In case you missed last week’s issue of the Crossroads, we would like to share Fr. Hurley’s special Just a Thought message from last Sunday with you today...

As I’m writing this article on this winter day, I’m looking out the window and watching the snow fall on Chicago. With the exception of early snow on Halloween, I think we’d all agree that, so far, we’ve escaped a harsh winter with lots of snow and frigid temps. Let’s hope it stays that way! I don’t want to jinx us now!

One of the images that is tattooed in my memory from many years ago, especially when it comes to heavy snowfall, are events like the blizzard of ’79 or more recently in 2011 and 2015, to recall just a few. Like any big snow, especially in Chicago, digging out can be a real chore. I can recall many times during those big heavy snowfalls and living on a typical city street on the southwest side when it was “all hands on deck” to help each other on the block when it came to walkways, driveways, and those most coveted parking places in front of our houses.

Likewise, before the invention of front-wheel-drive, I can recall countless times as a kid when a neighbor’s car would be stuck in the snow, the rear wheels spinning furiously on a patch of ice and “the call to arms” was announced. “Let’s go!” someone would often yell to the rest of the neighbors on the block, “we have to get Mr. Altman’s car a push!” And without hesitation, six or seven guys would trudge through the snow and GET BEHIND the wheel-spinning-car and with shared energy, pushing with all force, set it free! With traction under his tires, off he went.

When I think about Old St. Pat’s and our “success” as a vibrant church in the 21st century, I recall that winter image of shared energy and giving each other a push. The reason Old St. Pat’s attracts a community from around the city, suburbs, and indeed around the nation is because we foster a common dream to “GET BEHIND” the mission and give it all we got!

Thirty-six years ago, a younger Fr. Jack Wall, my mentor and predecessor, came to Old St. Pat’s and brought an energy and a dream of what this church could be like. Having inherited an old, tired, worn down piece of “machinery” (buildings in disrepair, not a lot of people, and zero resources) Jack and others got together and said let’s GET BEHIND this church, dream of a new, exciting mission, and give it a push into the future. And so it happened.

With no financial resources to sustain the early mission of Old St. Pat’s, one of the first means of securing some funding was to throw the World’s Largest Block Party. If you grew up in Chicago, you were well familiar with a city block party: gather your neighbors, shut down the street, have some music and beer, and the rest is history. For the past 35 years, thousands of people have both enjoyed the Block Party and got behind its success. Had it not been for the early pioneers and the countless volunteers who kept pushing the World’s Largest Block Party into the successful event it has been as one of Chicago’s signature summer-time festivals, we as a church would never have benefitted from its financial success. We are so proud of the amazing run of the World’s Largest Block Party we have enjoyed for these past 35 years. Without those significant funds, much of what we do today at Old St. Pat’s would never have been realized.

Today, however, Old St. Pat’s is a much different place than it was 35 years ago and the city, its demographic landscape, and the summer event environment is much different and likewise much more difficult for us to navigate. There is more competition today than ever before during the summer months in Chicago. We are grateful for where we have been and we are excited as we look to the future and starting to plan events, experiences, and programs that reflect where we are going.

Because of the many people here at Old St. Pat’s who have committed so many years to the event, I wanted you to be the first to know that we will not be hosting the World’s Largest Block Party this coming year. As we get ready to embark on the 175th anniversary of Old St. Patrick’s Church, we feel it’s time for us to start imagining and creating events that will launch us into the next chapter of our community life.

For starters, I think we have a great opportunity with this year’s St. Patrick’s Day, 2020. I was humbled when the parade organizers asked me to serve as the Grand Marshal of this year’s parade. I see it not as a personal honor for me, but more importantly as a way to celebrate the life of Old St. Pat’s. Besides our participation in this historic city event, we would like to host a different kind of Block Party, calling it “Shamrock’n the Block” which we will host right here on Desplaines Street in the shadows of Chicago’s oldest church. More details will be forthcoming but PLEASE mark March 14th as a day to start something new for our future, which is filled with great Hope. Like those ancestors 175 years ago and those who gathered 35 years ago, let’s GET BEHIND IT and keep pushing our mission forward, making it strong and alive!

