



# 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

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

### 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-Thursday

9:00AM-3:00PM Friday

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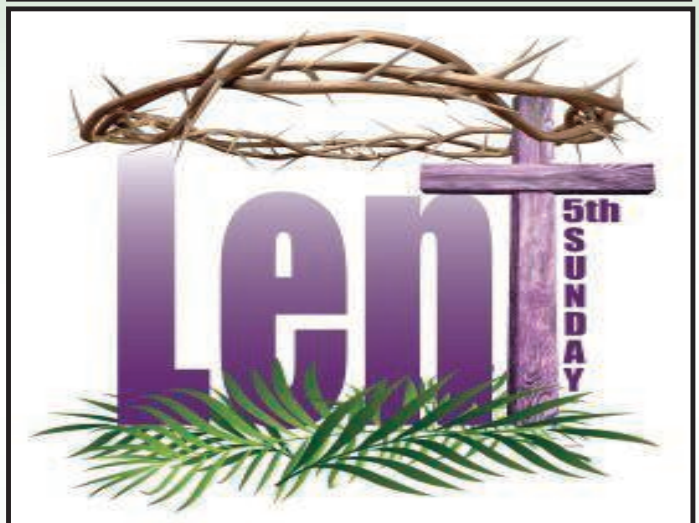
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*Receiving and Giving the Love of God*



MARCH 26, 2023

FIFTH 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, March 27, Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30AM Marlene Brown  
 r/o Mike & Patti DeFazio

**Tuesday, March 28, Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30AM Edward Moran  
 r/o Eileen Sutton

**Wednesday, March 29, Lenten Weekday**  
 7:00PM Jane Toner  
 r/o Jeannie Toner

**Thursday, March 30, Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30AM Karen Dinius  
 r/o Fred & Rosemary Biondi

**Friday, March 31, Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30AM Augustine & Emily DePippo  
 r/o Rich & Joe DePippo & Families

**Saturday, April 1, Lenten Weekday**  
 8:00AM Special Intention  
 5:00PM James Moran  
 r/o Eileen Sutton

**Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
 7:30AM Mass for Parishioners  
 9:00AM Karen Dinius  
 r/o James & Marianne Jennings  
 10:30AM Adrienne Gallagher  
 r/o Bobbie O'Sullivan & Family  
 12:00PM Erickson Family  
 r/o Kathleen Erickson

*"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.

In this last full week of Lent, let us prepare for the Passover, our reception of the Lamb, with a good examen. Consider St. Paul's words: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died." (1 Cor. 11:27-30)

**All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for You have called us to serve You in love. Bless our sick:** Rosemary F. Madrigale, 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, 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, Patrick Romano, Dure Gantz, that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory. Amen.

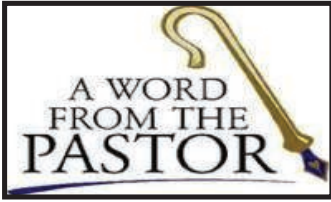
**Names on the prayer list will remain for two months. Please contact the office to add, renew or remove a name.**

**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**
- 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! As we begin this last full week of Lent, I want to express my gratitude to all who have made this Season so meaningful here at St. Patrick's. I make particular mention of:

- 1) **Our Small Groups:** Throughout this Season, many of you have been meeting in small groups during the week and the fruit of your time spent with others, with the Lord is in fact manifest in many ways. It has made not just our parish stronger but our parishioners. I'm grateful for all who have prayed and worked together with the Word of God in our Small groups.
- 2) **Our Parish Mission:** Fr. Emmerich's time with us in the Season of Lent was a great blessing. A reminder indeed that Love is Lord of Heaven and Earth! In many ways, his talks helped us to welcome LOVE. He exposed many of the False, Disordered Loves that enslave and play games with our hearts and minds; and reminded us of REAL LOVE which is genuine and so freeing.
- 3) **Our Food Drive:** This year's Lenten food drive with our area churches was a great success. The food gathered in bags in our small vestibule was a concrete reminder of Love's Call. "You Did It To Me." A blessing not only to those who receive but to all who gave.

This week, I invite you to a morning retreat on Saturday. We'll begin with the 8AM Mass and conclude at 11AM. This will offer an opportunity to Walk thru Holy Week in Jerusalem and in the Liturgy. Please call the parish office by Wednesday, March 30 to sign up for this morning retreat as we will need a headcount for food.

Monday PM thru Wednesday PM, I will be with the Archbishop and my brother priests for our Spring Workshop. Keep us in prayer as we ready for Holy Week!

I close with a brief word about these last days of Lent.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

The last two weeks in the season of Lent are called Passiontide which begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This is when the Church shifts her focus from Christ in the desert (the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent) to Christ during His Passion.

During this period of Passiontide, some churches veil the crucifix and other statues and images around the church. The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss and they serve as a reminder to get ready! The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veils seem out of place, and even counterintuitive. It can seem strange that the crucifix is covered up during Passiontide. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened and we become more aware of what is missing, how we live in a veiled world! How Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection.

