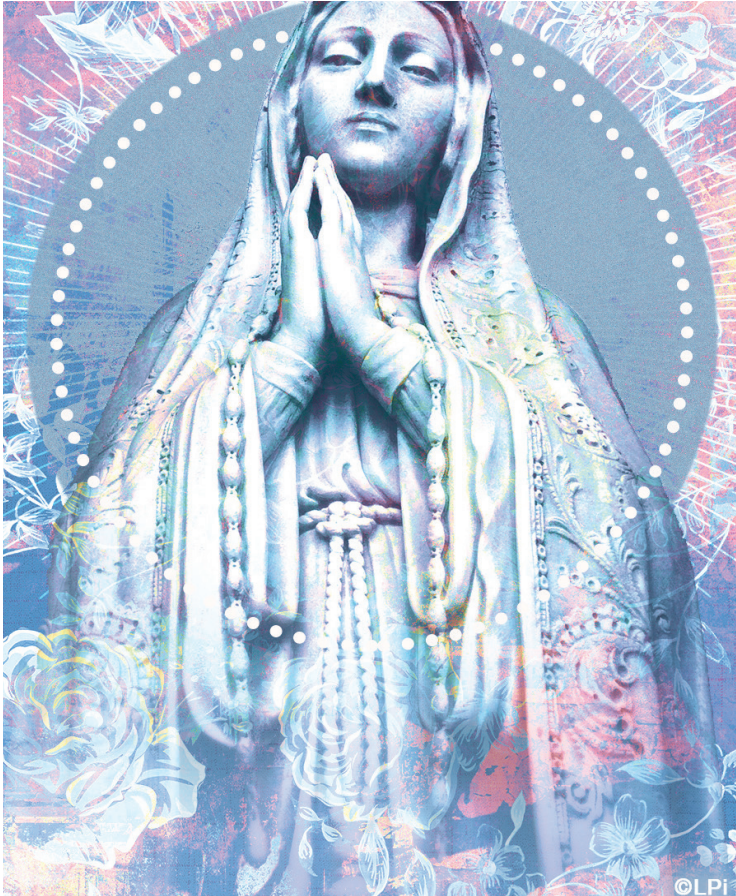




The CROSSROADS

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

SUNDAY,
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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.
- Lk 2:17-19

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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 PM
& 8 PM

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This Week at OSP

Sunday	
New Years Day Mass (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM Church
Tuesday	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM Church
Women's Spirituality Group	6:30 PM 711
Wednesday	
Daily Mass	7 AM, 12:10 PM, & 5:30 PM Church
Reconciliation	11:30 AM Church
Thursday	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM Church
Sunday	
Sunday Mass * Children's Liturgy of the Word	7 AM, *9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM Church
Collection of Household Goods for Refugee Resettlement	12:45 PM - 2:00 PM Hughes Hall (Below the 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.

bit.ly/OSP happenings

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2023!**

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Old St. Patrick's
Wedding Music Fair
Monday February 6th



Come to the Old St. Pat's Wedding Music Fair to hear many of our amazing musicians who perform from our catalog of wedding music options at Old St. Pat's. Cantors, classical musicians, and Irish instrumentalists provide an entertaining "concert" in our beautiful space as you are guided through the wedding music process by our Director of Music, Mark Scozzafave.

For more information about Wedding Music at Old St. Patrick's visit:
<https://www.oldstpats.org/wedding-music.html>

PAUSE + PRAY
Sunrise in the New Year
By Christopher Heffron

Dear God,

Like the sunrise in the eastern skies, the new year dawns before us.
I welcome this day, this year, with an open heart.
Guide me to a place of peace, where my mind is not burdened with worry.
Ease me into this new year and give me hope
that the year ahead of me is brighter than the one behind me.

Amen.

Livestreaming Notice

5pm Mass will no longer be livestreamed after January 1st





GOSPEL MEDITATION

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

-- Father John Muir

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The shepherds returned from Bethlehem "glorifying and praising God." They were affected deeply by the sight of the infant Messiah and the message of the angels. What would the world look like, if we allowed ourselves to be likewise impacted by the word of God?

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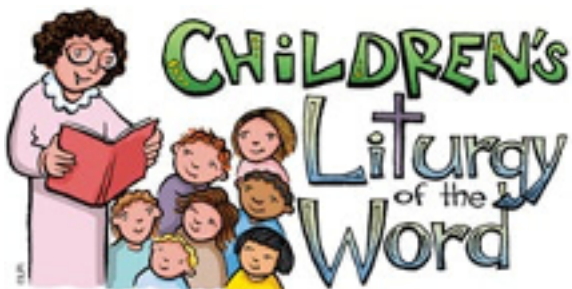


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Children's Liturgy of the Word



"Children's Liturgy of the Word" (CLOW) Ministry is a special part of the family Sunday experience at Old St. Patrick's Church for children ages three through second grade. We will be in person, and Parent Volunteers will work with the children during the 9AM Mass on select dates for children to learn about the readings of the day in language and activities they'll easily understand.

