, we celebrate the Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. In 1580 he received First Holy Communion from St. Charles Borromeo. This inspired in him a lasting devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This week, pray for all those who shared the Eucharist with you.

**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, 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, Sutton & Daphne Greene, Nancy Maillie, 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, Stephanie Arriviello, Linda Helton that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory. 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**

**SPC Joseph Dettore, Jr.**

**Army LTC Matthew R. Emerson**

**LCPL Ben Farrell, USMC**

**1st LT. USAF Natalie King**

**Army Major Robert C. McDonough**

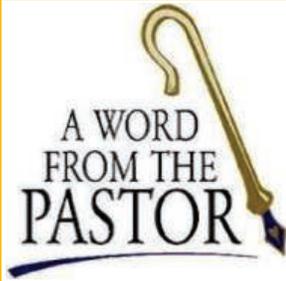
**SFC Tyler Nellens**

**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,

Praised be Jesus Christ! A Happy Father's Day Weekend to all our pops and dads. You are loved, valued and remembered in all the Masses this weekend and throughout this month.

### IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FATHER.

Pope John Paul has been quoted as saying, *"All of the spiritual life is a pilgrimage to the heart of the Father."*

Certainly, it can be said of the Life of Christ Himself that it was "all about the Father". Jesus revealed God the Father to us through His perfect Love.

Father Dave Pivonka writes:

It should pain all of us to say that the present crisis of fathers and fatherhood has become a truism. The fact that everyone knows there's a problem, that this problem has far-reaching effects, and that so few have any solutions, is troubling indeed. It shouldn't surprise us to see, then, that as the crisis of fathers increases, so, too, does a crisis of faith in God as Father.

I am one of the lucky ones. My dad was as good a dad as anyone could ask for. Although he had a busy occupation as a doctor, he was present when he could be and longed to be present when he couldn't, and we knew that. He was my first spiritual leader as well; I remember walking into the hospital chapel as a young boy and seeing him in the front pew on his knees, which to this day shapes my own fatherhood as a priest in profound ways.

But that doesn't mean he was perfect. There is no such thing as a perfect earthly father — a fact that some know and experience more deeply than others. These imperfections, however, are not a reason to abandon fatherhood or lose hope in this most fundamental and irreplaceable relationship. Our identity, what we are and who we are, needs a point of reference, and in this, fathers play the biggest role.

This isn't just true of fathers, but the Father as well. St. Paul writes to the Romans that we are "children of God," having received a "spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" This, too, has become a truism, but it is incumbent upon all Christians to remember that this idea is a radically unique Christian claim.

God is not merely a good idea, nor is he a far-off deity seated on a throne shooting lightning from his fingertips. He is Father. He is close. He sees "in secret" (Matthew 6:4), not to catch his children in wrongdoing, but rather with the gaze of love. He is tender and stable, and before him, our identity is solidified. As St. Francis said, "I am who I am in the eyes of God, nothing more and nothing less."

For better or worse, who God is as Father is learned first and foremost in the home from an earthly father. Tragically, many take to heart that God the Father is as absent as their own father, and the road to true faith is unpaved and overgrown and, in many ways, heart-wrenching. However, even the greatest of fathers can unintentionally leave wounds that, in the Providence of God, give the Father an opportunity to heal and reveal his love through the Holy Spirit.

On this Father's Day weekend, as we see, honor and salute our own Fathers, let us draw near and not fear the fact that **God the Eternal Father Sees, Honors and salutes us. In fact, He loves us.** And that is a VERY Great Gift, it's the Gift of Salvation!

Peace,  
Fr. Rogers

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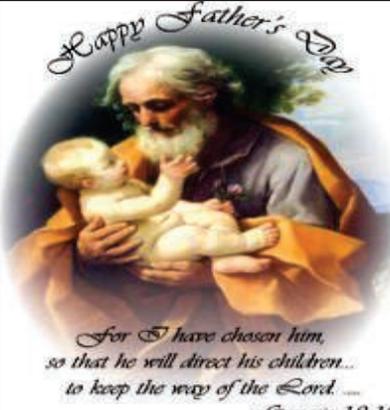
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST DAY**

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**MONDAY, JUNE 24**  
**7:00 PM**



For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children... to keep the way of the Lord. ... Genesis 18:19

**A FATHER'S DAY BLESSING**

Blessed is the father who lets the Lord be his guiding hand, whose faith brings his family courage, whose wisdom comes from God, and whose children still stand and honor him.



# CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

### WORD OF LIFE – Weekly Quote:

“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux  
“Fathers’ Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life”

To read in its entirety, visit [www.usccb.org/prolife/fathers-irreplaceable-role-welcoming-life](http://www.usccb.org/prolife/fathers-irreplaceable-role-welcoming-life)



After all Masses this Father’s Day weekend, please join us in offering a spiritual bouquet to St. Joseph, Patron of Fathers. We hope this spiritual bouquet provides an opportunity to pray for the intentions brought to your heart by Father’s Day.

A Spiritual Bouquet is individual prayers and acts of devotion offered up on someone’s behalf. This month the Respect Life Ministry invites you to lift up the many intentions laid on your heart to the intercession of St. Joseph, while also honoring him, and giving him thanks for his fatherly love and care. Each individual act is like a spiritual flower that when gathered with other acts and prayers becomes a “bouquet.”

To participate, intention cards may be found in the pews. After Mass, you are invited to spend some time with St. Joseph - write down your prayer intentions and then place them in the basket that will be in front of the St. Joseph statue. This offering will remain throughout the month of June serving as a visual remembrance of the important vocation of fatherhood and the gift of life. Let us all cherish the gift of life we receive from our fathers and entrust all men to whom God gives life to the protection and care of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!  
Yours In Christ,  
St. Patrick’s Respect Life Ministry

## The Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia welcomes all to the 2024 Philadelphia March for Life Saturday, June 22, 2024

9:00 AM – Celebration of Mass at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul  
10:30 AM – March begins to the Philadelphia Women's Center  
11:30 AM – Rally for Life begins at the Independence Mall Visitors Center

For more information, to include Guest Speakers and March Route visit <https://www.prolifeunion.org/2024mfl>



# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

**Religious Freedom Week 2024: Called to the Fullness of Dignity** begins with the feast day of Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher on June 22 and concludes with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29. Learn how you can **pray, reflect,** and **act** to promote religious freedom at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!)



A word of thanks to all who so generously donated to our parish food drive this past weekend in support of KACS. A special word of thanks to fellow parishioners Lucy & Pete D’Angelo, Jim & Jean O’Neil, and Jim & Deb Gillespie for bring the truck and collecting the donations all weekend. Together we collected 1,618 pounds of life-sustaining food to help KACS help our neighbors.

**WAY TO GO ST. PATRICK’S! JOB WELL DONE!**



**“This shows that the Lord is just, that there is no wrong in my protector.”**

Psalm 92:15

Jesus often used imagery from everyday life to teach his disciples and others about the Kingdom of God. This week in Mark’s Gospel we see a farmer sows seeds and then has no control over the growth until

harvest time. Since many of Jesus’ friend’s livelihood required them to live off the land, they were able to relate to this parable. They understood that the smallest seed had the potential to grow into a magnificent creation. Quietly reflect on who was the person that planted the seed for you to believe in God. What helps a small amount of faith grow into a lifetime of serving God?

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**Register for 2024-2025 PREP Year**

On-line registration and paper forms can be found on the parish website.

Anyone attending Camp Caritas must complete a paper form.

On-line registration will close on July 19<sup>th</sup>

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Confirmation Candidates attending Camp Caritas are required to attend a follow-up meeting on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in the St. Joseph Room

**PRO-LIFE MASS & RALLY FOR LIFE**

You are invited to join the pro-life community as we gather for a special Mass at the Cathedral followed by a March to Independence Hall and a Rally for Life.

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024  
Schedule: 9:00AM-Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral  
10:30AM-March to Independence Mall  
11:30AM-Pro-Life Rally at Independence Hall with music & guest speakers

As part of these events there will be a collection at the Cathedral of items needed by moms & babies that will then be distributed at Philly’s Biggest Baby Shower in September.

