Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. -

MLK Day Faith in Action Assembly
Monday, January 18 | 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at First Baptist Congregational Church
Just a Thought...

For whatever reason, I have been doing my annual physical in January and paid a visit to the doctor’s office this past week. Thankfully, after a quick oil change and tire rotation, I seem to be running okay. The only hiccup during the exam was related to a recent cold and mild sinus infection I was fighting last weekend. Though I always strive to be transparent with all of you, I’m sure you’re not interested in the gory details of my annual physical. But that cold and sinus infection made it hard for me to hear! I’ve been struggling all week with my plugged ears and likewise the acoustics in the church. Though you didn’t know it, you could hear me but I was really having a hard time hearing you during the Mass. It was really a weird feeling. Again, probably a little more information than you need to know, but hey, we’re family!

Mindful and sensitive to our sisters and brothers who live with hearing impairment, I have a great appreciation of the gifts which God has given us, especially with all of our struggles and imperfections.

But using the metaphor of this past week’s visit to the physician, I thought the metaphor was both helpful and challenging: Who hears us? What is being heard? Who is being heard? Who is not being heard? What needs to be heard? I can’t help but think about it as we approach this weekend honoring the great legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. In the aftermath of these Advent and Christmas days, I am reminded of John the Baptist when I think of Dr. King: A voice of one crying out in the desert! Make straight the paths! Martin Luther King’s life, rooted in Faith and enflamed by the Holy Spirit, was about crying out for Justice and Peace and making straight the crooked paths caused by racism and injustices. Sadly, however, we know that there are still too many in our society for whom the “hearing impairment” for racial equality and justice continues to fall on deaf ears and hard hearts.

Tomorrow, I would like to invite you to consider coming with me to First Baptist Congregational Church (1613 W. Washington Blvd.) for the annual Faith in Action Assembly hosted by Community Renewal Society (details located on page 8). Together with one of our inspired leaders Rachel Lyons, we will gather here at Old St. Pat’s at 8:45 a.m. and make our way over to First Baptist to join a thousand other people who quite simply are fired up about the Kingdom of God. I never really thought rallies were “my thing”, but after attending last year and being with women and men from so many different churches, I was really inspired by the energy and passion people share for making our city and communities more just and peaceful. Like Dr. King, it’s about being heard. Likewise, with the presence of so many political leaders from around the city and states, the day is focused on them hearing from the people on issues that are critical to the common good. I will admit that last year, at times, I was maybe hearing too much or perhaps hearing things that were unsettling for me. Then I thought, That’s okay. I need to hear all sides and I need to be challenged if I’m going to grow as a person and a disciple.

Everyone has the right to be heard. We have a responsibility to not only listen and hear the voices and concerns of others, but as Christians we need to speak up and ask others to hear us.

I am reminded of the powerful song from Ragtime that often is sung by our good friend Rodrick Dixon when he has been at Old St. Pat’s for various occasions: Make Them Hear You! Go out and tell the story, let it echo far wide: Make them hear you! Make them hear you! How justice was our battle and how justice was denied, make them hear you!

May the inspiration and challenge of the Risen Jesus, who inspired the prophetic heart and voice of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, the messenger of peace and non-violence continue to ring in our ears and be seen in our actions.

Peace to you and to our world.

Father Tom Hurley, Pastor

You can also find me on Twitter!

@TomHurleyOSP
By: Vincent Guider

I brought in the New Year thanking God for the many blessings I enjoy, as is my usual practice during that season. However this year I also found myself being preoccupied with hopes and prayers that we in Chicagoland can find some ways to move closer toward more peace and sanity in 2016 and away from the tragedies that so frequently filled the Chicago newscasts during 2015.

The troubling social concerns we are grappling with in Chicago keep me wondering what on earth any of us can do to begin setting things right. They also pose the question to our Church about how we, as people of Christian faith, are to respond. What can we do to make a difference? Who will step forward? How and when should they do so? Given these questions, what do we mean when we say, 'kinship'?

This new year challenges me/us to find ways of joining forces with other people of faith to counteract bigotry, greed, apathy and oppressive systems that seek to divide and conquer us. It compels me/us to say, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH" and find ways to actually end the killing in our streets and homes. It makes me/us figure out why people all around us (and I’m not talking about people way off across the oceans in third world countries) face so many day to day struggles and barriers to life opportunity. I/We in this America with a Declaration of Independence that advises how we are “endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit happiness”, experience outrage that so many among us are hungry, languishing in failing schools, homeless, unemployed, racially profiled, alienated, shot down like vermin or mistreated because of whom they love. I/we wonder how we will find enough strength and allies to address such ills and live the promises of mercy, peace and prosperity. The questions and my/our search for answers continues.

