



# 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

### BUFFINGTON HOUSE

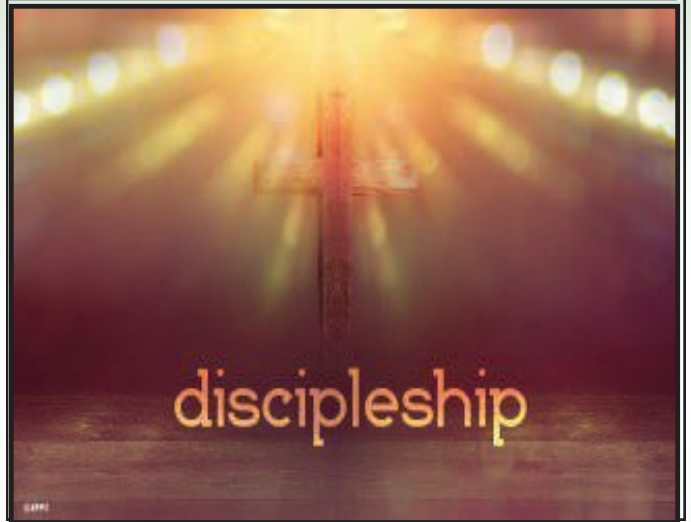
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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND 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 4, Weekday**

9:00AM Jack DePoulter  
r/o Joan

**Tuesday, September 5, Weekday**

7:30AM Marlene McDonough  
r/o Clara Dunlap

**Wednesday, September 6, Weekday**

7:00PM August & Emily DePippo  
r/o Rich & Joe DePippo & Families

**Thursday, September 7, Weekday**

7:30AM Marlene McDonough  
r/o Jim & Barbara Abate

**Friday, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30AM John DePaoli, Sr.  
r/o Charlie & Dianne Smith

**Saturday, September 9, St. Peter Claver**

8:00AM Special Intention

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

5:00PM Marlene McDonough  
r/o Bill & Marge Korn

**Sunday, September 10, Twenty -Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30AM St. Patrick Parishioners  
9:00AM William & Valentina Caputo  
r/o Charlie & Dianne Smith  
10:30AM Al DiNorscia  
r/o Eileen & Dave Dickens  
12:00PM William Parke  
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.*

Nowhere on earth are we more welcomed or loved than by Jesus in Eucharist. When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. **When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.**

St. Theresa of Calcutta

**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, Marino T. Plebani, Ronald J. Caputo, Gary Levon, Sutton & Daphne Greene, Nancy Maillie, Gina Serra 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**

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**1st LT. USAF Natalie King**

**Army Major Robert C. McDonough**

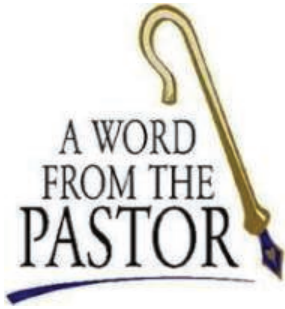
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**Airman U.S. Navy Francis M. Raimato**

**E1 Airman 1st CI Andrew Szonntag**

**1st LT. USAF Scott Seidenberger**

**Major Ian C. Whiteman**



My Dear Parishioners,

On this Labor Day weekend, we salute all those who make our lives so wonderful: the workers. From those who grow our food to those who build our roads, the hidden labor of many makes our lives what they are. I encourage all of you to join us on Monday for a Special Labor Day Mass, 9AM in Church.

Often times, we affiliate labor with sweat and work. Less often, we affiliate labor with love. But what a beautiful, a powerful affiliation that is. That we can work and labor, for love: that is very powerful and that is exactly our Christian Vocation.

28 years ago this week, September 3, 1995, Philadelphia Eagles Running Back Ricky Watters uttered his famous quote: "FOR WHO, FOR WHAT?" That was his response at a post-game press conference as to why he did not stretch out and catch a pass from Randall Cunningham. Truth be told, he didn't want to take a hit from a Tampa Bay defensive end. Watters answer/question: "For Who, For What?" is a great question for us and how we answer can make all the difference in the world! In all our labor, may we do all For You Lord! All For You! (Below is the story of a Saint who did that. His Feast is Saturday)

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

Peter Claver (1580-1654) devoted great care to slaves just arriving in South America despite the social convention that did not consider them human. For 35 years the Jesuit showed boundless compassion for abandoned people, living out the dictum of the St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, " Look for God in all men and serve them as images of him. "

Claver first encountered Jesuits in Barcelona during his university studies. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1602 and studied philosophy on the island of Majorca at the college of Montesión whose doorkeeper, Brother Alphonsus Rodríguez, was already known for the holiness that would later be recognized by the Church when it canonized him. The saintly brother encouraged the young Jesuit's desire to do something great for God and suggested he consider being a missionary in the New World.

