



St. Patrick Parish

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

212 Meredith Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348

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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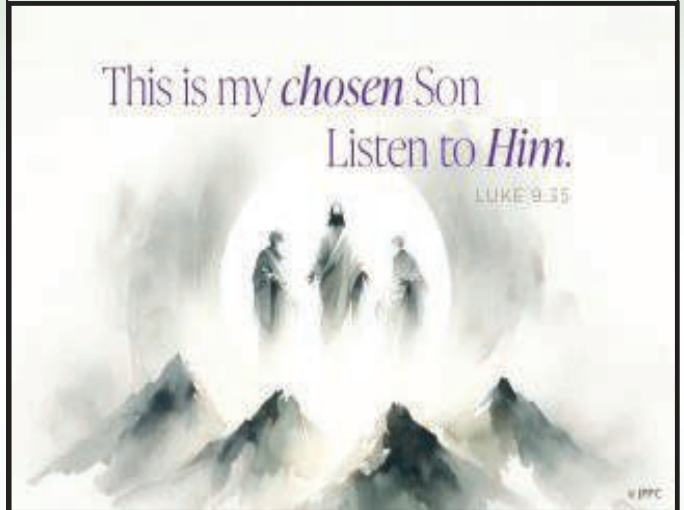
Receiving and Giving the Love of God



MARCH 16, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This is my *chosen* Son
Listen to *Him*.
LUKE 9:35



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, March 17, Lenten Weekday, St. Patrick

7:30AM Mary Touhey
r/o Niece, Jane

Tuesday, March 18, Lenten Weekday, St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:30AM Joseph Gano
r/o Anna

Wednesday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Mary

7:00PM Rose Marie Caputo
r/o Piero & Milly Piperis

Thursday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

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

Friday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Kathy Norris
r/o Husband, Clint

Saturday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

8:00AM Special Intention

Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

5:00PM Kornelija Jaunakais
r/o Family

Sunday, March 23, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM John Virgilio
r/o Charles & Dianne Smith
10:30AM Teresa DiPietro
r/o Thomas & Carolyn Peppernick
12:00PM Mike Skubisz
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.

"St. Joseph was, with Mary, the first to take up the practice of perpetual adoration. He was with Jesus, loving him, all the time-at home, in the workshop, in the synagogue, on the road. He teaches us to live in the presence of God at all times, and he shows us how to pray when we are in the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord."

Scott Hahn

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 Vlasses, Cookie Kealey, Stu Stabley, Tony Slezak, Betty Ann Sweet 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

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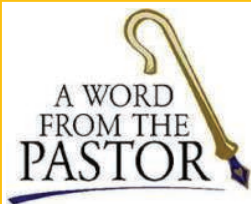
Army Major Robert C. McDonough

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E1 Airman 1st CI Andrew Szonntag

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Major Ian C. Whiteman



My Dear Parishioners,

Praise be Jesus Christ! Thanks to all who made our 40 Hours Celebration so beautiful, Lent at St. Patrick's is off to a terrific start! This Saturday, we welcome to our parish Bishop Chylinski. He will be here Saturday to bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on 19 of our young people. Please pray for them. In addition to welcoming a Bishop this week, we celebrate a Bishop, Saint Patrick, our Patron. I share with his autobiographical reflection. May the Slave turned Saint, fill your heart with HOPE!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

A REFLECTION OF ST. PATRICK *(In his own words)*

My name is Patrick. I am a sinner, a simple country person, and the least of all believers...I was taken into captivity in Ireland, along with thousands of others. We deserved this, because we had gone away from God, and did not keep his commandments.

It was there that the Lord opened up my awareness of my lack of faith. Even though it came about late, I recognized my failings. So I turned with all my heart to the Lord my God, and he looked down on my lowliness and had mercy on my youthful ignorance. He protected me and consoled me as a father does for his son.

This is why I cannot be silent – nor would it be good to do so—about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity. This is how we can repay such blessings, when our lives change and we come to know God, to praise and bear witness to his great wonders before every nation under heaven.

