



The CROSSROADS

Old St. Patrick's Bulletin

A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

**"The stone that
the builders rejected
has become
the cornerstone."**

- Matthew 21:42ab

**27th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 12:10 PM
Tuesday: 12:10 PM
Wednesday: 12:10 PM (livestream)
Thursday: 12:10 PM
Friday: 12:10 PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 11:30 AM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Third Wednesday of each month
after the 12:10 PM Mass

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EVENT	DATE TIME LOCATION	CONTACT
<i>Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>	October 8 9:00 AM OSP Church and Rectory	
<i>Welcome Mass</i>	October 8 5:00 PM OSP Church	Dominic Trumfio liturgy@oldstpats.org
<i>YANA (You Are Not Alone) Divorce Support Group</i>	October 8 10:30 AM Zoom	Sarah Thompson saraht@oldstpats.org
<i>Greater Chicago Food Depository</i>	October 10 9:00 AM 4100 W Ann Lurie Place	Jim Holbrook jamesjholbrookjr@yahoo.com
<i>Coming Out Catholic</i>	October 11 6:30 PM 625 W Adams	Brenda Chavez brendac@oldstpats.org
<i>Greater Chicago Food Depository</i>	October 14 8:30 AM 4100 W Ann Lurie Place	Mary Beth Riley mbriley07@yahoo.com
<i>Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>	October 15 9:00 AM OSP Church and Rectory	
<i>Encounter Young Adult Small Groups</i>	October 15 After 5:00 PM Mass Rectory	Brenda Chavez brendac@oldstpats.org
<i>At The Crossroads John G Igwebuike JD PhD</i>	October 18 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall, 625 W Adams	Bob Kolatorowicz bobk@oldstpats.org
<i>Adoption Connections</i>	October 18 8:00 PM Zoom	Rachelle Lindo rachelle.lindo@gmail.com
<i>Women's Spirituality (Western Suburbs)</i>	October 19 7:00 PM 8419 Bailey Rd, Darian, IL	Sandie Vaisnoras svaisnoras@gmail.com
<i>My Brother's Kitchen (formerly Bread of Life Breakfast)</i>	October 21 8:00 AM 1241 S Pulaski Rd	Vincent Guider vincentg@oldstpats.org
<i>Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly Annual Fall Food Drive</i>	October 22 All Masses OSP Church	Beth Marek elizabethm@oldstpats.org
<i>What Do Jesus and Mary Mean to Me as a Muslim?</i>	October 22 10:30 AM 625 W Adams	Mary Kay Slowikowski marykayslowikowski@gmail.com
<i>YANA (You Are Not Alone) Divorce Support Group</i>	October 22 10:30 AM 711 W Monroe	Sarah Thompson saraht@oldstpats.org
<i>Special Friends Mass</i>	October 22 1:00 PM OSP Courtyard	
<i>Contemplative Day of Prayer</i>	October 23 8:30 AM Morton Arboretum	Al Gustafson alg@oldstpats.org





Maeve Breslin Director of Youth Ministries at Old St. Patrick's Church

To me, this Sunday's Gospel message is difficult. Upon first glance it is not a story of joy, forgiveness, or a call to love your neighbor. On the contrary, it seems to be a story of selfishness, betrayal, and violence. And as comfortable as it may be to stray away from difficult topics both in life and in written reflections ... I feel that this parable provides an important perspective into who Jesus is and who He calls us to be.

We know that Jesus came to show people a new way of living (1 Corinthians 12:31), and to provide new ways of thinking and serving. He lived nothing short of a radical life. A life of meeting people where they were at, standing with those on the margins, and preaching the necessity of doing all things for a higher purpose and a greater glory. He was loving, supportive, and forgiving, all while calling out the common foolishness of the people around Him.

A prominent way that Jesus did this was by outwardly challenging the hypocrisy of the religious elite, the Chief Priests and Pharisees. Who in response, challenged his authority, scrutinized Him for ignoring Tradition, and spent much of their energy trying to discredit and trap Jesus in debate. In this parable, we see Jesus comparing Israel to the vineyard, God to the landowner, and the religious elite to the tenants. It becomes clear that the vineyard is both a gift and a responsibility given to the tenants. They are trusted with caring for the vineyard and making sure that it produces in abundance. At harvest, the tenants become selfish in their unwillingness to provide the landowner with what is due. The tenants then kill the servants and the son of the landowner, to ensure that the profits of the vineyard and the inheritance of the landowner will be theirs.