Claver offered himself for the missions, and the provincial sent him to Colombia in 1610. After he finished his study of theology in Bogotá, Claver went to Cartagena on the Caribbean coast where he was ordained a priest in 1616 and where he would spend the rest of his life ministering to slaves who arrived in that port from Africa. Cartagena was one of two Spanish ports designated to receive slaves; an estimated 10,000 of whom passed through the port each year during Claver's time. They were usually in horrible condition after the long voyage. Claver waited on the dock with food he had begged. Accompanied by former slaves who served as interpreters, the Spanish Jesuit then boarded the ships and greeted those on deck before descending into the ship's hold to care for the sick. He cleansed wounds, applied ointment and bandages and spoke about God.

Slaves only remained in Cartagena for a few days, so Claver worked very quickly to prepare people for baptism. Instruction was necessarily limited, and Claver baptized a great number of slaves. He also visited hospitals, one of which cared for lepers, and saw Dutch and English prisoners of war. A plague struck Cartagena in 1650, and eventually took Claver as a victim after he had cared for others afflicted by the disease.

**HAPPY LABOR DAY!**

Mass on Monday, September 4 will be held at 9:00AM. There will be NO 7:30AM Mass and NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 and will reopen on Tuesday, September 5 with our Regular Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday from 9AM-5PM and Friday from 9AM-3PM.

**COME TOGETHER AT ABBEYFEST, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 AT DAYLESFORD ABBEY IN PAOLI, PA-Gates open at 12:00PM/Opening Prayer at 1:15PM**

The Abbeyfest is just TWO WEEKS AWAY and you don't want to miss out on this amazing celebration of our Christian faith through music, praise and worship with your family and friends. The full schedule and music line up can be found at [www.theabbeyfest.com](http://www.theabbeyfest.com)

St. Patrick Church has JUST A FEW FREE tickets left to this year's Abbey Fest. To reserve your tickets, contact Jen Keller at [jenkellersp@gmail.com](mailto:jenkellersp@gmail.com) or call 610-444-4364.



## CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

### 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.

### DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Our friends at Birthright are seeking donations to support the mothers and children that they serve. At this time, the following items are of most need: Diapers Size Preemie & 4; Infant bath towels; Baby Wash & Lotion; Diaper Cream; Onesies (Boy & Girl) Sizes 12-18m, 8-24m, 24m-2T; Winter Clothes for Boys Sizes 9-12m, 12-18m, 24m-2T; Winter Clothes for Girls Sizes 9-12m, 18m-24m; Maternity Clothes Size XL and XX. Donations are currently being collected by Jim DiBrino. If interested in making a donation, please contact Jim directly at 484-687-7141 (apologies for misprinted phone number last week). Thank you!



### 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**

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## OKTOBERFEST Family Picnic

SAVE THE DATE:  
OCTOBER 15

Live Music | Rump Roasters | Braeoloch Brewing  
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1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Ticket sales begin 9/16 - 9/17  
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## REACH MORE SMALL GROUPS

St. Patrick Church



### REACH MORE SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK!

Our Reach More Small Group Leaders are prayerfully preparing for the Fall Season and invite YOU to join them! Whether you have never participated in a faith sharing group before or whether you have been part of a group for years, Small Groups meet you wherever you are in your faith journey.

**What is a Small Group?** Small group is a place to encounter Jesus. Groups of 6-10 people meet weekly to pray, read Scripture, and discuss how it applies to you personally. There are co-ed mixed, women, men, and couples groups. Small Groups are about friends helping friends follow Jesus!

**Here is what your fellow parishioners are saying about being part of a Small Group:**

- ☑ “It has been a wonderful experience and has made me closer to God. I have increased my knowledge regarding the Church and the sacraments.”
- ☑ “This is a good experience to reflect on the Gospel and exchange personal experience versus solely listening to the words in the pew while attending Mass.”
- ☑ “A good opportunity to meet and share your faith and grow in fellowship with others and God.”

