



The CROSSROADS

Old St. Patrick's Bulletin
A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 12:10 PM

Wednesday: 7AM,
12:10 PM (livestream),
& 5:30 PM

Thursday: 12:10 PM

Sunday: 7 AM, 9 AM (livestream),
11 AM, 5 (livestream),
& 8 PM

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This Week at OSP

Sunday	
Christmas Day Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM Church (No Evening Masses)
Tuesday	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM Church
Wednesday	
Daily Mass	7 AM, 12:10 PM, & 5:30 PM Church
Reconciliation	11:30 AM Church
Taizé Prayer	6:15 PM Church
Thursday	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM Church
Saturday	
New Years Eve Mass (Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God)	5:30 PM Church
Sunday	
New Years Day Mass (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM Church



Join the OSP Community

Welcome to Old St. Patrick's Church! It is through your presence, Old St. Pat's is able to provide compelling educational programs, invaluable Outreach services, rewarding volunteer opportunities, and spiritual nourishment for all. We are gifted by your presence. Please scan the QR code to sign-up for our weekly newsletter.

To learn more about Membership or to check your membership status at Old St. Patrick's, please contact Polly Mulhearn at pollym@oldstpats.org



Don't miss a thing!

Check out "What's Happening at OSP" on the Old St. Pat's website to stay up-to-date on all upcoming events.



Find registration forms and more information on offered programming easily by scanning the QR code.

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Dear Friends,

In early March 2020, I was in the Holy Land leading a pilgrimage of about 45 pilgrims from Loyola Academy. As we made our way through amazing places like Capernaum, Cana, and Nazareth all of us were moved by the power of these sites and the awareness that this was Jesus' home turf. At the same time, there was also a subtle but surging background noise of news reports about the rapid spread of the coronavirus around the world and within Israel. We carried on.

Bethlehem was amazing. We visited the Field of the Shepherds and imagined those simple people being the first to hear the "good news of great joy." We made our way to the Grotto of the Nativity and bowed down to the earth to kiss the spot we honor as the place of Jesus' birth.

A few hours later, full of all these experiences and the graces of pilgrimage, we heard that the city of Bethlehem had been quarantined, shut down as a result of an outbreak of the virus. In an instant, the graces seemed to evaporate and I was rubbing hand sanitizer on my face, the lips that had just kissed the holy floor in Bethlehem! The anxiety of our group rose exponentially and I got on the phone with our tour company to plot our exit from the Holy Land.

The juxtaposition of the holiness of the site of the Incarnation and the reality of a burgeoning pandemic was striking. Our reactions to both tapped into our great hopes and our fears. The fragility and vulnerability of our human lives was made real for us in new and urgent ways while simultaneously we were being touched by the life changing promises fulfilled in the Bethlehem birth we honored. In one moment I was emboldened to live my faith with new fervor and in the next I was cowed by fears of infection and mortality.

And then something clicked for me, a reminder and a deepening belief, that it is precisely this vulnerable human mess of fear and fragility that Jesus came to live. The mission of God to save this world by becoming one of us wasn't accomplished in sanitized churches or comfortable coach buses but in muddy shepherds' fields and an unsanitary manger. It is precisely the messiness of us that he takes on, redeems, transforms, makes holy. He divinizes our strange, beautiful lives and then empowers us to tell the rest of the world this good news of great joy by the ways we live and love.

So, as we celebrate his Bethlehem birth, please hear this, he came for you. He came to grace the joys and struggles of your life. He came to enter into the muck of our stories and to take on our burdens, our fears, our grief. He came so that his joy might be in us. He came to breathe into us the Spirit of creativity, generosity, healing and hope. He came, as the great song says, and the soul felt its worth.

Know that you are loved beyond measure. Know that you are always welcome at Old St. Pat's.