Jesus then challenges the religious elite head on by inquiring, "What will the fate of these wicked tenants be?" Of course, they know the correct answer. The wicked will be held responsible for their actions and that the vineyard will be opened up to anyone who will work justly. They also know that this is a warning from Jesus, and that their lifestyles closely resemble that of the tenants. However, their pride, stubbornness, and unwillingness to grow solidifies their disdain for the "Jesus problem" in their midst. His unwavering requirement of a changed lifestyle and perspective was too much for them.

This parable in all honesty stresses me out because a direct call to action without a subsequent "to-do" list is unnerving. Maybe it would be easier to live a life that closely emulates Christ's if Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God will be given to people who produce its fruit, and here are the 25 things that you should do every day in order to make that happen!" But alas, Jesus is brief with His words. He does not go into deep detail about how one tenant should be responsible for watering all the plants, and how another must focus their attention towards the livestock. In the same way, Jesus does not lay out a direct and easy step by step pathway for those who choose to follow Him today.

Although difficult at times, the open-endedness of Jesus' call is significant because it highlights a fundamental difference between Jesus and the Pharisees. The Pharisees were consumed with the laws and rules that governed religion. When presented with the opportunity to be challenged and changed, the Pharisees viewed it as a threat to the way of life that they had grown comfortable and complacent in. While in comparison Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). If you believe that I am the cornerstone of the Church, this faith tradition, and your life: go out and live differently."

Today's Gospel challenges me to take a look at the vineyard of my own life. It pushes me to grow in an everyday recognition that I have both a gift and responsibility to live like Jesus. When I am faced with the "Jesus problem", I want to have the confidence to accept the invitation to fully love and serve others. I want to grow in awareness towards the work of God around me, and do something about it. And in moments where my next step is unsure, I am comforted in knowing that the freedom Jesus offers is not limited to impossible standards of perfection, but rather a purposeful and continual encouragement to live a life of action. A life full of doing the next right thing.

"Now that you don't have to be perfect, you can be good." - John Steinbeck, East of Eden



Before the Synodal sessions began this week in Rome, every participant - no matter their rank, nationality, or state in life - took part in three days of retreat together. St. John Paul II was noted to have said to a fellow church leader once, "Affective collegiality precedes effective collegiality." Before these leaders can work together, they must walk together, be with one another, even re-create with one another. As part of this retreat, the former leader of the Dominican Order offered a poignant reflection on Friendship as part of this time. Here are some pieces of the reflection offered to the Synod participants - individuals coming from vastly different contexts and coming with some strikingly different opinions and visions for the future of the church. I share them because, to be honest, each invitation and image feels it might be as relevant to our own hearts' work as they are to the work of the global church.



On the night before he died, Jesus prayed to his Father: 'May them be one as we are one.' (John 17.11). But from the beginning, in almost every document of the New Testament, we see the disciples divided, quarreling, excommunicating each other. We are gathered in this Synod because we too are divided and hope and pray for unity of heart and mind. This should be our precious witness in a world which is torn apart by conflict and inequality. The Body of Christ should embody that peace which Jesus promised and for which the world longs.

Preaching the gospel is never just communicating information. It is an act of friendship. A hundred years ago, Vincent McNabb OP said, 'Love those to whom you preach. If you do not, do not preach. Preach to yourself.'

There were no easy friendships between men and women in the Old Testament. The Kingdom broke in with Jesus surrounded by his friends, men and women. Even today, many people doubt the possibility of any innocent friendship between men and women. Men fear accusation; women fear male violence; the young fear abuse. We should embody the spacious friendship of God. ... So we preach the gospel by friendships that reach across boundaries. God reached across the division between Creator and creature. What impossible friendships can we make?

So the foundation of all that we shall do in this Synod should be the friendships we create. It does not look much. It will not make headlines in the media. 'They came all the way to Rome to make friendships! What a waste!' But it is by friendship that we shall make the transition from 'I' to 'We' (IL A. 1. 25). Without it, we shall achieve nothing.