In anticipation of a Happy and Joyful St. Patrick’s Day,

Father Tom Hurley
We are a committee of about 15 OSP members who have been meeting for over a year now; you can find us gathered on the last Monday of each month. Since we first began, we have taken on the responsibility of hosting four refugee families through Catholic Charities’ Refugee Resettlement Program. You may have seen some of their stories and pictures in our last bulletin article.

Here are some examples of the hats we wear in this role:

→ Handyman: Helped a family figure out why their radiator wasn’t working properly
→ Case Worker: Went to City Hall with a family to help with filing proper legal paperwork
→ Tour Guide: Took a family to a park/museum and showed them how to use the CTA
→ Head Hunter: Connected multiple families to organizations that helped them find jobs
→ Tutor/Instructor: Offered English and music lessons to children in multiple families
→ Good Neighbor: Donated items for families’ use, e.g. bicycle, cell phones, much more!

As a committee, we also work to keep on top of public policy issues pertaining to immigrants and refugees. We had the latest statement from the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) regarding President Trump’s Executive Order (EO13888), that could drastically reduce, if not entirely eliminate, the resettlement of refugees in our communities, printed in the Sunday bulletin, with their Call to Action.

In addition, we recently hosted the film “Icebox,” as a part of the 2020 Archdiocese of Chicago Immigration Ministry Film Festival. This deeply moving film follows Óscar, a 12-year-old Honduran boy, who is forced to flee his home and seek asylum in the United States. The film was just one of several educational programs the committee has hosted over the last year. We plan to host more and hope you’ll join us.

On January 11th, we held a “3 Wisemen Celebration” for our four families at the OSP Ministry Center. It was a blessing to see everyone mix and mingle; this gathering was the first time each of our families and committee were all together. It was a delicious potluck, with food contributed by both our committee and our families, and a fun afternoon of fellowship and encounter. (Photos below and to the right.)

If you have questions or would like to learn how you can get involved, contact Kayla Jackson at kaylaj@oldstpats.org

If you would like to join us at our next meeting, mark your calendar for Monday, February 24th, 711 W. Monroe Building, Rm 23 (6:30 pm)

If you don’t have time to share but would like to offer financial support, consider donating at osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving and select Immigrant & Refugee Fund from the drop-down menu. Thank you for your generosity!
February at a glance

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Celtic Celebration

Siamsa na NGAEL

Wednesday, March 11 | 7:30 pm | Symphony Center

Presenting...
75 Years On: The African American Sailors of the USS Mason Meets the Irish of Derry

This historic program will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Through music, dance, and narration, we will hear the story of the only African American naval ship in the United States Navy, the USS Mason, stationed in Ireland during the war. This moving performance will bring to light the incredible relationship between the Irish and the sailors.

Special Guest Narrator:
Mark K. Shriver
Senior Vice President, U.S. Programs & Advocacy, Save the Children
President, Save the Children Action Network

Featuring: Metropolis Symphony Orchestra, Old St. Patrick’s Concert Choir, Soloists Gavin Coyle, Catherine O’Connell and Rod Dixon, Irish Trad Band, After School Matters Choir, Trinity Irish Dancers and many more!

Created by Bill Fraher, Director of Concert Choirs, Old St. Patrick’s Church
Narration written by Mary Pat Kelly

Tickets go on sale tomorrow, Monday, February 3!

All performance-only tickets are sold through the Symphony Center’s Box Office, 312.294.3000 or www.cso.org

For Siamsa Sponsorship and Reception Packages, please visit bit.ly/siamsa-sponsorship or call 312.798.2343.
ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASS
Saturday, February 8 | 6 - 7:30 pm
Old St. Patrick's Church

“We believe that where married people are living together in love, God is present, and good things happen, and lives are full.” ~ Jack Shea

Please join us for this annual tradition at Old St. Pat's! The St. Valentine's Day Mass is a chance to carve out time to celebrate liturgy, community, and the mysterious and treacherous love called for and lived out in marriage.

All are welcome to celebrate with us, and all married couples are welcome to renew their expressions of commitment during the liturgy.

Join us for a light reception afterward in Hughes Hall.