Children will gather around the baptismal font at 8:55AM, and will process up with parent volunteers, receive a

blessing from the presider/congregation, and then go into the rectory. They will return after the homily to sit with their families for the remainder of the Mass.

The dates are: Jan 8 & 15
Feb 5 & 12
Mar 5 & 12



HealingTogether@Home - January/February 2023



Support in dealing with the grief experience is a valuable way of helping yourself or someone you know. Support groups often provide an opportunity for grieving persons to better understand the wide range of feelings and behaviors associated with grief. More importantly, support groups offer a safe place where people can come together for mutual support, to learn that their feelings are normal, and that one need not be alone.

HealingTogether@Home, hosted using the Zoom platform, has been organized for those who are grieving the death of a loved one: parent, spouse, significant other, sibling, family member, extended family member, friend...

Our program is offered over the course of seven consecutive weeks. Our groups are small by design so that they are comfortable and informal. Our next group is scheduled to begin on **Thursday, January 26th**.

Please register in advance: bit.ly/healingtogetherathome

An Evening with Encore: "The News School at St. Agatha"

"The News School at St. Agatha" with Mr. DiMarkco Chandler and Fr. Larry Dowling
Thursday, January 5th | 7:00 PM | Zoom
Please register at <https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/714/responses/new> by Noon on Thursday, January 5th



St. Agatha launched The News School (TNS) program in the summer of 2016. The program seeks to introduce interested students to the fields of journalism and media production.

Learn about this exciting initiative in North Lawndale where young people have opportunities to learn new skills and explore career paths in online news broadcasting, video production, print newspaper, photo journalism, website development, and digital news sites.

TNS believes that as youth find their purpose their passion will follow, shining a light guiding them along the way. The program also helps youth activate an interest in civic engagement as they learn to be participants in positive change.





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

OSP Special Events Ministries

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



A New Year's Call for REFLECTION and ACTION.

The Israelites in the first reading were refugees for centuries without any homeland. Mary and Joseph had been unhoused migrants in Bethlehem.

Today's world has millions of migrants and refugees needing help. Pope Francis, in a recent Sunday address, stated "The situation of migrants is disgusting, sinful, criminal. Not to open the door to those who are in need. No, we exclude them and send them away."

We at Old St. Pat's are called by our own Vision Statement to see the world with God's eyes. A world where there are no strangers only the children of God waiting to be welcomed. We must both reflect and act on the prophetic words of Salvadorian martyr Sister Maura Clarke, who said "the church's role is to accompany those who suffer the most."

In today's Gospel, Mary reflects on the words of the shepherds "in her heart." We too must reflect and then act to accompany current immigrants and refugees in need.

The following prayer from the Book of Numbers is meant for everyone which, of course, includes our immigrant sisters and brothers.

May Our God bless you and keep you!
May Our God's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
May Our God look kindly upon you, and give you peace!

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

- Mail a check, made payable to:
**Old St. Pat's,
711 W. Monroe St.
Chicago, IL 60661**
- Scan this QR code and follow the prompts
- Text OLDSTPATS to (833) 245-7641, and follow the prompts
- Donate your car (or truck, boat or motorcycle) to benefit Old St. Pat's! Learn more at: <https://careasy.org/nonprofit/old-st-patricks-church>.
- AmazonSmile will donate .5% of your Amazon purchase to Old St. Patrick's Church when you shop!

Visit pushpay.com/g/oldstpats to give online.

Old St. Patrick's Church is a tax-exempt charitable organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowable by law. Our tax i.d. number is 36-2171102.

