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MASSSES

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

Saturday: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM in School

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays 8:00 AM–7:00 PM in Church

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Monday through Friday

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FEBRUARY 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Clergy

Rev. Christopher B. Rogers, **Pastor**

Rev. Victor F. Sharrett, **Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. Andres Garcia, **In Residence**

Deacon James K. Madonna, Retired

Deacon Alan T. Haley

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, February 27, Lenten Weekday, St. Gregory of Narek

7:30AM Marlene Brown
r/o Jean & Jim O'Neil

Tuesday, February 28, Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Mary Plumley
r/o Joan DePoulter

Wednesday, March 1, Lenten Weekday

7:00PM Karen Dinius
r/o Dave & Eileen

Thursday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

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

Friday, March 3, Lenten Weekday, St. Katharine Drexel

7:30AM Edward Moran
r/o Eileen Sutton

Saturday, March 4, Lenten Weekday, St. Casimir

8:00AM Special Intention
5:00PM August & Emily DePippo
r/o Rich & Joe DePippo & Families

Sunday, March 5, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Mass for Parishioners
9:00AM Anabel & Tom Clarke
r/o Family
10:30AM Karen Dinius
r/o Jim & Barbara Abate
12:00PM Marlene Testa Brown
r/o Friend

"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.

Have you tried Eucharistic Adoration? Lent is a time to grow your relationship with Jesus, by spending time with Him. Sign up this week-Make an Appointment-to be with the Lord before the Eucharist during our parish mission.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/stpatsmission2023#/>

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for You have called us to serve You in love. Bless our sick: Bill Ewell, Rosemary F. Madrigale, Tim Ewell, 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, David Brice, Jim Feiler, Dianne & Anthony Smith, Florence Ciliberti, Clint Norris III, Samantha Brown, Mary Ellen Rorke Ventrella, Diane Jones, Kaia Rae Watson-Seery, Tony Brown, Tracy Conway, Thomas O'Neil, Barry Fragale, Ron Blevins, Greg Nolan, Tim Hoge, Janice DiGennaro, Ellen Rendel, Chris Baker, Linda Harris, Millie Basile, Vira Smith, Bob McCaffrey, Ed Homa, Chris Santos, Alan Hobbs, Jessica Moorhead, Carmen Rossini, Joe Posse, Maria Ireson, Karen Neyerson, that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory. Amen.

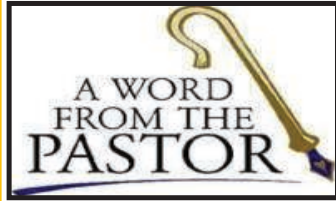
Names on the prayer list will remain for two months. Please contact the office to add, renew or remove a name.

Our Faithful Departed: Frank Janton



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**
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- LCDR Michael Crawford**
- Major 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**
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- Major Ian C. Whiteman**



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised Be Jesus Christ! As we begin Week 1 of Lent, I share with you below, excerpts of Pope Francis' Lenten Letter to the Church. He speaks of Lent being a journey, commitment and offers two proposals for us. I encourage your prayerful reading of the Pope's words to us.

I also call your attention to our upcoming Parish Mission, next week. A Parish Mission is basically, a parish retreat and what a wonderful opportunity it is during Lent. Be sure to mark your calendars to attend the conferences, make a good confession and spend some time in Adoration.

As our Lord spends His time in the desert for us, let us continue to remember in prayer all those in need especially those for whom life is difficult in the current time. May our prayer, our fasting and our almsgiving, be a benefit for all.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with Him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline — asceticism — as God's holy people.

Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the Cross. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. It is in togetherness that we follow Jesus. Together too, as a pilgrim Church in time, we experience the Liturgical Year and Lent within it, walking alongside those whom the Lord has placed among us as fellow travelers.

During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur.

The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to Him as He speaks to us. And how does He speak to us? First, in the Word of God, which the Church offers us in the Liturgy. May that Word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the Internet.

The second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow "Him alone." Lent leads to Easter: the "retreat" is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's Passion and Cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection.