AT THE CROSSROADS LECTURE
Tuesday, February 11 | 7:00 pm | Admission: $10
Lund Auditorium, Dominican University
7900 W. Division St. River Forest, IL

Purchase your tickets online by visiting bit.ly/atc-michaelericdyson

When registering online, please click on the "How did you hear about the show?" question and select Old St. Pat's.

Through our At the Crossroads Lecture Series initiative, Old St. Patrick's is pleased to once more partner with the Siena Center at Dominican University to host a lecture program that brings people together for dialogue around the most important issues of the day as seen through the lens of faith.

What Truth Sounds Like with Michael Eric Dyson, PhD

New York Times bestselling author, Michael Eric Dyson, will speak on the topic of his recent book, What Truth Sounds Like: RFK, James Baldwin, and Our Unfinished Conversation About Race in America. Dr. Dyson prophetically addresses the dynamics that inform the narrative of race in our country. The book explores an important meeting and conversation about race between Robert F. Kennedy and James Baldwin in 1963 that continues to impact us all today. Dr. Dyson argues that we have “the power to fix what ails us,” and that we must seize this challenge and reminds us that we are in “dire need of more talk, more insight, more wisdom, and yes, more productive conflict, if we are to learn from our past in order to move forward into the present.”

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is a Georgetown University sociology professor, a New York Times contributing opinion writer, and a contributing editor of The New Republic, and of ESPN's The Undefeated website.
PART FIVE: OVERCOMING EMPLOYMENT OBSTACLES - A CHALLENGE FOR NORTH LAWNDALE RESIDENTS

By Christyn S. Freemon
Business Solutions Manager, North Lawndale Employment Network

Often times more than a job is needed for those individuals at or below the federal poverty level guidelines. Job seekers in communities like North Lawndale have a number of obstacles to overcome when they are trying to secure gainful employment. In addition to the lack of available living wage jobs in the neighborhood, there are other barriers job seekers must overcome to have any chance of gaining successful employment.

Many job seekers start with a stirring motivation, a personal yearning, to improve themselves, provide for their families and pursue the “American Dream,” but they often become discouraged by the obstacles blocking their way.

Instead of that yearning being supported by a social network, including family and friends with access to resources and positive feedback, those who want to better themselves are thwarted by minimal education, no driver’s licenses, inability to afford automobiles, or if they have them they cannot afford insurance, city stickers and license fees. They are then forced to rely on public transportation. These expenses, and the cost of childcare which would allow them to pursue employment make it nearly impossible to enter the workforce.

Here are two stories from North Lawndale residents who turned to the North Lawndale Employment Network (NLEN) a local workforce development organization, to receive job readiness training and wrap around support.
I have lived in the North Lawndale community all my life and had no idea that NLEN even existed until I attended a resource fair there. I attended an orientation and was interested in the Commercial Driver’s License Program. At the start of the program, I was jobless with childcare and transportation issues. I felt anxious, stressed and alone. There were times I wanted to give up, but thinking about my dependent child made me keep trying to find a solution.

The North Lawndale Employment Network has helped me tremendously. I am currently working as a Program Assistant at NLEN which allows me to provide for myself and my child.

- Sabrina, Former NLEN Client and present NLEN Employee

I started the NLEN program in June of 2019 and I gotta say that was the best thing to happen to me. They provided me with 7-day bus cards to get back and forth; they helped me get job ready resumes and complete job applications. I always got help from NLEN when I needed it. They also arranged an interview for me with the CTA but I didn’t have the right clothes to wear so they took me to buy clothes so I’d make the right first impression. Yes, I got the job! NLEN even helped me get my uniform for work. Now, I am a full-time employee for the CTA thanks to NLEN.

- Milton, Former NLEN Client and present CTA Second Chance Apprentice

NORTH LAWNDALE WORKS is a campaign calling on people of Old St. Patrick’s to help remove barriers to employment for North Lawndale residents like Sabrina and Milton. These adults need your help to overcome obstacles preventing them from securing dignified, living wage jobs. Here’s how you can help:

DONATE toward the daily expenses of job seekers in North Lawndale while they search for a job and eventually start working. Cash and gift cards are greatly needed to help recover the burdensome costs of searching for work and retaining it once they initially get hired. Donations help account for transportation, food, childcare, mobile phone bills, Internet service and workplace attire.