I found some solace from my lamenting on New Year’s Day when I read one of the Apostle Paul’s letters to the Hebrews. In all of Chapter 11 he recounts the names and deeds of saintly men and women from the Old Testament. He describes how they trudged ahead in the face of adversity, guided by their faith, to make a difference. He tells of Abel’s offering, Enoch being taken up by God, Noah and Abraham’s obedience, Isaac and Jacob’s inheritance, Sara’s strength and Rahab’s courage in the face of danger to name a few. They marched on with Godly indignation despite the perils and obstacles they faced. Later in Hebrews 12:1, Paul continued by issuing a direct challenge to me/us, the believers. He said:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Here, St. Paul used two central themes to exhort me/us today. The first is a reminder that there are saints that breathe and move among us every day. They do godly work to make the world better. The second theme cautions me/us to take on whatever social missions we engage in with an awareness that they come with challenges. We cannot fully accomplish the more important work that we do easily or overnight, it takes time, determination and faith on our part.

Saintly people that I’ve/we’ve known personally and those deceased and canonized are usually best known for what they did with and among God’s people. We may admire their piety, their contemplation and their religious practices, but it is their walks and talks of faith that sets them apart spiritually. Though humanly flawed, they are ones who serve those who are most in need of mercy, compassion and justice, and in some cases their saintliness has happened in rambunctious fashion. Still, they put their lives on the line to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, comfort the anxious, visit the sick and lonely ever knowing they may face difficulties along the way. Jesus spoke of lively people such as these when He said, “Faith, if it has no works, is dead” [James 2:17].

It has been said that the mission of every Christian is to live a holy life. If we believe this, sainthood is a state of being worth striving for - being more one with God is the ultimate goal. Therefore if we even dare to dream of placing ourselves among the Communion of Saints some day, we are required to get up from our easy chairs, leave our comfort zones and delve into sometimes unfamiliar, possibly uncomfortable, perhaps even dangerous situations. It means doing our best under the risk of being inconvenienced or misunderstood. It also challenges us to resist the urge to scapegoat, wag our fingers or point out the pathologies in others without first deeply examining the demons within our social systems and ourselves. Getting things right is hard, important, saintly work and it’s up to us to try and do it.

I feel privileged to be one of many contributors to the partnership between Old St. Pat’s Church and our West Side neighbors in the North Lawndale neighborhood. We call it the Kinship Initiative because it is a collaboration built on relationship above all. I also draw inspiration from our Social Justice and Outreach Ministries. They are filled with participants who are living, breathing examples of holiness. They do not serve with the expectation of quick and simple results; they know what they do is more like a marathon than a sprint. They work at gathering people to dream and think through the needs and possibilities of our city, and they then roll up their sleeves to make things happen. People such as these, who bring such saintly energy to the table know sainthood is not something so daunting that one should never strive for it. Instead, they epitomize the old saying, “Every sinner is a potential saint and every saint is a former sinner.”

Vincent Guider is the Director of the North Lawndale Kinship Initiative at Old St. Patrick’s Church.
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### “WE ARE OSP”

**PHOTO OF THE WEEK**

**“FIRST GRADE BAPTIZERS”**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**FAMILY MINISTRY**

The Partners first graders learned about baptism last Sunday, which was the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

Submit a #weareosp photo by emailing bulletin@oldstpats.org or following @oldstpatschicago on Instagram and tagging your photo #weareosp!
Harmony, Hope & Healing is so grateful to be singing and worshipping with the OSP community today. Thank you for welcoming us and allowing us to share our music with you! We have just begun our first session of the year, the theme of which is “We are Members of the Community and Serving the City.”

HHH provides a safe environment for our participants to evolve, discover their authentic voice and advocate for themselves in their community through the power of music. If you would like to learn more about the work that HHH does, please find us after the service, or email us at info@harmonyhopeandhealing.org.

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Foundations Youth Ministry Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 31, 2016
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
$10 for adults, $5 for children 12 & under

Old St. Patrick’s Church Hall
700 W. Adams, Chicago

All proceeds will go toward the Old St. Patrick’s Foundations Youth Ministry Summer Worktours and ND Vision!

Saint Valentine’s Day Mass Volunteers
Our annual St. Valentine’s Mass for married couples to celebrate and renew their vows will be on Saturday, February 13. We are looking for couples who might be willing to help plan and host the post-Mass reception in Hughes Hall. Please contact Keara at kearac@oldstpats.org.

Registration for new Just Pizza groups begins this week!
Visit www.oldstpats.org/just-pizza/to join a group in your neighborhood!
If you are also interested in hosting a group in your home, please email justpizza@oldstpats.org.