*On Monday, October 2, Dominican Friar and former Master of the Order of Preachers, Fr. Timothy Radcliffe offered this reflection 'On Friendship' which can be found along with the other retreat reflections at **Vatican News Service**. bit.ly/SynodOnFriendship.*

Welcome to Old St. Pat's

On the second Sunday of every month, Old St. Pat's (OSP) will be hosting a special Mass for new members and those who are interested in learning about OSP. After Mass, there will be a short tour of the Church followed by an information session for those who are eager to learn about ways to get involved. Want to invite friend to Mass? The Welcome Mass is the perfect time to introduce them to the Old St. Patrick's community.

*The next Welcome Mass is:
Sunday, October 8 at 5 PM*



Register Here for the Church Tour
and Information Session



May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.

We are cheering for you, Chicago marathon runners!
Please join us outside and cheer on the Chicago Marathon runners as they hit their 14th mile right outside the church!
We will have a cheer section with music and fun for all!



On this day of reflection, as we observe both Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day, let us come together in a spirit of reconciliation and understanding. May we honor the history, culture, and resilience of Indigenous peoples while acknowledging the complexities of our shared past, seeking a path forward that promotes unity, justice, and healing.





Old St. Patrick's Church

At The Crossroads

SPEAKER AND DISCUSSION SERIES



John G. Igwebuike, J.D., Ph.D.

Oct. 18, 2023 at 7 pm
Fellowship Hall, 625 W. Adams

“L-I-S-T-E-N: One of the Greatest Skills Rarely Taught”

This presentation introduces participants to one of the greatest skills rarely taught: effective listening. God has given us two ears and one mouth so that we can listen more than we talk. Listening is a gift we give to ourselves, our God, and our fellow human beings. Bible scholars note that Jesus's most oft-repeated phrases implored each of us to L-I-S-T-E-N. Yet, among the major verbal communication modalities—writing, reading, and speaking—the art, skill, and practice of listening is the least taught, least considered, and least understood. This reflection invites us to tune out the noise, turn off the distractions, and tune in to divine opportunities to L-I-S-T-E-N.



Marisa G. Franco, Ph.D.

Nov. 8, 2023 at 7 pm
Zoom Webinar

“Why Friendship Matters: Building Social Connections and Community”

The need for connection is fundamentally human and underlies everything—our health, our motivation, our work, and our sense of who we are. And yet, we are in the middle of a loneliness epidemic and our communities are disconnected. In this presentation, Dr. Marisa G. Franco will share insights into the science of connection and why belonging makes individuals and communities more resilient. She will share skills and hands-on tips for initiating and maintaining collaboration, community, and friendship.



Michael R. Simone, SJ, Ph.D.

Dec. 13, 2023 at 7 pm
Hughes Hall, 700 W. Adams

“Advent Everyday: How to Pay Attention When Jesus Arrives in Daily Life”

Through the use of scripture, theology and narrative, Fr. Simone will share tips for finding Jesus in everyday life.

For more information and to register for the event, please scan this QR Code or visit the website at: oldstpats.org/at-the-crossroads





EMERALD BALL

October 27

We hope you can join us for our 36th Emerald Ball - a fundraiser celebrating friendships, family and faith on Friday, October 27, 2023 at the Hilton Chicago. This year we are thrilled to be honoring Fr. Tom Hurley and Katie Nee Hobbs & Mike Hobbs! For more information about the event or sponsorship, visit our website at oldstpats.org/emeraldball



SPECIAL FRIENDS MASS

October 22 | 1:00 PM | Old St. Patrick's Courtyard

Knowing how challenging it can be on a Sunday morning for families, kids and especially those with special needs, Old St. Pat's hosts an occasional Sunday mass for families who may need something a little different and perhaps a lot simpler, a liturgy designed for kids and adults with special needs.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from joining our Special Friends Masses, we welcome you! Please help us spread the word. Our next Special Friends Mass is October 22 at 1:00 PM, outside in the courtyard.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

October 8 and 15 | 9:00 AM | Old St. Patrick's Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word for our Kindergarten through 2nd graders will be at 9 AM Mass. October dates include Sundays, October 1st, 8th, and 15th. On the above dates, children should sit with their families until they are invited to the altar by the priest. They will then go into the rectory with adult leaders to learn about the readings of the day in a child-friendly manner.

