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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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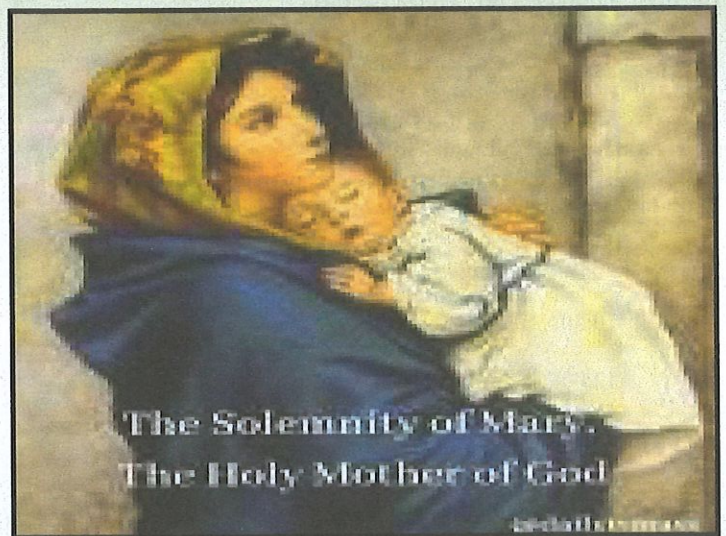
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JANUARY 1, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2, St. Basil the Great
 7:30AM Emma Hill
 r/o Marianne Kane

Tuesday, January 3, Christmas Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 7:30AM Jean Korn
 r/o Carolyn Peppernick

Wednesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 7:00PM Kim Winfree Strohm
 r/o Katy Donovan

Thursday, January 5, St. John Neumann
 7:30AM Linda Cerullo
 r/o S & M Mortillaro

Friday, January 6, St. Andre Bessette
 7:30AM Robert B. Reilly
 r/o Anna Gano

Saturday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penafort
 8:00AM Special Intention
 5:00PM Emma Hill
 r/o Mike, Kay & Danny Piergalline

Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord
 7:30AM Mass for Parishioners
 9:00AM Emma Hill
 r/o Tomie & Bob Harnos
 10:30AM Jane Bazzano
 r/o Jeanie Scarlett-Allenby
 12:00PM Adam McCandeless
 r/o Jeannie Toner

"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.

On this World Day of Peace, remember:

"There are three interrelated forms of peace given by the Eucharist: peace with God, peace within oneself, and peace with others." Fr. Ronald Knox

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for You have called us to serve You in love. Bless our sick: Ro Teel, 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, Jessica Moorhead, 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, Randy Myers, Barry Fragale, Ron Blevins, Greg Nolan, Tim Hoge, Janice DiGennaro, Ellen Rendel, Chris Baker, Linda Harris, Millie Basile, Vira Smith Bob McCaffrey that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory. Amen.

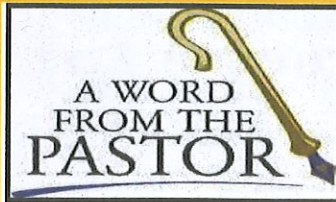
Names on the prayer list will remain for two months. Please contact the office to add, renew or remove a name.

Our Faithful Departed: Josephine Carr, Jennie Mount



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**
- LT 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**
- E1 Airman 1st CI Andrew Szonntag**
- 1st LT. USAF Scott Seidenberg**
- Major Ian C. Whiteman**



My Dear Parishioners,

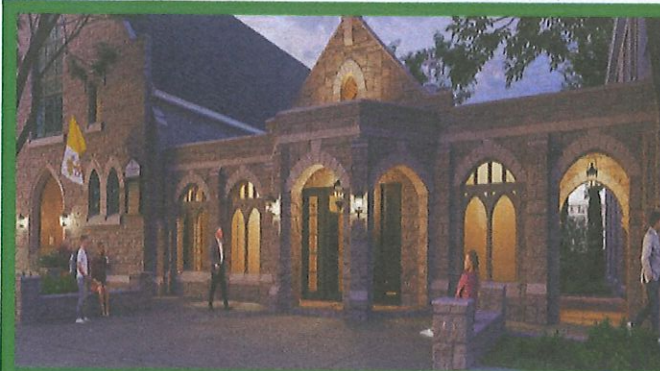
Praised be Jesus Christ and Happy New Year! This New Year, each pastor in the Archdiocese and his pastoral council has been asked to identify and submit to the Archdiocese three pastoral priorities for their parishes moving forward in the coming years. Our Pastoral Council has been working closely in recent months in doing this and we've been encouraged to be **SMART** in naming our priorities. That is to say: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound. Rather than just creating a list of good intentions, we want to be SMART in naming our priorities.

