



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

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—5:00 PM

Monday through Friday

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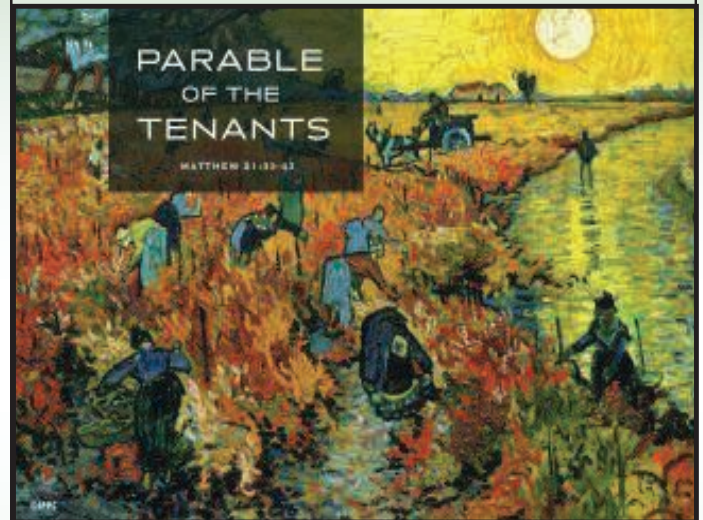
227 Lafayette Street

Receiving and Giving the Love of God



OCTOBER 8, 2023

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 9, St. Denis, Bishop

7:30AM Ruth Jester
r/o Joe & Roseann Jester

Tuesday, October 10, Weekday

7:30AM Albert Kuzo
r/o Family

Wednesday, October 11, St. John XXIII, Pope

7:00PM Rosemary Angelucci
r/o Ladies of St. Patrick

Thursday, October 12, Weekday

7:30AM August & Emily DePippo
r/o Rich & Joe DePippo & Families

Friday, October 13, Weekday

7:30AM Stanley Czuba
r/o Kane Family

Saturday, October 14, St. Callistus I, Pope

8:00AM Special Intention

Vigil, Twenty –Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Grace Smith
r/o Pat & Bill Kotkin

Sunday, October 15, Twenty –Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM St. Patrick Parishioners
9:00AM Tong & Patty Espicitu (living)
r/o Connie DiLorimier
10:30AM Nora Murphy
r/o Jack & Ethel Ann Murphy
12:00PM Grace Smith
r/o Jean & Jim O’Neil

"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.

"A devotion to the Eucharist that is ardent, constant and that carries over into works also has the effect of nourishing and fostering the inner perfection of the soul."

St. John XXIII

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, Ana Teresa Encarnacion, Robert "Mack" Marc-Aurele, Pamela Maldonado, Mary Anne Proch, Aaron Pogue, Susan Walker, Beth Stingel, Kathi Lafferty, Tom Lafferty, Barry Fragale, David Brice, John Whiteman, Jim Feiler, Dianne & Anthony Smith, Shannon Quinn, Florence Ciliberto, Clint Norris III, Samantha Brown, Mary Ellen Rorke Ventrella, Diane Jones, Janice DiGennaro, Ellen Rendel, 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, Dure Gantz, 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 that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory. Amen.

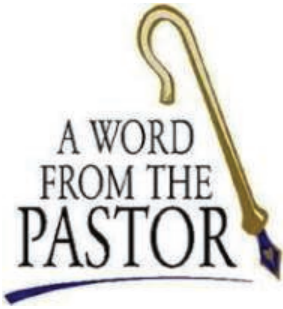
Names on the prayer list will remain for two months. Please contact the office to add, renew or remove a name.

Our Faithful Departed:



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**
- Capt. Dominic Paul DellaPelle, USMC**
- 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! October is a month filled with some giant saints: Francis of Assisi, Faustina Kowalska and Theresa of Avila to name just three. But among the saints of October, we celebrate two Popes who lived in our own times: Pope John XXIII (October 11) and Pope John Paul II (October 22). This is rather remarkable. For in the long line of Popes, not every Pope is a canonized Saint, in fact some were quite vicious. So to celebrate two Pope Saints in one month, from our own times is noteworthy. What's more, the Popes who fell between them Paul VI and John Paul I were holy as well. Paul VI is a canonized saint and Pope John Paul I is a Blessed! This truly very special.

