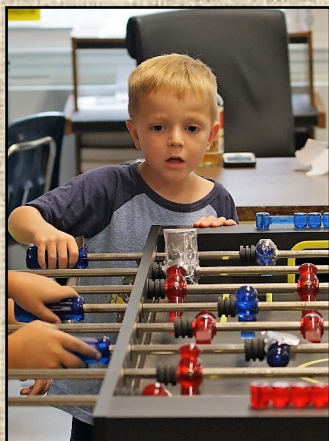


St. Patrick R.C. Church

280 East Main Street, Smithtown, New York 11787
"Christ with us. Christ before us. Christ behind us."

August 23, 2020 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary



Seven Weeks of Summer Fun - After months of quarantine, campers at Camp St. Patrick seemed especially happy to be enjoying some summer fun, albeit with Covid-19 restrictions. Many thanks to all our counselors, campers and camp families for a great seven weeks.

St. Patrick Church

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631-265-2271, rectory@stpatricksmithtown.org
www.stpatricksmithtown.org

Mass Times

Weekdays: 6:45 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 12:10 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM, 5 and 8 PM

Novena Mass (Miraculous Medal): Monday, 7:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, 5 PM

Marriage

Couples should make arrangements at the Rectory at least six months before the desired wedding date.

Baptisms

Currently by appointment. For information, go to www.stpatricksmithtown.org > Sacraments > Baptism

Reconciliation

Saturday: from 3:45 to 4:45 PM

Sunday: from 8:15 to 8:45 AM (not currently offered)

Monday: 6:45 to 7:15 P.M. before the Novena Mass
Anytime by appointment in the Rectory

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays for one hour following 12:10 PM Mass
First Fridays after 12:10 Mass until 2:30 PM Benediction*
Nocturnal Adoration, third Saturday of the month
from 9 PM to 7 AM Sunday*

*Watch bulletin for modified times

First Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in
"A Quiet Place" Chapel located in the Parish Center
Pro-Life Holy Hour, third Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM

**Watch bulletin for possible changes in concluding time

From the Pastor's Desk

Who do you think I am? Most times when we ask that question, it is in a situation where we think someone is asking us to do something that we consider inappropriate or crazy. In the Gospel for today's Mass (Matthew 16:13-20), Jesus asks that question in a much different tone. He prefaces that question with a first one where He asks the disciples: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" In that question Jesus is showing that He is one with us in our humanity as He calls Himself the Son of Man. That is an easy question for the disciples to answer. All they have to do is tell Him what they have observed and heard. The probing question is next: "But who do you say that I am?" Now Jesus is getting personal. They have been with Him, heard His preaching, and witnessed many miracles. Peter hits the nail on the head as he replies: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Even though Peter gives the right answer, he still does not completely understand who Jesus is. Jesus sees the goodness in Peter and tells him in reply: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." He goes on to give Peter authority to speak and act in His name: "I give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Peter does not have it all together yet, but Jesus knows he will come to total and complete trust in Him. What an awesome responsibility - to speak and act in the name of Jesus.

The question to ponder today is: "Who do I say Jesus is?" First of all, He is God and I am not. Our society is drifting and sometimes speeding away from God and all He has entrusted to us. When God created the world as we see in the book of Genesis, we see He entrusted it to us as we pray in the fourth Eucharistic Prayer: "You have fashioned all your works in wisdom and in love. You formed man in your own image and entrusted the whole world to his care, so that in serving you alone, the Creator, he might have dominion over all creatures." Not only has

He entrusted the world to us, He has entrusted His very self to us in Jesus. Not only has He entrusted Himself, He entrusts us to one another as His children and His people, the Church. What an awesome act of love on His part. How well are we living up to that trust? The vision of faith reveals that only God is God and no one else. To lose that vision is to walk into the darkness of fear, confusion, disunity, and distrust of one another.

Jesus asks each one of us to think about who He is, not out of fear or duty, but out of faith, hope, and love. I offer this part of Psalm 63 for your prayerful reflection:

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Fr. Wald



Are you on our Parish Email List?

Our parish stays in touch with parishioners via email concerning important announcements, Christmas and Easter schedules, and daily reflections from our pastor, Fr. Walden. It is a great way to be an informed, inspired parishioner! If you would like to join our email list, just email us at stpatrikssmithtown@gmail.com and we will add you to our list!