## Good Friday 2023

Join area churches this Good Friday for the Stations of the Cross on April 7.

Service begins at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's and processes through Kennett Square to First Baptist, stopping along the route to remember the story as told in Scripture, reflect on the walk that Jesus made to His crucifixion, and pray for the healing of our local and wider communities.

The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of March 26 for Deacon Jim Elliott requested by the Elliott Family.


### AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Cornelius, Tuesday, March 28 at 11AM & 7PM  
 St. Patrick, Tuesday, April 4 at 7PM  
 NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8 AT ST. PATRICK

**What a gift it is to receive Jesus in the Eucharist!**  
 While many of us receive this gift each Sunday, there are many others who are unable to attend Mass and receive. Here at St. Patrick's, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion currently bring the Eucharist to approximately 10-20 homebound parishioners on a weekly and/or monthly basis. Do you have an elderly, sick or homebound family member or friend who lives in the parish and is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive the Eucharist? If so, please let us know so that arrangements can be made to visit with him/her. Please contact the Parish office at (610) 444-4364 or Kathy Reinhardt at kmreinhardt@comcast.net with any questions.

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**STATE OF RELIGION & YOUNG PEOPLE - MENTAL HEALTH**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023**  
**6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**ST. JOSEPH ROOM**

Springtide Research Institute has released a 2022 study titled "The State of Religion & Young People - Mental Health." Based on data from over 10,000 young people aged 13-25, the results have indicated a positive impact of religion and spirituality on young people's mental health. The next step for faith leaders in schools, parishes, ministries, and our own families is how to build on these deep, authentic spiritual and psychological needs.

Are you interested to find out more and learn how you can impact our youth and young adults? If so, we welcome you to **join us on Thursday, April 21 from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the St. Joseph Room.** This interactive evening discussion is for all parents, grandparents, ministry leaders, teachers and any adult interested in learning more. **FREE Childcare will be provided for those in need.**

We welcome our speaker Dan Pin, fellow parishioner and Director of the Office for Catholic Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry for the Diocese of Wilmington. He has nearly 10 years of ministry experience and has been working with the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry over the past two years to study the most up-to-date reflections and data on the faith lives of young people. Dan and his wife, Kelly, have been parishioners at St. Patrick's for 8 years, and have two kids, Amelia and Benjamin, in PREP.

To help us plan accordingly, please **RSVP by Monday, April 17.** Either sign up online via the Parish Website or QR code found here. You may also leave your name with the Parish Office. Questions, contact Jen Keller or Maria Miller at 610-444-4364



**LADIES OF ST. PATRICK SPRING BAKE SALE**

Help the Ladies have a successful bake sale by donating homemade baked goods. They are looking for goodies such as cakes, breads, & cookies. (peanut & gluten free goodies are appreciated as well) You may drop your items off in the church basement on Saturday, April 1 between 11:00AM and 2:00PM.

Be sure to visit them on Saturday, April 1 after the 5PM Mass and Sunday, April 2 after all Masses.



**CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER**



**HE MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US**  
 The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.



Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.

The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man."<sup>1</sup> God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person."<sup>2</sup>

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life."<sup>3</sup> The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory."<sup>4</sup> Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God."<sup>5</sup> By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."<sup>6</sup> Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who *made his dwelling among us*.

1 Pope Paul VI, *Godslove of man: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22. 2 Ibid.  
 2 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2. 3 Ibid.  
 4 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 34.  
 5 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 35.  
 6 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 2.

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The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in Spirit. Psalm 34:18

Today's Gospel reminds us that God alone has the power of life over death. When Jesus heard that his beloved friend Lazarus was sick, he did not immediately go to his side. Jesus chose not to go because through Lazarus Jesus was about to reveal God's glory in a way that would foreshadow his own Easter victory. As well as giving his followers a sign that their own hope was not in vain. Jesus waits so that his disciples "may come to believe."

When Martha's brother Lazarus died, she had faith that Jesus could save him. Her faith reminds u that through prayer and faith, all things are possible. When you are hurting, pray that Jesus may comfort you and heal your pain.

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**May God Bless our newly confirmed**

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| Veronica Armer    | James Brown        |  |  |                   |                 |
| Stefano Cousineau | MacKenzie Figueroa |  |  |                   |                 |
| Catharine Geary   | Ava Habtemicael    |  |  |                   |                 |
| Griffin Horst     | Serafina Jackson   |  |  |                   |                 |
| Addison Lafferty  | Matthew Lewis      |  |  |                   |                 |
| Brent London      | Madelina Mangan    |  |  |                   |                 |
| Claire McGreevy   | Nicoli Morgan      |  |  | Nathan Owens      | Luca Pia        |
| Evan Rumignani    | Ava Showers        |  |  | Marcos Steverlynk | Aubrey Tanner   |
| Kasey Thomas      | Camryn Vitale      |  |  | Mark Weiss        | Shay Wickersham |
| Vincent Wuchter   |                    |  |  |                   |                 |



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd-Serving children ages

3-6-Practical life work is a critical piece to the atrium as they aid in the development of the child's spiritual life.