After I arrive in Ireland, I tended sheep every day, and I prayed frequently during the day. More and more the love of God increased, and my sense of awe before God. Faith grew, and my spirit was moved, so that in one day I would pray up to one hundred times, and at night perhaps the same. I even remained in the woods on the mountain and I would rise to pray before dawn in snow and ice and rain. I never felt the worse for it, and I never felt lazy—as I realize now, the spirit was burning in me at this time....

I remained on in Ireland and that not of my own choosing, until I almost perished. However it was very good for me, since God straightened me out, and he prepared me for what I would be today. I was far different then from what I am now, and I have care for others.

I must take care not to hide the gift of God which he has generously given us in the land of my captivity. It was then that I looked for him with all my strength, and there I found him, he protected me from all evils--- this is what I believe---on account of his Spirit living and working in me to this very day....So I'll never stop giving thanks to my God who kept me faithful in that time of my temptation, I can today with confidence offer my soul to Christ my Lord as a living victim. He is the one who defended me in all my difficulties...Whatever comes about for me, good or bad, I ought to accept them equally and give thanks to God. He has shown me that I can put my faith in him without wavering and without end.

(Confessions of St. Patrick, 1-3;16-28;33-34)



Join your fellow parishioners for a day trip to the new campus of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Thursday, March 27. Upon our arrival, we will be greeted by our Seminarians Michael & Josh who will be our tour guides. This day will include a personal

guided tour of the campus, a Holy Hour in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, and lunch with our seminarians. We will **car pool** to the Seminary and **depart from St. Patrick Church parking lot at 9:00AM with estimated return time of 2:00PM**. Please bring a bagged lunch.

For more details on transportation and to join us, please contact Jen Keller in the Parish Office at 610-444-4364 or

jenkellersp@gmail.com



CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

WORD OF LIFE – Quote of the Week

March 25th marks the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*).

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

CALLING ALL PRAYER WARRIORS! PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DAY OF PRAYER AT WEST CHESTER'S PLANNED PARENTHOOD THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

40 DAYS FOR LIFE...Life is Precious – Defend it! 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful, prayerful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. **A total of 25,353 lives have been saved since 2007.**

The Respect Life Groups from the parishes of St. Patrick, Assumption BVM, and Sacred Heart have committed to give **witness at West Chester's Planned Parenthood this Thursday, March 20th from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.** Would you like to be part of a small group that spends 1 hour in prayer at Planned Parenthood on March 20. To sign up for an hour, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/chestercounty. Select "Sign up for Vigil Hours" and then select March 20. For additional questions or help in signing up, contact Jen Keller at jenkellersp@gmail.com. 236

Spring 2025 Adult Faith Formation Lecture Series
with Father Michael C. Connolly, OSFS

WHAT ABOUT THOSE "EPISTLES" AT SUNDAY MASS?

At Sunday Mass we "get" the Gospels...and most often the homily is about the Gospel...we "get" that connection.

But what about those 2nd Scripture readings from the Epistles? What's with these 21 letters, mostly from St. Paul and a few from other authors? Where did they come from? How are we to understand them as guides for our spiritual growth? Join Fr. Connolly and your peers to find out.

SAVE THE DATES & JOIN US

1:00 PM on

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2024 - St. Joseph Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2024 – in Church

ALL ARE WELCOME

An Invitation from Archbishop Pérez

Learn more about a new way forward together for the Catholic Church of Philadelphia

ST. PATRICK'S TOWN HALL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025 1:00PM-3:00PM-ST. JOSEPH ROOM. PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

On January 5, Archbishop Perez shared his Pastoral Letter that outlines his hopes for the Church of Philadelphia over the coming years. This initiative, known as "The Fourth Way," invites us to reach the 83% of Catholics who are not coming to Church and to personally invite them to come back home!

IN FOLLOW UP TO THIS INITIATIVE, WE ARE ASKED TO:

1. **READ THE FULL PASTORAL LETTER** found at www.trustandhope.org
2. **PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI):** This survey will be available until April 10 and can be found online through the parish website or a QR link is found in today's bulletin.
3. **ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025:** St. Patrick Parish will host an information session for our parish community on the pastoral planning of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This will take place from **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM in the St. Joseph Room** and will be led by a facilitator from Catholic Leadership Institute. We would like as much of our St. Patrick Community in attendance as possible.