What might this run of Pope Saints mean for us? It means that in our modern times, we have been blessed with Holy Leaders: that is to say, Popes who lived in deep union with God...for holiness is just that union with God. It's a union evidenced not only in the miracles attributed to them from heaven; but a union that began here on earth in their sacrificial love for others and for God. In short, they lived the faith. And while that is a fair/basic expectation for religious leaders, it does not always happen. Consider the religious leaders of Jesus day. They did not live the faith. In fact in some ways, their external religious appearance cloaked an internal corruption. Remember Jesus calling them "White-washed tombs"! OUCH! Sadly, such corruption, failure of religious leaders to live the faith was not limited to Jesus' day. We have seen it in our own days. And this is precisely why it's important to note and celebrate those religious leaders who have been declared holy, to consider what lied within them.

This week, on Monday, we celebrate one such man, St. John Cardinal Newman. He was religious leader who not only led others, but allowed himself to be led. And it cost him dearly. Cardinal Newman was an Anglican priest who converted to Catholicism. His conversion cost him his status, his friends and entailed much suffering for him. In fact, we celebrate his feast day not the day he died but on the day he converted. For that was a death to him and his writings and prayers manifest it. In them, we hear the turmoil, anxiety, anguish of a man who was living the faith, walking the walk, pressing on – out of himself – for God. I close with a famous prayer of his and I invite you this week, to join me in praying for our religious leaders. On the day he was elected, Pope Francis said "Pray for me." There was more to that request than mere piety. Prayers for our religious leaders are needed. May we be generous in offering them.

A Prayer of Cardinal Newman: **Lead Kindly Light**

Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead me Thou on! The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on! Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step is enough for me. I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou shouldst lead me on; I loved to choose and see my path, but now lead Thou me on! I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will: remember not past years. So long Your power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on, o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone; and with the morn those angel faces smile which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Peace,
Fr. Rogers



PRAY A PUBLIC ROSARY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 AT 12:00PM, CORNER OF MEREDITH & CYPRESS STREETS-The Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima "Miracle of the Sun" is coming up on October 13 and St. Patrick's Parish will be holding our annual Rosary Rally as we have been for over 10 years now! You are invited to pray the Rosary with us on Saturday, October 14 (which is the closest Saturday to the actual Feast Day) to commemorate the 106th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. There is expected to be more than 20,000 other Rosary Rally groups throughout the United States who will be praying the Rosary on this same day/time. Praying the Rosary in public is a beautiful and powerful witness! Our Lady will pour forth graces on the entire world and bring peace. Everyone is welcome. Bring your children and invite your family and friends! FREE Rosaries will be provided.

More information can be found on the America Needs Fatima website at www.americaneedsfatima.org.

For questions, contact Susan at 610-355-6334.

LIVING STONES APPEAL
St. Patrick Connecting Cornerstones Project

LIVING STONES APPEAL: PHASE II ~ MENDING THE GAP
Thank you to all who are part of our Connecting Cornerstones Project and to all those who continue to help us **MEND THE GAP!** As of 10/2/23:
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www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org/living-stones-appeal/



CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Thank you to all our parishioners who joined us last Sunday for our annual LIFE CHAIN. The sky was bright and blue as though the Blessed Mother draped her gown over all of us. We

had a steady flow of traffic along Cypress Street with several favorable responses from the drivers with "horn honks" and "the thumbs up" in support. We pray that this peaceful and prayerful witness softened the hearts of those in need.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: From **September 27th to November 5th**, our community will take part in **40 Days for Life**...the world's largest grassroots movement to end abortion, offer hope, compassion and love to those who feel that their only hope is abortion. **Number of lives saved since 2007 is 23, 525.** We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our community and beyond.