Masses for the Week

Saturday, August 22nd:

5:00 PM Loretta Costaro
8:00 PM Benjamin Pluta

Sunday, August 23rd:

7:30 AM Michael Bennett
9:00 AM Martin P. Sperduto
10:30 AM Ronald Tavis, Jr.
12:00 PM People of the Parish
5:00 PM Marilyn Whelan

Monday, August 24th:

6:45 AM Eleanor Jerome
9:00 AM Eleanor Handley
12:10 PM Steven Cherry
7:30 PM Nicholas Stagnitta

Tuesday, August 25th:

6:45 AM Lukas R. Hofbauer
9:00 AM Rose & William Murphy
12:10 PM Leanne Rafferty

Wednesday, August 26th:

6:45 AM William Snak, Jr.
9:00 AM Matthew Gardner
12:10 PM George Zangrillo

Thursday, August 27th:

6:45 AM Marge Lenihan
9:00 AM Margaret Boltja
12:10 PM Michael O'Grady

Friday, August 28th:

6:45 AM Mary Hogan
9:00 AM Harry Nadler
12:10 PM Michael J. Quagliano

Saturday, August 29th:

9:00 AM *Multiple Intentions
5:00 PM Marty D'Amico
8:00 PM Eugene Howell

Sunday, August 30th:

7:30 AM Kenneth Smalling
9:00 AM Mary Rinaldi
10:30 AM Ronald Tavis, Sr.
12:00 PM People of the Parish
5:00 PM Judith & Phil Patanjo

*Andrew D'Arienzo & Nella D'Arienzo, Janet Jerome



Our Pastoral Team

Rev. Msgr. Ellsworth R. Walden, Pastor
Rev. Thomas Acheampong, Associate Pastor
Rev. Abraham Thannickal, Associate Pastor
Rev. Fred Hill, In Residence
Deacon Jerry Reda

Mr. Joseph Menge, Business Manager
Mrs. Barbara Pellerito, School Principal
Mrs. Elaina Kedjerski, Dir. of Religious Ed., Levels 1-4
Mrs. Peggy Soviero, Dir. of Religious Ed., Levels 5-8
Ms. Dianne Williams, Parish Social Minister
Ms. Cindy Marsh, Youth Administrator
Mr. Josh Moore, Youth Minister

Contact Us

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Parish Website: stpatricksmithtown.org
Outreach - 265-2668
Religious Formation - 724-7454
St. Patrick School - 724-0285
School Website - spssmith.org
Youth Community - 360-0185
Fr. Walden's Email - ERWALDEN71@aol.com
Parish Email - rectory@stpatricksmithtown.org
Office Hours: Rectory 9 AM to 7 PM, Mon. - Fri.
9 AM to 5 PM Sat., 10 AM to 1 PM Sun.
Parish Outreach: 9:15 AM to 3:00 PM, Mon. - Fri.
Youth Community: 9 AM to 3 PM, Mon. - Fri.
Religious Formation: 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Mon. - Thurs.
St. Patrick's Pastoral Council Email:
pastoral_council@stpatricksmithtown.org

Parish Organizations

Bereavement Support: Call Outreach at 265-2668
Catholic Daughters: 1st Tues., 7 PM
Choir: Thurs. evening, 8 PM
Columbiettes: 2nd Sat. 10:30 AM
Justice & Peace: Once a month, 7:00 PM Outreach Ctr.
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 PM
Legion of Mary: Tues. mornings at 9:30 AM
Nocturnal Adoration Society: 3rd Sat. from 9 PM-7 AM
Pro Life Family: Last Thursday, 10:30 AM, Parish Center
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults); 265-2271
Something for Seniors; 2nd & 4th Wed., 1 PM, 265-0034

Treasure

Communal Offering Sunday, August 16, 2020: \$21,407.37.
Offering Corresponding Sunday 2019: \$22,730.75.
Thank you for your generosity.

*The storms that are raging around you will
turn out to be for God's glory, your own
merit, and the good of many souls.*

- St. Padre Pio

Wedding Banns



Second Time:

Daniel Peterson, St. Patrick, Smithtown
Kayley Murphy, St. James, Setauket

St. Patrick Parish Social Ministry



Financial Peace University – Virtual Classes

Is your household budget in order?

Do you wish you had a life without
car payments or credit card statements?

Have you stayed up at night thinking
about retirement or saving for college?

Do you want to have better control of your money?