Merry Christmas!
Fr. Pat





I find myself getting a little unraveled in the prologue of John's Gospel which tells the story of Christmas, but not in the usual manner. We don't have angels and shepherds here, or wise men and a star. In today's gospel, we are again enlightened about the true meaning of Christmas and its role on mankind. Each of the Gospel writers chose a different starting point for their accounts of the life of Jesus. Matthew began with Abraham, showing how Jesus came from Abraham's family and was the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham. Mark skipped most of the preliminaries and moved right to the action, beginning with the ministry of John the Baptist. Luke began with a review of his research method and rooted Jesus' life in the wider historical events of his time. But John presented the largest perspective of all, describing Jesus as the very source of everything we understand as beginning. To say that Jesus is Emmanuel - "God-with-us" - requires a profound and dynamic statement of faith. But it is only faith that allows us, like the shepherds and sages of so many centuries ago, to make our way through the darkness to the manger, burdened our experiences of isolation, illness & poverty which make us ask, "Where is the God in this?"

But what we, as people of faith, celebrate at Christmas is the reality that God is here, present among us.

Ultimately, as Henri Nouwen wrote, Christmas means saying yes to something beyond emotions and feelings. It is saying yes to hope and the knowledge that salvation is God's work, not ours. In John's Gospel, Jesus is the main character who has come into the play of life to brighten up our days. John focuses on bringing Jesus down to earth, John wants to take us up with him to heaven, to a time when there was no creation, no humanity, no animals, not even angels, a time when Jesus, the Word, co-existed with God in perfect love and unity of purpose. In that beginning, John says, was the Word. "The Word was God." One of the marks of this Gospel is that the weightiest doctrine was delivered in the simplest words. Jesus was made flesh, knew God intimately and personally the way no one has ever known God. Even when Jesus was a baby in the manger, Jesus was secure in God the Father's love, care and protection, no matter how fragile and vulnerable he was in his humanity.

Through the birth of Christ, God enters our time and history, and more importantly each of our own personal lives. Christ is Emmanuel and God is with each of us today in a very personal and intimate way. All of us are asked to keep watch, with mercies fresh; from where Magi make their long journey bearing gifts; from where the promise of new life edges into view. We feel a presence. And perhaps our soul feels it's worth. Perhaps together as Community we glimpse what it means to be surprised again by this great story, and through this wonder desire to know more about God's love for us all. That as we wonder... as we wander... we glimpse afresh the extraordinary truth of what God came to do for ordinary people like you and like me. The birth of Jesus is a reminder that God loves us and dwells with us still. Jesus is, indeed, our Immanuel.

Merry Christmas!

Bernadette Gibson is the Director of Pastoral Care at Old Saint Patrick's Church.

Merry Christmas from the Old St. Pat's Ministries

Christmas Eve

December 24th

3 PM | 5 PM | Midnight

*Prelude Concert starts at 11:15 PM before Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

December 25th

7 AM | 9 AM | 11 AM

(no evening Masses)

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Years Eve - December 31st

5:30 PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - New Years Day

January 1st with regular Sunday Mass Times



OLD SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH
ADVENT - CHRISTMAS 2022

Taizé Prayer Service - All Are Welcome!

ENCOUNTER HOSTS: TAIZÉ PRAYER & HAPPY HOUR

December 28 | 6:15 PM | Old St Pats Church

On the 4th Wednesday of the month, members of Encounter, OSP's Young Adult Ministry, host Taizé Prayer, a meditative form of prayer filled with song, scripture, and silent meditation followed by a happy hour.

All are welcome!



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OSP Ministries

Pastoral Care



During the Christmas season, we celebrate Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Holiday and beyond. I am grateful to God for all those involved in the pastoral care of our membership. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate “Immanuel” (God with us). Without Christ’s presence among us we would be lost. I celebrate the Pastoral presence working within our Community as we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole. We invite you to join us in our Ministry of Prayer & Care for our Community. If joining us in prayer for those who could use prayers of support interests you - we would love to extend an invitation to join us in this rich Pastoral Mission!

For more information and ways to get involved or support our Pastoral Care Ministry, contact Bernadette Gibson at bernadetteg@oldstpats.org

Music Ministry



The music ministry at Old St. Patrick’s has a grand tradition of excellence and vibrancy, providing the people of our community with joyful and prayerful experiences—both liturgical and in the concert setting. At the core of our music program are dozens of dedicated musicians, singers and instrumentalists alike. With multiple masses celebrated every Sunday, concerts marking the calendar year, and special holiday liturgies, numerous opportunities exist for talented and dedicated people to participate in our music ministry. While Sunday singing is central to our ministry, some members sing only on special occasions, concerts, or for certain portions of the year. There are many ways to share your talents at Old St. Patrick’s!

