



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This week, a few parish updates:

#1) If you are reading this prior to 1 PM on Sunday, I invite you to come to a seminar we are having about **END OF LIFE CARE** in the St. Joseph Room this Sunday from 1 to 2:30PM. Deacon Jim Browne will present to us. While we do not know when or what end of life care will look like for ourselves, many of us are/will be faced with caring for people – making choices for the people we love who are ill or dying. **Knowing WHAT the CHURCH teaches in this regard is important especially in a culture that does terrible things to the weak and vulnerable.** JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY.

#2) Two weekends from now -- we welcome back to the parish Fr. Charles Kennedy. Fr. Kennedy was a resident at St. Patrick many moons ago and as a retired priest of the Archdiocese, promotes the good work entitled **FR. CHUCK'S CHALLENGE**. This is a concrete way in which we can make a difference to something very local and global and as Lent begins, I thought this would be a good charity to introduce to you. For more information, please see www.fatherchuckschallenge.com

#3) Next Weekend, on what will be a no football weekend, I will have **a special update/announcement about our building project and parish property.** This will include the results of our St. Patrick Brotherly Shove, dates for dedication, blessing and opening of the new building. It will also include info on a piece of our parish property: Namely, the house that sits on 222 Meredith Street. For 18 years, that house has served as a rental property of the parish. Several months ago, our tenants moved out and in the time that has passed, our parish Pastoral and Finance Councils along with the Archdiocese has discerned what to do with the property. After receiving counsel from those involved, we have decided to sell the property. I'll be speaking more about this next week and in the coming weeks, the sale of the house and contact information for those that may be interested will be provided.

#4) Finally, this Friday marks the **40th Day of Christmas the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.** You may want to mark your calendars and come to Church that day or the next day ... which is the Feast of St. Blaise. It's at this time of year that we bless the candles and have our throats blessed. A time to welcome and foster the LIGHT OF CHRIST! And yes, we need that LIGHT!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAYS:
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

FIRST FRIDAYS - 2/2/24:
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAYS FROM

8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

FIRST FRIDAYS -

Join us this Friday,

February 2 at 7:00

PM

if you have never experienced Adoration, you might wonder what do I do when I am there? Here are some suggestions from Fr. Josh Johnson: *"Remember the Pirate's Prayer: ARRR - acknowledge, relate, receive, respond. Acknowledge that you are in the presence of the Lord. Relate with the Lord through your own life. Receive the blessings he is offering to you. Then respond by making some resolution to bring God into your life as you leave Adoration."* For more ideas, see Fr. Josh's excellent video here. ***here's the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbymNPddBs>

Our parish offers Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays from 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM and on First Fridays from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. All are invited to stop in the church to spend some time with the Lord. For questions or more information, please contact Angela Eyre at 484-753-4801 or by email at reachmorestpatrick@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

ST. PATRICK GALA

MARCH MAGIC with ENCHANTING SHENANIGANS

Embark on a *March Madness* journey with the Knights of Columbus of St. Patrick Church at our "*March Magic*" fundraiser on Saint Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, 2024. Join us for an afternoon of enchantment, camaraderie, and charitable giving, set against the backdrop of Mendenhall Inn transformed into a hub of Irish Lore excitement.

Indulge in a delectable dinner surrounded by the warmth of friendship. As you savor each bite, experience the thrill of *March Magic* with a special performance entitled "*Enchanting Shenanigans*" by the renowned magician Chris Fabio. With over 25 years of captivating audiences, Chris will weave his magical talents with his knowledge of Irish folklore for a one-of-a-kind St. Patty's Day performance that you won't want to miss!

But the magic doesn't stop there. Join us for a silent auction where you can bid on unique items and experiences generously donated by local businesses and individuals. Your participation will contribute to the Knights of Columbus' mission to support charitable initiatives within our community.

Tickets go on sale the weekend of February 10. Be on the look out for more details and how to purchase your tickets.