If any of the above questions resonate with you, then Dave Ramsey's, *Financial Peace University* class is a perfect fit. You can take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. If you are interested in learning more about the upcoming virtual class, which runs for 9 weeks

beginning on September 7th, contact Parish Outreach at 631-265-2668 or spposm@optonline.net or message Greg at gmb8906@gmail.com. You work too hard to be struggling and always worried about money. It is time for you to take back control of your money. For a preview of the class visit: <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/preview/>. Use the following link to sign up! <https://www.financialpeace.com/classes/1117933>.

Preserve the warmth of the family, because the warmth of the whole world cannot make up for it.

- St. Charbel Makhlouf

The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for the week in loving memory of **Joseph Petrocelli**.



Religious Formation

The Religious Formation Center is now open from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Registrations for the 2020-21 term are now being accepted. Those previously enrolled can register online at our website and new families can download forms to mail in (see website and other contact information below). New families need to submit a completed "registration" and "new registration" form, along with a copy of their child's Baptismal Certificate. Forms can be mailed to the address listed on the forms, and information about our fees and choices for class days and times are also listed. Levels 1-6 are scheduled to begin the week of September 21st.

2020 First Holy Communion and Confirmations

Children who were scheduled to receive First Holy Communion are asked to contact the Religious Formation Center at 631-724-7454 to schedule a new date. Those who were scheduled to receive Confirmation will be contacted in the near future with new dates for their celebration. Plans are being made to celebrate the Sacrament sometime in October.

To contact the Religious Formation Office, email stpatsrfc@optonline.net or call 631-724-7454. Information is also available on our Religious Formation website: <https://stpatsrfc.wordpress.com/>

The truth is, of course, that what one regards as interruptions are precisely one's life.

- C.S. Lewis



Pro-Life Rose

St. Patrick's Pro-Life Family invites you to dedicate a Pro-Life Rose for any intention by contacting Lisa by email at lisapollicino@yahoo.com or call 656-6343.

Your participation helps bring a greater awareness of the sacredness of all human life, especially the unborn. The cost is \$10.

Bread & Wine Memorial

To arrange a memorial for Altar Bread and Wine, please call Diane Sperzel at 265-3307. Donation for the week is \$50. Cards will be sent to the family.



REOPENING PARISH LIFE

After months of lockdown due to the coronavirus, our parish and our community are beginning to reopen. Below is information how parish life is resuming.

MASSES

We have resumed our normal Mass schedule:

Weekdays: 6:45 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 12:10 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM, 5 and 8 PM

Novena Mass (Miraculous Medal): Monday, 7:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, 5 PM

For the time being, we will be limited to 50 percent of the church's capacity. Social distancing protocols will be in place.

PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK TO MASS!



ADORATION

We are resuming the following opportunities for adoration:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament — Exposition is offered every Thursday for one hour following the 12:10 PM Mass.

First Friday Observance — On the first Friday of each month, the parish has an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:10 PM Mass which concludes with Benediction at 2:30 PM. (Concluding time can vary due to our wedding schedule. Check the bulletin.)

Pro-Life Holy Hour - On the third Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. St. Patrick's Pro-Life Family hosts this Holy Hour which includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Nocturnal Adoration - On the third Saturday of the month, Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8:00 PM Saturday Mass. Initially Nocturnal Adoration will be offered for one hour after the Mass. Watch the bulletin for information on when Nocturnal Adoration through the night will resume.

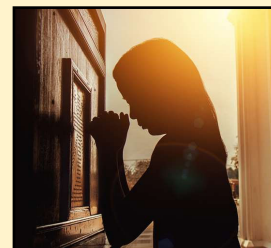
PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK AND OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS.



CONFESSIONS

Our Saturday afternoon and Monday evening confession times have resumed in the church. Confessions are heard from 3:45 to 4:45 PM on Saturday and 6:45 to 7:15 PM on Monday.

PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK!



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS FORMATION

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Grades 1-8: Tuesday, Sept. 8th*

Kindergarten: Wednesday, Sept. 9th*

Nursery and Pre-K: Monday, Sept. 14th**

*Half Day / **Half Day for Nursery

For more information go to

<https://spssmith.org/calendar?page=1>

ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Catechist Meetings/Orientations
begin the week of Sept. 7

Classes for Levels 1-6 begin the week of Sept. 21

For more information, go to:

<https://stpatsrfc.wordpress.com/calendar/>

Other Parish Events That Have Resumed:

St. Anne's Prayer Group is meeting on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 PM outside the Parish Center in the shade by the St. Anthony statue. **Please bring a chair and wear a facemask.**

First Saturday Devotion - All are welcome to come and pray at 8:00 AM in the church on the First Saturday of the month.