We engage in activities to support the children's understanding of the gospel message. Please contact one of our CLOW leaders for more information or to volunteer: Eileen O'Connor at eoconnor80@gmail.com or Maureen Fitzgerald at maureenlfitzpatrick@gmail.com





Adoption Connections



Please join us for an online gathering of the OSP Adoption Group's **Adoption Connections!**
Adoption Connections is a forum for families to connect, share stories, and support each other who are experiencing the adoption journey.

Get to know others and build relationships!

Wednesday, October 18, 8:00pm – 9:00pm

We hope you can join us!

RSVP Rachele Lindo, Co-chair rachele.lindo@gmail.com

(a Zoom link will be sent to those who RSVP)

The Adoption Creed

Not flesh of my flesh nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own. Never forget for a single minute, you didn't grow under my heart, but in it. ~ Author unknown

MONDAY EVENING *Rosary* GROUP

**We meet via Zoom every Monday, guided by a Prayer Leader,
with intentions beginning promptly at 6:00pm.**

An email invite with a link to Zoom is sent to you each Sunday morning. To ensure a prompt start at 6:00 PM, please log on to the Zoom link by 5:50 PM. Our Welcome Packet includes the Rosary Meditation Companion and prayers for the Holy Rosary and Litany.

We invite you to visit our OSP Website Page:
Oldstpats.org (click on Community Life/Spiritual/Rosary).
<http://www.oldstpats.org/rosary-prayer-group.html>



ONLINE CHAPEL | GROW WHOLE, NOT OLD September 11 - October 10 | Zoom

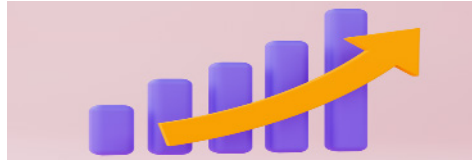
This fall, our online chapels will celebrate the experience of aging by exploring the mystery and beauty of the second half of life. It is an opportunity to participate in the spiritual practices of reflective reading, silent prayer and sacred sharing in a supportive community, practices that enable our journey of transformation.

For more info and to register use this link: <https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/206/responses/new>



October is **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, and as a faith community we want to share information that can help each of us better understand this important issue and the way it affects individuals and communities everywhere. Over the coming weeks, we will offer articles and opportunities to get involved in Domestic Violence prevention and support for survivors.

How Common Is Domestic Violence?



17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report 2023 – Illinois Summary

On September 7, 2022, **86 percent** of domestic violence programs in Illinois participated in a national count of domestic violence services, and the following statistics represent the services they provided during the **24-hour survey period**.

2,626 Victims Served

1,287 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, hotels, motels, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,339 adult and child victims received non-residential supportive services related to legal needs, housing advocacy, transportation, mental health, public benefits, and more.

975 Hotline Contacts Received

Domestic violence hotlines are lifelines for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, & resources via phone, chat, text, and email. Hotline staff received 975 contacts, averaging nearly 41 per hour.

199 People Educated

Local domestic violence programs provided 19 public training sessions (educational sessions provided to the public) to 199 people, addressing topics like domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

589 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made 589 requests for services that programs could not provide because they did not have the resources. Approximately 28 percent of these unmet requests were for emergency shelter, hotels, motels, and other housing.

- » **If you are a victim or survivor of domestic abuse seeking help:**
- » National Hotline: 1-800-799 SAFE (7233); 1-800-7873224 (TDD)



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 22nd
All Masses Covered

**ANNUAL FALL HYBRID FOOD DRIVE
CHURCH STEPS AND VIA AMAZON LINK!**

Our Low Income Seniors Need Us more than ever! Covid-19, food deserts, inflation and isolation have greatly increased the need for food in this vulnerable population. The Little Brothers or Old St Pat's Truck will cover all Masses on Sunday October 22nd. Thanks from Outreach at Old St. Pat's. Beth Marek

The Amazon Wish List www.tinyurl.com/LBFEfooddrive

Grocery List:

- Boxed low-sugar cereal & regular cereal
- Canned tuna
- Low-salt & regular canned vegetables
- Low-salt canned soup
- Low-salt crackers (saltines, wheat)
- Pasta (in boxes)
- Canned chicken
- Pasta sauce in cans or plastic containers (no glass jars)
- Canned fruit (no sugar added)
- Oatmeal – instant and regular
- Creamy peanut butter
- Macaroni & cheese
- Boxed instant potatoes
- Juice (small cans or individual boxes)
- Individual serving cups of pudding, Jell-O, applesauce or fruit cocktail
- Snack foods individually wrapped (like for school lunches): crackers, cookies, trail mix, chips, nuts, or granola bars

OLD ST PAT'S OUTREACH - SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12



John Buciak Old St. Pat's American Red Cross Blood Drive

Please save the date of Sunday, November 12, 2023 for a grand celebration of life as we host our 27th Annual Blood Drive. This is the longest continuous blood drive in the history of Chicago! We hope you can join us.

