



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

BUFFINGTON HOUSE

227 Lafayette Street

Receiving and Giving the Love of God



OCTOBER 13, 2024

TWENTY-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, October 14, St. Callistus
 7:30AM Claude Madonna
 r/o Madonna Family

Tuesday, October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus
 7:30AM Papa Family-living
 r/o Avedisian Family

Wednesday, October 16, St. Hedwig
 7:00PM Anthony Louis Spadaccini
 r/o Madelyn Behrends

Thursday, October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch
 7:30AM Robert Blankenbiller
 r/o Olivia Blankenbiller

Friday, October 18, St. Luke
 7:30AM Dan Hurley
 r/o Ron Caputo

Saturday, October 19, St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues
 8:00AM Special Intention

Vigil, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Chris Chandler
 r/o Dianne & Charlie Smith

Sunday, October 20, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30AM Parishioners
 9:00AM Angela Szablewski
 r/o Conrad
 10:30AM John & Ellie Thompson
 r/o Rose Hearn
 12:00PM Ethan Byrne & Roy Anderson
 r/o Byrne 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.

"If we don't want to be fools and blind the intellect there's no reason for doubt. Receiving Communion is not like picturing with the imagination, as when we reflect upon the Lord on the cross or in other episodes of the Passion, when we picture within ourselves how things happened to Him in the past. In Communion the event is happening now, and it is entirely true. There's no reason to go looking for Him in some other place far away."

St. Theresa of Avila

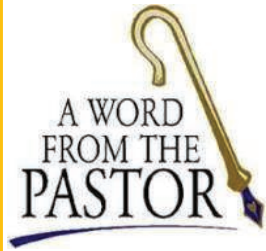
All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for You have called us to serve You in love. Bless our sick: Rosa Maria Santos, Thomas Layug, Steven Mangini, John Pellegrino, Thomas Kelleher, Diane Jones, Giovanna Sankus, Richard Reynolds, Marc Palfy, Joshua Brown, Maria Rowe, William Morey, Eufemia Ortega 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, 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, Bob Regenye, James O'Neil that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory.

Our Faithful Departed-Thomas Gore-Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he 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.

- 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! In addition to Oktoberfest celebration this weekend, I make mention of Jen Keller's Birthday! A HEART FELT HAPPY ?? BIRTHDAY TO JEN! Thanks for all you do for our parish.

Thanks too to our Parish Knights of Columbus as we mark Columbus Day. I share the following article about Columbus to show forth that he was-like most of us-neither a villain or a saint. Peace, Fr. Rogers

Five Myths About Columbus by Robert Royal 9/1/2020

At a moment when even George Washington and Thomas Jefferson are under attack, it was inevitable that the current unrest would also engulf Christopher Columbus. His case is unique, though, because unlike the others, few people — least of all those who took turns stomping on his statues — know much about him. They assume that he brought slavery and genocide to the New World. Europeans did, of course, commit many sins. But they did not introduce new evils; all of them — including slavery and genocide — already existed among Indigenous peoples, as they did throughout the world.

One person who knew Columbus personally was the Dominican missionary Bartolomé de las Casas. He earned the name *defensor de los indios* (“defender of the Indians”) because of his passionate diatribes against exploiters of native peoples in the Americas. Las Casas did not spare Columbus from criticism, but he also defended him against those who blamed him for all the disorders and violence that followed the first contacts with Indigenous peoples. The great explorer’s missteps, he said, were the result of ignorance and misjudgments about how to proceed: “Truly, I would not dare blame the admiral’s intentions for I knew him well and I knew his intentions were good.”

It’s good, then, to examine some of the contemporary charges against Columbus in order to assess him fairly.

Myth 1: He was a violent man. Las Casas spoke of Columbus’ “sweetness and benignity.” Far from being a violent man, he often got into difficulties because he would be indulgent — toward natives and Spaniards — and would then take extreme measures against *both* when things got out of hand. He was a great navigator but a poor governor. By his third voyage, he was cautioning Ferdinand and Isabella about who they were allowing to sail to the New world. He needed, he said, 60 missionaries to preach Christianity to arrogant and abusive Spaniards, and another 60 upstanding men to help him run the colony.

Myth 2: He committed genocide. There was no “genocide” during these early voyages, though many natives died from unfamiliar diseases and clashes between two very different cultures. The Americas had been isolated from the rest of the world for millennia, which is why people here, though they had had their own plagues, were especially vulnerable to diseases from outside. Nonetheless, the Spaniards never intended to commit “genocide.” In even a cynical reading, a ready supply of native workers served Spanish interests.