Registration for Fall Deck Hockey is open. Just go to stpatsyouth.com

Registration is also open for St. Patrick's / Village of the Branch Soccer at vobsoccer.net

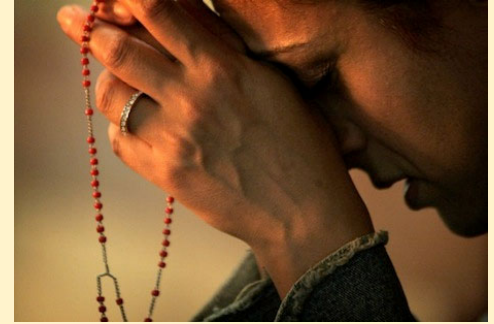
Our Something for Seniors group will **not** meet until January.

A CALL TO PRAYER

*Our country is in great need
of prayer and healing*

*Please join us on Thursday evenings
from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the church*

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th
for a Holy Hour and Prayers for our Nation



Members of our Legion of Mary and St. Anne's Prayer Group will be lead us in prayer as we entrust our country to Divine Providence through Our Lady's Intercession



For young people striving for holiness, the college years can be particularly challenging. Bishop John Barres has some words of advice for students headed for college, encouraging them to be a witness to the faith on their college campuses. To read Bishop Barres' letter, go to:

https://www.drvc.org/wp-content/uploads/Final_LETTER2STUDENTS_08_01_2020.pdf

St. Patrick's Church Blood Drive

Thursday, August 27th
from 2:00 to 8 :00 PM in Canning Hall

New York Blood Center Declares Emergency Blood Appeal

It is safe to donate blood, and healthy individuals are encouraged to donate so that blood is available for those patients who are in need. Donors must wear a mask or face covering and will have their temperature taken prior to being allowed to start the donation process. For eligibility questions please call 800-688-0900. Remember to eat, drink and bring your Donor ID or ID with name and photo. To schedule an appointment, please call or e-mail Michelle Torres @ 646-983-0661/ mtorres@nybc.org. You may also visit the Blood Service website @ NYBC.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Thank you!



Your support of Parish Outreach Is Making a Huge Difference

It will be a different type of school year, but schools are opening. **Donations of school supplies** and gift certificates are much appreciated and will be gratefully accepted at Parish Outreach. Many of our parishioners find September a burden financially. The following is a list of some of the supplies routinely needed: Marble notebooks, hard cover binders – 1", 1 1/2", 2", loose-leaf paper, backpacks, large glue sticks, scissors, post-it notes, folders, erasers, rulers, protractors, highlighters, dividers for binders, markers. **Any parishioners who find it difficult to purchase school supplies for their children are welcome to take advantage of this program.** Feel free to call the Outreach office – (631) 265-2668.



Thank you to all our parishioners who have reached out to help those in need through your generous donations of food. Please know that our Parish Outreach office is open from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, Monday through Friday, should you be in need of food or other services.

*For the safety of all concerned, we will be serving people outside the rectory. **Please call our office ahead of your visit at 631-265-2668** and speak through our intercom system at the side door of the rectory. Food items will be brought out to your car.*

***If you are in the position to donate food, please bring donations to the Parish Outreach office between 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM.** Please use our intercom system and we will pick up donations at the side door. During the summer months, food pantry donations typically decline. Please keep us in mind during the summer. Contributions of fresh produce from your gardens are also welcome.*

Thank you for your generosity during these difficult times.

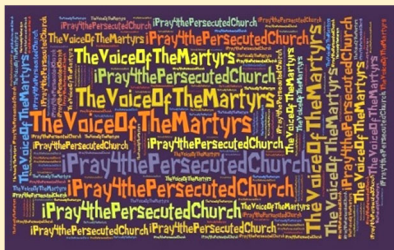


We are a People of Prayer

Please continue to say the following prayers each day as we seek God's guidance, strength and courage

Gracious God, we are your people embraced by your love. We thank you for your presence with us throughout all time. Create us anew. Liberate us from that which keeps us from you. Enable us to recreate our world and restore justice. Heal us from every form of sin and violence. Transform us to live your Word more profoundly. Reconcile us so enemies become friends. Awaken us to the sacred; nurture our relationships; enliven our parishes; reunite our families. Fill us with joy to celebrate the fullness of life. Empower us to be a community of love growing in your likeness. Amen.