NETWORK with background-friendly employers that will consider hiring people with criminal backgrounds. These job seekers want and deserve second chances in life.

ENGAGE with social justice initiatives at Old St. Patrick’s that advocate to remove barriers to employment.

Visit oldstpats.org/nlw today to learn what you can do to remove barriers to employment for North Lawndale neighbors.

Learn more about the North Lawndale Employment Network at NLEN.org.
THANK YOU
For Supporting the Foundations Youth Ministry Pancake Breakfast!

On Sunday, January 26 Foundations teens and parents were busy flipping pancakes, brewing coffee, pouring orange juice, and welcoming our guests to the 15th Annual Foundations Pancake Breakfast! We truly appreciate the support of those who attended our biggest fundraiser of the year and we hope you enjoyed the delicious food. All proceeds from the Foundations Pancake Breakfast will go toward our Summer Worktours and to the Notre Dame Vision Summer Youth Conference.

The Pancake Breakfast could not have been such a success without the generosity of the following businesses:

- **Pompei on Taylor** – for the delicious sausage
- **Lou Mitchell’s** – for amazing pancake mix
- **Yolk** – for yet more pancake mix
- **Bar Takito** – for many gallons of orange juice
- **70 Eats and Stock and Ledger** – for the syrup

Special thanks to our table sponsors, the Catholic Theological Union, the Francis Xavier Warde School, O’Malley & Madden, P.C., and Skender Foundation. A huge thank you to Pancake Breakfast Chair, John Madden, the Youth Ministry Advisory Board, and all the teen and parent volunteers for all of their support and dedication! We couldn’t have done it without you! In addition, a HUGE shoutout to the Old St. Pat’s maintenance crew who did an incredible job helping us set up and tear down the event. Thank you so much, you guys are the best!

And last, but certainly not least, **THANK YOU** to everyone in the Old St. Pat’s community who came to dine, purchased a raffle ticket, or gave a donation. You all make the Pancake Breakfast possible! We hope you enjoyed your pancakes and we look forward to serving you next year!
CAREER COACHES NEEDED AT PHOENIX HALL

Phoenix Hall, located in Chicago’s North Lawndale’ neighborhood, is a transitional housing program serving high school students experiencing housing instability. The program provides safe and stable housing and wrap around services while the students complete their education and discern life after 12th grade.

Eight adult volunteer coaches are needed to help students explore personal life management, college, military, trades and employment. Volunteers must be:

• 24 years or older
• Old St. Patrick’s members
• Comfortable coaching African American students 14-18 years old, one-on-one at Phoenix Hall
• Available for five, 1-hour sessions, over six months with on site staff supervision, weekday evenings or on weekends by appointment at Phoenix Hall.
• Certified through the FREE Archdiocese of Chicago’s “Protecting God’s Children for Adults™/Virtus Training.” Learn more at: bit.ly/2RZagtp

Experience writing/editing resumes and cover letters, conducting mock interviews, mentoring youth, in the military or with college searching, applications and financial aid are a plus.

Watch the Phoenix Hall Video (4:40) at: vimeo.com/232883593

If interested, please contact Mrs. Jean Sweet Ehlinger, OSP Member and Phoenix Hall Liaison, at jean@curv.com or 312-925-2598 (Mobile).

OSP BOOK CLUB
Sunday, February 9 | 9:30 - 11 am | 711 W. Monroe, 3rd Floor

Join the OSP Book Club for our February meeting. We are reading The Clockmaker’s Daughter by Kate Morton. All are welcome! Just read the book and gather with us on the 9th.

Questions? Contact Eileen Sutter at ehsutter@gmail.com
Old St. Pat’s is celebrating the Chicago St. Patrick’s Day Parade in style by hosting ‘Shamrock’n The Block’ at Tommy O’Hurley’s Pop-Up Pub on Saturday, March 14.

The “Pub” will be located in the heart of the city in a heated tent on Desplaines Avenue between Adams and Monroe (in front of Old St. Patrick’s Church). Hundreds of friendly people will enjoy a beer and a brogue and toast to the Irish (remember everyone is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day!). This family friendly event will include beverages, tasty pub fare, live entertainment, wee one’s zone and more! All ages welcome!

Paid parking lots are available at Monroe & Desplaines.