Myth 3: He instituted the slave trade. Columbus was not interested in the slave trade; his goal was to set up a trading post or, later, an agricultural colony on the island of Hispaniola, today’s Dominican Republic and Haiti. He did, however, take slaves as prisoners of war, or where he found violations of natural law, such as human sacrifice or cannibalism — the only reasons Spain permitted. Slavery was never the admiral’s intention, except as a — not very effective — way to maintain order in unprecedented circumstances.

Myth 4: He had only worldly interests. People often claim that Columbus was motivated by “God, gold and glory,” but assume God was just a cover for worldly interests. In fact, his religious devotion was sincere. Among other things, we know from his writings that he felt that he had been given a role in spreading the Gospel to all nations, which had to happen before Christ could return. In later years, he often dressed as a Third Order Franciscan.

Myth 5: He did not accomplish anything extraordinary. Many also claim that Columbus did not “discover” the New World. Those living here already knew where they were, the argument goes, and didn’t need to be discovered. This is a half-truth. Indigenous peoples, of course, knew their own lands. They did not know that they were part of a larger world. One reason we especially honor Columbus is that he began the process toward the one interconnected world that we now inhabit. Vasco da Gama sailed around Africa and reached “the Indies” five years after Columbus arrived in the New World. But great as that feat was, he only found a new route to long known lands. Columbus, by skill, imagination and sheer grit gave us *the world*.

Archbishop Urges Prayers for Victims of Hurricane Helene By CatholicPhilly Staff (Posted October 1, 2024)

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez issued the following statement Sept. 30 regarding Hurricane Helene:

“My heart is deeply pained to see Hurricane Helene’s path of destruction in the southern United States stretching from Florida through Appalachia. Many precious lives have been cut short. Many homes, businesses, and communities have been obliterated. I encourage everyone to be a beacon of hope for those left standing in the wake of this devastation through frequent prayer and generous support of the relief efforts taking place. Catholic Charities USA is coordinating the temporal response, and local Catholic Charities agencies are providing life-sustaining assistance. Learn how you can contribute to the effort at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org. The work of recovery will be monumental in scale and ongoing for quite some time. Let us be the hands of Christ for our suffering brothers and sisters now and in the coming months. In the name of the people of our local Church, I pray that God will bring comfort to those in mourning, protect the first responders and repair crews working on the ground, and pour His mercy upon all those impacted by this natural disaster.”

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



**CULTURE OF LIFE
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WORD OF LIFE – BULLETIN BRIEFS

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: www.usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End

CHESTER COUNTY CONNECT CARE 5K WALK/RUN FOR LIFE: Join Team St. Patrick on a **WALK FOR LIFE – Saturday, November 9, 9:00 AM at Hibernia Park, 1 Park Road, Coatesville, PA.** As Christians let us show our support for the good work of Connect Care and our commitment to the value of LIFE. Those who wish to participate must register in advance and we invite you to join TEAM ST. PATRICK. Registration fee is \$45.00. Your registration fee will be considered a donation directly to Connect Care and you will receive a t-shirt (based on availability so **REGISTER EARLY**). In addition, participants will be required to provide their own transportation to Hibernia Park or may car pool with other walkers. **To join the team, please register by visiting: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/RaceGroup-1638723?raceld=49105> and select “Join St. Patrick Church, Kennett Square.”** If you are not able to walk with us but would still like to make a donation for a good cause, please visit <https://runsignup.com/teamstpatrick> and donate what you can to our Team St. Patrick Goal of \$250.00. Questions regarding registration contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4364.

ST. PATRICK BRIDGE OF HOPE MINISTRY

Parishioners Jean & Jim O’Neil, Horace Scherer, Pete & Joanna Sirusas, and Patrick & Lisa Lyons are accompanying a young single mother and her two children (ages 4 & 2) as she works to attain stable housing in our local community through the Bridge of Hope Program. This mighty volunteer team serves as a support system to this young mom and her children through friendship, prayer, and navigating community resources. This past month, Joanna and Jean spent the day with the family at the Brandywine Zoo and a local playground. The full volunteer team is planning an upcoming outing to pick apples followed by a birthday celebration for the young child who will turn 3. This young mom is extremely grateful for the support and friendship she has acquired through the St. Patrick Bridge of Hope Team. Currently, this young mother is still searching for a two-bedroom apartment that is within her budget. Although she is on several lists for low-income housing, the lists are slow moving! If you happen to know of an affordable rental property that might fit the needs of this family, please contact Jean O’Neil at grandava@gmail.com.