Thank you Father for the gift of life. Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus. May my gratitude inspire and sustain me in doing everything I can to respect the lives of all people and to do all in my power to end abortion and everything else that harms, abuses, or threatens human life. Give me the courage and strength to live in your image each day. Amen.



Lord, the plight of our brothers and sisters is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare their lives to grant them patience and courage to continue their witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Amen.

The symbol to the right (the Arabic letter "N" for Nazarene) is being used to mark Christians in Iraq for persecution.





Camp St. Patrick in Pictures



This was a very different camp year for Camp St. Patrick. Due to COVID-19 concerns, there were no trips to local attractions. All activities took place right here at St. Patrick's. It ended up being a great summer for our campers with many friendships made and counselors commenting that campers seemed to bond more than in years past. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make Camp St. Patrick possible!



**Thank you to all our camp families!
We wish you a happy, healthy school year!**

A Note of Thanks From Our Youth Administrator Cindy Marsh

For the past few decades, the decision to offer camp was never an “if” but rather a “when.” Coordinating the camp start and end dates was a discussion that occurred with the school and other staff members, with the approval of Msgr. Walden. This year, of course, was another story.

When the pandemic evolved, I was of the mind set it would be something that would last maybe a month or two. We all know the outcome of that. As the weeks entered May, and schools made the decision to have virtual graduations, the thought of summer camp and sports was still uncertain. The conversations I had with Fr. Walden were centered on the safety and viability of offering our program on a much smaller scale, along with many new protocols and revisions. Thankfully we were fully supported by our parish and we were able to open Camp St. Patrick, albeit a bit different, once we had the nod from our governor and the Department of Health.

I am grateful for the core staff members who chose to work during the uncertain climate. I am grateful for the parents who entrusted their children in our care. I am grateful that God blessed us with guidance, fortitude and safety as we navigated our summer camp . We continue to hold deck hockey for another few weeks and continue to follow health and safety guidelines with the cooperation of staff, parents, players and spectators. Our fall programs include our deck hockey, full-day enrichment and our before and aftercare program for the school students, tutoring and more. We are committed to offering as much as we can, for our youth, when it is feasible under our new guidelines.

Philippians 4:13 is a verse I say often.... **“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”** Each day brings new challenges and opportunities to offer our abilities and services to those members in our parish and community who are in need of services. I am privileged to work with the many talented, selfless and faith-filled members of our Youth Community and Parish Community. On behalf of all of us, we wish you continued health, safety, and peace, which are accomplished from our fellowship with Christ.

God Bless,

Cynthia Marsh

Youth Administrator
St. Patrick - Smithtown



XLT Holy Hours 2020-21

Yes, they are back! Our XLT Holy Hours will return in October!

XLT (for exalt) Holy Hours are a time to grow closer to Christ through song, word, and adoration. Take some time to step away from the world and into a face-to-face encounter with Jesus. XLT Holy Hours are scheduled for the following Friday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the church:

October 9th	March 5th
November 6th	April 16th
January 8th	May 7th
February 5th	June 4th



The holy hour in our modern rat race is necessary for authentic prayer. Our world is one of speed in which intensity of movement is a substitute for lack of purpose; where noise is invoked to drown out the whisperings of conscience; where talk, talk, talk gives the impression that we are doing something when really we are not; where activity kills self-knowledge won by contemplation.

- Archbishop Fulton Sheen

LIFE TEEN

ST. PATRICK, SMITHTOWN

LIFE NIGHTS 2020-2021

If you are in high school, please join us for Life Teen 2020-21!

Below is a list of our meeting dates:

September 20th
September 27th

October 4th
October 18th*
October 25th

November 1st
November 15th*
November 22nd

December 6th
December 13th

January 3rd
January 10th*
January 24th
January 31st

February 7th
February 21st
February 28th

March 7th*
March 14th*
March 21st*
March 28th*

April 11th
April 18th
April 25th*

May 2nd
May 16th
May 23rd

June 6th
June 13th

*All meetings are from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center, following the 5:00 PM Mass.
Covid-19 safety precautions will be implemented.*

**Wear Sneakers*

Thank You For Your Generosity!

