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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

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DECEMBER 18, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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, December 19, Late Advent Weekday
 7:30AM Millie & Augie DePippo
 r/o Rich & Joe DePippo & Families

Tuesday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday
 7:30AM Joseph DiNorscia, Sr.
 r/o Alfred

Wednesday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday. St. Peter Canisius
 7:00PM Richard Salamone
 r/o Brady Family

Thursday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday
 7:30AM Millie & Augie DePippo
 r/o Rich & Joe DePippo & Families

Friday, December 23, Advent Weekday, St. John of Kanty
 7:30AM In memory of Teresa L. Forte
 r/o Abate Family

Saturday, December 24,
 4:00PM Special Intention
 6:30PM Special Intention
 8:15PM Special Intention

Sunday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord
 7:30AM Special Intention
 9:00AM Special Intention
 10:30AM Special Intention
 12:00PM Special Intention

"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.

The Eucharist is the Mystery of Light and Advent is a Season of Light. As we await the Light of the World this week, let us prepare to see, welcome and love Him.

Come, Lord Jesus!

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 that they bear this illness in union with Your Son's obedient suffering, restore them to health, and lead them to glory. Amen.

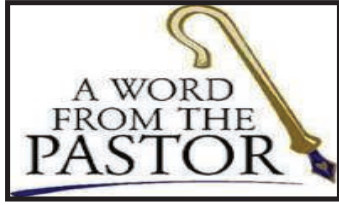
Names on the prayer list will remain for two months. Please contact the office to add, renew or remove a name.

Our Faithful Departed: John O'Connell



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**
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- 1st LT. USAF Natalie King**
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- SFC Tyler Nellens**
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- 1st LT. USAF Scott Seidenberg**
- Major Ian C. Whiteman**



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised Be Jesus Christ! As we enter this rare FULL Fourth Week of Advent, I offer for your prayerful reflection this week the "O Antiphons". This ancient way of prayer in late Advent can make for a beautiful and practical expression of all that is within us. The Letter "O" is used to express frustration, joy, desperation, desire and many other emotions. Think of how often you use that one letter! It has a way of reaching deep down into one's depths and from there through our breath it brings forth, all types of things!

Well, through the "O" Antiphons this week, we can unite our all, our "O"s to the Biblical Names of God and in so doing ready ourselves for His coming. Here's how to do that...Pray with the following on the given dates. These 7th century antiphons appear on these dates in the liturgy at the Gospel Acclamation and Antiphon to the Magnificat at Evening Prayer. They are as follows:

Dec. 17: O Sapientia (Wisdom)

Dec. 18: O Adonai (Lord)

Dec. 19: O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)

Dec. 20: O Clavis David (Key of David)

Dec. 21 O Oriens (Dayspring)

Dec. 22: O Rex Gentium (King of Nations)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (God-With-Us)

And for the Latin Scholars, note well, the first Letter of these names of God when written backwards form an acrostic...**ERO CRAS**... which means "**I will be with you tomorrow.**" What a magnificent reflection and marvelous truth! And it is true! By the time we reach, Friday of this week, we can hear him say "I will be with you tomorrow!"

My Friends this is the marvel and joy of our Christian Faith. Let's be sure to embrace it, live it and ready our hearts by it...for Him this week!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of December 18, 2022 for Jeff Trewella as requested by family.

NO ADORATION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2022 OR MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023.



Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00PM-St. Patrick
Wednesday, December 21 at 11:00AM & 7:00PM-St. Cornelius

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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: stpatsksq

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



2022 Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24:

4:00 PM ~ 6:30 PM ~ 8:15 PM

No Confessions on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25:

7:30 AM ~ 9:00 AM (Livestream) ~ 10:30 AM ~ 12:00 PM



THANK YOU

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...

yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

— St. Teresa of Calcutta

A heartfelt word of thanks to all of our parishioners who participated in our Parish Giving Tree. We received an abundance of gift cards, toys, clothing, household items, personal care items, diapers and much, much more. As such, through your generosity, we were able to support the good work of KACS, St. Edmonds Home for Children, Family Promise, Good Samaritan Services, Sunday Breakfast Mission and Birthright of Coatesville. All of the agencies picked up their items earlier this week and expressed their gratitude for the good people of St. Patrick parish. Thanks again!

As we approach Christmas Day, find time to sit down with your family and read the Gospels about the Birth of Christ. Which of these readings was a family favorite?

Lord, as we reflect upon Jesus' humble birth in the stable, we give you thanks for Him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen

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CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

All Oppression Shall Cease

The Christmas song "O Holy Night" includes the following words: "Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love, and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease."

