



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

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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MARCH 2, 2025

EIGHTH 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, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel
 7:30AM Emme Kealy (living)
 r/o Jeff & Susan Hammaker

Tuesday, March 4, St. Casimir
 7:30AM August & Emily DePippo
 r/o Joseph & Richard DePippo

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday
 7:30AM Special Intention
 12:00PM Special Intention
 7:00PM Special Intention

Thursday, March 6, Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 7:30AM Teresa DiPietro
 r/o Mary Crossan

Friday, March 7, 2025 Friday after Ash Wednesday
 7:30AM Maryann Rapa
 r/o Joe & Pat Hines

Saturday, March 8, Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 8:00AM Special Intention

Vigil, First Sunday of Lent
 5:00PM Boris Jaunakais
 r/o Family

Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent
 7:30AM Parishioners
 9:00AM Catherine Jennings
 r/o Marge Korn
 10:30AM Teresa DiPietro
 r/o Ray & Kathy Reinhardt
 12:00PM Thomas Gore
 r/o Anna Gano

"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.

My sweetest Joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament!

St. Katherine Drexel

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. 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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LCDR Michael Crawford

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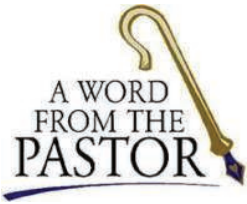
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SFC Tyler Nellens

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Major Ian C. Whiteman



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Happy Mardi Gras Week! Actually, Mardi Gras is just a day, but it falls in this week which is recognized on both secular and sacred calendars as, the beginning of Lent. As I write this column Pope Francis remains in critical condition and remains in our good prayer.

As we enter Lent, a few words about the Season and some things to consider about living it this year.

The traditional practices of **PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING** remain perennial ways in which we can grow in Charity. Prayer helps us to grow in our love for God and gives us an opportunity to receive His Love. Fasting helps us to grow in greater love and realization of our Christian Dignity, as creatures made in God’s image and likeness. And Almsgiving helps us to express our love for those in need.

Now a few thoughts on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving as they relate to Lent 2025 here at St. Patrick:

- 1) **Prayer**: As familiar as we may be with prayer, there are always deeper depths and higher heights to this awesome ability that we have as humans, to communicate with God. Of course, He communicates to us in His Son and His Son is Alive, continuing to share His Word, His Peace, His very Self with us. I strongly encourage all of you this Lent to commit to the gift of prayer, not just saying prayers. But prayer with and in the parish community. Start this week:
 - A) **Friday Evening**: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayer led and guided by Irish tenor, Mark Forrest. I promise that this will be a VERY SPECIAL NIGHT OF HEALING and a great way of beginning Lent
 - B) **Week 1 of Lent**: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday our parish 40 Hours. Make an appointment and spend some time with Jesus before the Eucharist. Just being with Him has power to change us. I double-dog dare you to commit to a half hour each day with the Lord!


- 2) **Fasting**: This is a tough discipline. I wake up on Ash Wednesday very hungry! But the gift of fasting is that it can remind us of our Christian Dignity. That we can have self-control when it comes to food, entertainment, etc. We can say “yes”, we can say “no”. And if we can’t say “no”, what does our “yes” mean? Through fasting, “yeses” and “nos” become more powerful.

- 3) **Almsgiving**: We are quite familiar with this discipline and the parishioners of St. Patrick’s are quite generous! Look at all you have done, built and provided for in recent years! For this Lent, I suggest that the charity that you give to be Philadelphia’s own **Catholic Charities Appeal**. Philadelphia’s Catholic Charities Appeal is different from Catholic Charities USA or that which you see in the news. All monies raised from **Philadelphia’s Catholic Charities Appeal** stays in the Archdiocese and helps fund much of the Church’s outreach to the poor. Our Parish goal this year is \$80K and I think we can do it!

Enjoy your Mardi Gras and I’ll see you in Church as we begin Lent!


Peace, Fr. Rogers

ST. PATRICK PARISH 40 HOURS ~ HOPE MARCH 9 – MARCH 11, 2025




Sunday, March 9th

- Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
- 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Adoration
- 5:00 PM – Evening Prayer & Reflection with the **Sisters of Life**




Monday, March 10th

- 7:30 AM Mass
- 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Adoration
- 7:00 PM – Evening Prayer & Reflection with **Fr. Randy Kraft**



Tuesday, March 11th

- 7:30 AM Mass
- 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Adoration
- 7:00 PM – Evening Prayer & Reflection with **Fr. Sean O'Neill**




ST. PATRICK PARISH LENTEN 40 HOURS DEVOTION-SUNDAY, MARCH 9-TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025. THEME: HOPE

Join us for a time of spiritual renewal and Eucharistic Adoration from Sunday, March 9 – Tuesday, March 11, 2025. This is a special opportunity to deepen our appreciation of the Eucharist and to strengthen our relationship with Jesus.