A Note From Youth Minister Josh Moore

Dear Parishioners,

Last February, before this pandemic, I had requested donations so I could bring a group of high schoolers from our parish to the NYC Steubenville Conference hosted by LifeTeen and Franciscan University. I had prayerfully requested funds to help make this trip a reality for a lot of teens. My goal was to make the trip free for as many kids as I possibly could, my original goal was 40 and by the grace of God, and the generosity of parishioners, **we exceeded our goal**. As of today we have enough funds to bring 43 kids! Now, unfortunately due to the severity of the pandemic, the Steubenville conference this past July, was cancelled. So we were unable to attend, but this coming summer, as long as things continue to look the way they do now, we **WILL** be going and what a blessing it will be! So, I just wanted to extend a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who gave. I was so blown away by the love, the kindness, and generosity of you, the parishioners here at St. Patrick's. I was so stunned. I remember praying through this in January, I was on my knees in the Quiet Place Chapel asking God to make this a reality so that He can be glorified. So all glory to God. Thank you again for supporting this ministry and I just pray that these 43 teens can have an encounter with God this coming summer that sets their heart on fire, so that they can pursue Him and His Church the rest of their lives. Thanks again!

God Bless,

Josh Moore

Youth Minister



Hello! My name is Deacon Art Candido!

*As **DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION**, my ministry is to **FORM CATHOLIC MEN INTO DEACONS** who serve in our Diocese of Rockville Centre.*

*If you have ever thought about **SERVING GOD AND THE CHURCH** as a deacon, I invite you and your wife to attend one of our **INFORMATION SESSIONS** so I can share about the diaconate with you.*

There are three meeting dates to choose from—

7:00 PM Tuesday, September 15th

4:00 PM Sunday, September 20th

OR 7:00 PM Thursday, September 24th

at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743.

To reserve a place at one of the meetings,
contact my assistant, Carol, at 631-423-0483 Ext. 179
or email diaconateformation@drvc.org



Looking for a Good Catholic Podcast?

UNTITLED CATHOLIC PODCAST

If you are a Catholic who likes a good podcast, then this is the show for you. Fr. Sean Magaldi, his brother Justin and Nolan Reynolds, director of youth ministry for the diocese, are the hosts of the Untitled Catholic Podcast. Three amazing Catholics share their stories and their faith, along with a lot of laughs. The podcast is available on Podbean, iTunes or Stitcher as follows:

<https://untitledcatholicpodcast.podbean.com/>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/untitled-catholic-podcast/id1186563545>

<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/sean-magaldi/the-untitled-catholic-podcast>

... and the Untitled Catholic Podcast will soon be available on YouTube!



Fr. Sean Magaldi



Justin Magaldi



Nolan Reynolds

Recent Episodes Include:

Catholic Cameo

Heresy Horn

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Carbs and Deer Attacks

Don't miss an all-time favorite episode from 2018: "I'm Not a Wretch: 25 Questions with Msgr. McDonald," an interview with the late Msgr. James McDonald.



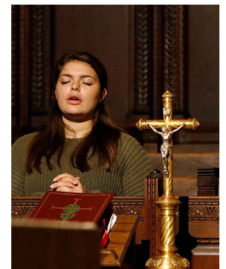
2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Through this time of quarantine, it has been so important to lean on the Lord and know that He is guiding us and has not left our side. Even though the time of day or place to pray may look different, God has not changed and is still present to each of us. It was important for the Young Adult office to offer virtual events to help the community remain connected to Christ and each other, and to help them set aside time for prayer in their days. - Mary Mailloux, Director of Young Adult Ministry

Your Appeal donation provides spiritual, social, and service opportunities for Young Adults inviting them to grow in their relationship with God.

During NY Pause – our diocesan ministries have remained active and creative, evangelizing and strengthening the faith in unique ways. Our Young Adult Ministry immediately provided resources for prayer on various online platforms from parishes and national sites.

Live streamed events were conducted through YouTube and Instagram Live, and meetings were held via Zoom such as a Men's and Women's Bible Study - Men studied 1 Peter and Women studied Ephesians. There have been virtual women's discernment meetings for those discerning a vocation to the Religious Life, and the Sisters of Life joined the group during breakout sessions!



To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296**

Mail in forms are available at the rectory

Register Now for Fall Deck Hockey and Soccer

Fall 2020 Deck Hockey

St. Patrick Youth is now accepting deck hockey registrations for boys and girls in grades pre-K through 11.

The deadline is August 24th. After that date, registrations will be placed on a waiting list. All games are played outside on the St. Patrick's Sports Court. Required Equipment: Street hockey helmet, hockey shin guards, elbow pads, hockey stick and protective cup.