CHANGE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

It’s Respect Life Month! As such, St. Patrick’s Knights of Columbus annual Change for Life Campaign is now underway. All donations will support Pro-Life causes.

Baby bottles are now available for pick up in the Church vestibule and Parish Office where you can find containers for any returns. There will also be Knights available after each Mass distributing and collecting the bottles. If you would like to contribute via check it can be made out to the Knights of Columbus. For those who would rather donate online, please visit the parish website or simply scan the QR code found below.

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



LADIES OF ST. PATRICK

WHO ARE WE?

WHAT DO WE DO?

MOTTO: SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, SERVICE



The Ladies of St. Patrick Ministry began in 1964. We are a group of hard-working, faith filled women, helping to serve the needs of St. Patrick Parish and the surrounding community.

In the past we have contributed to our parish school, we began the school library, donated to our PREP program, purchased choir robes and donated to our beautiful nativity set. More recently, we have contributed to our church renovations, purchased 3 AED’s, altar linens, donated to KACS, Little Sisters of the Poor, Family Promise and other community needs.

We have helped with our parish Oktoberfest, movie night, First Communion Social, All Souls Reception, and a parish ladies retreat.

Our fund raisers include: Christmas Bake Sale, Poinsettias, Wreaths, Cemetery Blankets, Easter Bake sale, Captain Chucky’s.

Our meetings are a wonderful way to meet new Ladies of the parish and socialize. We open and close our meetings with prayer. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month (September to May) in the Buffington House at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 17.

Join as we serve God, our parish and community. Come and see what we are all about.

**St. Patrick Sunday Night Parish Rosary
Returns via Zoom
Sunday, October 20 at 7:00 PM**



**Please save the date and keep a watch to the Bulletin & Flocknote for Login Details.
We hope that you will join us in prayer.**



“Show your deeds to your servants, your glory to their children.”

Psalm 90:16

Jesus’ primary call is to a life of discipleship, not poverty. Wealth can interfere with the need to follow Jesus. In this week’s Gospel a young man asked Jesus how he can be a good disciple. When Jesus says that he must give

up the things he loves, the young man finds it too difficult to give up his earthly belongings. Jesus isn’t denying his own goodness or divinity but trying to meet the young man where he is and make sure the man focuses on the fact that God is good. The promise of eternal life is connected to our relationship with Jesus. Quietly reflect on how you can strengthen your relationship with Jesus.

LEVEL 2 Parent & Child Reconciliation Retreat

Saturday, October 26

9:30-12PM in the St. Joseph Room

Level 2 Blessing Mass

Sunday, October 27 at the 9:00AM Mass



St. Patrick Knights of Columbus Council #15346
Recruitment Night at Braeloch Brewing
Thursday, October 17, 2024

The St. Patrick Knights of Columbus are part of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world with over 2 million members. Our common bond is our devotion to the Catholic faith and our brotherhood in Christ. Our guiding principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Practicing Catholic men 18 years of age and older are welcome to join us. Here at St. Patrick’s the Knights provide assistance to the parish and all within it in a variety of ways.

All men interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus are welcome to join us at Braeloch Brewing on Thursday, October 17. Come and meet members of the KOC and learn how you can be part of this brotherhood of Catholic men. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Bob Keller at kellerwolf205@gmail.com.

Regional CYO Basketball-CYO Basketball Registration is open until November 3! We are offering both boys and girls teams: JV (Grades 5 & 6) and Varsity (Grades 7 & 8. High school grades (Grades 9-12). The registration fee is \$175.00 per child.

Register-<https://assumptionbvmregionalcyo.teamsnapsites.com/>

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Serving children ages 3-6

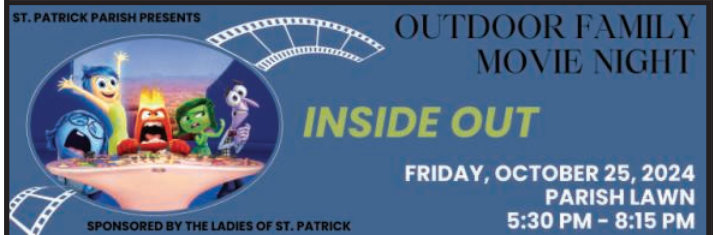


Catechesis of the
GOOD SHEPHERD
“Let the little children come”
Matthew 19:14

The first sessions have encompassed the topic of grace and courtesy in the atrium, while introducing children to the specialness of the space. Here, we have come together to orient ourselves to the physical and mental concentration which can elevate our bodies and minds to hear God and create a special relationship with His son. During this time, we learn about practical life works, like pouring water and spooning beans, which will help us concentrate and transition our ability to more fully take part in the liturgical works. We end our session with the enthronement of the Bible, the most important book in the whole world, highlighting its special place in the atrium and the way we may open our hearts to hear God’s Word.