Mass-March-Rally-Please participate in one or all of these events on June 22, as we promote the Right to Life and pray for moms & babies.



**Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

My name is Tony Basilio and late last year, I had the very good fortune to be invited on a pilgrimage to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. That visit was a life altering event. I would like to share that event with you. I am organizing a pilgrimage to the shrine for St Patrick Parish. The dates for the trip are November 6 – 13, 2024. The cost is \$1,700 which includes ground transportation in Mexico, (Please note: airfare is NOT included) a full time bilingual Mexican guide, room accommodations, most meals, visits to at least 8 holy sites and three other tourist attractions and daily Mass. There will also be time for shopping at a very favorable exchange rate. If you are interested or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [tbasilio@verizon.net](mailto:tbasilio@verizon.net) or on my mobile phone (302) 218-0954.

**VOLUNTEER ENGLISH PROGRAM**-Become a volunteer tutor!

Change someone’s life and see how it changes yours! Join us at the July 2024 Virtual Tutor Training Workshop. Tuesday, July 16, Thursday, July 18, Monday, July 22. 6:00PM-8:00PM each evening on Zoom.

Workshop fee: \$40 for materials. Register online at [volunteerenglish.org](http://volunteerenglish.org). References and background checks will be conducted before being matched with a student.

*We Are Called by Name*

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**



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

Practical life centers in the atrium helps the child build a sense of purpose but intertwines with some of our liturgical work. Order, concentration, coordination and independence are consistently the direct aim of the activities in practical life.

Donations help build the atrium and are greatly appreciated. As you clean out closets this summer, we are looking for natural colored place mats, small severing tongs, cloth napkins & rings, small water pitchers& vases and child size aprons. If you are looking to recycle old crayons, colored pencils or children’s scissors, please consider donating them to us.

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**Registration for the 2024-2025 CGS Year**

Forms can be found on the parish website under YOUTH tab-CGS

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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)

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH**

Sunday, June 16

Monday, June 17

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

Tuesday, June 18

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
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Wednesday, June 19

Confession	6:00PM	Narthex
Mass	7:00PM	C

Thursday, June 20

Men's Group	6:15AM	SJR
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Friday, June 21

Blue Rocks Game	6:35PM	Frawley Stadium
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Saturday, June 22

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



SUNDAY COLLECTION

JUNE 9, 2024

\$19,355.00

LAST YEAR \$18,838.00



FINAL CALL...

GAME NIGHT IS ALMOST HERE AND ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT!

St. Patrick Night at the Blue Rocks

Wilmington Blue Rocks vs Aberdeen IronBirds-Friday, June 21

Game Time: 6:35 PM at Frawley Stadium

801 Shipyard Drive, Wilmington, DE 19801

It's Fireworks Friday!

Stay after the game to watch the show!

Ticket Cost: \$12.00 per ticket  
(Children ages 3 and younger are FREE)

Have your weekend plans changed for June 21? Are you looking for a fun family night out? If so, come join Father Rogers and your St. Patrick friends at the Ball Park. **There are still a few tickets left but be sure to reserve yours ASAP. Final call to purchase tickets will be Tuesday, June 18.** To purchase your tickets, please contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4364 or [jenkellersp@gmail.com](mailto:jenkellersp@gmail.com). Cash or check made payable to St. Patrick Church. We hope to see you there!

**The Core Beliefs of our Catholic Faith – The Real Presence**

A 2019 Pew Research Center survey found that most Catholics do not believe that the bread and wine used for Communion become the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ. In fact, just one-third of U.S. Catholics believe in the Real Presence - that Jesus Christ is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist after the words of Consecration are pronounced. The Catholic Church teaches that "the Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.'" Why then do so many Catholics not believe? Watch this short video from Bishop Barron *on Catholics Misunderstanding the Eucharist*. Next week we will share more from Bishop Barron on the *Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*.

*Bishop Barron on Catholics Misunderstanding the Eucharist*

Check out the video found here: <https://bit.ly/3HeiSWW> or scan the QR code below



**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.

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