You may register online, through the mail, or in person at the Youth Office.

For more information or to register, go to:
stpatryouth.com or call 631-360-0185.

Fall 2020 Soccer



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Registration is now open for the Fall 2020 Clinic and Intramural Programs!

The season kicks off on Saturday, September 12th.

Our Clinic & Intramural programs are for children ages 3 to 7 (birth years 2013 - 2017). Scheduled dates of play are as follows:

**September 12th, 13th, 20th, 26th, 27th
October 4th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 25th**

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For more information
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Both programs will be implementing COVID-19 Safety Precautions.

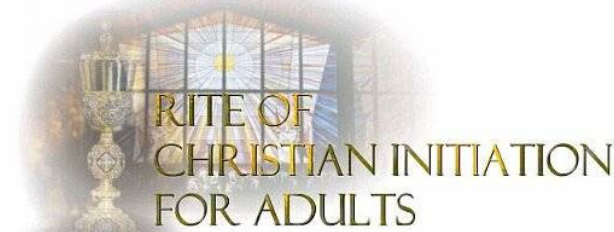
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Each year our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and our RCIA for Young People programs welcome people from a variety of faith backgrounds as well as Catholics who need to complete their sacraments. To learn more, email us at rcia@stpatriksmithtown.org or call the rectory at 631-265-2271.



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This month, our parish is celebrating its 80th Anniversary. While we became a parish in July of 1932, our church history dates back to the early 1830s. Read about the early years of St. Patrick Church inside this bulletin.

More Summer Fun at Camp St. Patrick
Camps ages 3 to 14 are packing their summer with great activities and trips, as well as new friendships at Camp St. Patrick. More photos and information inside.

Please continue to say the following prayers each day as we seek God's guidance, strength and courage.

Gracious God, we are your people embraced by your love. We thank you for your presence with us throughout all time. Create us anew. Liberate us from that which keeps us from you. Enable us to recreate our world and restore justice. Heal us from every form of sin and violence. Transform us to be your Word more profoundly. Recreate us as we enter the world. Awaken us to the sacred, nurture our relationships. Enrich our practices, multiply our families. Fill us with joy to celebrate the presence of life. Empower us to be a community of love growing in your likeness. Amen.

Thank you Father for the gift of life. Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus. May my gratitude inspire and sustain me in doing everything I can to respect the lives of all people and to do all in my power to end abortion and everything else that harms, abuses, or threatens human life. Give me the courage and strength to live in your image each day. Amen.

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St. Patrick's offers several forms of online giving:

(1) **Faith Direct:** Signing up for Faith Direct allows you to indicate a weekly contribution amount that is automatically withdrawn from your account. Just go to faithdirect.net or download the Faith Direct app from the App Store. Our Parish code is NY51.

(2) **Our website:** You can contribute at any time by going to our website: stpatricksmithtown.org. Just click the "Donate" button at the top right.

(3) **Our Parish App:** In addition to its many other features, the OneParish App has a donation page that allows quick and easy one-time or recurring donations. You can download the One Parish App at the App Store.

(4) **Our newest electronic giving option is "Text to Give"** a program set up by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Just send a text message to 516-271-3338. In the message, type 155parishstpatrick - you will receive a message back with a link that you can use to make a donation.



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We all know there is no magic formula for raising children. There are no shortcuts, no overnight solutions, and no parenthood manuals that can give you a perfect family. However, with some intentionality and the tools we offer you, your family can have a great foundation for working together to build character strengths that increase the positive, intentional environment in your home. After years of research, we know that one of the best ways for your family to thrive is by growing in character strengths.

Moral character and faith development cannot be outsourced to a school, church, or sports program. It must come from the parents. Building Better Families is a sixteen-part video series. Each video is between four and eight minutes long and helps parents learn about sixteen different character strengths and their opposing vices—the excess and the deficit. Steve Markel, the founder of Families of Character, narrates the series.

Reflections on the Sunday Scriptures

August 30, 2020

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Romans 12: 1-2;
Matthew 16: 21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Focus Questions:

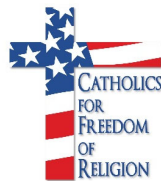
1. Relate a time when God's way did not meet your expectations.
2. Describe a time when you took up your cross to follow Christ.
3. Describe a time when what seemed to be bad news turned out to be good news.

Children & Family Reflection:

Talk about a time when you gave up something to maintain harmony in your family.

We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them.