For inquiries about CGS contact
Kelly Pin or Maria Miller

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



“NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS” AT FALL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FREE HALLOWEEN FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

All parishioners, families and friends of St. Patrick are welcome to join us back on the Parish Lawn for our annual Outdoor Movie Night sponsored by the Ladies of St. Patrick. The date is set for Friday, October 25 and this year will feature Disney Pixar’s *Inside Out* (PG / 1 hr 35 min). All are welcome to gather beginning at 5:30 PM and have the option to order in advance from Presto Pizza for a family dinner on the lawn. 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 5:30 PM on the Parish Lawn. Please remember to bring your own chairs/blankets. Costumes are encouraged and welcomed for persons of all ages! We’ll provide the popcorn, water, and other special Halloween sweet treats. The only cost to families is for the pizza if you choose to order one in advance. To help us plan accordingly, please RSVP in advance by Monday, October 21 using the QR code found here or call/email Jen Keller at jen-kellers@gmail.com / 610-444-4364. We hope you will join us.



PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 TO OBSERVE COLUMBUS DAY.

ADORATION WILL BE HELD AS USUAL.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, October 13

Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM Mass	CB
Children's Choir Practice & Parent Session	1:00	Choir Loft
Oktoberfest	1-4:00PM	Yard
Baptism	1:15PM	C
Reach More Small Groups	7:00-8:30PM	SJR

Monday, October 14

Adoration	8:00AM	C
Reach More Small Groups	12:30-2:00PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00-8:30PM	SJR
Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	PO

Tuesday, October 15

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
Reach More Small Groups	12:30-2:00PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	2:30-4:00PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00-8:30PM	Off Campus
Holy is His Name Bible Study	7:00PM	SJR

Wednesday, October 16

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30-11:00AM	Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Confession	6:00PM	Narthex
Mass	7:00PM	C
Reach More Small Groups	7:00-8:30PM	SJR & Classroom

Thursday, October 17

Men's Group	6:15AM	CB
Reach More Small Groups	10:00-11:30AM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00-8:30PM-2 Groups-Off Campus	
Ladies of St. Patrick Meeting	7:00PM	BH

Friday, October 18

Saturday, October 19

Rosary	8:00AM & 4:30PM	C
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM	S
Confession	3:30PM	Narthex
Young Adult Reach More Small Groups	11AM-12:30PM	Zoom

PLEASE HELP-During the month of October, we invite you to join St. Patrick's Respect Life Ministry & our PREP families in donating your slightly used Winter clothing to Birthright in Coatesville, PA. Birthright supports Young & Single parent families in the Coatesville & surrounding areas.

With winter weather fast approaching they are in need of the following:

Coats & Jackets, hats-gloves & scarves, blankets & diapers

Sizes: Infants to adults

Please bring your donations and drop them off in the St. Joseph Room. They will be collected & delivered weekly during the month of October. Your generosity will be a blessing and appreciated by those in need.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 6, 2024

\$12,568.00

Last Year

\$19,564.00

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH
HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

The holidays will be here before we know it. Let us celebrate the bounty of the Lord with those who are less fortunate. As a Parish Family, let us collect the following food items so as to provide a holiday meal for 100 families identified by Kennett Area Community Services. Please bring your items to the Church vestibule. Thank You!

- Flour (<5 lbs)
- Canned Peas or Mixed Vegetables
- Rice (<5 lbs)
- Sugar (<5 lbs)
- Bread/Roll/Cornbread Mix (Shelf-stable)
- Stuffing Mix
- Chicken Stock
- Adobo
- Cake Mix
- Cinnamon
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Gravy Packet
- Marshmallows
- Poultry Seasoning

Please bring all items by Wednesday, November 6

THANK YOU



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.

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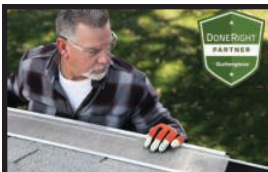
Celebrated throughout the year. Please contact Fr. Rogers.

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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