For more information and ways to get involved or support our Music Ministry, contact Mark Scozzafave at marks@oldstpats.org

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Merry Christmas to all! Our community of people learning and discerning Catholicism is grateful to spend this season with you, reflecting on and resting in the joy and hope of the Incarnation. We hope that everyone is able to create spaces to keep asking questions and walk with others while listening for God's voice in their lives. The RCIA is the process by which adults who are not Catholic can learn about the Catholic faith by participating in the community, praying together, learning the traditions and teachings, and feel supported as they decide whether or not they feel called by God to enter into full Communion with the Catholic Church.

For more information and ways to get involved or support our RCIA Ministry, contact Keara Ette at kearac@oldstpats.org

North Lawndale Kinship Initiative



Through the Kinship Initiative, people of North Lawndale and Old St. Patrick’s walk alongside one another in friendship sharing our talents, and resources to secure justice, opportunity and the transformation of our communities. Thanks to those of you who have generously breathed life into this mission through your active engagement, financial gifts, prayers and material donations of many sorts. Merry Christmas to all!

For more information and ways to get involved or support our North Lawndale Kinship Initiative, contact Vince Guider at vincentg@oldstpats.org

Immigrant & Refugee Ministry

Merry Christmas from the Immigrant & Refugee Ministry! Our immigrant and refugee siblings in Christ, just as the Holy Family did, seek refuge and welcome. Dedicated to radical inclusivity and transformative kinship, we are called to welcome the stranger and the marginalized, to counter the divisiveness of “us vs. them” and “us vs. the other,” and to see the face of God in all people. In that spirit, join us in building a space of welcome for refugees and immigrants through accompaniment, education and advocacy.

For more information and ways to get involved or support our Immigrant & Refugee Ministry, contact Kayla Jackson at kaylaj@oldstpats.org





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Family Ministry



So grateful to all who create and participate in our Family Ministry programs here at Old St. Pat's. We wish you and your families the very merriest Christmas! Family Ministry offers opportunities for families to experience their faith in a myriad of ways... through Service, Family Liturgies, Altar Serving, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Partners Religious Education, Special Friends Liturgies for those in our community with Special Needs members, our Adoption Group, Men's Group, Interfaith Religious Education, and Special Events for Families (save the date for our Family Dance Party on February 10!)

For more information and ways to get involved or support our Family Ministry, contact Bea Cunningham at beac@oldstpats.org or Katie Brandt at family.ministry@oldstpats.org

Foundations Youth Ministry



Merry Christmas from Foundations Youth Ministry! Foundations is our high school program available for all students in 9th through 12th grade. Our ministry consists of bi-monthly meetings to explore faith, discuss current events, and grow in community together. We also encourage our teens to participate in retreats, service opportunities, leadership roles, community building events, and week long summer worktours. We are always accepting more teens, or young adult leaders, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you're interested! Thank you to all the members of OSP who support and encourage the mission of Foundations! May God bless you and all you love this holiday season.

For more information and ways to get involved or support our Foundations Youth Ministry, contact Maeve Breslin at maeveb@oldstpats.org

Encounter Young Adult Ministry

Merry Christmas from our Encounter young adult community! May this season of the Incarnation ground us in the knowledge that our God is eager to find us right where we are - in the hidden, and often messy, spaces of our lives - with love that covers it all. Rooted in Old St. Pat's mission and vision, Encounter is an inclusive community for singles and couples in their 20s, 30s, and 40s! Meet fellow OSP members as we foster connection, grow in faith, deepen relationships, engage in social justice initiatives, and discover new roles in family, work, society and the Catholic Church.

For more information and ways to get involved or support our Encounter Young Adult Ministry, send an email to info@oldstpats.org



Beloved Retreat Ministry

Merry Christmas from the Beloved Retreat Ministry. 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.