The St. Patrick Respect Life Ministry, in collaboration with the ABVM Respect Life Group, has committed to give witness in front of West Chester's Planned Parenthood. Would you like to be part of a small group that spends one hour in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood? **The St. Patrick & ABVM Day of Prayer is Friday, October 13th from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.** To sign up for an hour, contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4364 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/chestercounty. Select "Sign up for Vigil Hours" and then select October 13.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PILGRIM STATUE OF THE EXPECTANT MADONNA
Our Parish Pilgrim Statue of the Expectant Madonna began her journey through the parish last Sunday. Have you signed up yet to host Our Lady? All parishioners and families are invited to welcome the Pilgrim Statue of the Expectant Madonna into your home for a one-week visit (Sunday to Sunday). This can be a special way to gather your family together in prayer each day while contemplating the precious gift of LIFE. A Prayer Booklet complete with the Rosary for Life intentions and other prayers specific to the family and pro-life matters will accompany the statue to help deepen your prayer time. **For more information and to sign up for your week, please visit the parish website** or contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4364.

CHESTER COUNTY CONNECT CARE 5K WALK/RUN FOR LIFE: Join Team St. Patrick on a **WALK FOR LIFE – Saturday, November 11, 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 there is a discounted registration fee for joining TEAM ST. PATRICK. Registration fees are \$25 Adult; \$20 Child (ages 13-17); FREE Child (12 and younger). 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/RaceGroups/49105/Groups/1396377> and select "Join St. Patrick Church, Kennett Square."** Questions regarding registration contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4364.



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

To join us online visit www.zoom.us. Select Join and enter Webinar ID: 859 4073 5946 Passcode: stpatksq

Additional login details and to submit your prayer requests can be found on the parish website.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Mt 18:20

Thanks to all who joined us last Sunday for our first Parish Rosary of the year. We had 18 households united in prayer! We hope that you can join us again each Sunday. Consider inviting your friends and other families to participate. All are welcome! Spread the word and share the link!

Music Notes by Anne Marie McCarthy-Your choir needs you! The Adult Choir would like to welcome new members. Rehearsals are on Wednesday night from 7:30-9:00PM. We sing 2 weekend Masses per month and special occasions. Contact me at 610-444-4364 or email:

annemarie.c.mccarthy@gmail.com



**OKTOBERFEST IS NEXT SUNDAY
OCTOBER 15, 2023
FINAL WEEKEND TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS**

We welcome all families and friends to join us on the Parish Lawn for an afternoon of fun and fellowship for all ages! This year, for the very first time, we

will have LIVE MUSIC performed by fellow parishioner Matt Bochanski so bring your dancing shoes! We welcome back our friends from Rump Roasters who will serve the delicious food and Braeoloch Brewing who will pour the cold beers. Face Painting and Balloon Twisting will be available for all our young friends from 1PM-3PM. A wonderful time is sure to be had for all ages. You don't want to miss this annual event. **THIS IS THE FINAL WEEKEND TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS, NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** You may purchase your tickets after all Masses this weekend or online via credit card through the parish website. **Tickets must be purchased in advance (by Monday, Oct. 9) and prices are as follows:**

- \$25.00-Adult (Food/Beer) \$20.00-Adult (Food only)
- \$10.00-Children ages 6-12 years/5 and under free

We hope to see your family there! For questions, contact Jen Keller at jenkellersp@gmail.com 236



He is good to everyone and has compassion on all he made.

~Psalm 145:9



Good created humans to be the stewards of his creation. God sent many faithful servants, starting with Abraham, to the people of Israel to remind them of the call they had received. Over the next week you will hear the story of Abraham. Abram and his wife Sarah are old and barren, but God has the power to change things for them and all of us. God promised Abraham that he would be the father of a “great nation.” Abraham was coming from a place of hopelessness but he heard God’s voice and had great faith in God and responded to the call. Sometimes God calls us to do hard things. Quietly reflect on how you may respond to God’s will as faithfully and joyfully as Abraham did many years ago.