*Just Pizza is a network of faith sharing groups that meet at members homes around the city to discuss and share the mission of Old St. Patrick’s through great company and provoking conversation about the gospel. If you have any questions about hosting or joining, please contact Keara at Kearac@oldstpats.org
Year Of Mercy: Oasis Reflection
By: John Shea

“In our parishes, communities, associations and movements... everyone should find an oasis of mercy.”
-Pope Francis

“Oasis” is a provocative image. Although we are not a desert culture, we have travelled enough, seen enough movies, and read enough books to grasp the meaning. Oasis is a place of rest and resources in the middle of a desert. When we are there, we connect with our spirit before we return to the hardships of the demanding desert.

Without an oasis of mercy, the Pope sees life as: “fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert.” In other words, unless we find mercy the desert will dominate.

Since mercy is so valuable, the Pope does not spare his praise. “[Mercy] is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace ... [It is] the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.”

But so much for praise!

What is it about mercy that is so core to our wellbeing and generativity?

The Pope has many insights, and we will ponder them. But basically he points to mercy as a personal path. “We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy.”

His hope is that through this exercise of contemplation “the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.”

This is a hard piece of advice. We cannot borrow someone else’s mind and heart about mercy. We must walk the path ourselves and discover the ways of mercy and the life it gives us.

In order to do this, we will have an “oasis reflection” each month. This short reflection will guide our thoughts and feelings and bring us into a world where mercy lifts our minds and hearts and inspires our actions.

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SAVE THE DATE
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

FAITH IN ACTION ASSEMBLY
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

Take action in the spirit of Dr. King and hold our elected officials accountable.

Fight for economic justice, a fair tax, ending police brutality and creating job opportunities for people with records.

Win victories to PREVENT VIOLENCE, FUND EDUCATION and CREATE JOBS!

ACT TO REPAIR JUSTICE, RESTORE LIVES & REBUILD COMMUNITY!

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere

JOIN US: Community Renewal Society’s Faith in Action Assembly

The Assembly will include prayer, historical witness to Dr. King’s legacy and action on behalf of our community.

WHEN: MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

WHERE: First Baptist Congregational Church
1613 W. Washington Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60607

Our MLK Faith in Action Assembly is back again this year! Join us for a powerful day to honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King’s legacy and to work towards justice and equality in job opportunities, housing, and safety for our communities. Shuttles are available from Old St. Pat’s to the assembly at First Baptist Congregational Church (Washington & Ashland). Fr. Tom Hurley and our Social Justice in Action team will host a lunch for everyone in Hughes Hall following the assembly. The celebration is free, but please RSVP to reserve your spot at the assembly/lunch. RSVP today: rachel@oldstpats.org.
Join the Siamsa na nGael Choir!

We invite you to come and join our Siamsa choir whether you are a karaoke singer or a shower singer; whether you sang in high school or sing in your church choir or local theatre; whether you read music or are a professional singer. We are looking for singers who can match pitch and pick up music fairly quickly to join our choir. Come and be part of the St. Patrick celebration that sings on the stage at Symphony Center on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

This year we are commemorating the 100th anniversary of the “Rising”, when Ireland declared its independence from England. Though unsuccessful at first in its quest for self government, Ireland was declared a Free State by 1922. We will tell the story of three women who were instrumental in bringing about that Irish independence through the arts and politics. One was a member of the Church of England, one a member of the Presbyterian Church, and one a Roman Catholic.

We will tell their stories through music and narrative featuring dancers and narrators; Metropolis Symphony Orchestra; vocal soloists Gavin Coyle, Rodrick Dixon, and Catherine O’Connell; and the Siamsa Concert Choir under the direction of Bill Fraher.

For more information, please contact Bill Fraher at BillFraher52@gmail.com or 312.831.9353.

Looking forward to meeting you, hearing you, and making beautiful music together!

Siamsa Choir Rehearsal Schedule
All rehearsals 7-9 p.m. in Hughes Hall
January 19, 26 & 28
February 2, 6, 9, 11, 16, 23 & 25
March 1 & 7
Rehearsal (at Symphony Center): March 8, 4:30 p.m.
Concert (at Symphony Center): March 8, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Monday, February 1 through the Symphony Center Box Office by calling 312.294.3000 or visiting www.cso.org.

See next week’s bulletin for more information on this extraordinary program!
Adoptive Families Celebration Mass

I am a Dream come TRUE!

January 17, 2016

Location:
Old St. Patrick's Church
700 W. Adams Street, Chicago, IL

Time:
5:00pm Mass

All families are joyfully invited to join us for a "Celebration of Adoption" Mass & casual family get together in the Church Hall following mass.
(Pizza & Refreshments will be served!!)

For additional information, please contact Joni or Bob Acamovic,
chinafamily@sbcglobal.net
Members of OSP Next present the fifth annual...

