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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00

Weekday Mass: 7:30 AM Monday through

Friday, 8:00 AM Saturday

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM

Holy Days of Obligation - See Sunday bulletin.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays 8 AM to 7 PM in the Church

Parish Office

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Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday through Friday

Buffington House

227 Lafayette Street



December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent



Clergy

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

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

Rev. Andres Garcia, **In Residence**

Oblates of St. Francis DeSales, Sunday Assistance

Deacons James K. Madonna and James J. Elliott

Seminarian Phong Le

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, December 9, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30AM Lana Ostermaier
 r/o Kathy & Clint Norris

Tuesday, December 10, Advent Weekday
 7:30AM Rosemary & Peter DeMichiel & Family
 r/o Nancy Braun

Wednesday, December 11, Advent Weekday, St. Damasus I
 7:30AM Arcy Passwaters
 r/o Kathy & Clint Norris

Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe
 9:00AM Rosemary & Peter DeMichiel & Family
 r/o Nancy Braun

Friday, December 13, St. Lucy
 7:30AM Cuddy, Theresa and John Michael Manfredi
 r/o Mom, Dad, Frankie, Georgeanne & Children

Saturday, December 14, St. John of the Cross
 8:00AM Special Intention

Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent
 5:00PM Rocco Cardillo
 r/o Crane Family

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent
 7:30AM Mass for Parishioners
 9:00AM Ginette Grob
 r/o Conrad
 10:30AM Paul Duva
 r/o Family
 12:00PM Tom Wells
 r/o Jack & Ethel Ann Murphy

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, Ronald Hall, Frank Reck, Mario Lorenzut, 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, Karen Dinius, Joshua Brown, Maria Rowe, Margaret DiNorscia, Walter Oram, William Morey, Eufemia Ortega Milagros Ada Maldonado, Tiffany Volovich, Bryan Pudelka, Miles Kennedy, Tippi Carlino, Ron O'Brien, Diane Stansberry, Kathy Norris, Diane & Jeff Jones, Katelyn Johnson, Ana Teresa Encarnacion, Robert "Mack" Marc-Aurele, Matilda Bazzano Bronson, Pamela Maldonado, Mary Anne Proch, Aaron Pogue, Benjamin Pin 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:



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT RECEPTION

Following the St. Patrick's Christmas Pageant and Courtyard Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 15, your St. Patrick Knights of Columbus council invite all parishioners to attend the KOC Annual Christmas Pageant Reception in the church basement.

Christmas refreshments will be served. Join Santa Claus who will be a special guest sharing the Joy of Christmas with our parish children.

THANK YOU-Many thanks to our "Black Friday" blood donors. We had 43 donors come out to donate and collected 36. This will go on to help 118 local area hospital patients.

The blood drive was very successful.



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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- 1st Lt. USAF Scott Seidenberger**
- 1st Lt. USAF Natalie King**
- Major Robert C. McDonough 236**



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised Be Jesus Christ! As we arrive at the Second Week of Advent, the Person and Presence of Our Blessed Mother is particularly highlighted.

This week, we celebrate both her Immaculate Conception (Dec.8) and her Revelation at Guadalupe (Dec. 12). This year, because December 8th is a Sunday, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception on the 9th and for that reason it is not a day of obligation. Nevertheless, both events, i.e. Mary's conception and Guadalupe, are important happenings worth treasuring and celebrating. For they provide hope.

Hope is a virtue that gets us to the roots of things. We hope "in" something/someone. Hope brings forth and manifests the object/source of things. And the Root of Christian Hope is God's Love for us. In Mary, we see the first fruits of God's Love for the human race.

The Season of Advent --- celebrated in the dark and cold winter -- invites us to dig deep. To get to the roots. To see beyond the barren trees and hardened earth; to hear and see over the noise and distractions of our own day. And because of God's Love, we know there is something under and over it all. The child in the womb, roses in winter, shelter in the storm and mercy in the mess. It takes a lot of discipline and desire to see these things, to be attentive to these hidden things and Mary helps us do just that. I share with you now a hymn that highlights our Lady and her relationship with Christ. Each phrase of the hymn can help us be attentive to the hidden things in this Advent Season. And I pray that reflecting on this hymn this week, makes you more attentive.

Mary the dawn, Christ the Perfect Day;
Mary the gate, Christ the Heavenly Way!
Mary the root, Christ the Mystic Vine;
Mary the grape, Christ the Sacred Wine!
Mary the wheat, Christ the Living Bread;
Mary the rose tree, Christ the Rose blood-red!
Mary the font, Christ the Cleansing Flood;
Mary the cup, Christ the Saving Blood!
Mary the temple, Christ the temple's Lord;
Mary the shrine, Christ the God adored!
Mary the beacon, Christ the Haven's Rest;
Mary the mirror, Christ the Vision Blest!
Mary the mother, Christ the mother's Son
By all things blest while endless ages run. Amen.

*****PLEASE TAKE NOTE*****

Please note the time change for Christmas Eve Mass.

