

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

On this Sunday of the Easter Octave – Divine Mercy Sunday – a word of thanks to all who made last weekend so beautiful here at St. Patrick's! The entire Holy Week Celebration, Sacred Triduum and Easter Week were grace-filled, God-filled moments for so many and I am grateful to all who made it possible.

THANK YOU!

Easter continues now and Jesus' first Easter gift is Mercy. We see it this week, as He shares it with the shame-filled, guilt-ridden Apostles. To them, He speaks "Peace". What's more, He shows them His wounds. This is Mercy! Mercy is not a big "whatever" or "forget-about-it" or "it's ok". Rather, Mercy recognizes that things are not ok! Things matter! Things cannot be forgotten. But they most certainly can be forgiven and healed. And this is what the Risen Lord does and continues to do for His Church!

Mercy says, "I know you and love you. I know what you have done and what you have failed to do. I suffered for you, endured torment for you, I died for you and was buried. And now, I come back for you! I share with you My Victory, My Life" My friends, this is the gift of Easter and the Risen One teaches us and helps us to receive it. As Easter unfolds, allow yourself to unfold and trust in Him! He will not harm you.

Upcoming Events/Happenings:

Saturday, April 29: We will have the celebration of First Holy Communion.

Friday, May 5: A Parish Pilgrimage to the Padre Pio Center in Barto, PA.

Also in May, we will have the GROUNDBREAKING for our New Addition: Date to be announced next week!

Finally, Archbishop Perez has announced that Deacon Randy Kraft and Deacon Phong Le, both of whom were seminarians here at our parish, will be ordained priests on Saturday, May 20th! Please keep both these men in your prayers especially as their Ordination draws near.

Peace.

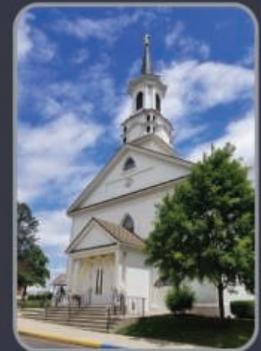
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Join your St. Patrick friends for a day trip via deluxe motor coach first to the **National Center for Padre Pio** where we will learn more about the spirituality, work and mission of Saint Padre Pio. In addition to our guided tour, you will



ST. PATRICK PILGRIMAGE

Friday, May 5, 2023



have time on your own to explore the beautiful grounds, museum, and the *Hell, Purgatory, and Paradise Exhibition* that is only on display through May. Thanks to the insight of 15-year-old Blessed Carlo Acutis and to the research completed by writer and journalist Nicola Gori, this exhibition presents 160 testimonies of Saints and Martyrs who have had visions of the Inferno (Hell), Purgatory, and Paradise. After our time at Padre Pio we will pay a visit to **Most Blessed Sacrament Church**, which is a neighbor to Padre Pio Centre and a historic church founded in 1741.

Cost is \$35 per person (cash or check payable to St. Patrick Church) that includes transportation and donation to the Shrine. Please bring a bag lunch. Snacks and water will be provided. **Departure time is 8:30 AM with estimated return home time at 4:00 PM.** Please visit the parish website to view the flyer and full schedule. **ALL ARE WELCOME** but **space is limited!** For more details and/or to register, please contact Jen Keller at jenkellersp@gmail.com or 610-444-4364.