To help us plan accordingly, please register for this event using the QR code found below, visit the parish website, or please email Jen Keller at jenkellersp@gmail.com.

If you cannot attend our parish session, you are invited and encouraged to attend one of the Archdiocesan sessions being offered throughout Chester County. To sign up for an Archdiocesan session, please visit www.trustandhope.org

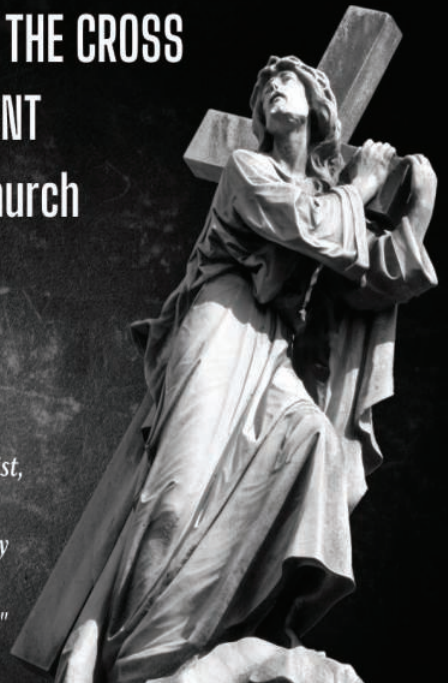


STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS OF LENT

7:00 PM in Church

*"We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You.
Because, by Your holy
cross, You have
redeemed the world."*





The Lord your God will send you a prophet like me from among your own people, and you are to obey him. Deuteronomy 18:15

In this week's Gospel, Peter, James, and John have a spiritual experience on the mountain. They wanted Jesus' transfiguration; they were brought face to face with the power of God's presence. We too may have a mountaintop experience when we are faced with God's presence in our lives and our spirits renewed. Lent allows us time to focus on renewing our spiritual connection with God. Reflect on a time you felt God's presence in your life. How did this experience strengthen your faith?

**Stations of the Cross
March 14th**

Book: Everyone's Way of the Cross at 7PM

March 21

Book: The Way of the Cross for Children at 6PM and

Book: Mary's Way of the Cross at 7PM

All families are asked to attend Stations at least once during Lent

New this Lent

**The Way of the Cross for Children
Friday, March 21 at 6PM**

Consider joining us for this special edition of Stations. All families are asked to attend Stations at least once during Lent. Suggested dates & time for the levels are posted on the PREP calendar.

**Disciple Maker Index
SURVEY**



THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY IS NOW UNDERWAY!

Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey today!

As you may be aware, the Disciple Maker Index Survey has begun and we now enter Week 2. At the time of this writing, we have already received over 100 responses. Thanks to all who have taken the time to complete it. If you have not yet completed the survey, please make plans to do so as soon as possible.

What is the Disciple Maker Index?

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is an anonymous survey of parishioners that provides insights into the level of missionary discipleship in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching, and other aspects of the parish.

The survey will only be available until April 10 and we are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable not only to Father Rogers and our parish leadership, but also to the Archbishop and the Diocese during this year's Fourth Way Initiative. The survey will help our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be missionary disciples.

A few key points:

- The survey takes **10-15 minutes to complete** and will provide a great benefit to both our parish and to you, personally.
- All responses are **confidential**.
- The survey can be accessed **online from March 5 - April 10** by scanning the QR code below or through the parish website at www.stpatrickkennettssquare.org.
- Paper surveys will also be available in Narthex or online through the parish website.
- Completed paper surveys may be returned to the box in Narthex labeled "Disciple Maker Index Survey" or to the Parish Office.

Thank you for helping with this important project! Should you have any questions, please contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4364.



TAKE THE DMI



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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Serving children ages 3-6

As we continue our journey of Lent in the atrium, we are presented with the mystery of Christ as the Good Shepherd. The children ponder the words from Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

We wonder in awe over how God provides for all our needs. There is nothing I lack. Children may take the opportunity to trace the prayer card or make their own, or they may simply ponder these words as they work on the practical life in the atrium.