For more information and ways to get involved or support our Beloved Retreat Ministry, contact Polly Mulhearn at pollym@oldstpats.org

Adult Spirituality/Education Ministries "... giving thought to faith"

Adult Spirituality/Education Ministries at Old St. Patrick's strive to create environments and opportunities that foster adult learning and deepen our knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith tradition. We also welcome opportunities to explore and appreciate the wisdom of other spiritual traditions. Wishing you all the joy and blessings of Christmas! We look forward to seeing you at the lectures, workshops, courses, and book, film and theater discussions we host throughout the year!

For more information and ways to get involved or support our Adult Spirituality/Education Ministries, contact Bob Kolatorowicz at bobk@oldstpats.org





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Liturgical Ministry

Merry Christmas to all who enter through our doors. Both today and throughout the year! 'Exquisite Liturgy' is something that Old St. Patrick's is known for and it cannot happen without you. If you were thinking of getting involved in a liturgical ministry in the New Year (Hospitality, Eucharistic, Lector), I invite you to continue to pray about that calling and reach out if you think this is how you'd like to serve our community!

For more information and ways to get involved or support our Liturgical Ministry, contact Dominic Trumfio at dominict@oldstpats.org

Marriage Ministry

Wishing you a very "Marry" Christmas from the Wedding Team and Marriage Ministry! May your Holidays be filled with Love and Joy! If you love weddings and would like to help ensure a beautiful day for our brides and grooms, please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry extending Old St. Pat's amazing hospitality to the Wedding parties, their families and guests! Our volunteers assist brides, grooms, and their families with the arrangements at Old St. Patrick's on the most special and important days of their lives.

For more information and ways to get involved or support our Marriage Ministry, contact JoAnn O'Brien at weddings@oldstpats.org

Our **Special Events Ministry** supports the greater overall hospitality mission of Old St. Patrick's Church. We hope to encourage a sense of community, celebration, and spirituality among the friends of Old St. Pat's and throughout the Chicagoland area. The Old St. Patrick's Special Events calendar includes many cornerstone events throughout the year, serving diverse audiences while generating significant funds to support the mission and capital needs of the church. For more information on the events please contact Sheila Greifhahn at sheilag@oldstpats.org or Honor Lorenzini at honorl@oldstpats.org

**A huge THANK YOU to all that participated in the Old St. Pat's events in 2022!
We are so grateful for your presence and generous support!**



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR SOME OF OUR UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS



Shamrock'n The Block – March 11

Put on your green and join us for the 2nd annual Shamrock'n The Block at our OSP "Pop-up Pub" in a heated tent at Monroe & DesPlaines. Entertainment will include Irish music and dance plus food, drinks and more. The inaugural event was a huge success and sold out quickly so don't delay in purchasing your tickets when they go on-sale in Mid-January.



Pot of Gold Raffle – Take a chance at winning \$20,000 through our Pot O' Gold raffle. Tickets will be available starting in January. Winners will be drawn at Shamrock'n The Block



Broadway on Adams – May 19, 20 & 21

Broadway on Adams features creative presentations of Broadway music from the last century and beyond. From Sondheim to Schwartz, our music ministry delights with song, humor, story, and dance. You won't want to miss it!

Check the bulletin for additional events throughout the year.



Immigrants and Refugees: A Faith Journey



CHRISTMAS | Welcoming with Light!

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light... for a child has been born for us. He will establish and uphold a kingdom with justice and with righteousness." Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7



REFLECT

Everyone deserves to live in peace and safety. So when new arrivals join our communities, what does it look like to welcome them with dignity? In recent months, community members in Washington D.C., New York City, and Chicago have been showing us how. This year, governors from southern border states have been transporting migrants to Northern cities—a cruel political stunt meant to publicly “shift the burden” of accepting migrants to Democratic-leaning cities. Yet instead of responding with indifference, volunteers, faith groups, and nonprofits in these cities have leapt into action to welcome their new neighbors.

Christmas inspires renewed hope in the “light of all people” (John 1: 4-5), born in the child of Bethlehem. We remember that the vocation of all human beings is to reflect that light through deeds of compassionate love. As we feel the joy of Christmas, we are called to care for those who are celebrating this holiday in a strange new place. We rejoice in being able to journey with them as they make their new community home.