Join us in Hughes Hall on **February 5th and 6th** for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and live music.

Doors for **Broadway on Adams** open at 7:00 pm. The show will begin at 7:30 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

These tickets sell out fast! Get them before they’re gone! Ticket sales will begin on Monday, January 18th at 9 a.m. Visit the Old St. Pat's website for the link to tickets!

**Single tickets: $20 | Sponsorship Table: $250**

Visit our website at [www.oldstpats.org](http://www.oldstpats.org). Follow Old St. Pat's on: 🌐facebook 🌐twitter 🌐instagram
Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR):

Developing Present Moment Awareness

The MBSR program is a way of integrating the Spiritual Practice of Mindfulness into daily life: learning to walk the contemplative path with practical feet. Mindfulness is a quality of awareness that develops with regular practice; as we pay attention on purpose in the present moment, non-judgmentally, to life as it really is.

Research has shown MBSR supports health enhancement, and emotional resilience. In an eight week MBSR program you will learn, “Present Moment Awareness” which:

- Quiets the mind, lessens reactivity, promotes greater peace
- Sharpens focus, increases concentration, supports clarity
- Allows us to take charge of, and be empowered in our lives

When:

2016 Winter-Spring

Monday evenings: 6 - 8:30 p.m.

- Mondays: 1/25, 2/1, 2/8
- Thursday*: 2/18
- Mondays: 2/22, 2/29
- Saturday* 3/5 Mindfulness Retreat: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Mondays: 3/7, 3/14

Registration: Attendance Required at one MBSR Information/Registration session: January 19, or 20, or 21, 2016: 6-8:30 p.m. which includes: MBSR presentation, questions, interviews and fee collection. If unable to attend, please contact Holly Nelson-Johnson (hnjohnson@icloud.com)

Program Fee: $495. Fee reduced to $475 when paid in full at Mindfulness registration. Participants receive 30 hours group instruction including: MBSR Program Manual with meditations, practices, poetry, skill guides, resources, and Mindfulness practice CD’s.

*Class size is limited.*

Location: Fr. Jack Wall Mission Center: 711 West Monroe, Second Floor, Room #25: B-C.

“There is in all visible things, a hidden wholeness” Thomas Merton

Teacher: Holly Nelson-Johnson, MSN, APN, FNP-BC is a Family Nurse Practitioner, Certified MBSR Teacher/Mentor, and an Interpersonal Mindfulness Teacher who has offered Mindfulness programing, and Spiritual Practices at Old St. Patrick’s for many years. She has a background in Interfaith Dialogue and Social Justice, having taught Mindfulness-Based approaches for more than twenty-five years.

Contact: Holly Nelson-Johnson: hnjohnson@icloud.com for MBSR program application PRIOR to the MBSR Information-Registration session; or Tammy Roeder: tammyr@oldstpats.org
Mary Kay Slowikowski Presents...

The Journey

Are you ready to let go of the past and journey forward with enhanced life skills that will take you to the next level?

It’s time to draw your Road Map to less defensiveness, more self-awareness and a greater understanding of what makes lasting relationships “tick.”

Recharge and renew through the following steps:

- Learn how to become “negativity-free.”
- Understand when feedback is off-base, unfair and poorly delivered.
- Become a conscious leader, free to guide and serve others.
- Discover how significant emotional events lead to growth in spirituality

When: January 23, 2016 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Where: 711 W. Monroe St. 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60661
(free parking at SE corner of Des Plaines & Adams)
Cost: $35 (includes lunch) – Make checks out to: “Old St. Patrick’s”
Mail Checks To: Fr. Jack Wall Mission Center Attn: Tammy Roeder 711 W. Monroe St.
Reservations: 312.648.1021 or 630.985.7570 – Please call by January 15th
Vendor Tables: Available for $135 (inc. table, workshop and lunch)

Mary Kay heads up the Encore group here at Old St. Pat’s and is the co-founder of Old St. Pat’s Off-Site/InSight Speaker and Discussion Series. She is an internationally known speaker and the first female motivational speaker to appear nationally on PBS. A victim of crippling panic attacks and agoraphobia, Mary Kay overcame many obstacles in life to become a successful speaker.

Mary Kay doesn’t come out of a book - she comes out of life!
OSP Next is the community for Young Adults at Old St. Pat’s! There’s nothing formal to join - if you’re here, you ARE the community! Simply join us anytime for one of the events or opportunities listed here. Meet your fellow OSP young adults as we Engage, Encounter & Serve. Looking to do even more? Join a committee anytime! Email OSPnext@oldstpats.org.

Want to become more involved with OSPnext?
OSP Next Leadership Team, Committees & Green Shirt Volunteers
Looking to do even more? Join an OSPnext committee or become a Green Shirt!