With questions contact Honor Lorenzini at honorl@oldstpats.org or 312-798-2348.

For tickets, visit bit.ly/shamrocktheblock

OSP ONLINE MEDITATION CHAPEL

Have you ever wanted to participate in a small faith community, but schedule and fighting traffic kept you from doing so? Have you found it difficult to stay faithful to a meditation practice or regular prayer? If so, you might find OSP’s new online meditation chapel a helpful resource. You can learn all about it at www.contemplativecommunity.org.

Chapels are hosted by trained leaders Mondays – Thursdays and Saturdays each week. You can participate when you are able. We connect together in our online chapel through the video conferencing platform, Zoom. In order to participate in any of the online chapels, you will need to register. Once you have registered, an email will be sent to you with the URL and all the info you will need for participating in any of the chapels throughout the week.

The chapel experience is one hour long and takes place in two parts. You are welcome to stay for part or all of the experience. The first half of our time is spent together in silent prayer/meditation. To see, hear and join with others throughout our community can be a profoundly connecting, expansive and intimate experience. The second half of the chapel time is reserved for reflecting on scripture and simple faith sharing.

For many of us, this time in community binds us together in love. In order to foster a respectful and supportive community, we need to be especially sensitive to each other. We observe these guidelines for effective sharing. Know you are always welcome and can come and go as you are able.
More an experience than a place, the Encore Café seeks to bring together good people for a great meal, stimulating conversation, and the best fellowship! Your morning at the Encore Café begins with a catered breakfast buffet followed by a thought provoking presentation by inspiring guest speakers. And there's always time for great conversation at tables!

We are thrilled to host television and classical crossover stars, Alfreda Burke and Rodrick Dixon. The couple and their remarkable gift of song have been a part of the Old St. Patrick’s Church family, featured in ‘Siamsa na nGael’ and ‘Deck the Hall’, for over 20 years. They’re celebrating 15 years of ‘Too Hot to Handel’ at the Auditorium Theatre and are currently livestreaming to prisons and correctional facilities including Louisiana Penitentiary at Angola. Their Prague PBS Special is ‘Hallelujah, Broadway!’ and they’ve sung in major venues throughout Chicago and internationally. Please join us for what is sure to be an unforgettable morning. All are welcome!

**Schedule:** 10:40 am Breakfast Buffet | 11:15 am Presentation | 12:15 pm Program Ends

**Location:** 625 W. Adams Street.

The program fee is $15 per person and includes the breakfast buffet.

Reservations are required and can be made online at: [bit.ly/Encorecafefeb23](http://bit.ly/Encorecafefeb23)

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**CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL TICKETS**

Encore is delighted to once again offer free tickets to the Thursday, February 20 rehearsal of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The program, which runs from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, will feature Maestro Ricardo Muti conducting Beethoven’s 2nd and 5th Symphonies. In addition, Muti will conduct a new work by Bacri – Ophelia’s Tears.

For tickets, please contact Judy McLaughlin at 630-852-7269 or judy.mclaughlin3@gmail.com. Please include your name, home address, email and phone number so that Judy can get the tickets to you before February 20.
OLD ST PAT’S FAMILY DANCE
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING IN HOLLYWOOD!

WE’RE TAKING THE DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE UP A NOTCH AND MAKING IT OPEN TO ALL (DADS/DAUHTERS, MOMS/SONS, GRANDPARENTS...OR BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY...YOU DECIDE!)

COME WALK THE RED CARPET AND FEEL FREE TO DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE STAR!

FRI. FEB 28, 2020 6:30-8:30 PM 625 W. ADAMS

Register at bit.ly/ospfamilydance2020

ENJOY DANCING, PIZZA, CRAFTS, MOVIE TREATS AND MORE! $20/PERSON
DIVORCE RECOVERY GROUP
Next session starts Monday, February 10 | 6 - 7:30 pm | 711 W. Monroe St., Rm. 25

Divorce Recovery Group is a seven-week support group led by parish counselor, Sarah Thompson. The next session begins Monday, February 10 and runs through March 23. The divorce process often brings about unexpected and unimaginable heartache, questions, and challenges. Divorce Recovery was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Sessions include education, discussion, and prayer.