LISTEN

In this New York Times article about how New Yorkers are welcoming migrants, reporter Karen Zraick writes: “Tonya Roman was working her shift as a cleaner at Port Authority last week when she saw a young volunteer take off his sneakers and give them to a newly arrived migrant who had just stepped off a bus. She was struck by the act. ‘It’s like a Jesus moment,’ she said. ‘Who gives the shoes off their feet to a stranger? And I said, ‘I have to do my part.’”

ACT

- * Urge Congress to support communities welcoming asylum seekers. (<https://p2a.co/pHpcX1c>)
- * Find out how your faith community can support people seeking safety through the Congregational Accompaniment Project for Asylum-Seekers (CAPAS) program. (<bit.ly/helpCAPAS>)
- * Take action locally through the Welcome With Dignity campaign. (<https://welcomewithdignity.org/take-action/>)

Parish-Wide Housewarming for 2023 Refugee Resettlement January 8, 2023



Just as we did earlier this year, Immigrant & Refugee Ministry (IRM) will be collecting household goods needed to continue our work of helping to resettle the next five families of refugees or asylum seekers in the Chicago area in the coming year.

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44aaae2ba7f5c16-irmhousewarming> to select household items that you are willing to purchase for them, then plan to bring your items to OSP's Hughes Hall below the church on Sunday, January 8 between noon-2pm.

Thank you for participating in another collection to welcome and embrace refugees.

We will be helping 5 families settle in the area!

The Immigration & Refugee Ministry (IRM) is so grateful to Old St. Pat's members for their generous, ongoing support of our efforts—a sincere thanks to all. The need is great. Click on GIVE TO OSP (upper right-hand corner). Click on GIVE ONLINE and select IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE FUND from the drop-down menu.

If you are interested in supporting our efforts as a volunteer or have any ideas or questions, please contact Kayla Jackson at kaylaj@oldstpats.org





Green Notes from OSP Green Team: Green New Year's Resolutions

"We need acts of restoration, not only for polluted waters and degraded land, but for our relationship to the world."

--Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass

It is the time of year when our thoughts turn to New Year's Resolutions, an ancient custom, more common in the West, but also part of some Eastern traditions. The word "resolution" itself has many meanings. It can refer to something that has been decided on; or to firmness of purpose and determination in a person; to the solution to a problem; or, in science, to the sharpness and clarity of an image or picture. At this time of year, as you think about the meaning of resolution, and what New Year's resolutions you want to make, consider a more sustainable relationship to the world as one of the commitments you hope to keep.



Where to begin to create a more sustainable relationship to the world? Here are 5 suggestions from goloadup.com Think about what appeals most to your heart and your life at this time, and make modifications that work for you, so your resolutions are ones you keep.

1. **Recycle religiously.** Recycling is one of the easiest and most impactful ways to reduce your carbon footprint. Make recycling part of everything you do. Aluminum cans and cardboard boxes are two of the items easiest to recycle. Yet only 67% of cans and 50% of cardboard boxes are actually recycled. So, recycle all these items at home, at work, and everywhere you see them.
2. **Eat less red meat and dairy.** Some people follow the Meatless Monday campaign, and don't eat meat on Mondays. Others are Vegan before 6 pm, and eat meat and dairy only at dinner. Greenpeace calculates that raising livestock releases as much greenhouse gas emissions as all vehicle emissions combined, so eating less red meat and dairy has a real impact, and is healthier for you.
3. **Practice good driving habits.** Avoid jack rabbit starts and stops to save gas, and prevent wear and tear on your car. Often the person who accelerates moderately catches up with the jack rabbit at the next stop light.
4. **Compost.** If you own your home, set up a compost pile in your yard. If you live in an apartment or condo, use a compost service to pick up your food waste. Compost returns nutrients to the soil, creates an effective mulch that means less watering, and avoids greenhouse gas release from landfills.
5. **Connect with a local group** that is working on an environmental issue dear to your heart, and volunteer with them to lobby for local and national legislative and executive action.

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis calls for us to experience the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is. Let 2023 be the year when our resolute actions create that sense of grace and profound connection within us, so we can restore our degraded land and waters, and our relationship to the world.



OSP Green Team Welcomes You!

Are you inspired by the message of Laudato Si?
Want to be a faithful steward of our common home?
OSP Green Team shares your inspiration.