OLD ST. PATRICK'S
LGBTQ+ MINISTRY PRESENTS

**COMING OUT
CATHOLIC**

LGBTQ+ STORIES OF AUTHENTICITY, BELONGING, AND FAITH

Join us for an evening of storytelling from four of Old St. Pat's members. There will be drinks, treats, and an opportunity to mingle with others to learn more about the Catholic LGBTQ+ experience on National Coming Out Day.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Doors open @6:30 pm
Panel begins @7 pm

625 W. Adams St.
Chicago, IL 60661

REGISTER HERE





HELP US TO ACCOMPANY ASYLUM SEEKERS IN OUR AREA ... AND TO MINISTER TO THEM!

In late September the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has extended and redesignated Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months for Venezuelan individuals who had been residing in the U.S. *on or before July 31*. This step does not require Congressional action.

As a result, the three Venezuelan families that Immigration & Refugee Ministry (IRM) currently accompanies, who reside in apartments in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago and in Oak Park, will become eligible to apply for work authorizations. This is a very significant first step for these families, who all immigrated to the U.S. to enable them to support their families here and also to send money back to help the families they had to leave behind in Venezuela.

We applaud the U.S. government for taking this important step in enabling these families to successfully launch their stay in the U.S. IRM volunteers will assist the families with the necessary paperwork.



IRM Helps To Settle A Third Venezuelan Family, *The Palma-Gomez Family* *Maria, Jose, Eduard And 4-Year Old Jesus, In Oak Park*

Todo Para Todos (TPT), which means Everything for Everyone in Spanish, operated the only volunteer-led community shelter for migrants in in the Pilsen area of Chicago until early September when many of their volunteers, who were teachers, had to return to school.

TPT called on IRM to help with one of their Venezuelan families—the Palma-Gomez family, a mom, dad, four-year old son, and dad’s brother. This family had been lucky enough to be at a Chicago Police Station when TPT opened their doors and welcomed them to stay at their newly-opened warehouse when it opened in May. Their necessary switch to our care also coincided with the availability of another 1-BR apartment in the same Oak Park apartment building that houses the Rondon-Castillo family, who we helped to resettle in August. This new family has said repeatedly that people like those from TPT and OSP have proven to them that the world they envision here for their son, Jesus, made all the hardships they endured to leave Venezuela worthwhile.



The Rondon-Castillo family is settling in nicely ... *(Gabriela and Kathy McGourty, IRM co-chair and volunteer)*

One of our family liaisons, Lisa Cherivtch, is tutoring the family in ESL lessons during the evenings and has been invited to have dinner with them, reporting that the family’s mom Gabriela’s home-made Venezuelan Arepas, were quite delicious! Even though she is very lonesome for her family back home in Venezuela, Gabriela has kept busy--she will be chaperoning an upcoming class trip for her boys’ elementary school to Morton Arboretum, and has also helped IRM set up the nearby apartment for her new neighbors, the Palma-Gomez family, who are also from Venezuela.



Denilson Perez (player #10), from our Honduran family, is attending Mansueto High School in Chicago as a freshman this year. He is a star player on the boys’ soccer team, who refer to Denilson as “Messi,” an Argentine soccer player, who is regarded as one of the greatest players of all time!

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.



- Please go to oldstpats.org, click on **GIVE TO OSP** (upper right-hand corner), click on **GIVE ONLINE** and select **IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE FUND** from the drop-down menu, or
- Please scan the **QR code**

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





**A CONTEMPLATIVE DAY OF PRAYER:
TRANSITION, IMPERMANENCE
& THE PASCHAL MYSTERY**

October 23, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Morton Arboretum Lisle, IL

Facilitator: Al Gustafson

Cost: \$65

Register: <https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/816/responses/new>

Spend a fall day among the trees of the Arboretum, reflecting on the reality of change, the only constant in our human experience. We will mine the transitions we have already passed through and stand courageously before the uncertainty and mystery that our future holds. Drawing from our Christian tradition and Buddhist spiritual practices, we will discover that change is the portal through which we step toward deepening our experience and trust in the love and mercy of God.