Each meeting focuses on a different aspect of the divorce healing process such as grief, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness, family issues, forgiveness, and happiness. The cost is $70, which includes 7 sessions and a workbook. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Group is limited to 15 participants and fills quickly so register early. For more information please contact Old St. Pat’s Parish Counselor, Sarah Thompson at saraht@oldstpats.org or call 708-508-2705.

To register, visit bit.ly/DRG-2020

WEDDING MUSIC FAIR
Monday, February 10 | 7 pm | Old St. Patrick’s Church

We offer Wedding Music Fairs THREE times a year on the first Monday of February, June, and October from 7-8:45 pm in the church. Arrive by 6:45 pm for prelude music! (This February there was a one-time date change to the second Monday.)

Brides, grooms, wedding party members, and extended family members are all encouraged to attend. Attendees will hear a wide selection of music in a broad range of styles. All selections are appropriate for a wedding celebration and will be performed by a number of different instrumentalists and singers. The program features strings, piano, trumpet, oboe, traditional Irish instrumentalists, and six to eight singers. Instrumentalists such as bagpipers and flutists also perform on occasion.

Brides and grooms planning a wedding at Old St. Patrick's (or elsewhere); mothers and fathers planning their child's wedding; and happy couples planning an anniversary celebration will all benefit by attending a Wedding Music Fair. By the same token, these beautiful events have become so popular that folks who enjoy an evening of great music have been known to join in the festivities! So come to what some refer to as: “The cheapest and best concert on a Monday night in downtown Chicago.”

There is a $5 donation per person at the door. For more information on planning music for your Old St Patrick’s wedding, please visit our “Wedding Music at OSP” site, weddingmusic.oldstpats.org, for full information on our wedding guidelines, music choices, and planning process.

THE NEXT CHAPTER

Our Sunday, February 9 "Gung Hey Fat Choy" dim sum excursion will be held at Tang’s Garden, 1826 S. Canal St. from 11:15 am until we are full! Please rsvp with Judy at JMarshman@att.net

Let us know if you have any questions by contacting Linda Eng at LBENG49@gmail.com We hope to see you there!

We are a group of Widows and Widowers creating new friendships to live, laugh and experience life through social interaction with friends from OSP living in and around the city and suburbs.
OSP Next is the community for Young Adults at Old St. Pat’s! There’s no “signing up” - if you’re here, you’re part of the community!

Simply join us anytime for one of the events or opportunities listed. Email OSPnext@oldstpats.org with any questions.

Want to stay up to date with OSPNext events? We’ve made it even easier for you!

Go to goo.gl/eIWLGA to access the OSPNext calendar and/or add it to your own personal calendar.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

If you have ever wanted to dive a little deeper into what’s going on in the scriptures and the context behind the words in our sacred texts, join this group of young adults for weekly sessions before the 5 p.m. Mass at Old St. Pat’s.

To sign up, follow this link: bit.ly/YAbiblestudyOSP

JOIN OUR THURSDAY NIGHT FAITH SHARING GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS!

Whether you have been part of a faith sharing/small group before or not, this group would welcome you to join them and check out what faith-sharing communities are all about. This Thursday group meets from 7-8:30 pm each Thursday night on the third floor of the Fr. Jack Wall Mission Center, 711 W. Monroe. For more information, contact kearac@oldstpats.org.

Free parking for this faith sharing group can be found in the garage at 625 W. Adams (entrance on DesPlaines street, press button on Old St. Pat's machine at the top of the ramp after 6 p.m. for pre-paid ticket).

FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB
Monday, February 24 | 7 - 8:30 pm | The Book Cellar

Our February book is Miracle Creek by Angie Kim. Miracle Creek is a courtroom drama that studies the sacrifices parents are prepared to make for their children. This book describes the events surrounding a fateful explosion and fire at a hyperbaric oxygenation chamber intended to treat people with medical issues.

Newcomers are always welcome! Just read the book and show up.
OLD ST. PATRICK’S ADOPTION CELEBRATION MASS
February 16, 2020 | 5 pm | Old St. Patrick’s Church

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

A celebration of life and love for adoptive families, adoptees, birthparents, friends, and all whose lives have been impacted by the miracle of adoption.
Casual dinner reception follows the mass in the church hall.

