



# St. Patrick Parish

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

212 Meredith Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348

[www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org](http://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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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

TWENTY-THIRD 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, September 11, Weekday**

9:00AM Billy Donovan  
r/o Hearn Family

**Tuesday, September 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary**

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

**Wednesday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom**

7:00PM Marlene McDonough  
r/o Rose Hearn

**Thursday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

7:30AM Hank Giedzinski  
r/o Wife, Kathy

**Friday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows**

7:30AM Marlene McDonough  
r/o Kane Family

**Saturday, September 16, SS. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop**

8:00AM Special Intention

**Vigil, Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00PM Rosemary Barton  
r/o Knaide Family

**Sunday, September 17, Twenty –Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM St. Patrick Parishioners  
9:00AM Don & Alice Vasile  
r/o Conrad  
10:30AM Marianne & Cristina Murphy  
r/o Jack & Ethel Murphy  
12:00PM Patrick Paul McKeown  
r/o Don & Regina Rowe

*"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.*

The Eucharist is a fire that inflames us, that, like lions breathing fire, we may retire from the altar being made terrible to the devil.

St. John Chrysostom

**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 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: Martin Feliciano**



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**

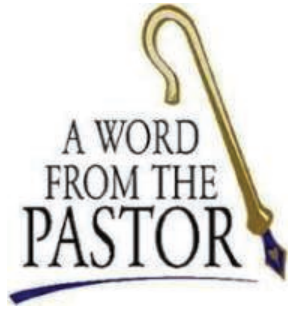
**SFC Tyler Nellens**

**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! On this “Mushroom Festival Weekend”, a warm welcome to all our visitors who may be reading this column! We are the only town in the whole world to have such a festival and so our parish community of St. Patrick is truly one-of-a-kind! The only Catholic Church in the world to serve the Mushroom Capital of the world! And we are happy that you have visited and perhaps worshiped with us this weekend. We are proud to serve and to be that Body of Christ here in Kennett Square, PA!

This second week of September marks some significant memorials on both our country and our Church Calendars. 9/11, 9/14, 9/15 are dates that stand in history as we confront, salute and remember the reality of the Cross. While there is something incredibly common to the Cross for all people in all times, there is something incredibly unique to it as well. For each and every one of us has a cross, including Jesus. And it is thru our Union with Him, in Baptism, that His cross and victory is shared with us and becomes forever our great Hope. What then to do with our cross? Exactly what Jesus told us to do:

### Take it up and Follow Me. (Mt. 16)

This is exactly what we as Christians are about and it’s happening each and every day – despite what we may think. Each day in hidden and quiet ways, at times in painful and difficult ways, but always in heroic ways, men and women are taking up the Cross and Following Christ. And as a result, Love is growing, God’s Kingdom is extending and men and women are being made holy! As a priest, I see this daily.

Our task is not just to “Take up the Cross” but to assist those with the cross. We can be a Simon or a Veronica to another, perhaps even to ourselves. As we remember the events of 9/11, Celebrate the Triumph of Cross on 9/14 and Honor Our Lady of Sorrows on 9/15 ... all in this week...let us praise God for God, for what His Son did for us. And For Him and for Others: Take up the Cross and Follow Him.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

#### MARRIAGE WORK & THE TRIBUNAL

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is blessed with a fully staffed, talented and gifted Tribunal. This is the Office of the Church which brings clarity and light to wounds of broken Marriages. There are many in our own families and certainly in our family of St. Patrick who have experienced broken marriages. You may be one of them. You may even be one of the many in an invalid marriage – a marriage that did not take place in Church. The Tribunal of the Archdiocese is a place where healing happens. Please visit the Archdiocese Website for more information about this subject or call Fr. Rogers who can assist with greater detail. How beautiful it is to have a Valid Sacramental Marriage!

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## Become an Altar Server

**We need you!** All Masses are in need of more servers. Come with reverence and a desire to serve; we will train you on the rest!

- **Who:** 5th-12th graders
- **What:** Serve two Masses/month at the Mass time you regularly attend
- **How:** Attend two 90-minute trainings
- **When:** Tuesday, 9/26 and 10/3 at 6:30p.m.

