



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

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Receiving and Giving the Love of God



SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH 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 30, St. Jerome

7:30AM Thomas Callahan, Jr.
r/o Elaine Schneider

Tuesday, October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus

7:30AM Mike Moyer
r/o Ron Caputo

Wednesday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00PM Amber Rose Nolan
r/o Patricia Nolan

Thursday, October 3, Weekday

7:30AM Jack DePoultre
r/o Wife, Joan

Friday, October 4, St. Francis of Assisi

7:30AM August & Emily DePippo
r/o Joseph & Richard DePippo

Saturday, October 5, St. Faustina Kowalska

8:00AM Special Intention

Vigil, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Deceased Members of Dickens Family
r/o Dave & Eileen

Sunday, October 6, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Parishioners
9:00AM Currie Family-living
r/o Avedisian Family
10:30AM Robert Stoepler
r/o Chris & Kathleen Claudy
12:00PM Rose Marie Fornario
r/o Charlie & Dianne Smith

"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.

"All those who refuse to do penance and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are blind, because they cannot see the true light, our Lord Jesus Christ."

(Letter to All the Faithful). St. Francis of Assisi

GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM

Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land

Weekend of October 12-13, 2024

On the weekend of October 12-13, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land here at St. Patrick Church. More information available next week.

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, Tom Gore 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-Elizabeth "Betty" Basilio- Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she 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

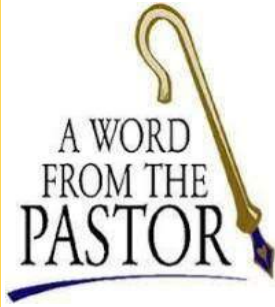
SFC Tyler Nellens

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! The month of October which begins this week – begins and ends with the celebration of Saints. At the start, we remember some of the most famous: Francis of Assisi, Faustina, Therese of Lisieux. And at the end, we'll be celebrating ALL HALLOWS EVE: ALL SAINTS.

What is a Saint? Well, a saint is a man, woman, boy or girl who along the course of their life encountered God. And as a result of that encounter, welcomed and espoused God fully in their way of Life. Having lived His Life on earth, they now enjoy His Life fully in Heaven and live with Him forever. In other words, a Saint is the full realization of who we were meant to be. The rich fruit of the encounter with God.

The French Catholic writer, Leon Bloy famously said, ***"The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint."*** While that is true in a final way, there are indeed many real sadnesses in life. And we know that in our day. The sadness of violence and War; The sadness of cultural collapse; The sadness of current American politics; The sadness of greed and selfish ambition.

Jesus cried in sadness over Jerusalem, because they did not know the time of their visitation. (Luke 19, 41-44.) ***What might God be doing as He looks upon the world today?***

Of course, His tears are ***not*** an expression of mere sympathy, a divine pity party; Rather God's tears have great power to rend – tear – into the human heart; to convict it with Mercy, Justice and His Way of Peace. Jesus died for Jerusalem and the whole world. Recognizing this, Tender to His tears, His Saving Death and Love, we can accept His Gift; Advance His Way; Accept and Advance His Kingdom. And this is our Call; this is the work of Discipleship, the Path of Becoming a Saint.

In the middle of this month, we will celebrate two Feast Days that can assist us on this Way. October 19 the Feast of the First Martyrs of North America --- French Jesuits who advanced the Kingdom of God, spilling their blood for Christ on the ground of modern-day New York. And October 22, St. John Paul II, who in the midst of the last World War, advanced the Kingdom of God.

As World War III continues to unfold; as we choose the lesser of two evils in the upcoming election; as we advance on our pilgrimage through this side of heaven in this new month, let take Great Hope in the Saints. Men, Women, Boys and Girls who encountered, welcomed and espoused Jesus. Let us do the same. How important, How wonderful, How necessary that we can do that: we can become Saints. How tragic if that does not happen.

Peace, Fr. Rogers

ST. PATRICK CHURCH




Blessing of the Animals

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
9:00 AM
PARISH COURTYARD

All pets, big and small,
most welcome!




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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



MONDAYS:
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

FIRST FRIDAYS:
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, October 4 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=mbyMeNPddBs>

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.



CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

HELPER OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

A Catholic Devotion that includes Mass & Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

St. Agnes Church, 231 W. Gay Street, West Chester, PA
8:00 AM Mass with Rev. Denis Wilde followed by Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood

STAND FOR LIFE WITH ST. PATRICK CHURCH

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Take One Hour to Stand for Life

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM ALONG CYPRESS STREET

One of the greatest ways to publicly witness about the right to life is to participate in the LIFE CHAINS being held on Respect Life Sunday, October 6th. Life Chains will be held all over the nation and consist of pro-life individuals forming a "prayer chain" and public sidewalk witness for the sanctity of all human LIFE. During this time, we remain silent and prayerful while holding signs with pro-life messages to educate and inspire people passing by. Please join us for an hour of prayerful witness along both sides of Cypress Street next to the Parish Religious Education Center. All are welcome.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

DAY OF PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD, WEST CHESTER, PA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024

7 AM – 7 PM

From September 25th to November 3rd, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life...a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. Number of lives saved since 2007 is 24,894. 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 has partnered with the ABVM Respect Life Group to give witness at Planned Parenthood in West Chester on Thursday, October 10. Would you like to be part of a small group that spends one hour in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood? To sign up for an hour, contact Jen Keller at:

jenkellersp@gmail.com

or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/chestercounty. Select "Sign up for Vigil Hours" and then select October 10.

Graces from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima presented by parish-

ioner Sue Watson, Friday, October 4, 2024 following the 7:30AM Mass, St. Joseph Room. Located in Central Portugal, the sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima has become, throughout the years, the fourth biggest catholic pilgrimage site in the world, due to the apparitions of Virgin Mary to three little shepherds in 1917.

Fellow parishioner Sue Watson recently returned from a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine located in Fatima, Portugal. As we approach the 107th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun (October 13, 1917), which marked the last Marian apparition in Fatima and the day on which thousands of people bore witness to the miracle of the dancing sun, all are welcome to learn more about Fatima as Sue shares her pictures and journey with us. Please join us for this presentation in the St. Joseph Room following morning Mass and Rosary. Refreshments will be served.

CHANGE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

During the month of October, the Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life Month. As such, it is during this time that St. Patrick Knights of Columbus will hold the annual Change for Life Campaign that raises funds for pro-life causes. Thank you to all who have contributed in the past and we hope for your participation again this year.

The annual amounts raised have exceeded \$5000.00 and have gone to organizations such as Young Mom's, Sisters of Life, Birthright, Rachel's Vineyard, Connect Care and the Chester County Pro-Life Coalition. Please help support pro-life causes with your financial support during this annual campaign.

The Knights will start distributing and collecting the baby bottles the weekend of October 5-6. Baby bottles will be available for pick up in the Church vestibule, Narthex and Parish Office where you will also find containers for any returned. There will also be Knights 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 here. Thank you in advance from all of the Brothers of the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick Council #15346.



ST. PATRICK PARISH PILGRIM STATUE OF THE EXPECTANT MADONNA

We are approaching the one-year anniversary of receiving the Expectant Madonna into our parish family. Since October 1, 2023, the Expectant Madonna has visited over 40 homes in our parish community and has brought forth abundant blessings.

October marks the month of the Holy Rosary and Respect Life month. As such, the Expectant Madonna statue will be placed in the Sanctuary throughout the month of October as a reminder of the precious gift of LIFE. You are also invited to host one of our Expectant Madonna statues in your own home. If you have not yet welcomed the Expectant Madonna into your home or if you would like to host her again, please sign up for your week via the Parish Website or Flocknote. 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 questions, contact Jen Keller at jenkellersp@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Formation Series with Father Michael Connolly, OSFS Sunday, October 6 at 1:00PM in the St. Joseph Room

THE FOUR GOSPELS-WHY? HOW? SO WHAT?-As Catholics we place enormous significance on the four Gospels-Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Every Sunday, the Holy Gospel is proclaimed and preached in the homily-and only by ordained ministers-bishops, priests or deacons.

Why are the Gospels accorded such prominence? Were there other "gospels" that we don't proclaim? How was each one composed-where, when, why, by whom, for whom? All are welcome!

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Be Kind

“Whoever is not against us is for us”

Mark 9:40

In the Gospel reading we find Jesus helping His disciples recognize the danger of exclusivity over unity. We have a responsibility to be good examples for the “little ones”, Jesus’ loving name for those who follow him. Quietly reflect how might I change my attitude to be more courteous and be a good example?

Family Enrichment PREP Sunday, October 6

Read the PREP Flocknotes to sign up



REACH MORE SMALL GROUPS NOW FORMING
TWO WEEKS LEFT TO SIGN UP

Have you been thinking about joining a Small Group, but have not yet signed up? If the answer is YES, then

what are you waiting for? YOU are INVITED!

Small Groups are a place to discuss life and faith, reflect on God’s word together, and pray for and with one another.