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COMING 2023

LIVING STONES APPEAL
St. Patrick Connecting Cornerstones Project

WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO OUR GOAL OF \$1.5 MILLION! Thank you to everyone who is part of our Living Stones Appeal to date. The Living Stones Appeal continues throughout 2023. For more information on how you can participate, please visit www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org/living-stones-appeal/

St. Patrick Parish Rosary
Sundays at 7:00 PM via Zoom

To join us online visit www.zoom.us. Select JOIN and enter Webinar ID: 878 5447 9881 / Passcode: stpatksq

Please visit the parish website for additional login details and to submit your prayer requests.



Gala Entertainment
Something for Everyone

Past attendees of the Gala said they came for the comradery, to meet new people and for the food. It is likely after this year, great entertainment will make the list. It is highly unusual for a small event to have one class act. This year's Gala will have 3, our headliner Doug Gordan (comedian), Chris Fabiano (magician), and the captivating Irish Dancers from McGough Academy.

- Doug Gordan is a local So. Philly guy, whose promotional pages tout that he "uses his talents for the Lord." Having lived a very full and funny life, much of his material comes from his own experiences. He'll have you, your parents and your children laughing with him the moment he takes the stage.
- Chris Fabiano is a magician and mystery performer, who specializes in sleight of hand illusions. Chris will be circulating during the event mystifying one and all.
- The Irish Dancers will certainly impress and warm the hearts of everyone while reminding us that this is a **St. Patty's** Gala.

This entertainment package would typically be a "must see" even if you weren't getting a great meal, had the chance to meet new friends, and scoop up some real bargains at the silent auction. But your Gala ticket gets you the entertainment plus everything else. What a bargain!

And now...this year...your Gala ticket gets you an early entry to view the Silent Auction items and begin the bidding games. **The doors will open at 1:30 PM ONLY to the Silent Auction area** and, of course, the bartender will be ready to serve you and there will be light snacks. Table seating will open promptly at 2:00 PM.

Advance Ticket Purchase is required. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased after Mass, online through the parish website or in the parish office.

See you at the Mendenhall on March 19.

The Knights

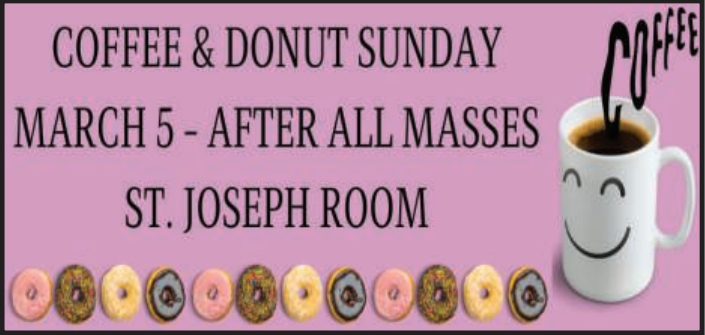


WORD OF LIFE – Quote of the Week
"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: From February 22 to April 2, Chester County will take part in 40 Days for Life...a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! With God's help, here are the proved results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- 22,800+ babies saved from abortion
- 240+ abortion workers converted
- 130+ abortion centers closed
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The St. Patrick Respect Life Ministry, in collaboration with ABVM Respect Life Group, has committed to give **witness at West Chester's Planned Parenthood on Thursday, March 23, 2023 from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.** Please consider joining us to spend one hour in prayer. To sign up for an hour, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/chestercounty. Select "Sign up for Vigil Hours" and then select March 23. For additional questions or help in signing up, contact Jen Keller at jenkellersp@gmail.com.





Be STRONG and COURAGEOUS, do not be afraid: do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

On the first Sunday of Lent, we hear how Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. When we resist temptation to sin, we are choosing to love and see God. Jesus resisted the temptations to the devil, and for the forty days of Lent, we are called to do the same. Silently in your heart, consider what will strengthen you to resist temptation. Reflect on how will you love and serve God this Lent.