To learn more, contact Kayla Jackson at (312) 798-2399 or kaylaj@oldstpats.org



Giving



YOUR IMPACT THROUGH GIVING 2022 From the Old St. Pat's Advancement Team

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1Peter 4:10)

THANK YOU

Thank you for your wonderfully generous support of Old St. Pat's! The exquisite worship, myriad ministries, transformative programs and extraordinary events, as well as maintenance of this historic campus, simply would not be possible without your generosity.

SUNDAY GIVING COMMITMENT

Sunday Giving comprises nearly 96% of our general operating budget. Everything we do here - from liturgy and music to educating our youngest members to our Kinship Initiative in North Lawndale to Pastoral Care to Foundations for teens to our RCIA experience to Encore, LGBTQ+, the Men's Group, Encounter, etc. - is made possible by your generous support of Sunday Giving.

CROSSROADS CIRCLE

Crossroads Circle is an esteemed group of donors who want to keep our beautiful campus in good working order so we can welcome members, guests, and future generations into our Catholic community. Members contribute at least \$1,000 annually to protect and sustain the capital investments made in our fully restored campus, and to help ensure it operates efficiently and is consistently maintained.

PRESERVATION TRUST

Old St. Pat's Church is a sacred Chicago landmark. Dedicated on Christmas night in 1856, it features awe-inspiring Celtic artistry on its wall, ceilings, floors, and pews. The Preservation Trust helps protect and preserve this holy gem so future generations can continue to encounter the mysteries of God through our worship and liturgies.

There are so many other ways you support Old St. Pat's, including by making gifts to specific initiatives, programs and projects, by designating Old St. Pat's as your charity of choice when you shop at smile.amazon.com.... the list goes on and on. Your generosity is truly inspiring!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

The Advancement Team

Ways to give to Old St. Patrick's Church

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**Old St. Pat's,
711 W. Monroe St.
Chicago, IL 60661**

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Thank you for your generosity!





FOUNDATIONS YOUTH MINISTRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

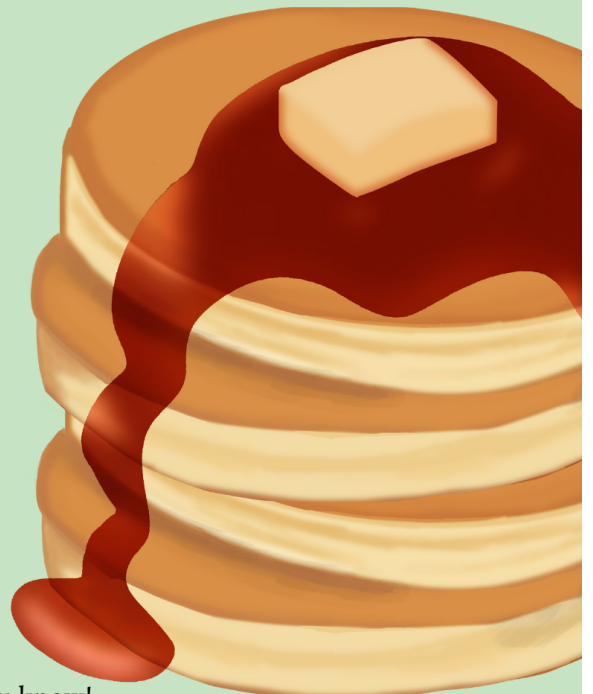
This event includes a delicious breakfast, hospitality, and a silent auction. All proceeds will go towards supporting the Foundations worktours over this coming summer.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for your support of our youth ministry program here at Old St. Pat's!

WHEN: January 29th from 8 AM - 1 PM

WHERE: Old St. Patrick's Church
700 W Adams, Hughes Hall

COST: \$10 for Adults
\$5 for Children under 12



Tickets will be sold outside Masses starting early January, or you can buy a ticket from any Foundations teens that you know!

