



# 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

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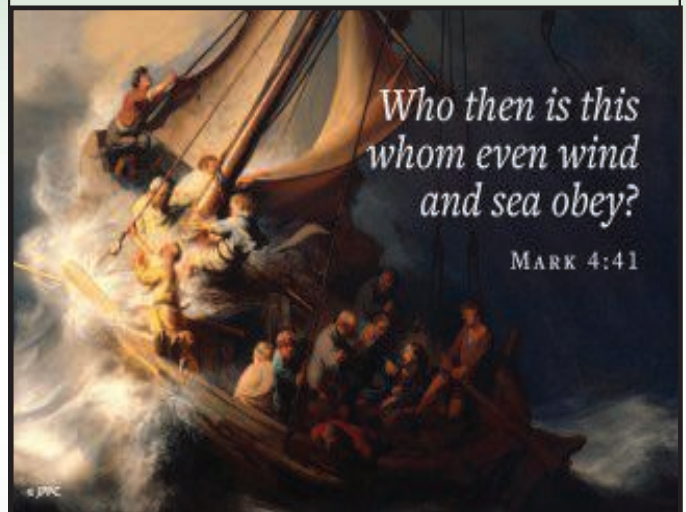
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JUNE 23, 2024

TWELFTH 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, June 24, The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

7:30AM Bob & Dolores Hammaker  
r/o Family, Jeff & Susan

**Tuesday, June 25, Weekday**

7:30AM Kathleen Beyer  
r/o Fucci Family

**Wednesday, June 26, Weekday**

7:00PM Deceased members of Pancrazio & Maria  
DiAndrea Family  
r/o Family

**Thursday, June 27, St. Cyril of Alexandria**

7:30AM Deceased members of DePaoli & Dinon  
Families  
r/o M/M Stephen DePaoli

**Friday, June 28, St. Irenaeus**

7:30AM Mike Moyer  
r/o Ron Caputo

**Saturday, June 29, Saints Peter & Paul**

8:00AM Special Intention

**Vigil, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00PM Helen McHugh  
r/o Carl & Frances Tuinstra

**Sunday, June 30, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM Parishioners  
9:00AM Daniel Sirusas  
r/o Family  
10:30AM Laura Ludlam  
r/o Janice Rowe  
12:00PM August & Emily DePippo  
r/o Joseph & Richard DePippo

*"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.*

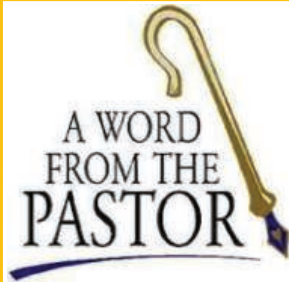
Words from the 3rd century Bishop Irenaeus, whose feast day is this Friday: *"For us the bread, which is produced from the earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer common bread, but the Eucharist, consisting of two realities, earthly and heavenly; so also our bodies, when they receive the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, having the hope of the resurrection to eternity."*

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, Bob Regenye, Tom Gore that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory. Amen. **Rest in Peace-Alice Mehan.** Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, 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.

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My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This week, Church Calendars and Chronological calendars fit together in a remarkable way. You may recall that when the Angel Gabriel declared God's Message to Mary, He provided a sign. "Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren" (Lk. 1, 36).

We'll this week, 6 months prior to the birth of Jesus, we celebrate the birthday of John! I share a reflection below on the significance of this event and invite you to our "Summer Christmas" on Monday as we celebrate John the Baptist with an ancient Baptist Bonfire.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

### Mid-Summer Feasting: The Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist By Jennifer Gregory Miller

Merry Christmas! I know it's not December, but June 24, [Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist](#), is often referred to as "Summer Christmas" because it is exactly six months from Christmas. The cult of St. John the Baptist, the Precursor of Christ is very ancient, which makes this such a multi-faceted feast both in the liturgy and traditions connected to the feast. To touch on a few highlights:

#### A Birthday Celebration

The only other births that are celebrated in the Church's Liturgical Calendar are the birth of Jesus on Christmas, and the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8th. Jesus is the Son of God, so He is always without sin. Mary was immaculately conceived, having no original sin and staying sinless throughout her life. Church tradition states that while in St. Elizabeth's womb, upon hearing Mary's voice, John the Baptist's soul was cleansed of original sin as he leapt for joy. The Church celebrates St. John's [birth](#) and [death](#), but usually saints' feast days are celebrating the day of their death, marking their birthday into heaven—the first day of their eternal reward.