Logistics of Small Groups:

- Groups of 6-10 people will meet for 6 weeks
- Your weekly Small Group will run 90 minutes
- Your group will read, reflect and pray with the upcoming Sunday Scriptures
- There are groups for men, women, couples and both men/women of all ages
- Groups will be offered almost every day of the week at various times to fit your schedule

Groups will begin meeting the week of October 13, which is just two weeks away. Don’t miss the opportunity to experience being in a Small Group this season. Please sign up using the card found the pew and return it to the blue box found in the back of church. You can also sign up online using the QR code found below. For more information, email Brian Eyre: eyre.brian.s@gmail.com or call Jen Keller at the Parish Office at 610-444-4364. 236



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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Serving children ages 3-6

A characteristic of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is its call to us as adults is to look at and listen to the children and allow them to lead us to God. The most important thing that happens in the atrium, (classroom), is that, the children grow in their knowledge of Jesus, the Christ, the Good Shepherd, and his love for us.

In the atrium, Christ is the teacher. St. Paul said, “It is Christ who teaches, not I.” The catechist will give presentations and directions to small groups of children. The child will choose their personal work for their time in the atrium.

For inquiries about CGS contact

Kelly Pin or Maria Miller

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR OKTOBERFEST NEEDED!

Are you available and interested in helping out with our Parish Picnic? If so, **help is needed with weekend ticket sales and day of event activities.** For more information and to sign up, please visit the parish website, check out your weekly Parish Flocknote, or scan the QR code below. You may also contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4364. Thank you.



OKTOBERFEST IS JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY! PURCHASE TICKETS THIS WEEKEND!

We welcome all families and friends to join us on the Parish Lawn for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Rump Roasters will be dishing up some delicious food, our friends from Braeloch will be pouring the adults a cold beer, and our young people will enjoy face painting, balloon twisting, and lawn games. We also welcome fellow parishioner Matt Bochanski who will get us up dancing with LIVE MUSIC. A wonderful time is sure to be had for all ages. You don’t want to miss this annual event. Tickets are now available to purchase after all Masses (cash or check), in the Parish Office during the week, or online via credit card through the parish website. **Tickets must be purchased in advance (by Monday, Oct. 7) 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

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, September 29

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| Children's Liturgy of the Word | 9:00AM Mass | CB |
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Monday, September 30

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| Adoration | 8:00AM | C |
| Rosary | 7:00PM | C |
| RCIA | 7:00PM | PO |

Tuesday, October 1

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| Flame of Love Prayer Group | 1:00PM | C |
| Holy is His Name Bible Study | 7:00PM | SJR |

Wednesday, October 2

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| Catechesis of the Good Shepherd | 9:30-11:00AM | Rel. Ed. Bldg. |
| Confession | 6:00PM | Narthex |
| Mass | 7:00PM | C |

Thursday, October 3

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| Men's Group | 6:15AM | CB |
| KOC Council Meeting | 7:00PM | CB |

Friday, October 4

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| First Friday Adoration | 7:00PM | C |
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Saturday, October 5

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| Rosary | 8:00AM & 4:30PM | C |
| Blessing of the Animals | 9:00AM | Courtyard |
| Guitar Group Practice | 10:30AM | S |
| Confession | 3:30PM | Narthex |

SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 22, 2024

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| \$14,280.00 |
| Last Year |
| \$13,170.00 |



Music Notes By Anne Marie McCarthy, Music Director


Dear St. Patrick Family,

Thank you very much for all your prayers, get well cards, Mass cards, sacred relics, bottles of Lourdes water, scapulars and sacred oils. I am overwhelmed and humbled by your response to my illness and ultimate surgery. You have no idea how much it meant to me and helped me through my ordeal; it was like one great big hug from all of you. Be assured of my prayers of thanksgiving for you. I hope to be back on the organ bench as soon as possible. God bless you.

Anne Marie McCarthy, Music Director, Organist

COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY IS COMING BACK!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE ST. JOSEPH ROOM. Stop in for a donut and hot coffee after Mass next Sunday. Enjoy socializing with old friends and meet some new ones! If you are new to the parish and have never registered, registration forms will be available. All are welcome! We hope to see you there!



PRAY A PUBLIC ROSARY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 AT 12:00 PM

CORNER OF MEREDITH & CYPRESS STREETS

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima "Miracle of the Sun" is coming up on October 13th and St. Patrick 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 13 (which is the closest Saturday to the actual Feast Day) to commemorate the 107th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. There is expected to be over 20,000 other Rosary Rally groups throughout the United States who will be praying the Rosary on this same day and 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. FREE Rosaries will be provided. More information can be found at www.americanneedsfatima.org. For questions, contact Susan at 610-721-8146.

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.

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.

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6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Students are invited to perform in the BSHS

Marching Band at the Homecoming Game

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Performance: Oct. 4th (arrive 4:30 - 5 PM)
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