This is a day to step out of your routine and step into a time of quiet and structured prayer practices. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The retreat can accommodate 35 participants. To request a scholarship, please contact Al Gustafson alg@oldstpats.org

To register, please visit: <https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/816/responses/new>

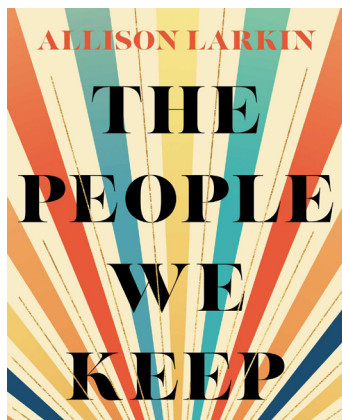


**WHAT DO JESUS AND MARY MEAN TO ME AS A MUSLIM?
with Syed Atif Rizwan, PhD**

October 22 | 10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall - 625 W Adams

An interfaith program hosted by Encore, all are welcome!

Dr. Syed Atif Rizwan is Assistant Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he also serves as Director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies Program and is also the Chair of the Department of Intercultural Studies and Ministry. To register, visit <https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/805/responses/new>



**NORTHSIDE BOOK CLUB
(FORMERLY ENCOUNTER BOOK CLUB)**

October 23 | 6:30 PM

The Book Cellar - 4736 N Lincoln Ave

The Northside Book Club (formerly the Encounter Book Club) will be reading "The People We Keep" by Allison Larkin. We will be meeting on October 23 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at the Book Cellar in Lincoln Square.





YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUPS

October 15

After 5:00 PM Mass | OSP Rectory

Meet with Encounter every 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month to build community and deepen your faith. Everyone between the ages of 18 and 39 are welcome. Snacks & drinks are provided.



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OLD ST. PATRICK'S

ENCOUNTER PNEUMA LGBTQ+ FAITH SHARING

October 10 and October 24

Contact for details

Pneuma is an inclusive and affirming faith sharing group for LGBTQ+ members. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Contact Brenda Chavez at brenda@oldstpats.org for details.



YANA (YOU ARE NOT ALONE) DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

October 8 and October 22 | 10:30 AM |

Zoom (October 8) and 711 W Monroe (October 22)

This is a networking group for men and women who are separated or divorced. "You Are Not Alone" is a chance to talk with other men and women who are separated or divorced. This group meets to discuss topics of importance to those seeking to heal during and after one of life's most difficult transitions. Peer facilitated by those who have been there and simply wish to listen and offer encouragement. Participation is free.

THANK YOU DOREEN OLESCZUK, YANA VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR

After graciously facilitating Old St. Pat's You Are Not Alone (YANA) divorce support group for two years, member Doreen Olesczuk is ready to pass the torch! We wish to thank Doreen for her dedication and support. Her willingness to spearhead this group by giving of her time and service has been greatly appreciated. Doreen has allowed Old St. Pat's to continue to support those who are facing the challenges of separation and divorce and seeking to heal during and after one of life's most difficult transitions.

We are looking for a member to take over for Doreen as a volunteer facilitator of YANA. This support group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 10:30-12 pm; one time virtually and one time in person at 711 W. Monroe. Responsibilities include sending out email reminders and Zoom invites, facilitating the monthly gatherings, and managing the member email list. Interested parties should contact Sarah Thompson at Saraht@oldstpats.org.





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Second Tuesdays and Saturdays of every month

Tuesday, October 10 from 9 AM to NOON
Saturday, October 14 from 8:30 AM to 11:15 AM

For complete information, contact our coordinators. Please provide your email address and phone number(s)

Tuesday: Jim Holbrook | 773.237.2625 or 312.450.4291 | jamesjholbrookjr@yahoo.com

Saturday: Mary Beth Riley | 630.460.7889 | mbriley07@yahoo.com



NORTH LAWDALE KINSHIP INITIATIVE

October 21 | 8:00 AM - NOON | YMEN 1241 S Pulaski Road

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.