#### Light and Water

This feast brings to the forefront imagery of light and water. The opening of the Gospel of John describes the Baptist's role: "He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light" (John 1:7-8). Later John the Baptist explains that he is the friend of the bridegroom, rejoicing at the sound of bridegroom's voice, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

As noted before, the Precursor's birth marks the halfway point before Christmas. In the Northern Hemisphere, this feast marks midsummer, close to the historical Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. After the solstice, the days grow shorter (the light decreases) until we reach the winter solstice, close to Christmas, where we have the shortest day of the year, and Christ comes upon the world. After Christ's birth, the light increases. Granted, Midsummer Eve festivities were held long before Christ was born, but the Church wisely baptized this festival, nourished it and now calls it Her own.

Light (as in sun and fire) and water are the two imageries that keep repeating for this feast (and saint). All over Europe bonfires were traditional for St. John's Eve. "The Church blesses such fires, praying God that the faithful may overcome the darkness of the world and reach the "indefectible light" of God." (Dir. Pop. Piety, [#225](#))

And as St. John THE BAPTIST baptized with water, including Our Lord, water plays a significant role. In reading about different customs throughout the world my favorite has to be Mexico, where they bathe and swim and throw water "baptizing" each other. 236



**ADORATION OF OUR LORD**  
*"Here I Am, Lord." Isa 6:8*  
**EVERY MONDAY IN CHURCH**  
**8:00 AM - 7:00 PM**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

St. Alphonsus Liguori said "Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but

*He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." No matter what storms or challenges you are facing, the Lord will strengthen you during Adoration. Each time you visit Him, you will receive the healing you need to face the storms and challenges in your life.*

Our parish offers Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays from 8AM-7PM. All are invited to stop in the church to spend some time with the Lord. We also celebrate First Fridays with Adoration from 7PM-8PM. For questions or information, contact Angela Eyre at 484-753-4801 or email – [reachmorepatrick@gmail.com](mailto:reachmorepatrick@gmail.com)



**CULTURE OF LIFE  
CORNER**

**ST. JOSEPH'S SPIRITUAL BOUQUET**

Thank you to all who have participated thus far in our spiritual bouquet to St. Joseph in celebration of Father's Day. This offering will remain available to all throughout the rest of June and will serve as a visual remembrance of the important vocation of fatherhood and the gift of life. Intention cards can be found in the pews. Whenever you come to Church during the month of June, maybe during Adoration or before/after Mass, spend some time in prayer 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. Let us all cherish the gift of life we receive from our fathers and entrust all men to the care and protection of St. Joseph. St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

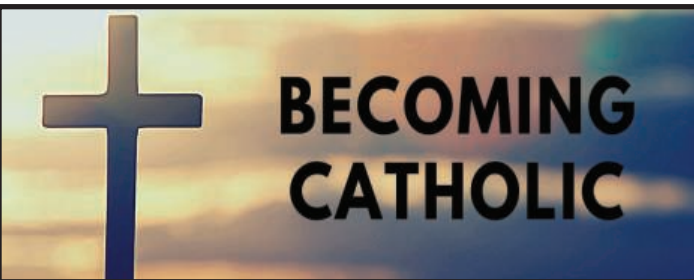
**WORD OF LIFE – Weekly Quote**

“O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”  
USCCB, “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”  
[www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-liberty-prayer-resources](http://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-liberty-prayer-resources)

**ROSARY FOR LIFE**

Wednesday, June 26, 2024  
6:30 PM in Church

All are welcome to join us as we pray the rosary and reflect upon the fact that every human being is sacred and valuable.



**HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT TAKING THIS STEP?  
PERHAPS YOU....**

- Have never been baptized but now you feel drawn to explore it
- Have been baptized in another Christian tradition, but now you want to continue your faith journey in the Catholic Church
- Have been baptized in the Catholic Church, but never received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation

If any of these describes you, or someone you know, we invite you to take the next step to learn how St. Patrick can be part of your faith journey. Please call the Parish Office at 610-444-4364 if you wish to learn more.