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FOUNDATIONS YOUTH MINISTRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

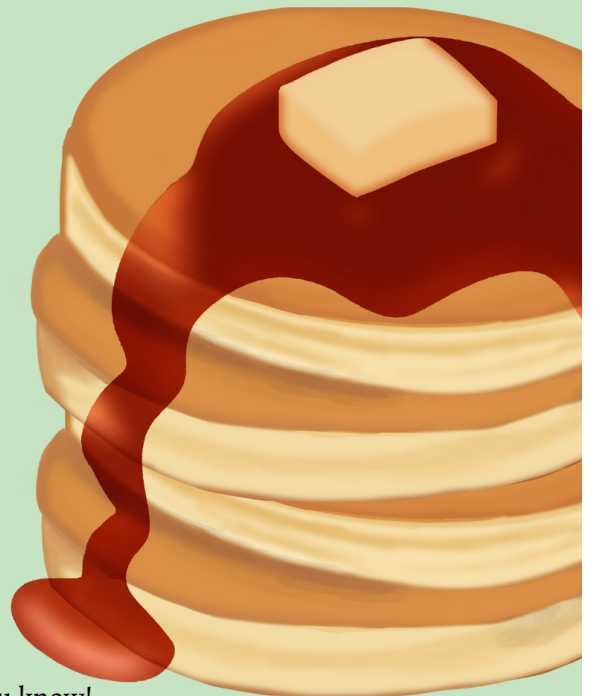
This event includes a delicious breakfast, hospitality, and a silent auction. All proceeds will go towards supporting the Foundations worktours over this coming summer.

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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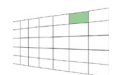
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When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. - Luke 2:17-19



Sunday, January 1, 2023

Readings: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

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 Dagiel (†)
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 Miniat, 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

Monday, January 2, 2023

Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Book of Patrick: Peter Bagnuolo, Msgr. Dan Cantwel, Rosanna M. Carney, Hugh P. Kennedy, Mary Lydon, Eva Margaret Lynch, Maurice "Bud" McGrath, Erin Brennan Zuba, Frank Ludford, Anne and James Kuehnle,
~~Mark Andrew Iserloth~~

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Readings: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Book of Patrick: Concetta Briata, Mary Kiley Cotter, David Christopher Dolan, Sharon Downey, Ken Courtright Sr, Willis Daniel Farmer, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hartwig & Family, Mary N. Igoe, Evan S. Krlclich, Basil and Elaine Libovicz, John & Mary McLaughlin, Clare K.Riordan, Albert Vivo, Patrick F. Palella, Mary Jo Nyhan, Cathal Ó Miacháin, Diane Ghattas, Luise Brigitte Neal

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Mass Remembrances:

12:10pm: Anthony Joseph Zack (†), Mathew Bolotin

Book of Patrick: Elizabeth Clancy, Martina Escalera, Inez Fischer Hathcock, Robert E. McGuire,
~~Nancy and Michael Morley, Aubrey Rose Wood, Betty Zurek,~~
Michelle Zinser Garrubbo, Jim Bedeker, Helen Theresa Maluga

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Readings: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Book of Patrick: Colleen Burns, Anne Fernbach Cowhey, Edward Kennedy, Barbara A. McGath, Ellen Sutley, Carla Vaghi, Dick Reilein, Richard Daly, Joseph O. Quinn, Joseph and Catherine Mulhern

Friday, January 6, 2023

Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Book of Patrick: Henry Chavez, Ting Chen, Joan M. Corboy, Bill Muellner, Marguerite McSheehy O'Brien, Arthur J. O'Connor, Marguerite R. Owens, Guy C. Packard, Robert Curt Reimann Jr., Frank J. Saletta M.D., Infant Girl Bobbie Shephard, Donald John Tyson, Robert F. Wallwork, Donald L. Wiedemann, Mark Wilson, Michael V. Deane, Margaret Cordell & Peggy Cordell Phillips, Alison Elizabeth Relyea

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Book of Patrick: Annabelle Grace Boehnke, John & Katherine Cotsirilos, Margaret C. Finnegan, Darrell Green, Brendan Timothy Graber, Mary McGeehan, Barbara Brown Nelson, The Shea-Bidwill Family, James F. Martin, Raymond John Kengott Jr.

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Readings: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12

Mass Remembrances:

7am: William Donnelly (†), Beth Daniels Bello (†)
9am: Matthew C. King, Jr. (†), Dave Sevenson (†)
11am: Kenneth Monarrez, Diane Kresal (†)
5pm: Hope Fairclough McGowan (†), Paul Killian (†)
8pm: Jeanne Higgins Hughes (†)

Book of Patrick: Odette Bicudo, Jason Borst, Aladino DiPasquale, Lucy DiPasquale, Mary Burns Lamb, Helen Douaire Igoe, W. Gregory Doolin, Leon & Peggy Dourlet

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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Mary, Mother of God

Saint of the Day for January 1, 2023

The Story of Mary, Mother of God

Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). Paul's further statement that "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'" helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

Some theologians also insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form Theotokos (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin Theotokos. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the Theotokos!" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.

Reflection:

Other themes come together at today's celebration. It is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God's children.

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