MY BROTHER'S KITCHEN MEAL HOST

(Formerly Bread of Life Breakfast)

Every 3rd Saturday, 8 AM - Noon

Young Men's Education Network Gym, 1241 S. Pulaski Road

A team of 8 - 12 hosts help to: Set up eating areas, prep, cook and serve a hot, nutritious meal, provide friendly hospitality to 100+ guests from the neighborhood and clean up afterward.

Contact: Vincent Guider,
North Lawndale Kinship Initiative Director
at vincentg@oldstpats.org



TO REGISTER AND/OR DONATE,
PLEASE VISIT THE LINK OR
SCAN THE QR CODE:

bit.ly/NLKinshipOpportunities



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Monsignor Ken Velo!*

Wed., Oct. 18, 2023
LuxuryBingoChicago.com



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Giving to Old Saint Patrick's Church

"As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."
- U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops

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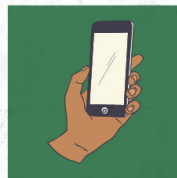


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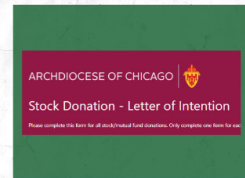
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Sunday

7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., and 8 p.m.

Weekday

Monday	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.
Thursday	12:10 p.m.
Friday	12:10 p.m.

Reconciliation

Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., and upon request.

Liturgical Ministry

If you feel called to serve as a Hospitality Minister, Eucharistic Minister or Lector for one of our Sunday liturgies, please contact liturgy@oldstpats.org to learn more about training, scheduling, and serving.

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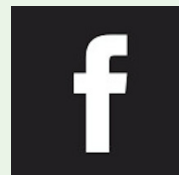
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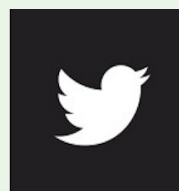
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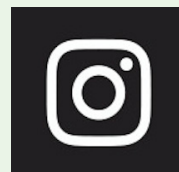
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Sunday, October 8, 2023

Readings: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Kenneth F. Karwowski (†)
9am: Stephanie Follin (†),
William Ciota (Donna Ciota Father) (†)
11am: Kenneth Monarrez, Joel Byrne (†),
5pm: Vicky Santucci (†), Jose Deslaes Dadvivas (†)

Book of Patrick: Jack Callahan, Lydia Belle Claridge,
John & Catherine "Kit" Danaher, Kate & John Duncan,
Roger D. Gubbins, Bill Brennan and Ann Krlitch,
Mark, Carol, Michael & Jennifer Moskop,
Jack O'Connor, John Anthony Pakos,
Beatriz Villarreal, Daniel F. Russell,
Maria and Zdzislaw Szadkowski & Wieslaw Kolsut,
Brian Stephen Marek, Joanne Sullivan Jarvis,
Jack Weyna, Priscilla McCormack Zito

Monday, October 9, 2023

Readings: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Book of Patrick:

Gene & Marguerite Bailey, Thomas F. Cashman,
Laura Durkin/Brian Friedler Family,
John T. Halliday, Dan & Judy Josephs,
John Lydon, Catherine A. McGinnis,
William Jack Dunlap

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Readings: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Book of Patrick:

Kathryn Ann Sloan, Hon. Milton & Mrs. Judith Black,
Loretto M. Crofton, Eleanor Brennan Frawley,
Rudy Giovannetti, Eric Alan Gottung, Imelda O'Keefe Hoy,
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Jean Marie Regan, Sheila Sepanski, John Ryon Hennessy,
Reverend John Frerker, Margaret K. Callahan, Dorothy Stefan,
Gary Sholder, Howard Johnson

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Readings: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Mass Remembrances:

12:10pm: Boris Imperial (†),
David (Grandfather of Matthew Cassidy) (†)

Book of Patrick: Amadio A. Bruni, Margaret Butler Calto,
John J. Cerven, Mary Jo Desmond, James Dettman,
Fr. William Ennis, Joseph Feeney, Marianne Flanagan,
Mae Joan Hunter, Charles L. Johnson, Charlie Magee,
Marie McCann, Lee McCann, Larry McCann,
Ron & Pat McCann, Nora McCormick, Neil & Agnes Salemi,
Jill and Michael Hennessy