***** The Rosary will be led by Level 3 students this week ALL Confirmation students report on Thursday, March 2 for interviews 6:30-8:00PM Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:00PM Levels K. 1. 2

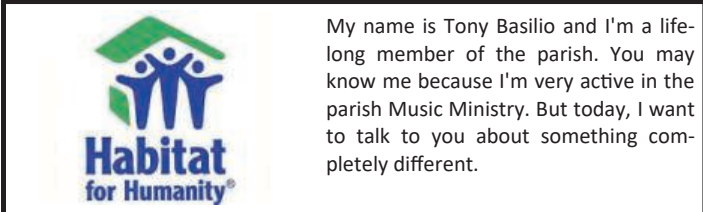


Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Serving children ages 3-6

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. As we begin the process of developing this program, sewing help is needed to make miniature vestments, (amice, cincture & alb). If you are able to help, contact us for further directions. Kelly Pin or Maria Miller kpin.teacher@gmail.com or mmillerdresp@gmail.com



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My name is Tony Basilio and I'm a life-long member of the parish. You may know me because I'm very active in the parish Music Ministry. But today, I want to talk to you about something completely different.

I think we all struggle a bit with what we want to do for Lent. The most popular thing is to "give up" something – sweets, alcohol, TV time, coffee? NAWWW! I also know a lot of folks who do something extra for Lent – morning Mass, Stations of the Cross, family rosary . . . I have an additional suggestion. I volunteer time with the Chester County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. HFH is a faith-based organization started in 1976 by Millard & Linda Fuller to give a hand up to people who are in need of good quality, affordable housing. At present, there are two worksites in Chester County – Coatesville and West Grove. I'm asking you to join me for a day (8:30 AM to 3 PM) "on the job" in West Grove. In order to be able to work during Lent, I'm looking at Tuesday, March 14th with an alternate (or additional day if enough people sign up) of March 28th. I chose week days because Saturdays are taken up until mid-June. I can't say what we will be doing since volunteers do whatever needs to be done that day. Construction knowledge & experience, while greatly appreciated, are not a necessity. What is needed are people, ages 16 & up, willing to work to help our neighbors achieve their dream of owning their own house. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please email me at tbasilio@verizon.net or call me at 302-218-0954.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, February 26

Children's Liturgy	9:00AM Mass	CB
PREP CLASS	10:00AM	S
Baptism	1:15PM	C
Parish Rosary	7:00PM	Zoom
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	Home

Monday, February 27

Adoration	8:00AM	C
PREP Class	4:45PM	S
Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	BH
Reach More Small Groups –Men's Group	7:00PM	Zoom

Tuesday, February 28

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
Adult Faith Formation Bible Study	7:00PM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	10:00AM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	12:30PM	SJR

Wednesday, March 1

Reach More Small Groups	12:30PM	SJR
Adult Choir Practice	7:30PM	C

Thursday, March 2

Men's Group	6:30AM	SJR
Confirmation Interviews	6:30PM	SJR
Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00PM	CB
Reach More Small Groups	9:30AM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	Home

Friday, March 3

Stations of the Cross	7:00PM	C
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Saturday, March 4

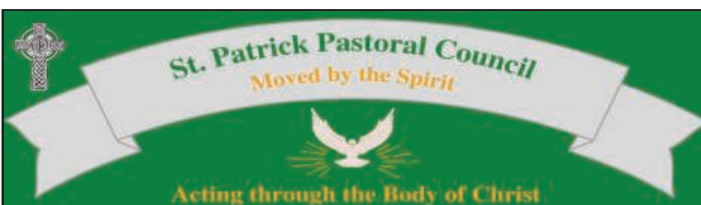
Rosary	8:30AM & 4:30PM	C
Confession	3:30PM	SJR



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Do you have a desire to serve your parish family? If so, the Parish Council Needs You!

Saint Patrick's Pastoral Council is seeking a few good men, women, and young people to represent all the people of our growing parish. In particular, we are in need of six new members to join us this year.

Pastoral Council is an advisory body of nominated and selected members of our parish community that meet monthly with Father Rogers to foster, extend, and advance the mission and vision of our parish community. Members work together in a spirit of trust and openness, sharing their gifts and talents for the good of our community.

If you are interested in learning more about Parish Council or would like to be nominated yourself, we would love to hear from you! COME AND MEET MEMBERS OF OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 5 DURING COFFEE & DONUTS. FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

In addition, you can find an Interest Form online through the parish website or through our Parish Flocknote. You can also contact Jen Keller in the Parish Office. All submitted names will be contacted with further information. We look forward to welcoming new members.

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. 236

Fr. Rogers' homilies are available online:
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