The 4:30PM Mass has been changed to **4:00PM.**

The 6:30PM and 8:15PM Masses remain the same.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, December 16 @ St. Maximilian Kolbe, West Chester

Tuesday, December 17 @ St. Cornelius, Chadds Ford

Wednesday, December 18 @ St. Gabriel, Avondale

Thursday, December 19 @ St. Patrick

All Penance Services begin at 7:00PM.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, December 8

Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM	C
Jubilee Closing Mass	12:00PM	C
Dinner at Mendenhall	2:00PM	

Monday, December 9

Eucharistic Adoration	8AM-7:30PM	C
English/Second Language Class	6:30PM	S

Tuesday, December 10

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
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Wednesday, December 11

St. Rocco PREP	3:30PM	S
English/Second Language Class	6:30PM	S
Fall Adult Education Series	7:00PM	BH
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM	C

Thursday, December 12

St. Rocco PREP	3:30PM	S
Credo	7:00PM	PO
Ladies of St. Patrick Dinner	6:00PM at Loch Nairn	

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

Rosary	8:30AM & 4:30PM	C
Guitar Group Practice	10:30AM	S
Ladies of St. Patrick Bake Sale	After 5:00 Mass	CB

Sacred and Immaculate Hearts Enthronement-Thanks to all for your generosity a few weekends back with the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts Enthronement. In the end, 724 Enthronement Packets were distributed and 202 framed pictures were taken from the Church. Donations came to \$2,217 which was amazing. Because of your generosity, George is placing a large order for picture frames along with a printing of pictures of Jesus and Mary which will result in many hearts being touched going forward.

Congratulations-A word of congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time yesterday. It was a beautiful day of grace for our parish and for so many families. How beautiful Christmas will be for those who have received His Mercy.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



St. Patrick Advent Giving Tree

Advent, the start of the church's new year, is the time when our parish continues the wonderful tradition of the Advent Giving Tree. You will notice this tree is now present in the vestibule of the church. Please take an ornament and purchase the requested gift and place it by the tree. Our deadline for gifts is Wednesday, December 18, 2019. This year we are donating gifts to the following organizations:

- Birth Right
- Divine Providence Village
- Ministry of Caring
- St. Edmund's Home for Children
- Family Promise

God bless you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEER ESL INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

Would you like to help individuals in your community improve their English speaking skills? Are you able to volunteer a few hours of your time a week?

Manfredi Cold Storage has a need for a volunteer ESL instructor who will work with six employees to help them improve their English speaking, reading and writing skills. The tutoring sessions would take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 or 6:00 to 7:30, whichever you prefer, at the Manfredi office. No experience is necessary. Training and materials will be provided by Chester County OIC, a non-profit organization that provides ESL tutoring programs throughout Chester County.

If you may be interested in this opportunity, please contact Debbie Rikess at 610-280-2605 for more information.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



As we enter the Advent season preparing for Christmas, please note there will be no classes December 22 thru 30. Classes will resume January 5 and 6, 2020.



Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage-Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley offers hope for married couples experiencing loneliness, boredom, misery, or frustration in their marriage. Couples learn valuable communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Our next program starts February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter-Married Couples-Want to give a gift that keeps on giving? A gift filled with romance and excitement? Enrich yur relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 6-8, 2020 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website:

www.wwme-delmar.org

To register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.



FAITH FORMATION



ST. PATRICK CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Christmas Pageant will take place on December 15, 2019 at 4:00PM. Participating children will need to arrive at 3:00PM

on December 15.

If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, please contact Colleen Kauffman at 610-563-5661.



Calling All Bakers

Bring your baked goods to the church basement Saturday, December 14 between 12:00 & 3:00PM or Sunday, December 15 before 10:00AM.

Support our Parish

Christmas Baked Goods, Cookie Trays & Goodies can be purchased before and after all Masses



Sunday Celebrant Schedule-Subject to Change	
December 14-15, 2019	
5:00	Fr. Rogers
7:30	Fr. Rogers
9:00	Fr. Rogers
10:30	Fr. Rogers
12:00	Fr. Connolly

Sunday Collection	
November 30-December 1, 2019	
This year-	\$14,499.50
Last year-	\$15,814.06
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COMING UP THIS JUBILEE YEAR:

We hope as many of us as possible will be able to attend the Jubilee Banquet on Sunday afternoon and that everyone has an enjoyable time.

JUBILEE LEGACY APPEAL UPDATE:

Thank you to all who have responded so far to our special appeal. The response has been terrific. As of October 21, 2019 we have raised \$524,769.00 for our Jubilee Legacy Appeal. Visit our website, click on Jubilee Logo.

SPECIAL JUBILEE EVENT

In November we were honored to host Archbishop Chaput, who celebrated a beautiful Mass, which was concelebrated by Fathers Rogers and Sharrett. Photos of the Mass can be viewed on the archdiocesan website Catholicphilly.com. Madeleine Curry led the planning for this Mass, and the music ministries, led by Anne Marie McCarthy and Tony Basilio provided the music. We also hosted a rousing and enjoyable interfaith Thanksgiving event. The music and homilies were inspiring.

DID YOU KNOW? The newer parishioners on the Jubilee Steering Committee are Horace Scherer, who is a co-chairman. He led the planning for the various events and supported the event leaders when necessary. He's also been involved in the family photo project and the Jubilee yearbook, and has prepared these postings during the year. He and his wife Kathy have been members of the parish since 2007. Meghan Cascarelli and her husband have been members of the parish for 41/2 years. She has been heavily involved in fundraising, event planning and web site management. She also worked directly on the golf outing and Oktoberfest. Meghan works in fund raising and publicity for Bishop Shanahan High School. Leo Gilmore joined St. Patrick in December 2017, and quickly became heavily involved in a number of ministries in the parish. He has been instrumental in organizing the timeline and project priorities for the Jubilee activities and has facilitated communication among the various groups, including the Knights of Columbus. Leo is retired from a career in project management, mainly in the health care industry.

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:
www.cbr.podbean.com

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