I share this with you on the first of the year, because it reminds me of good resolutions. And as we make resolutions, it's good to have SMART resolutions: Identify daily doings, concrete commitments that can become habits. Matthew Kelly's book **Holy Moments**, encourages such an approach. And so too does the Season of Christmas – God's Self-Revelation. We profess an Incarnate Faith.

And so, I share with you some of **Pope Francis' New Year's Resolutions**. This list dates back to 2015/16 but is still quite good. How might just one of these become Incarnate in you this year?

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1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."



LIVING STONES APPEAL
St. Patrick Connecting Cornerstones Project

Congratulations to St. Patrick Parish for meeting our Matching Gift Challenge and many thanks to all our parishioners who helped make this possible.

As we enter into the New Year of 2023, let us continue the momentum to reach our goal of \$1.5 million. Together let us make the Connecting Cornerstones Project a reality.

To learn more about the Connecting Cornerstones Project and ways that you can donate, please visit:

www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org/living-stones-appeal.



REACH MORE CORNER



Happy New Year from your Reach More Small Group Leaders! We are looking forward to our Lenten Season and welcome you to join us! In case you are not familiar with Reach More Small Groups at St. Patrick, they are a place to grow in faith and fellowship with one another while encountering Jesus Christ. Your small group will pray, read and discuss Scripture and apply what we discover to our lives. We will begin our Lenten Season the week of February 19 and our preparations are now underway. Be on the lookout for more about Reach More Small Groups. Sign-ups will begin in just a few weeks. For now, prayerfully consider joining a group to enrich your Lenten journey! For more information, please contact Brian Eyre at eyre.brian.s@gmail.com

2023 AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH SAVE THE DATES

Friday, January 20, 2023
March for Life, Washington, D.C.

Friday, February 10, 2023
"Family-Tines Social"

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 5 - Thursday, March 9, 2023
St. Patrick Parish Mission with Fr. Emmerich Vogt, OP

Sunday, March 19, 2023
St. Patrick Gala at the Mendenhall Inn

Thursday, March 23, 2023
Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by
Archbishop Nelson J. Perez

Saturday, April 29, 2023
Sacrament of First Holy Communion

CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER



SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20,
2023
MARCH FOR LIFE IN
WASHINGTON, DC

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant and joy-filled rally of people

from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capital Hill. It is the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest...Together, we gather to CELEBRATE LIFE! We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. **St. Patrick & ABVM Respect Life Ministries will be there...will you?** Details on transportation and more soon to come. For more information, please visit www.marchforlife.org

Word of Life: "O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

New Ministry for Catholic Families *Springs in the Desert-Support for Couples Struggling with Infertility*

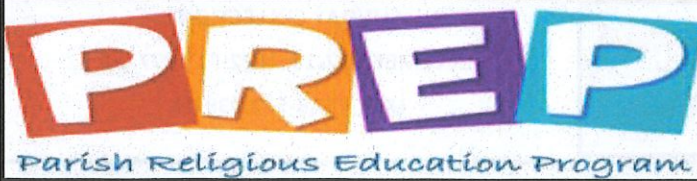
Springs in the Desert accompanies those struggling with infertility by offering a place of respite and solidarity where they can know God's love for them and discover His unique call to fruitfulness. Firmly rooted in the anthropology, ethics and spirituality of the Catholic Church, and our shared experiences of infertility, Springs in the Desert affirms the goodness of marriage, upholds the giftedness of the child, and advocates for a broader understanding of what it means to be life-giving.

Learn more on the website at www.springsinthedesert.org



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE-Thank you to everyone who donated blood at our Blood Drive December 14. We had 31 donors come out to donate and collected 27 donations. This will help 81 local hospital patients.