These works follow the research of Dr. Maria Montessori regarding the "Four Planes of Human Development," and are the means by which the 3 –6 year old child, who is of an absorbent mind will gain concentration. Ultimately, the practice with practical life works leads the child to succeed with their silent plea "Help me to know God, by myself.

Visuals and tactile materials are important to help the children discover their faith. We are looking for someone to make a model ambo as part of our model altar. If you would like more information on how you may be able us with this project, please reach out. God Bless and thank you to those that have answered the call to help create material for the atrium! Your help is greatly appreciated. Kelly Pin-Kpin.teacher@gmail.com or Maria Miller-mmillerdresp@gmail.com

**FAITH COMMUNITIES UNITE**



**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES**

**WAY TO GO ST. PATRICK'S!**

KACS stopped by earlier this week for a midway point pick up and **we have already collected 1,240 pounds of food!** Keep up the good work! We are now into our final week of our Lenten Food Drive. **The last day to drop off items is Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023.**

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH WILL BE COLLECTING**

**PASTA, CANNED TOMATOES/SAUCE, & SPAGHETTIOS**

Please bring your donations to Church and leave them in the containers found in the Church Vestibule. Thank you for caring for our neighbors in need. Contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4364 with questions.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023**

*Forgiveness: The Best Revenge (or Forgiveness: The Name of Love in a Wounded World) ~ You Choose*  
with Sister Sheila Galligan, IHM



Join the Ladies of St. Patrick for a morning of prayer, reflection and fellowship. Begin the day with Mass at 8:00 AM or arrive at 9:00 AM in the St. Joseph Room for a little refreshment and the presentation. The retreat will conclude by Noon. Be sure to bring a friend!

***Forgiveness: The Best Revenge (or Forgiveness: The Name of Love in a Wounded World) ~ You Choose***

**Presenter: Sister Sheila Galligan, IHM**

*Are you in a state of unforgiveness? Are you (or someone you know!) caught in a vortex of resentment and anger or a desire for revenge or retaliation? This presentation will explain how "giving the gift" of forgiveness, approached through a Christian manner, benefits both the forgiver and the forgiven. Practical ways to provide the enemy with the "medicine of mercy" will be explored.*

**DATE: Saturday, April 15, 2023**

**TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**PLACE: St. Joseph Room**

To help us plan accordingly, **advance registration is requested by Wednesday, April 12, 2023.** To sign up, visit the parish website or scan the QR code found here. You may also leave your name with the Parish Office at 610-444-4364. We hope to see you there!



**RSVP HERE**



**THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH**

Sunday, March 26

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

Monday, March 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, March 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 29

Reach More Small Groups	12:30PM	BH
Mass	7:00PM	C

Thursday, March 30

Men's Group	6:30AM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	9:30AM	SJR
Reach More Small Groups	7:00PM	Home
Choir Practice	7:30PM	C

Friday, March 31

Stations of the Cross	7:00PM	C
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Saturday, April 1

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



**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**MARCH 19, 2023- \$17,279.00**

**LAST YEAR-\$11,755.00**



Many thanks to everyone who joined us at the Gala this past Sunday. The entertainment, food, and company were top notch! A special

thanks to all of the local businesses who donated items for the silent auction. It seemed like everyone left the Gala with one or more of the many fantastic items purchased at bargain prices. A great time was had by all and we hope that you will join us again next year.

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**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**-Thank you to all the donors who came to donate on Wednesday, March 15. We had 29 donors and collected from 26. This will help more than 26 hospital patients.

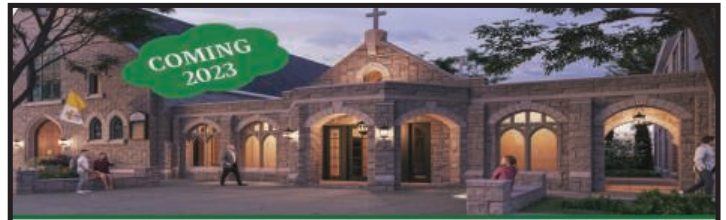
Our next drives will be in September and December. More information will follow. Your continued support of the Red Cross is greatly appreciated.



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

To join us online visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). Select JOIN and enter Webinar ID: 878 5447 9881 / Passcode: stpatsksq

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



**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.stpatrickkenettsquare.org/living-stones-appeal/](http://www.stpatrickkenettsquare.org/living-stones-appeal/)



Enjoy coffee & donuts after all Masses on Sunday, April 2 in the St. Joseph Room.

**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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