During this time period, you are welcome and encouraged to spend 15 minutes to an hour, or whatever time you can afford, in prayer for the Blessed Sacrament. Each evening there is an opportunity for spiritual growth, renewal, and healing with evening prayer, benediction, and a special speaker.

To help us ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone, we encourage you to sign up for 30 minutes or 1 hour with our Eucharistic Lord. Please scan the QR code or visit the parish website on more details to sign up.





**CULTURE OF LIFE
CORNER**

**DAY OF PRAYER AT WEST CHESTER’S PLANNED PARENTHOOD
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: From March 5 to April 13, Chester County will take part in 40 Days for Life...a internationally coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful vigil in front of abortion businesses. **Since 2007, throughout our country, a total of 25,353 lives have been saved.**

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 on 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.

**RACHEL’S VINEYARD: A PLACE TO HEAL AFTER ABORTION
HEALING RETREAT WEEKEND, National Shrine of Our Lady of
Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA**

April 4 – 6, 2025

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed – please know that a Rachel’s Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel’s Vineyard retreats bring healing and God’s forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. God’s mercy is greater than our sins. Join us from April 4 – April 6, for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend - and experience the healing power of God’s infinite mercy.

Contact our team to register or for questions: Evelyn at 215-317-5752 or email at evelynwalsh59@gmail.com



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

Friday, March 7, 2025 at 7:00PM

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 invited you to a closer walk with him.

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

**An Invitation from
Archbishop Pérez**

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

Archbishop Perez published an important Pastoral Letter on January 5, the Feast of St. John Neumann. This letter 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!

HOW CAN WE PARTICIPATE IN THIS INITIATIVE?

- 1. READ THE FULL PASTORAL LETTER:** We ask that you take some time to read and reflect on his letter about the future of our Church. The pastoral letter and more details can be found at www.trustandhope.org.
- 2. PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI):** At the Archbishop’s request, we will be doing the DMI again this year and it will **open on March 5th (Ash Wednesday).** This year it is even more important that we participate in the DMI survey to help us reflect on our own journey of discipleship here at St. Patrick Parish. Stay tuned for more details.
- 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.** 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.



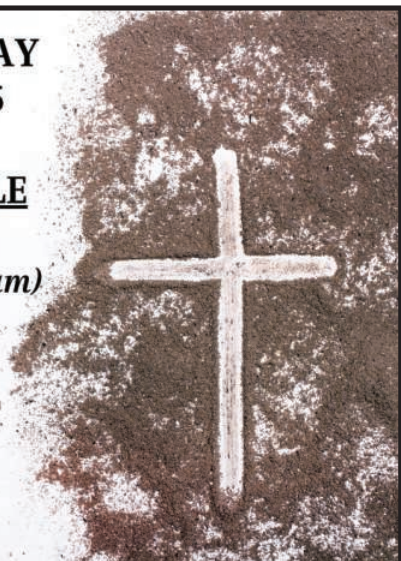
If you cannot attend our parish session, you are invited and encouraged to attend one of the Archdiocesan sessions being offered throughout Chester County. To sign up for an Archdiocesan session, please visit www.trustandhope.org.

**ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5, 2025**

MASS SCHEDULE
7:30 AM
12:00 PM (Livestream)
7:00 PM



*“Even now, says the LORD,
return to me with your whole heart,
with fasting, and weeping, and
mourning.”- Joel 2: 12*





"To proclaim your constant love every morning and your faithfulness every night."

Psalm 92:2

In the Gospel of Luke, we hear one of Jesus' parables that tell us if we want to follow Jesus' steps, start by seeking our heart to help other people grow. The Lord sees us as we truly are; he is not fooled. Ask the Spirit to point out our wickedness and give us the power to change.

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS

Thursday, March 6, 2025

6:30 PM—8:00 PM

SHHH! Letters due by March 3rd.

All candidates report to class on March 9th.

Level 2 Eucharist Retreat

Saturday, March 8

Meet in the St. Joseph Room

9:30-12PM

One partner/guardian must accompany the child during this time



PARISH SURVEY COMING THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

St. Patrick Parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! St. Patrick Parish participated in the DMI back in 2018 and 2022 and, through the years, it has proven to help us grow as a parish community of disciples.

For those not familiar with the Disciple Maker Index (DMI), it is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Patrick Parish. **YOU are being INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!** This information will help us move forward in our parish planning and will help us to be what God is calling us to be for Him and for others.