Confirmation Candidates

Presentation on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00PM in the St. Joseph Room

One parent or guardian must accompany their child to the presentation

Confirmation Blessing Mass

Sunday, October 22 at 9:00AM Mass

All candidates must attend PREP class following Mass

Communion Students

Reconciliation Retreat

Saturday, October 28

9:30-Noon in the St. Joseph Room

One parent or guardian must accompany their child to the presentation

Chester County Prayer Communities Charismatic Mass and

Healing Service

WHEN: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

WHERE: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 203 Church Road, Oxford

TIME: Praise and Worship at 6:40PM, Mass at 7:00, followed by a Healing Service

CELEBRANT: Rev. Joseph T. Shenosky

All are welcome, wheelchair accessible

Email Jean Gottel at gotbean77@yahoo.com or call 610-507-2486 236



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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Serving children ages 3-6

CGS facilitator is Kelly Pin. Kelly has long been drawn to the Montessori Method principles and has a background in Elementary Education. Last summer she attended class to be certified in the Level 1 course for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and completed Level 2 training this past summer.

Our first Wednesday in the Atrium children were able to explore the different works such as preparing the altar, pouring rice, spooning beans and matching the vestments to the correct liturgy season using the liturgical calendar.

For inquiries about CGS contact

Kelly Pin or Maria Miller

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

CHANGE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

It's Respect Life Month! As such, St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus annual change for Life Campaign is now underway. All donations will help support pro-life causes.

Baby bottles are now available for pick up in the Church Vestibule and Parish Office where you will also 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 in advance from all the Brothers of the Knights of Columbus Council #15346.



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

**Please bring all items by Wednesday, November 8
THANK YOU**



THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, October 8

Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM Mass	CB
PREP Class & Living Rosary	10:05-11:35AM	S
Baptism	1:15PM	C
Parish Rosary	7:00PM	Zoom

Monday, October 9

Adoration	8:00AM	C
PREP Class & Living Rosary	4:45-6:15PM	S
Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	BH

Tuesday, October 10

Reach More Small Groups	10:00AM-12:00PM, 12:00PM-2:00PM	SJR
Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
Bible Study	7:00PM	SJR

Wednesday, October 11

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30-11:00AM	S
Reach More Small Groups	12:30-2:00PM, 3:30-5:00PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	BH
Confession	6-6:45PM	C
Mass	7:00PM	C
Choir	7:30PM	C

Thursday, October 12

Men's Group	6:30AM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	10:00-11:30AM	BH
Reach More Formation Training	2:00-4:00PM	SJR

Friday, October 13

Saturday, October 14

Rosary	8:30AM & 4:30PM	C
SoulCore	9:15AM	SJR
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM	S
Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally	12:00PM	Meredith & Cypress
Confession	3:30PM	C



SUNDAY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 1, 2023-\$15,991.00

LAST YEAR-\$16,167.00



SoulCore is back this October

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please join SoulCore Leader Heather Smalley in praying the rosary this month through the beauty of SoulCore! If you are not familiar with SoulCore, it is a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level or experience required. Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat if you have one. All are welcome! Visit www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org/soulcore for more information. The next class meets on Saturday, October 14 at 9:15AM in the school building. Contact Heather Smalley at mrs.smalley219@yahoo.com. A free will offering of \$5.00 is appreciated to be used for the Kennett Area Community Center.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION LECTURE SERIES WITH FR. CONNOLLY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29-1:00PM-ST. JOSEPH ROOM

"What about those Scripture readings from the Old Testament at Sunday Mass?"-Perhaps the least understood Scriptures at Sunday Mass are those from the Old Testament, a.k.a. the Hebrew Scriptures.

In principle, the Old Testament reading is in some way related to the Gospel reading...but exactly "how" is often not that obvious!

Taking the Old Testament selections for up coming Sunday Masses, these two presentations will unpack the relevant Old Testament readings within their contexts and hopefully shed some light on their contribution to the Gospel selections and thus to our spiritual enrichment. Join Father Connolly after the Noon Mass on Sunday, October 22 and again on Sunday, October 29. All are welcome!

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.

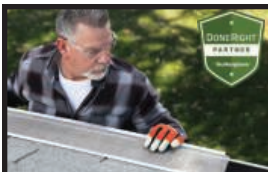
PARISH REGISTRATION

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.

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

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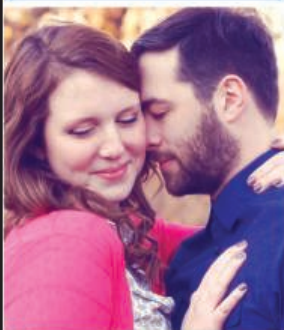
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