For inquiries about CGS contact Kelly Pin or Maria Miller

Kpin.teacher@gmail.com or mmillerdresp@gmail.com 236



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

**THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM ROSARY THIS
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025.
SEE YOU AT THE GALA.**

Our Parish Rosary will resume on Sunday, March 23.

Sunday, March 16

Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM Mass	CB
PREP Class	10:00AM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
St. Patrick Gala	1:30-6:00	Mendenhall
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	SJR

Monday, March 17

Adoration	8:00AM	C
PREP Class	4:45PM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Reach More Small Groups	12:30PM & 7:00PM	SJR
Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	PO
Knights of Columbus Officer Mtg.	7:00PM	CB

Tuesday, March 18

Reach More Small Groups	12:30PM & 2:30PM	SJR
Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
Confirmation Practice	6:30PM	C
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	Off Campus
Winter Bible Study	7:00PM	SJR

Wednesday, March 19

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30AM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Confession	6:00PM	Narthex
Mass	7:00PM	C
Reach More Small Groups	12:30PM & 7:00PM	SJR

Thursday, March 20

Men's Group	6:30AM	CB
Reach More Small Groups	10:00AM	SJR
Spiritual Adoption Planning Mtg.	3:00-4:00PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	Off Campus
Ladies of St. Patrick Mtg.	7:00PM	BH

Friday, March 21

The Way of the Cross for Children	6:00PM	C
Mary's Way of the Cross	7:00PM	C

Saturday, March 22

Rosary	8:00AM & 4:30PM	C
Confirmation	10:00AM	C
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Reach More Small Groups	11:00AM	Zoom
Confession	3:30PM	Narthex

LADIES RETREAT-"DISCOVERING ONE'S TRUE SELF AND MISSION IN LIFE THROUGH THE JOYS AND SORROWS OF OUR LORD AND OUR LADY"

This talk will delve into the primary responsibility of Catholic Christian women and use biblical figures and stories to illustrate a female's role as a woman, wife, mother, or grandmother. The talk will help women understand and discover one's true self and mission in life, relative to the Image of God, by reflecting on the joys and sufferings of Our Lord and Our Lady. The talk will also equip women with the tactics to spiritually defend themselves, their spouse and family by addressing topics on spiritual warfare and angelology, and the importance of prayer, holy desire, spiritual coaching and friendships.

Our retreat director is Dr. Antone Raymundo, a physician currently working as a medical consultant specializing in disability. Dr. Raymundo is a lay Carmelite, and a spiritual director.

The Ladies Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025. We will begin with the 8:00AM Mass followed by refreshments in the St. Joseph Room in the Religious Education Center. Dr. Raymundo will begin the retreat at 9:00AM and finish around noon. Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 610-444-4364, if you are planning to attend. We hope you will be able to join us.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION****March 9, 2025-\$24,295.00**

Last Year-\$16,381.00

DID YOU KNOW? NOVENAS-Have you heard someone say, "I am making a novena?" What exactly does that mean? *Novena* is derived from the Latin word for nine (*novem*). When we make a novena, we say a prayer for nine consecutive days. We hope that after praying for nine days, some spiritual blessing will be given by God.

The church considers the first novena to be the prayers of the Apostles and Mary in the upper room during the nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost (see Acts 1:14-25).

Many novenas are made to ask for the intercession of a particular saint. The novena is usually said nine days before the saint's feast day and ends on the actual feast day.

But novenas can also be prayed any time for a special need. We can pray asking for special graces for favors (petition novenas). We can pray for the dead (mourning novenas). We can even pray to receive indulgences (indulgence novenas).

If you or someone you care about seems to be in a hopeless situation, pray a novena. Ask St. Peregrine, Patron of Cancer Patients for his help. St. Jude, the Patron of Hopeless Cases, can intercede for us when all seems lost. A novena to St. Joseph is traditionally prayed for by someone seeking work, a marriage partner, or the grace of a happy death. A novena is a gratifying way to pray.

Novena to St. Peregrine: www.praymorenovenas.com/st-peregrine-novena

Novena to Saint Jude: www.praymorenovenas.com/st-jude-novena

Novena to Saint Joseph: www.praymorenovenas.com/st-joseph-novena

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.

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