Please RSVP: bit.ly/ospadoptionmass2020

OSP Adoption Group
Cynthia and Ed St. Peter, Co-chairs

Please contact us with any questions/comments or to be placed into our Adoption Group database for future communication and activities. We’re looking forward to meeting you all!!!

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GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY AND OUTREACH
Help Stamp Out Hunger in Chicago
Upcoming Outreach Dates:

**Saturday, February 8**
8:30 am - 11:15 am
(Every second Saturday)

Contact:
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**Tuesday, February 11**
9 am - 12 pm
(Every Second Tuesday)

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We have been partnering with the Greater Chicago Food Depository here at OSP for over 25 years. By volunteering at GCFD, our Outreach Partners (Su Casa, The Boulevard, and House of Mary and Joseph Shelter) receive food credits for their programs. These food credits help feed the residents while providing nutritional food items too.

VOLUNTEERS TUTORS NEEDED FOR ADULT LEARNERS
A Little TLC Goes a Long Way on the road of Kinship.

Do you have the gift of giving and the love of working with others?
If so, The Learning Center, located in North Lawndale, needs you to be a tutor!

Volunteer tutors have been the caring, dedicated hearts of The Learning Center since 1983. Whether volunteering once a week or once a month, tutors work with adult from the North Lawndale and Little Village communities one-on-one and in small groups, Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM, under the direction of Malcolm X College instructors. Your help is needed to improve reading, writing, math, and English language skills. No prior tutoring experience is necessary.

For more information or to join other Old St. Pat’s tutors at The Learning Center, please contact Angelica Saucedo, Executive Director, at asaucedo@tlcchicago.org or Marybeth Coleman, board member/tutor/ Old St. Pat’s member, at marybethcoleman@sbcglobal.net

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Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” - Lk 2:34-35

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

Readings: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Mass Remembrances:
- 9:30 am  
  Richard Banaszekiewicz (†)  
  Barbara Szutkowski (†)
- 11:15 am  
  Hugh Jarvis (†)  
  Joe Duffy  
  Molly Jo Barnes (†)  
  William Brooks Keenan (†)
- 5:00 pm  
  George Baylis (†)  
  Candace Kubczak (†)

Book of Patrick: Jack Durkin & Eileen Durkin, Jack Hughes, Joseph J. Labedz, Josephine Laterza, Mary Meccia, Rose Marie Moore, Bartholomew T. Murphy, Mary Ellen & Ray O’Donnell, Ann Moffatt Rash, John Adams Rourke, Allen L. Simmons

Monday, February 3, 2020

Readings: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20

Mass Remembrances: Henry Pacer (†)

Book of Patrick: Stella Connor, Robert H. Groff, Sr., Fred & Marcella di Leo, Peter Ogonowski, The Sugrue Family

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Readings: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—193/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43

Mass Remembrances: Nancy Horowitz Yates (†)


Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Readings: 2 Sm 24:2; 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. Sc]/Mk 6:1-6

Mass Remembrances: Tom Bentley, Jonathan Evans (†)

Book of Patrick: Leo Black, Colleen Burns, Hilda & Joseph Cottrell, Nora Elizabeth Flannery, Rosemary Grogan Loerzel, Richard G. Co, Chuck Goro, John E Partelow

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 5:4-7

Mass Remembrances: Shalanda Dexter (†)

Book of Patrick: Mary Jo Campbell, Jaryn E. Burns, Ann R. Capesius, Amy Grimwood, Kim- (†) = Deceased

Marie Lombardo, Conner Lowry, Cpl. Conner Thomas Lowry U.S.M.C., Gregg A. Mathews, Betsy Meehan, Dick & Rita O’Connell, Ronald Reagan, James H. Murphy & Marion Shannon, Alice Skilling, Marly Springhorn

Friday, February 7, 2020

Readings: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29

Book of Patrick: Rose and Dave Demartini, Donna Garofano, Virginia Bucko Green, Frances & Russell Leist, V.J. McAleer, Sr., Thomas Edward O’Malley, Frances Roeder, Kathleen Hug

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34

Book of Patrick: Michael McKeown, Charles Adamovics, James B. and Nancy Gleason, Joseph C. Kreminski, Marguerite Stauder, Mark Stephen Swibes, Helen Walsh, Elizabeth Lucille Bingham Kuehnle