The OSP Next Leadership Team* consists of the co-chairs of our four OSP Next Committees.

Social Committee • Spiritual Committee • Spiritual Committee
Mission Advancement Committee

Green Shirt Volunteers*:
We’re always in need of extra volunteers to help us, whenever it might fit your schedule:

• Lead OSP Next Fellowship (takes place after most 5pm masses)
• Assist with various OSP Next events
• Assist with Church-wide events where OSP Next help is requested

*C Committees and Green Shirt are open to additional help anytime - just email OSPnext@oldstpats.org

Catholicism 101: A Breakdown of Mass
Wednesday, January 20 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Hughes Hall

“Remind me, why do we do that part during Mass...?” Our very own Fr. Tom Hurley is going to walk us through all aspects of the liturgy. You might gain some new insights as an adult as we get a refresher on the following:

Overview of what is on the altar • Historic/Evolution of Mass • Clothes/Garment of priest Liturgy (the word, the Eucharist, etc.) • Specific prayers
Why we say the prayers in the Mass

Catholicism 101 is a monthly series designed to help you brush up on those topics you may not have revisited in your adulthood. Join us anytime throughout the series as we cover topics like the Sacraments, Scripture, The Pope & Encyclicals, Saints and Mary, The Liturgy, and more. Please join us every third Wednesday of the month!

Cost: $5 Suggested Donation
OSP Next Fellowship is back this week!

After 5 p.m.: January 17, 24 & 31 | After 11:15 a.m.: January 17

OSP Next Fellowships are an opportunity to get to know one another over some food and conversation after most 5pm masses.

BYO cash! We’ll meet outside church (Look for the OSP Next Green Shirt Volunteers/OSP Next Sign) and we’ll head somewhere int he West Loop.

Questions? Email OSPnext@oldstpats.org

Broadway on Adams

February 5, & 6 | Doors open at 7 p.m.

Show Begins at 7:30 p.m.

Hughes Hall

The members of OSP Next would like to announce the fifth annual musical theater cabaret, Broadway on Adams. Save the date and join us in Hughes Hall on February 5, and 6 for an evening of hors d’oeuvres, drinks and live music. The doors for Broadway on Adams open at 7 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Monday, January 18th at 9 a.m. at www.oldstpats.org

Single tickets: $20 | Sponsorship Table: $250

January Volleyball Nights

FXW School Gym, 120 S. Desplaines

Thursday, January 28 | 7:45 - 9:30 p.m.

Parking is available in the lot diagonal from the church or on Desplaines in front of the school. All skill levels are welcome, and it’s always a good time!

Questions? Contact Jenny Stricker, jjstricker@gmail.com

OSP Next Book Club

Monday, January 25 | 7 p.m.

Our monthly book club is fun, relaxed, and filled with captivating conversation. Join us this month as we read The Good Nurse: A True Story of Medicine, Madness, and Murder by Charles Graeber. We meet Monday, December 28 at 7 p.m. at The Book Cellar in Lincoln Square (4736 N. Lincoln). Contact Rachelle Lindo with any questions at rachelle.lindo@gmail.com.

Sign up for the OSP Next Mailing List or ‘Connect’ with us by emailing OSPnext@oldstpats.org or visiting our webpage at www.oldstpats.org.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram too!
The Beloved Retreat helps us to rediscover what often eludes us, but what God wants us to know - that we are Beloved. We offer an open and inclusive environment in a quiet, pastoral setting where you can explore your relationship with God. The retreat is held three times annually at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL. Throughout the year, past participants have the opportunity to gather for a Legacy dinner, an annual Afternoon of Reflection, and summertime picnic festivities.

Just the Beginning
You’re Invited

We’d like to invite you to a weekend of beginnings. Whether you’re old or young (at heart), single or married, religious or skeptic, hurt or healing, laid back or caffeinated, you’ll fit right into our Beloved Retreat.

Founded in 1999, the Beloved Retreat offers you a community within Old St. Pat’s and our Catholic Church. Our hope is that, together, we can rediscover what often eludes us, but what God wants us to know: that you are Beloved.

We offer a safe, open inclusive environment in a quiet, pastoral setting where you can explore your relationship with God and yourself.

Another Beginning

The Beloved Retreat doesn’t end with the weekend. After the retreat, you’ll find another beginning. Regular Sunday Legacy meetings extend the Beloved experience and deepen our roots as a community of believers.

In addition, you can join small prayer groups to spiritually grow and deepen your personal faith and companionship with others.

Beloved Retreat Dates

February 12 - 14, 2016
April 15 - 17, 2016

Retreats are held on the beautiful grounds of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, IL. Weekend retreats begin Friday at 6 p.m. and conclude Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

The cost of the retreat is $225. However, we never want cost to prohibit anyone from attending. Scholarships are available; just ask.