**Most importantly, WHY:**

- Grow in faith and love for the Mass
- Learn why we do everything in the Mass
- Meet new friends at St. Patrick's



Contact Deacon Alan to sign up or with questions  
 deacon.alan.haley@gmail.com  
 or 610-836-2955

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## CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER



### WORD OF LIFE BULLETIN BRIEFS

“By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.” Read more at [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts-bulletin-insert.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts-bulletin-insert.pdf).  
USCCB, “Open Wide Our Hearts”

### ORGAN DONATION – SHARING THE GIFT OF LIFE

In a meeting with members of the Italian Association of Organ Donors, Pope Francis said “Christians who donate their organs offer a gift to the suffering Lord who said that everything we have done for a brother or sister in need we have done for Him.” He further stated, “When done ethically and free of charge, organ donation is a selfless gesture that contributes to fostering a culture of life.”

A parishioner, Ronald Caputo, Jr., is in need of a new kidney. For many years now, he has been on dialysis and is currently on a waiting list for a transplant and eliciting possible donors. If you or a loved one have ever considered donating a kidney now might be a good time. Feel free to reach out to Penn Transplant for more information: 215-615-3161 or visit <https://penntransplant.donorscreen.org/Register/Now> and fill in Ronald Caputo as your intended recipient.



### THE CHURCH HONORS MARY UNDER THE TITLE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

We can weather the storms of life when we turn to Our Lady of Sorrows, asking her to accompany us on our journey and give us a share in her faithfulness, courage, peace and confidence in God.

Join us Wednesday, September 13 at 6:15PM in Church

For a special Rosary dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass will follow at 7:00PM

## REACH MORE SMALL GROUPS



St. Patrick Church

### Reach More Small Groups Now Forming

Be sure to sign up today!

*“Even now, says the Lord, “return to me with all your heart.” Joel 2:12*

Join your fellow parishioners as we come together to deepen our faith and build friendships through Small Group discussions. Groups of 6-10 people meet weekly to pray, read Scripture, and discuss how it applies to you personally. Small Groups are about friends helping friends follow Jesus!

We are expecting a wonderful Fall season filled with hope, joy, faith sharing and friendship. Groups will begin meeting the week of October 8. Adults of all ages are welcome and groups are offered both during the day and evening.

Don’t miss the opportunity to experience being in a Small Group this Fall! Sign-ups for Reach More Small Groups are now underway. Small Group Leaders will be available after all Masses to answer any questions and to help you sign up. Sign up cards are available in the pews or you can also sign up online by scanning the QR Code found below. For more information, email Brian Eyre: [eyre.brian.s@gmail.com](mailto:eyre.brian.s@gmail.com).



SCAN ME

Unionville Community Fair & Farm Show Celebrates 99th Year-October 13-15, 2023. The fair is located behind Landhope Farms at Routes 82 & 926 in Unionville. The Queen Pageant will be held on September 28 at Unionville Elementary School. There will be a Tailgate at the Fair Kick-Off Fundraiser on Thursday, October 12 and Friday, October 13 is Senior Sneak Peek Day when seniors are admitted free. For more information and details, go to [UCFair.org](http://UCFair.org)

### CANTUS ANGELORUM CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR OPEN HOUSE CHILDREN GRADES 3-12



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If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Psalm 95:8

Today's Gospel reminds us that as a Church and as a family we are responsible for each other's physical and spiritual welfare. It is tempting to share every insult and injury with friends and on social media. As Catholic parents, we have a responsibility to talk to our children and take action when they do something wrong. Jesus offers a way to help that is rooted in charity by holding the offender accountable, but not condemning and judging. Jesus' way leaves open the door for repentances, forgiveness, and God's grace. Quietly reflect on how you can show grace to those who offend you.

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**PREP CLASSES BEGIN**

Sunday, September 17

Monday, September 18



Catechesis of the

**GOOD SHEPHERD**

"Let the little children come"  
Matthew 19:14

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Serving children ages 3-6

In the Atrium children will be introduced to different parables. One of the first parables will be the "Good Shepherd." Presentations of parables involve brief introductions, which serves to invite the children into an attentive listening to the text. The introductions might include music, explain difficult words, offering a simple text of the parable, or working with props to retell the parable.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Registration Forms**