Our next blood drives are February 8 and March 15, 2023. 236



Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angels had told them. Luke 2:19-20

New Year's resolutions which in all probability we will forget by the end of the month. Let's learn from Mary whose simple "Yes" to God's mysterious plan changed all of history. Mary came to experience how much God loved her and kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. As a mother, Mary taught her Son to be grounded in doing God's will and the giving of oneself for the well being of others. She lived these values and attitude daily as a witness to her love for God. It is no wonder Jesus' whole life was focused on doing God's will and sacrificing his life for all. Think about this silently in your heart. What is one way you could grow in your relationship with God this year?

Monday PREP classes resume on January 2, 2023

Sunday PREP classes resume on January 8, 2023

Level 4 will be leading the Rosary on Sunday, January 8, 2023



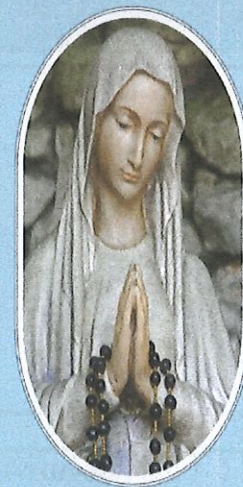
Saint Patrick Pastoral Council

Is your New Year's Resolution to become more involved in the growing community of St. Patrick Parish? If so, St. Patrick Parish Council may be the perfect place for 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.

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 expertise and insights for the good of our community.

A term on Pastoral Council lasts three years and requires a commitment for a monthly meeting. Any baptized Catholic in full communion with the Church is welcome to be a member.

If you are interested in learning more about Parish Council, please contact Father Rogers or Jen Keller in the Parish Office. In this New Year of 2023, we look forward to welcoming new members.



St. Patrick Parish
Rosary
Sunday Evenings
7:00 PM
via Zoom

THERE WILL BE NO PARISH ZOOM ROSARY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023.

JOIN OUR 4TH GRADE PREP STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023.



RETREAT FOR WOMEN
JANUARY 21, 2023 AT 9:00AM
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"PRAY THEN LIKE THIS"

Join us for a One Day Retreat for Women featuring Kristi Bushner adjunct professor at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, as she teaches us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer.

Cost is \$35.00. For more details and to register, visit:

<https://www.smachurch.com/retreat>

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, January 1

NO PREP CLASSES

Monday, January 2

NO ADORATION

PREP Class 4:45PM S

RCIA 7:00PM SJR

Tuesday, January 3

Flame of Love Prayer Group 1:00PM C

Wednesday, January 4

Reach More Leaders Huddle 7:30PM SJR

Thursday, January 5

Men's Group 6:30AM SJR

Friday, January 6

First Friday Adoration 7:00PM C

Saturday, January 7

Rosary 8:30AM & 4:30PM C

Confession 3:30PM SJR



SUNDAY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 17-18, 2022-\$13,777.00

LAST YEAR-\$12,039.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MEN'S RETREAT (JANUARY 13-15, 2023, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) This is a traditional retreat for men with conferences, confession, Adoration and Mass each day. Retreat Directors and speakers include Archbishop William Lori, Fr. Dennis Gill, Fr. James McGuinn, Fr. Robert Suskey and Marty Rotella. Visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

LOVE NEVER FAILS (January 24, 2023, 7:00-8:30PM, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) If you have a loved one struggling with addiction, join us for an evening of reflection on this topic. The evening includes a presentation by AFIRE founder and Catholic speaker, Dr. Nina Marie Corona. There will be Q & A, and will conclude with a prayer service. For more information, please visit: apeopleafire.org/events

Volunteer English Program in Chester County-Become a volunteer tutor! Change someone's life and see how it changes yours! Join us at the January 2023 Virtual Tutor Training Workshop Tuesday, January 24, Thursday, January 26 & Tuesday, January 31, 2023 from 9:00-11:00AM each morning-Zoom Virtual Platform. Workshop fee: \$40 for materials. Register online: volunteenglish.org References and background checks will be conducted before being matched with a student.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT, FEBRUARY 10-12, 2023, Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Cost-\$145 per person. Register at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, January 6, 2023

7:00 PM

All are welcome



PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023-CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS

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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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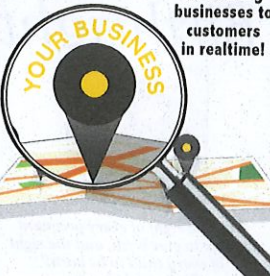
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