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Readings: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Sick
Sheila Mehigan, Thomas Dwyer, Anthony Griffin, Paula Rossmann, Joan Pearson, Aline Frank, Clarimarie Keenan, Louise Storino, Mary Kelling, Kevin Dunagan, Marian McCurry, Mary Cercone, Doro Henry

For Those Who Have Recently Died
Maria Kaslow, Bob Hahn, Joe Domanico, Shirley Kleparek, Deloris Hagemaster, Kate E. Kinser, James Walsh, Jeff Anderson, Hank Deiters, Bob Moore

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

**Women and Men of Faith**

Saint of the Day for February 2

**The Story of the Presentation of the Lord**

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ’s birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually “unclean” for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her “purification.” Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus’ first appearance in the Temple more than Mary’s purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

**Reflection**

In Luke’s account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the impending redemption of their people. The references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of Saint Simeon, the old man who burst into song at day’s end.
Mass Schedule

Sunday
7 am, 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm, and 8 pm
Monday – Friday (Daily Mass)
7 am and 12:10 pm
Church is open for Personal Prayer:
Monday – Friday: 7 am – 1 pm

Reconciliation
Fridays at 11:45 am, or 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 Tom Micinski at tmicinski@oldstpats.org.

The Baptismal Program & Schedule
To schedule a baptism, please contact baptisms@oldstpats.org.

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

Low-gluten Host
Old St. Pat’s has low-gluten hosts available for those members who, for health reasons, could not receive regular Communion hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host, please contact Tom Micinski at tmicinski@oldstpats.org.

Sign-Language Interpreter
Upon request, a sign language interpreter can be available at the 11:15 am or 5 pm Mass on Sundays, as well as for holidays and holy days of obligation. It would be most appreciative if you would give us 5 days of advance notice. To request access to a sign language interpreter at Mass, please contact liturgy@oldstpats.org.

Old St. Patrick’s Website
Be sure to visit our website, www.oldstpats.org, for the most up-to-date information.

Livestream Services
Our 5 pm Mass is available LIVE online every Sunday. To join us, visit livestream.com/oldstpats. Questions? Contact Leanne Kelly at leannek@oldstpats.org.

Go to bit.ly/worshipaid to follow along with a worship aid PDF.

Feedback
A new opportunity for feedback is now online so you can quickly share thoughts about your experience of liturgy here at Old St. Pat’s. Go to oldstpats.org/feedback to contribute!

Wedding Schedule

If you are engaged and would like to inquire about a possible wedding date at Old St. Patrick’s, please complete the wedding inquiry form and send to weddings@oldstpats.org.

For general wedding information, please refer to Sacraments/Marriage at www.oldstpats.org.

Book of Patrick & Mass Intentions
For Book of Patrick or Mass Intentions requests, please visit www.oldstpats.org/book-of-patrick or www.oldstpats.org/mass-intentions.

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For your convenience, we are providing information to make parking easily accessible for everyone who visits Old St. Pat’s. Please continue to check back on the parking availability in these lots. We will continue to have updated information for you. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

SUNDAYS
Parking structure at 625 W Adams: Free parking available from 12 am – 12 am on Sundays. Please be sure to pull a complimentary ticket from the OSP branded parking box as you pull in to the lot. There are 400 spots available.
Parking Lots 2 & 3: Free parking is available in these lots from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sundays.
Parking Lot 1: Free parking is available in these lots from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sundays.

WEEKNIGHTS (AFTER 6 PM)
Our parking structure at 625 W. Adams is available from 6 pm - 11:59 pm, early arrival or extended time charged at posted rates. There are 100 free spots available.
Please be sure to pull a ticket from the OSP branded parking box as you pull in to the lot.

All outdoor surface lots are paid parking only during the week.

SATURDAYS (Wedding Parking)
Parking structure at 625 W. Adams: 200 free spaces are open for Wedding guests. Please pull a ticket from the OSP branded box. Lot gates open for OSP guests during ceremonies; please be considerate of guests arriving for later ceremonies. The entrance for the garage is on Desplaines street.
Please refer to oldstpats.org/parking for more detailed parking information.