The 10-15 minute survey can be **accessed online** through the parish website and flocknote from **March 5 – April 6, 2025**. All responses will be confidential and the parish will receive information about the community as a whole. Be on the lookout for the survey link next week and, in addition, paper surveys will be available in the Narthex for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Thank you for helping with this important project! More details to follow next week. In the meantime.....

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR PARISH EMAILS? To stay in the loop, text the message 31716 to the Number 84576! **Parish survey information will be sent out first via email.**



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Serving children ages 3-6

As we continue listening to parables, we are reminded that Jesus lived in the land of Israel and walked all around telling these parables to help us learn a message.

We listened to the Gospel of Matthew 13:44 "Kingdom of God." The Kingdom of God is one of the greatest mysteries of our faith. It is like a hidden treasure of immense value. If someone were to discover it, they should be willing to give up everything in their life to possess it. The children reflected on how the treasure represents the Kingdom of Heaven. The person finding the treasure realizes it's value and the act of selling it symbolizes the cost of following Jesus.

Jesus wants us to understand that Kingdom of God is a special gift that will be given to us.

How might you answer the question, "What does the Kingdom of God mean to you?" For inquiries about CGS contact:

Kelly Pin at Kpin.teacher@gmail.com or

Maria Miller at mmillerdresp@gmail.com.

IT'S COFFEE & DONUT TIME!



**SUNDAY, MARCH 2
AFTER ALL MASSES
ST. JOSEPH ROOM**

DID YOU KNOW? THE 40 HOURS DEVOTION

by Marie Elliott and Deacon Alan

You've probably heard that our parish will be having a 40 Hours Devotion on March 9th, 10th, and 11th. Its theme will be "Hope." This devotion was introduced to the Church in 1527 by St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria. The 40 Hours is significant because we believe it was the amount of time that passed between Jesus' burial on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter morning.


So what happens during this devotion? Traditionally, parishes expose the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance on the altar for three days. Just as we do during any other Adoration, parishioners will come and go throughout the day to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The 40 Hours Devotion provides an extended opportunity to worship the Real Presence - Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist.

Churches can host 40 Hours in different ways. Ours will go like this: After the last Mass of the day, the priest will place a consecrated host in the Monstrance. He will say a final prayer but no final blessing or closing hymn. Kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament, he will use incense (Psalm 141: Like burning incense, let my prayer rise before you.) Three candles are on each side of the monstrance. Then the people will begin Adoration.

In the evening, prayers are said and a reflection given by a speaker. The Blessed Sacrament is then reposed in the tabernacle. On the final evening, a procession is held inside the church with Father holding the Monstrance. This reminds us of the joyful procession of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Monstrance is placed back on the altar. Benediction then begins.

All of this pageantry helps to reaffirm our belief that the Eucharist is truly Christ: body and blood, soul and divinity.

Sunday, March 2		
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM Mass	CB
PREP Class	10:00AM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Children's Choir Practice	1:00PM	C
Parish Rosary	7:00PM	Zoom
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	SJR
Monday, March 3		
Adoration	8:00AM	C
PREP Class	4:45PM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	PO
Reach More Small Groups	12:30PM & 7:00PM	SJR
Tuesday, March 4		
Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
Winter Bible Study	7:00PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	12:30PM & 2:30PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	Off Campus
Wednesday, March 5		
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 6		
Men's Group	6:30AM	CB
Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:00PM	CB
Book Discussion with Seminarians	7:00PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	10:00AM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	Off Campus
Friday, March 7		
First Friday Adoration with Mark Forrest	7:00PM	C
Saturday, March 8		
Rosary	8:00AM & 4:30PM	C
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Reach More Small Groups	11:00AM	Zoom
Confession	3:30PM	Narthex



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 February 23, 2025-\$21,912.00
 Last Year-\$19,611.00

Introduction to Prayer-Parts 3 & 4
Book Discussion with Seminarians Michael and Josh
 Thursday, March 6 & March 13
 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 St. Joseph Room

Thanks to all who have joined our Seminarians Michael & Josh for their series on *An Introduction to Prayer*. If you only attended one week or haven't been able to join us yet, all are most welcome for the second half of this series. Please join us again on Thursday, March 6 and Thursday, March 13. For questions, contact the Parish Office at 610-444-4364.

Women's Prayer/Bible Meeting Blessed Is She will meet on March 8 & March 22. These small group studies are held at Farmer & Company in Unionville on various Saturday mornings at 8:30AM.

Our current study is <https://blessedissh.net/products/rooted>. For more information, please contact Kate O'Reilly at 610-719-7113.

Fr. Rogers' homilies are available online:
www.cbr.podbean.com

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. He is a physician. He currently works 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.

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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