May be found on the parish website under the YOUTH tab-OGS

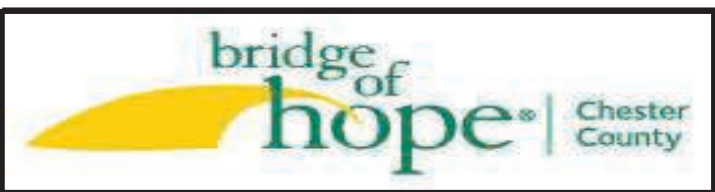
Class begins on Wednesday, September 27

For inquiries about OGS contact Kelly Pin or Maria Miller

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

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Eucharistic Congress, Saturday, September 30, 2023. Although in person is sold out, virtual participation in the Eucharistic Congress is now available! Consider participating virtually via livestream! The cost is \$20 per household. To register for virtual participation please visit:

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*Love your Neighbor as Yourself. (Luke 10:27)*

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**JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION TO LEARN MORE  
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 7:00 PM**

St. Patrick Parish is forming a partnership with Bridge of Hope, an organization that engages Christian faith communities in ending family homelessness through neighboring relationships that demonstrate Christ's love. We are now forming a support team of 6 to 10 men and women who answer the call of Jesus to "love your neighbor." This team will become *Neighboring Volunteers* who will simply walk alongside a family facing homelessness by offering tangible and emotional support and encouragement as they engage with the family in faith and life. Interested volunteers would be asked to make a year-long commitment to support the family and complete the Bridge of Hope volunteer training program. For more information about Bridge of Hope visit [www.bridgeofhopeinc.org](http://www.bridgeofhopeinc.org).

This is a unique opportunity to work with your fellow parishioners and to truly make a difference in the lives of others. The rewards of getting involved far outweigh the commitment of time and energy. It is an active way to live out the call to serve the poor.

If you are interested in learning more, **please join us for an Information Night on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph Room.** During this evening, you can meet a Bridge of Hope Caseworker and hear how Neighboring Volunteers have impacted a young mom facing homelessness. Please contact Jean O'Neil at [grandava@gmail.com](mailto:grandava@gmail.com) or call 610-357-5077 to learn more and/or to sign up for the Information Night.

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

Welcome to our Parish Family



We would like to welcome the following new members to our Parish Family:

The Vitelli Family

The Carney Family

Ms. Sue-Dee Lazerini

Mr. & Mrs. John Goodbred

**Are you new to our Parish and would like to register? We would be blessed to have you as part of our Parish Family!** During October-May, you can register on the first Sunday of the month after Mass during our Coffee & Donut Social. You can also stop in the Parish Office during the weekday or visit our parish website for a registration form. For more information, please call 610-444-4364.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH**

Sunday, September 10

Welcome Back to PREP –K students	9:00AM	Mass	C
Baptism	1:15PM		C
Welcome Back to PREP-Levels 1-7	6:00PM		C

Monday, September 11

Adoration	8:00AM		C
Rosary	7:00PM		C
RCIA	7:00PM		SJR

Tuesday, September 12

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM		C
Fall Bible Study	7:00PM		SJR

Wednesday, September 13

Confession	6-6:45PM		C
Rosary to Our Lady of Sorrows	6:15PM		C
Mass	7:00PM		C
Choir	7:30PM		C

Thursday, September 14

Men's Group	6:30AM		SJR
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Friday, September 15

Saturday, September 16

Rosary	8:30AM & 4:30PM		C
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM		S
Confession	3:30PM		C



SUNDAY COLLECTION  
 September 3, 2023-\$16,380.00  
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**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**



Our next Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. It will be held in the St. Patrick Religious Education Center (old school) in the St. Joseph Room on the first floor from 12:00PM to 5:00PM.

We are in the midst of construction at our parish. Parking will be available on Meredith Street, Cypress Street, or Chestnut Alley. There will be no parking in the parking lot. You will enter by the back door of the school or the Meredith Street door that has the handrail.

Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Sign up to donate by going to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: stpatrickks to schedule your appointment. Sign up is also available on our website: www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org

Thank you so much for your continued support to the Red Cross.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OKTOBERFEST**-Our annual Oktoberfest Parish Picnic would not be possible without the help of our wonderful parishioners. Are you available & interested in helping out this year? If so, your help is greatly needed & appreciated. We are in need of volunteers to help with ticket sales, day of event set-up/clean-up & registration. For more information & to sign up, please visit our Parish Website or scan the QR Code to access our Sign-Up Genius. Any questions contact jenkellersp@gmail.com



**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:**  
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