For more information, contact Tammy Roeder at tammyr@oldstpats.org.

Registration

To reserve your space, send a $75 deposit or full payment of $225 with this form to:

Old St. Patrick’s Church
Attn: Beloved
711 West Monroe
Chicago, IL 60661

Name: ________________________
Address: _______________________
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______________________________
Day Phone: _____________________
Evening Phone: __________________
Email: ________________________

Which date would you prefer?

- February 12 - 14, 2016
- April 15 - 17, 2016

Payment enclosed:

- In full: $225
- Deposit: $75
- I would like to apply for a scholarship.
- Check payable to: Old St. Patrick’s Church
- Mastercard
- VISA
- Discover Card

Card #: ____________________
Expiration Date: ______________

Deposit is non-refundable two weeks prior to the retreat. Scholarships are also available.
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Join us for our Family Mass for Special Friends!

This Mass celebrates the liturgy with children and adults with special needs and their families. We began this Mass because one of our members wanted a place for her family to attend Sunday services. The traditional church environment was not a comfortable place for her child; who is sensitive to noises and sounds, large volumes of people, etc. We know there are others for whom this is also true. Our Special Friends Mass is intended to provide a setting where families can celebrate faith, community, and Catholic traditions. There is no judgment. The Mass and environment are simple, interactive, and offered for families with a special needs member. We are also in need of volunteers! If you would like to attend or volunteer, please contact Erin Downs at edowns76@aol.com, or 773.497.1307.

Upcoming Mass Dates: January 17, February 14, April 24, and May 22 at Noon in the FXW Cafeteria.
Office for Immigrant Affairs & Immigration Education

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me...” (Mt. 25:35)

The Response of the Gospel of Mercy
In his annual Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis asked, “How can the Church fail to be inspired by the example and words of Jesus Christ? The answer of the Gospel is mercy...”

Actions: Please take action today by calling your Representative and Senators: 1.866.961.4293. Tell the receptionist that you wish to join the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in their support for Compressive Immigration Reform.

YCP CHICAGO KICKOFF RECEPTION

Tuesday, February 2
7:00-9:00 p.m.
The University Club of Chicago
76 E. Monroe St.
Chicago IL, 60603

YCP Chicago brings together young adults to connect and deepen their Catholic faith while pursuing demanding careers. Please join us for our complimentary kickoff reception and happy hour. Mass will be offered before the event at 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter’s in the Loop, 110 W. Madison Street Chicago IL, 60602. RSVP online at http://bit.ly/YCPRegister

youngcatholicprofessionals.org

Visit our website at www.oldstpats.org.

Follow Old St. Pat’s on:
You Are Not Alone
This is a networking group for men and women who are separated or divorced and a chance to talk with other men and women who are separated or divorced. We discuss topics of importance to those seeking to heal during and after one of life’s most difficult transitions. This is not a group of professional counselors, but a group of your peers who have been there and simply wish to listen and offer encouragement.

This group meets every other Sunday, from 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at the Fr. Jack Wall Mission Center, 2nd Fl., 711 W. Monroe, Chicago 60661.

For more information, please contact Debbie at debromeo55@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates: January 24, February 7 & 21, March 6 & 20

Kinship Mardi Gras Thank-you Fest
Saturday, January 23 | 3 - 6 p.m.
Skyline Conference Room
Atop the Lawndale Christian Health Center
3860 W. Ogden Avenue Chicago, IL
A free pre-Lent celebration of community and shared faith among North Lawndale and Old St. Patrick’s Church’s Outreach, Social Justice and Kinship Initiative Ministries.

• Finger-licking Louisiana Cajun/Creole treats
• Highlights from the past year
• A look towards the new year
• Fun, friends and fellowship
• Music and Dancing
• Ample free parking
Contact Vincent Guider at vinventg@oldstpats.org

First Friday Club of Chicago
Friday, February 5
12:00 p.m.
Union League Club
“A City in Turmoil - News to Some - Just Another Day to Others”
with Father Michael Pfleger, senior Pastor, Saint Sabina Catholic Community

Join members of Old St. Pat’s as we lunch at the Union League Club from noon until 1:15 p.m. on Friday, February 5th. Make your reservations early and no later than FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th to Table Captains, Paula Krupka, 312.280.2624 or Peggy Pecoraro, 773.774.5250 to be seated at one of the Old St. Patrick’s Tables. For those calling the FFCC office directly, a new person will be organizing the reservations this month so please give all the details; you want to sit at an OSP table and dietary requirements.