Reach More Small Group Sign-Ups begin the weekend of September 9 and Small Group Leaders will be available after all Masses to answer your questions. We hope that you will consider joining a group this Fall. Groups will begin meeting the week of October 9. For more information, please contact Brian Eyre at [eyre.brian.s@gmail.com](mailto:eyre.brian.s@gmail.com) 236



I will give you thanks as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer. Psalm 63:4

This weekend we celebrate Labor Day, a day to reflect on the dignity of work. Over the next few days reflect on the Great Commandment "Thou shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important. The second most important commandment is like it: Thou shall love your neighbor as you love yourself." Matthew 22:36-39

It is difficult to instill values based on the gospels rather than on the values of society. Jesus tells us to think and approach the world through the eyes of God and realize wanting more can lead to trouble and the feeling of never having enough. Quietly reflect on how you commit yourself to God.

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Help needed with Levels 5 & 6 PREP on Sundays

Any questions contact Maria Miller mmillerdresp@gmail.com/610-444-2214

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PREP CALENDAR

Welcome Back to PREP Mass

Sunday, September 10

Kindergarten students attend Mass at 9:00AM followed by an

orientation in the St. Joseph Room

Levels 1-7 Mass at 6:00PM

A brief orientation will take place in the church basement then materials will be distributed.

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COMMUNION CLASS 2024

PARENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2024

St. Joseph Room at 7:00PM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Serving children ages 3-6 Thank you to all who have answered our need for donations. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Registration Forms may be found on the parish website under the YOUTH tab-CGS Class begins on Wednesday, September 27th For inquiries about CGS 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 https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v LAST CALL FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE CONGRESS IN PERSON! Please reserve your seat by Tuesday, September 5. St. Patrick, St. Gabriel and ABVM are sponsoring a charter bus to the Eucharistic Congress. The bus will depart from St. Patrick Church at 7:30 AM. Estimated return time is 5:30 PM. While there is NO FEE for the transportation, a FREE WILL offering will be collected. To reserve your seat by Tuesday, September 5, please contact Jen Keller at: jenkellersp@gmail.com or call 610-444-4364

FALL BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN TWO WEEKS-SIGN UP TODAY THE BIBLE AND THE CHURCH FATHERS DATES: September 12-December 5, 2023 (12 weeks) Tuesday Evening, 7:00PM-8:30PM Where: St. Joseph Room The Bible and the Church Fathers is part of the St. Paul Center for Biblical theology's dynamic Journey through Scripture Bible study series. In The Bible and the Church Fathers, you'll learn who the early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture. This video and discussion series will teach you everything you need to know about how the Bible took form. You'll learn powerful tools for reading it, and you'll understand Scripture's relationship to Tradition and, in particular, to the Sacraments. This study will begin on Tuesday, September 12 at 7PM in the St. Joseph Room or on Zoom and will run for 12 sessions. Workbooks are available for \$24.95 each. The purchase of the workbook will also give you access to the videos in the series for four months. To register for this study or if you have further questions, please contact Ann Marie Gillinger at amgmag03@gmail.com. You may also register online through the Parish Website or Parish Flocknote.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH**

Sunday, September 3

Pre-Jordan Class                      1:00PM                      PO

Monday, September 4

Mass    9:00AM                      C

Tuesday, September 5

Flame of Love Prayer Group              1:00PM                      C

Wednesday, September 6

Confession                                      6-6:45PM                      C

Mass    7:00PM                      C

PREP Communion Class 2024

Parent Meeting                              7:00PM                      SJR

Choir    7:30PM                      C

Thursday, September 7

Men's Group                                  6:30AM                      SJR

Friday, September 8

Saturday, September 9

Rosary    8:30AM & 4:30PM                      C

Confession                                      3:30PM                      C



**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

August 27, 2023-\$13,695.00

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**A GLANCE TO FALL AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

**SAVE THE DATES**

September 9 & 10  
St. Patrick at the Mushroom Festival - Cute As A Button Booth

September 16  
AbbeyFest Family & Faith Music Festival, Daylesford Abbey

September 17 & 18  
PREP Begins

Saturday, September 30  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia Eucharistic Congress

Sunday, October 1  
Coffee & Donut Sunday Returns  
Respect Life Sunday / Life Chain

Sunday, October 8 & 29  
Father Connolly presents "The Old Testament"

Saturday, October 14  
Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally

Sunday, October 15  
Parish Oktoberfest Fall Picnic

Friday, October 27  
Fall Family Movie Night

Saturday, November 4  
Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 19  
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 30  
Women's Advent Evening of Reflection

Sunday, December 10  
The Joyful Scenes of Christmas & Parish Tree Lighting

**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

**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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