**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)



**SUMMER CHRISTMAS  
BIRTHDAY OF  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**BENEDICTION,  
BONFIRE, &  
BUILDING COMMUNITY**

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

All are welcome to join us in celebrating St. John the Baptist this Monday, June 24. We will first meet in church at 7 PM for the Rosary and Benediction. Afterwards, we will gather outside for our celebratory bonfire. Please bring a chair or blanket. Light refreshments will be provided.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary School of Theological Studies Catechetical Institute, 610-785-6287, [STS@SCS.edu](mailto:STS@SCS.edu)-The Catechetical Institute (CI) offers online non-credit courses for Catholic Adults 18 years+ with a high school diploma or equivalent. The courses are for teachers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia elementary schools who are required to obtain catechetical certification; parish catechists; and those seeking to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

The following CI courses are being offered in July:

Old Testament, Christian Anthropology, Catholic Moral Teachings and Sacraments of Healing & Vocation

Online Registration is open on our webpage:

<https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/catechetical-institute/>

Cost per course is \$60.00



“Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good; his love is eternal!”

faith

Psalm 107:1

Have you ever felt overwhelmed? From the reading it was obvious that the apostles did not comprehend what Jesus taught them about faith. During Jesus’ ministry, He told people not to be afraid but to have confidence in God’s love. Jesus knows the love His Father has for all of us. Quietly reflect on how your faith has helped you face your ups & downs in your life.

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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  
Parents please join us for Mass at 7:00PM



Don’t Take a Vacation From Your Faith

It can be difficult to find a Catholic Church while traveling and vacationing in unfamiliar locations.

Mass Times Ministry at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) is a convenient way to locate a church so you can continue to receive the Holy Eucharist and celebrate Mass.



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 \$1700.00, 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. 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).

2024 Catholic Women’s Conference

We invite all Catholic Women-married, single, and consecrated to **Save the Date** for the 2024 Catholic Women’s Conference, a day filled with joy, faith, sisterhood and prayer. The 2024 theme is The Joys of Womanhood: Sacred, Beloved, and Beautiful. Tracks will be available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.

October 19 from 9AM-4PM

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA



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“Let the little children come”  
Matthew 19:14

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As you do summer cleaning of closets, we are looking for natural-colored placemats, small serving tongs, small bowls, and cloth napkins.

Looking to recycle old crayons, colored pencils or children’s scissors then we are your place.

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Registration Forms

may be found on the parish website under the YOUTH tab-CGS


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For inquiries about CGS contact Kelly Pin or Maria Miller  
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**THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH**

<u>Sunday, June 23</u>		
Baptism	1:15PM	C
<u>Monday, June 24</u>		
Adoration	8:00AM	C
Rosary	7:00PM	C
<u>Tuesday, June 25</u>		
Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
<u>Wednesday, June 26</u>		
Confession	6:00PM	Narthex
Rosary for Life	6:30PM	C
Mass	7:00PM	C
<u>Thursday, June 27</u>		
Men's Group	6:15AM	SJR
<u>Friday, June 28</u>		
<u>Saturday, June 29</u>		
Rosary	8:00AM & 4:30PM	C
Confession	3:30PM	Narthex



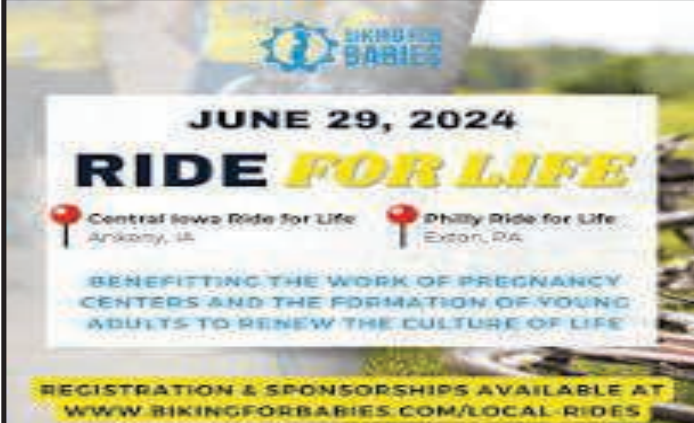
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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**CLASS OF 2024**

Loving God, we thank you for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education. Give them wisdom to spend their time and money wisely. Grant them success for their efforts at every turn and guide their feet to follow.

In Jesus' name. Amen



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

The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is a central belief of our Catholic faith.

As the Gospel of Matthew tells us:

*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Mt 26:26-28)*

Recalling these words of Jesus, the Catholic Church professes that, in the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. . . . For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" (Jn 6:51-55). The whole Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine—the glorified Christ who rose from the dead after dying for our sins.

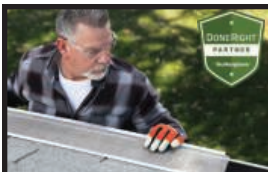
For more about the Real Presence, please scan the QR code and watch this short video from Bishop Barron on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



**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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