The lunch fee is $35 for members and $40 for guests. Join the OSP table to take advantage of the special member price. Once your reservation is made, your lunch fee is required, even if you are unable to attend. The Union League Club has a dress code: business attire for women and a shirt with collar for men and no tennis shoes or denim clothing.

Fr. Michael Pfleger became pastor of St. Sabina Catholic Community at the age of 31. He has spent over half of his life pastoring that community. He has transformed St. Sabina into one of the largest African-American Catholic Churches in the United States. The parish school is one of the largest and most successful Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese. Fr. Pfleger and the people of St. Sabina have accomplished both of these without accepting any money from the Archdiocese. However, Fr. Pfleger’s reputation reaches far beyond the boundaries of St. Sabina. As a champion for issues of civil rights, justice and equality, he has no boundaries. Any where there is injustice, Fr. Pfleger leads his people. His own foster son, Jarvis, became a victim of gang crossfire in 1998. Most recently Fr. Pfleger is embroiled in the turmoil confronting the City of Chicago, its Police Department, its Public Schools, its gang violence, and the murder of our children. We are asking Fr. Michael Pfleger to share his wisdom with us, and give us some insights into reversing the course of the deep-seated racism which might be the root of all this turmoil.
Sunday, January 17th, 2016

**Readings:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Mass Remembrances:**
- 8 a.m. Lillian M Ryan (✝)
- 9:30 a.m. Sarah Nally (✝)
- Mary Pat Wernette (✝)
- Mr. William Kennedy (✝)
- Raymond Kurash (✝)
- 11:15 a.m. Pat & Mary Ellen McGrath
- Colleen Grover
- 5 p.m. Mary Dempsey (✝)
- 8 p.m.

**Book of Patrick:** Patricia LoBo
Aitcheson, Carmela DeSantis, Rosemary Field, Mary O’Brien Kelly, Oliver Reed Kuewitz

Monday, January 18th, 2016

**Readings:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Mass Remembrances:**
- Book of Patrick: Chester Benjamin, Arceneaux, Jr., Eleanor Feltz, Jane McCarthy Goodwin, Victor J. Kulpa, Sr., Harriet Lipowski, Annie Lombardo, Elmer and Mary Peters, Marie Sepanski, Charlotte & Emma Shabino, William H. and Mary Lee Wallace

Tuesday, January 19th, 2016

**Readings:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Mass Remembrances:**
- Book of Patrick: John Michael Carney, Donald Gaddis, Susan Cosgrove, Kramer, Earl, Lavender, Sheila McGuire, Timothy O’Connor, Donna Doyle O’Doherty

Wednesday, January 20th, 2016

**Readings:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Mass Remembrances:**
- Book of Patrick: Brian R. Brady, Lee Lindo, Cassidy Christina McAlloon, Michael Minnagh, Clarence & Florence Nugent, Anne Marie Rodriguez, Ray Swanson, Richard A. Yevich

(✝) Deceased

Thursday, January 21st, 2016

**Readings:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Mass Remembrances:** Tyler Yamagishi (✝)

**Book of Patrick:** William Creedon, Nancy P. Griseto, Thomas J. Maloney, Robert McMahon, Thomas E. Mintle, Dolores Sandgathe, Marguerite & Arthur Stauder

Friday, January 22nd, 2016

**Readings:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Mass Remembrances:**

Saturday, January 23rd, 2016

**Readings:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Book of Patrick:** Judy Facinelli, Loretto Federation, Sophie Frasor, Michael Hage, David & Marie Patchin, Dr. Robert Watson

Sunday, January 24th, 2016

**Readings:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Prayer Requests:**

**For Those Who Are Sick**
- Elise Boni, Donna Cassidy, Jim Collins, Judy Geoghegan, Joe Guch, Margaret Hehey, Dawn Hogan, Nancy Johnson, Monica Lyons, Jusy Marianovich, Joe Marshke, John Nicosia, Particia Rosas, Connie Shimandle, Harold Sholder, Peter Steele, Barb Weaver, Kre Wehunt, Luke Williamson, Steve Wright

**For Those Who Have Recently Died**
- Gloria Cacal, Christina Connolly, Manuel Campillo, Madeline Finlay, Donald Kibort, Trinidad Sandoval, Bill Saratella, Chester Zeppieri

**Prayer Requests:** Names of the sick or recently deceased are listed for one week in the prayers of the faithful and two subsequent weeks in the bulletin. Please call Bernadette Gibson at 312.798.2389 to add a name to the list.

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**January 18**

**St. Charles of Sezze (1613-1670)**

Charles thought that God was calling him to be a missionary in India, but he never got there. God had something better for this 17th-century successor to Brother Juniper.

Born in Sezze, southeast of Rome, Charles was inspired by the lives of Salvator Horta and Paschal Baylon to become a Franciscan; he did that in 1635. Charles tells us in his autobiography, “Our Lord put in my heart a determination to become a lay brother with a great desire to be poor and to beg alms for his love.”