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Readings: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Book of Patrick: Cittadino-O'Toole Families, Shar M. Coulson,
Michael & Julia Duggan, Patrick Duggan, Roger Eck,
Bernard Hanley, Dr. Maureen Hughes, Clare Ann Kengott,
Monica & Joe Lang, Edward Lawrence, Ralph J. Pazar,
Cathy & Michael Sullivan, Alberta & Mike Wittrock,
Richard G. Dykehouse, Mary Morton

(†) = Deceased

Friday, October 13, 2023

Readings: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Book of Patrick: Diane Balcer, Harriet Brokenshire,
Cecilia V. Green, James Mathews, Kevin Thomas Moran,
Gerald R. Nagel, John Pritscher, Peggy Toner, Jean M. Wilson

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Readings: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Book of Patrick:

Christopher Chroniak & Family, John C. Dooley,
Claudia J. Flynn, Edward & Helen Krzeminski,
Dennis Lannert, Mary & Jack Lynch Sr.,
Richard & Betty O'Toole, Leon Popowski,
Michael & Meghan Riordan, Ellen Seelye,
Norb & Mary Kay Slowikowski, Dorothea Anne Spring,
Viola Stewart, Raymond & Mary Zotti,
Caitlin O'Connor, Louise Dieterle

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Readings: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Michelle Maloney (†), Maureen McGuire (†)
9am: Florentina Valdez Viado (†), Robert 'Bob' Meyer (†)
11am: Danny Borowicz (†), Kenneth Alexander Monarrez (†)
5pm: Deacon Michael Guerrieri (†), Nellie Guillory (†)
8pm: Miguel Estrada Arellano (†)

Book of Patrick: Patricia & John Aiello, Theresa Barlow,
John & Lillian Birmingham, Richard Patrick Collins,
Clarence M. Dunagan III, Mark Dwyer, Irene Gaughan,
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James Robert Miller, Megan & Paul Moffatt, Helen Molloy,
Lucille Joyce O'Malley, Barbara C. Williams
Jon Thomas Pettigrew & Carl Zarlenga

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Sick

Marge Sevening, Jim Loan, Dan Simcox, Theresa Kearns

For Those Who Have Died

Patricia Nicarico, Ed Moore, Karen Cummings,
MaryAnn Selchak, Mervyn Sims, Paul Flores

Please contact Bernadette Moore Gibson
at 312-798-2389 for Pastoral Care Services.

Be strong and courageous!
Don't not be afraid,
for the Lord your God goes with you;
he will never leave or forsake you."
Deuteronomy 31:6

Pastoral Care: Do you know someone in need of
Pastoral Care amongst our Old St. Pat's community?
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Women and Men of Faith



Image: Body of Saint John Leonardi | Santa Maria in Portico in Campitelli, Rome

Saint John Leonardi Saint of the Day for October 8, 2023

"I am only one person! Why should I do anything? What good would it do?" Today, as in any age, people seem plagued with the dilemma of getting involved. In his own way, John Leonardi answered these questions. He chose to become a priest.

After his ordination, Fr. Leonardi became very active in the works of the ministry, especially in hospitals and prisons. The example and dedication of his work attracted several young laymen who began to assist him. They later became priests themselves.

John lived after the Protestant Reformation and the Council of Trent. He and his followers projected a new congregation of diocesan priests. For some reason the plan, which was ultimately approved, provoked great political opposition. John was exiled from his home town of Lucca, Italy, for almost the entire remainder of his life. He received encouragement and help from Saint Philip Neri, who gave him his lodgings—along with the care of his cat!

In 1579, John formed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and published a compendium of Christian doctrine that remained in use until the 19th century.

Father Leonardi and his priests became a great power for good in Italy, and their congregation was confirmed by Pope Clement in 1595. John died at the age of 68 from a disease caught when tending those stricken by the plague.

By the deliberate policy of the founder, the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God have never had more than 15 churches, and today form only a very small congregation. The liturgical feast of Saint John Leonardi is celebrated on October 9.

What can one person do? The answer is plenty!

In the life of each saint, one thing stands clear:
God and one person are a majority!

What one individual, following God's will and plan for his or her life, can do is more than our mind could ever hope for or imagine. Each of us, like John Leonardi, has a mission to fulfill in God's plan for the world. Each one of us is unique and has been given talent to use for the service of our brothers and sisters for the building up of God's kingdom.

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