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January 6, 2023

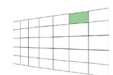
12pm - Union League Club
65 W. Jackson Blvd



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The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Luke 2:10-11



Sunday, December 25, 2022

Readings:
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Anastacia Malate (†), Jacqueline Cashman (†)
9am: Frank & Helen Piwowar (†), Matthew Charles King Jr. (†)
11am: John Patrick Marlin (†), James A. Murphy Jr. (†)

Book of Patrick: Christina McGinnity-Connolly, George & Lynn Bryk, Colleen Burns, Irene & Joe Capella, Julia Morahan Carlin, Maureen Curran, Mr. Don Cartright, Kevin & Maureen Cogan, Tom & Rita Dempsey, Mrs. Katherine Duffy, Richard J. Heffernan, Virginia Huber, William Johnson, Thomas J. Leyden, The James Martin Family, Adrienne McAuley, Mary C. Murray-McCarthy, Rosemarie McKay, Tom & Mary McKean, Judith McMahon, Carmen Mendoza, Liberta Morrissey, Annie Murray, Robert O'Connor, John J. "Tim" Phelan, Peter Neuman & Karen Popowski, Martha J. Semetis, Florence and Frank Siuda, Catherine "Kay" Sullivan, Carole Zander, John Murray, The Catherine and Kevin McGarvey Family, Patrick Harney

Monday, December 26, 2022

Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Book of Patrick:

Children & Grandchildren of Marlene & Malachi Flanagan, Thomas Lamb, Sr. Hortense Marie, Lyn Z. McKeane, Margaret Frances Millard, John J. O'Connor, Connor George Olen, Luke Patrick, Allen J. Simmons, James W. Sinclair, William H. and Mary Lee Wallace, John "Jack", Francis, Tierney III, Thomas Garza

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Book of Patrick: Betty and Joe Gavin, Monica Lynch, Joan Murphy, Michael J. Piorkowski, Bruno Roti, Cynthia "Thia" Rountree, Carole Zander, Bill Aronin, Vincent Edward Murphy

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5-2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Mass Remembrances:

12:10pm: Peter Bellew (†), Frank & Helen Piwowar (†)
5:30pm: Patty Dunleavy (†), Maria Galvan (†)

Book of Patrick: Matilda Bruscoli, Mary & Martin Igoe, Joe and JoAnne Kelly, Laura Kulpa, Justin Lynch, Patrick J. Lynch, Patrick Carey McDonald, Malone W. Mygatt, Joseph J. O'Shaughnessy, Mary Sloan, Elizabeth Eilish Flatley, Mike & Christine Dowell

Thursday, December 29, 2022

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-8/Lk 2:22-35

Book of Patrick: Antonietta Albanese, Suzanne Berry, Thomas Capriotti, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Farrell, Marlene P. Hellwig, Brian Hogan, John Joseph Holland, Pat & Katie Horan, Leah Marias, Dolores & Jack Naye, Grace A. Riley, Dolores M. Swibes, Tommy Van Wazer, Cathy Fox Rollings, Jim and Cathy Boesen

Friday, December 30, 2022

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Book of Patrick: Ron Ameche, Phyllis Barnes, Kelley R. Beach, The Downes Family, John Harte, Robert Janson, Thomas James Marshall, Rev. Daniel Murtaugh, Robert J. Reardon, Daniel J. Walsh, Sara L. Walters, Mary Pat Doyle, Dorothy Taylor, Ann Nenninger Anderson

Saturday, December 31, 2022

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Mass Remembrances:

5:30pm: Frank Cunniff (†)

Book of Patrick: Paul Von Driska, Loretta M. Gaston, Buzz Harper, Rubin Buzz Harper, Edward C. Hughes, Lorraine Janek, Father Sean Lawlor, Rita Ulik, Regan and Thomas Cronin, Daniel and Clarinda Campbell, Frank Cunniff

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Readings:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Richard Heffernan (†), Norin and Robert Given (†)(†)
9am: The Pettigrew's family and friends, James Murphy (†)
11am: Kenneth Monarrez, Claudine Ward
5pm: Richard Dagiell (†)
8pm: John Patrick Marlin (†), James A. Murphy, Jr. (†)

Book of Patrick: World Peace, Janet & Rudy Budach, Colleen Burns, Bea Cunningham, Marie E. Graf, Patrick L. Haney, Richard Harris, Daniel J.B. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Miniati, Maryann Mize, Mary Ann T. Lange, Patrick O'Shea, Owens Family, Helen Ryan, Rev. David Vavasour, Jeffery Vickery, Patricia Brennan Zuba, Cyril J. Maher, Annie Keeney, Daniel O'Donnell, Dan Martin, Daniel Edward Martin, John Patrick Van Petten, Joanne C Smith MD, John Patrick Van Petten, Stephen Roger Grove