Charles served as cook, porter, sacristan, gardener and beggar at various friaries in Italy. In some ways, he was “an accident waiting to happen.” He once started a huge fire in the kitchen when the oil in which he was frying onions burst into flames.

One story shows how thoroughly Charles adopted the spirit of St. Francis. The superior ordered Charles — then porter — to give food only to traveling friars who came to the door. Charles obeyed this direction; simultaneously the alms to the friars decreased. Charles convinced the superior the two facts were related. When the friars resumed giving goods to all who asked at the door, alms to the friars increased also.

At the direction of his confessor Charles wrote his autobiography, The Grandeurs of the Mercies of God. He also wrote several other spiritual books. He made good use of his various spiritual directors throughout the years; they helped him discern which of Charles’ ideas or ambitions were from God. Charles himself was sought out for spiritual advice. The dying Pope Clement IX called Charles to his bedside for a blessing.

Charles had a firm sense of God’s providence. Father Severino Gori has said, “By word and example he recalled in all the need of pursuing only that which is eternal” (Leonard Perotti, St. Charles of Sezze: An Autobiography, page 215).

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday**  
7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 5 p.m., and 8 p.m.

**Monday – Friday (Daily Mass)**  
7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

**Church is open for Personal Prayer:**  
**Monday – Friday:** 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Reconciliation**  
Fridays at 11:45 a.m., or upon request.

**Liturical Ministry**

If you feel called to serve as a Hospitality Minister, Eucharistic Minister or Lector for one of our Sunday liturgies, please contact David Philippart at davidp@oldstpats.org, or 312.831.9372. Training for Hospitality Ministers and Eucharistic Ministers takes place four times per year. Training for Lectors occurs annually.

**Weddings**

If you are engaged and would like to be married at Old St. Patrick’s Church, please contact Jo Ann O’Brien, wedding scheduler/coordinator, at JoAnnO@oldstpats.org, or 312.831.9383.

**The Baptismal Program & Schedule**

To schedule a baptism, please contact Betty O’Toole, Baptism Scheduler, at 312.798.2366.

**Nursery Service**

Nursery service is available during the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses in The Frances Xavier Warde School building. Enter the school on Des Plaines Street.

**Low-gluten Host**

Old St. Pat’s has low-gluten hosts available for those members who, for health reasons, could not receive regular Communion hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host, please contact David Philippart, Liturgy Ministry, at davidp@oldstpats.org, or 312.831.9372.

**Sign-Language Interpreter**

Upon request, a sign language interpreter can be available at the 11:15 a.m. or 5 p.m. Mass on Sundays, as well as for holidays and holy days of obligation. It would be most appreciative if you would give us 5 days of advance notice. To request access to a sign language interpreter at Mass, please contact Katie Kearns at 312.831.9372, or katiek@oldstpats.org.

**Old St. Patrick’s Website**

Be sure to visit our website, www.oldstpats.org, for the most up-to-date information.

**Wedding Schedule**

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**Wedding Banns**

**I. January 23, 2016**

Raymond Shanley & Debbie Rafael

**II. January 30, 2016**

**III. February 6, 2016**

Peter John Kolavo & Samantha Jane Edwards

**Pastoral Care:** Do you know someone in need of Pastoral Care amongst our Old St. Pat’s community? Please contact Bernadette Moore Gibson at 312.493.8737.

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For your convenience, we are providing parking information to make parking easily accessible for everyone who visits Old St. Pat’s.

Saturdays
Lot 1: There is no charge to park your car in the parking lot at the Southeast corner of Adams and Des Plaines.
Lot 2: There is no charge to park your car in the roped off area marked “Old St. Pat’s” in the parking lot at the Southeast corner of Monroe and Des Plaines.

PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE EAST SECTION OF LOT 2.

Sundays
Lot 1: There is no charge to park your car in the lot on the Southeast corner of Adams and Des Plaines all day and evening;
Lot 2: There is no charge to park your car in the lot on the Southeast corner of Monroe and Des Plaines until 6:30 p.m. You must pay after 6:30 p.m.
Lot 3: There is no charge to park your car in the lot on the Northwest corner of Monroe and Des Plaines (across from 711) until 5 p.m. You must pay after 5 p.m. to park in this lot.

Weeknights
Lot 1: There is no charge to park your car in the lot on the Southeast corner of Adams and Des Plaines; if you are coming to Old St. Pat’s for meetings, please let the attendant know and keep your keys as he leaves after 8 p.m.
Lot 3: You must pay to park your car in the lot on the Northwest corner of Monroe and Des Plaines (across from 711) throughout the week.