This is a reminder that as we celebrate Christmas, we renew our commitment to ending all oppression, particularly of those who are most oppressed, the children living before birth within their mothers...children who have been deprived of legal protection, and are oppressed by the mythology of choice.

In the name of the newborn Christ, the oppression of our unborn children will cease. May Christmas give us the strength to be silent no more, and more active than ever in the pro-life cause.

For more, visit www.priestsforlife.org

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS



Friday, December 23 - CLOSED

Monday, December 26 - CLOSED

Tuesday, December 27 - Thursday, December 29 -

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Friday, December 30 - CLOSED

Monday, January 2 - CLOSED

Tuesday, January 3 - Normal Office Hours



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!





“The Lord gives strength to his people; The Lord blesses his people with peace.”

Psalm 29:11

This week we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the “Candle of Peace” or the Angel’s Candle and it reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men.” Jesus comes to bring peace to the world and to people’s hearts. God gave us Jesus out of his great love for humanity. In these last weeks, how do you think Mary and Joseph prepared for the birth of Jesus?

The rosary tonight will be led by Level 5 PREP students. Please join us at 7:00PM via zoom

CHRISTMAS BREAK

NO PREP classes on Sunday, December 25, Monday, December 26 or Sunday, January 1, 2023

Classes will resume on Monday, January 2, 2023

High schoolers or parents that would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Miller at 610-444-2214

Volunteer English Program in Chester County

Become a Volunteer Tutor!

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Join us at the January 2023 Virtual Tutor Training Workshop

Tuesday, January 24, Thursday, January 26, Tuesday, January 31 from 9:00AM-11:00AM each morning

Zoom virtual platform

Workshop fee: \$40 for materials

Register online at volunteerenglish.org

References and background checks will be conducted before being matched with a student



Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, As you were born into a family who fled to Egypt as refugees, help us grow in solidarity with refugees everywhere, to know we are all refugees, until our hearts find refuge in you. As you were born under an oppressive regime, let us grow

in solidarity with those whose governments deny them their rights and try to undermine their dignity. Help us work for just governance everywhere.

As it was workers, the shepherds, who first came to know you, the carpenter’s son, let us remember the dignity of human labor—that you share a special love for those who work hard for their sustenance, and toil beside them.

Let us honor you, in work and in prayer, that livelihoods may be secure, and that workers not be exploited.

As you were adored by the Magi who came from far-off nations to honor you, let us bring to all nations the great good news that is your love.

As your coming was joyfully sung by angels, let us with joy celebrate the gift of life every time a child of God is conceived, and honor that gift with our care.

As you were denied any birthplace but a stable, help us to open our homes, our lives, our hearts to the coming of God and his presence in your people.

Be born this time into our hearts, dear Lord. Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, through the cradle of our hearts, be born into our world. Amen.

Prayer by Edward O’N Hoyt, Catholic Relief Services



Are you looking for that one special Christmas card for that someone special? If so, the Parish Office has you covered better than Hallmark!

One pack of 10 cards for \$10.00. Each pack offers an image of St. Patrick Church decorated for Christmas with a special holiday greeting inside.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, December 18

Children's Liturgy	9:00AM Mass	CB
PREP Class	10:00AM	S
Parish Rosary	7:00PM	Zoom

Monday, December 19

Adoration	8:00AM	C
PREP Class	4:45PM	S
Rosary	7:00PM	C
RCIA	7:00PM	SJR

Tuesday, December 20

Flame of Love Prayer Group	1:00PM	C
Penance Service	7:00PM	C

Wednesday, December 21

Book Study	3:30PM	BH
Adult Choir Practice	7:30PM	C

Thursday, December 22

Men's Group	6:30AM	SJR
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Friday, December 23

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses
4:00PM-6:30PM-8:15PM



SUNDAY COLLECTION
NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

Sounds of the Season Sacred Music for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas-Handel's Messiah, Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 4:00PM. Free Will Offering. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 300 State Road, West Grove.. Festival Choir and Soloists with Organ, Brass, Piano, Timpani and Handbell Choir. Special guest performance by the Wilmington Christian School Jubilee Singers.



LIVING STONES APPEAL
St. Patrick Connecting Cornerstones Project

COMING
2023

Have you returned your pledge card yet?
Our Matching Gift Challenge is underway
so be sure to submit your pledge by
December 31, 2022.
For more updates, visit the parish website.
THANK YOU!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE-WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2023 IN THE ST. JOSEPH ROOM FROM 12PM-5PM. Sign up to donate at Red-CrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code stpatrickks to schedule your appointment. Sign up is also available on our website stpatrickkenettsquare.org



THANK YOU! To date, we have received over 100 pledge cards and are getting closer to reaching our matching gift challenge. If you haven't returned your pledge card, please don't forget to return your card by December 31!

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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**

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