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Sick

Glenna Jameson, Brendan Sanchez, Friend of Beth Marek', Ken Kishbaugh, Susan Clancy Eck, Martha Fano, Ms. Bobi Keenan, Terrence Deneen

For Those Who Have Died

Brad Palmer, Kamal Jones, Josephine Ruth, Burton C. Johnson, Dan Fischer

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Lord, help us to see the wonder in Your creation, to find the Joy amidst the trials.

For in you we can rejoice and be glad.

No matter what the world brings,

We can find our Joy in You.

Help us to celebrate with Hope

and gladness this Christmas,

for in You all things are made new!

Women and Men of Faith



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St. Anastasia, Martyr of Sirmium

Saint of the Day for December 25, 2022

St. Anastasia lived during the time of the Emperor Diocletian, and helped the Christians persecuted by the emperor. Arrested in Sirmium, she refused to deny the faith. Embarked on a leaking ship, she escaped and reached safety, at least temporarily. Captured again, she was burned alive.

St. Anastasia, also known as Anastasia of Sirmium and Anastasia the Pharmakolytria or "Deliverer from Potions," is a Christian saint and martyr who suffered for Christ during the time of Diocletian's Christian persecutions. She is one of the seven women commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. The "passio," or suffering of, Anastasia tells that her father was a noble pagan named, Praetextatus and her mother was St. Fausta of Sirmium. Because her mother was a Christian, Anastasia was baptized as an infant and secretly raised with Christian values. Following the death of her mother, Anastasia's father gave her in marriage to the pagan Publius, but she preserved her virginity. During the persecutions of Diocletian, Anastasia visited the prisons and cared for the confessors of faith. She would feed, doctor and ransom suffering captives. Anastasia's servant informed Publius; he locked her up and beat her Anastasia began secretly corresponding with her adviser, St. Chrysogonus, who had gone to Aquileia. He told her to be brave, be patient and accept the Lord's will.

After the death of her husband while he was on embassy to Persia, Anastasia distributed her property to those less fortunate and suffering. She then set off to follow Chrysogonus to Aquileia. Chrysogonus was personally interrogated by Diocletian, but he never renounced his faith. Chrysogonus was ordered to be beheaded and thrown into the sea. After his death, Chrysogonus appeared to Zoilus, a presbyter who found his relics and foretold the martyrdoms of Ss. Agape, Chione and Irene. He asked Zoilus to send Anastasia to the three sisters as encouragement. Nine days later, Anastasia visited the sisters just before they were tortured. After they were martyred, Anastasia buried them.

Anastasia spent her time traveling from city to city caring for Christian prisoners. She healed their wounds and relieved their pain. She was given the title "Deliverer from Potions," because she would often heal many from the effects of poisons and potions. Anastasia was arrested in Illyricum and taken to the prefect of the district for being Christian. He tried to persuade her to deny her faith and threatened her with torture. Anastasia could not be swayed, so she was given to the pagan priest Ulpian in Rome. He presented her with the choice between riches or suffering, luxuries or torture devices. She chose torture.

He gave her three days to reconsider. Enamored by her beauty, Ulpian decided he would defile her purity. However, once he went to touch her he was struck blind and his head burst into extreme pain. On his way to his pagan temple, he fell and died. St. Anastasia, now free, set out to care for imprisoned Christians, along with Theodota, a pious young widow and faithful helper. After Theodota was martyred, Anastasia was caught once again. She was ordered death by starvation and was starved for 60 days. But Anastasia was not harmed. It is said the martyred Theodota visited her and fed her during this time. The judge decided the prisoners, including Anastasia and Eutychanus, would be killed by drowning. They all entered a boat with holes in the base, but St. Theodota appeared to them and steered the boat to shore. Once they landed, Anastasia and Eutychanus baptized 120 men. Following yet another escape, Anastasia was taken to the island of Palmaria. She was staked to the ground with her arms and legs stretched out and burned alive.

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