- St. Francis of Assisi



Focus on Religious Freedom

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Creative Christians Find Unique Places to Worship

Worshippers met in a local Walmart on June 26th in North Versailles, PA, after Gov. Tom Wolf ordered that individuals "should not gather in religious buildings or homes for services or celebrations until the stay-at-home order is lifted." (1)

The church had moved its worship service from its building to Walmart after police officers interrupted to disperse the congregation. Law Enforcement Today (LET) reported, "If people can safely gather at a Walmart to worship, then it is absurd to suggest that the actual house of worship is any more dangerous." (2)

"This just further affirms the bias that is taking place across the country in the name of 'safety' and 'quarantine.' Liquor stores and marijuana shops were deemed essential, but not houses of worship." (3)

A group of 500 Evangelical Christians held a prayer and praise service in the lobby of a 1,600-person capacity Las Vegas casino on August 6th, since Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak restricted services in houses of worship to 50 people but allowed casinos to operate at 50% capacity. Retail stores and restaurants are also allowed to reopen at 50% capacity. "The governor allows hundreds to thousands to assemble in pursuit of financial fortunes but only 50 to gather in pursuit of spiritual ones. That is unconstitutional," said lawyers for the church. (4)

This casino prayer and praise event came two weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the plea of Calvary Chapel in Nevada to suspend the state-imposed 50-person limit for church gatherings. In a 5-4 decision, justices denied the church's appeal to allow services for up to 90 members, 50% capacity, while fully complying with social-distancing and other rules.

Dissenting Justice Sam Alito wrote, "We have a duty to defend the Constitution, and even a public health emergency does not absolve us of that responsibility." "The Constitution guarantees the free exercise of religion. It says nothing about freedom to play craps or blackjack..." (5)

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St. Patrick Youth

St. Patrick's Youth web address is:

stpatsyouth.com

All forms and registrations are available on our website.

Youth Office email is spyouth@optonline.net

Our phone is [631-360-0185](tel:631-360-0185)

VIRTUS Training

All volunteers/coaches are required to attend a VIRTUS class if they have not done so. On-line registration must be completed before you attend. See VIRTUS.org for information and registration.

CPR/First Aide

Training courses are available and will be available throughout the year.

You may call the office for more information

Read the Bible in a year challenge!

St. Patrick's Youth challenges you to read the Bible in a year! Just go to the website and you will find the link with daily readings

Enrichment/Before and Aftercare Program

Before Care – Our program is offered Monday through Friday following the St. Patrick School schedule. It begins at until 8:20 AM

After Care- Our program is offered Monday through Friday following the St. Patrick School schedule, from 2:20 to 6:00 PM

You must register in advance.

You may download forms from our website

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Folk Group (Grades 6 -12)

Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)

Children's Choir practice:
6:15 to 7:00 PM in Keegan Hall
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- St. Augustine

Pray for the Sick

Lillian Adams	Maria Clarke	Matthew LaTorre
Thomas Adams	Carly Colvell	Angela M.
Laura Alam	Anthony Costaro, III	Chris M.
Dennis Anderson	Marie Crowley	C. Madden
Russ Anderson	Joseph Cuccia	Alison McDonald
J.M.A.	Grace Demille	Dustin McGranahan
Grace B.	Karen Dempsey	James McLean
Judith Bartley	Matthew DiStefano	Joseph Merriam
Ann Bono	Richard DeVilla	Kathleen N.
Ashley Borino	Salvatore Esposito	Amanda Ooten
Anthony Borrelli	Marilyn Gast	Ariel Ruvinsky
Agnes Black	Mary Gorman Geraci	Bea S.
George Bruckbauer	Elinor Glasser	Lawrence Savery
Francis C.	Thomas Gould	Joan Schiavoni
Rick C.	Bob Heimink	Tankyard Schiavoni
Daniel Carrano	Robert Heimink, Jr.	Theresa Soriano
Tom Clark	Cynthia Kambos	Christine Strecker
	Mary K.	John Weiss

Those listed under "Prayers for the Sick" remain on the list for a limited period of time. If you would like to add a name or return a name to the list, please call Parish Outreach at 631-265-2668.

Pray for the Dead

John William Agliato	Edward Cornati	James Shellock
Catherine Brancaccio		

Parting Shot

Ready to Roll - Not only did Camp St. Patrick offer a host of activities for children and young people, it also offered "driving lessons" One of the favorite activities in Kiddie Camp was driving around the sports court.



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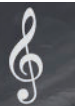
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