Thinking about becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an exploration and a time of discernment for those who would like to learn and experience more about Catholicism. Both unbaptized people and those baptized in a different Christian tradition are welcome to enter into this process and see where the Spirit leads them!

We formally start our RCIA gatherings on **Tuesday night, September 24**, and continue to gather weekly into the spring.

THE SCENT OF HUMILITY

According to Isaac the Syrian, a famous 7th Century bishop and theologian, a person who’s genuinely humble gives off a certain scent that other people will sense and that even animals will pick up, so that wild animals, including snakes, will fall under its spell and never harm that person.

Here’s his logic: A humble person, he believes, has recovered the smell of paradise and in the presence of such a person one does not feel judged and has nothing to fear, and this holds true even for animals. They feel safe around a humble person and are drawn to him or her. No wonder people like Francis of Assisi could talk to birds and befriend wolves.

But, beautiful as this all sounds, is this a pious fairytale or is it a rich, archetypal metaphor? I like to think it’s the latter, this is a rich metaphor, and perhaps even something more. Humility, indeed, does have a smell, the smell of the earth, of the soil, and of paradise.

But how? How can a spiritual quality give off a physical scent?

Well, we’re psychosomatic, creatures of both body and soul. Thus, in us, the physical and the spiritual are so much part of one and the same substance that it’s impossible to separate them out from each other. To say that we’re body and soul is like saying sugar is white and sweet and that whiteness and sweetness can never be put into separate piles. They’re both inside the sugar. We’re one substance, inseparable, body and soul, and so we’re always both physical and spiritual. So, in fact, we do feel physical things spiritually, just as we smell spiritual things through our physical senses. If this is true, and it is, then, yes, humility does give off a scent that can be sensed physically and Isaac the Syrian’s concept is more than just a metaphor.

But it’s also a metaphor: The word humility takes its root in the Latin word, humus, meaning soil, ground, and earth. If one goes with this definition then the most humble person you know is the most-earthy and most-grounded person you know. To be humble is to have one’s feet firmly planted on the ground, to be in touch with the earth, and to carry the smell of the earth. Further still, to be humble is to take one’s rightful place as a piece of the earth and not as someone or something separate from it.

The renowned mystic and scientist, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, expressed this sometimes in his prayers. During the years when, as paleontologist, he worked for long stretches in the isolated deserts of China he would sometimes compose prayers to God in a form he called, A Mass for the World. Speaking to God, as a priest, he would identify his voice with that of the earth itself, as that place within physical creation where the earth itself, the soil of the earth, could open itself and speak to God. As a priest, he didn’t speak for the earth; he spoke as the earth, giving it voice, in words to this effect:

Lord, God, I stand before you as a microcosm of the earth itself, to give it voice: See in my openness, the world’s openness, in my infidelity, the world’s infidelity; in my sincerity, the world’s sincerity, in my hypocrisy, the world’s hypocrisy; in my generosity, the world’s generosity in my attentiveness, the world’s attentiveness, in my distraction, the world’s distraction; in my desire to praise you, the world’s desire to praise you, and in my self-preoccupation, the world’s forgetfulness of you. For I am of the earth, a piece of earth, and the earth opens or closes to you through my body, my soul, and my voice.

This is humility, an expression of genuine humility. Humility should never be confused, as it often is, with a wounded self-image, with an excessive reticence, with timidity and fear, or with an overly sensitive self-awareness. Too common is the notion that a humble person is one who is self-effacing to a fault, who deflects praise (even when it’s deserved), who is too shy to trust opening himself or herself in intimacy, or who is so fearful or self-conscious and worried about being shamed so as to never step forward and offer his or her gifts to the community. These can make for a gentle and self-effacing person, but because we are denigrating ourselves when to deny our own giftedness, our humility is false, and deep-down we know it, and so this often makes for someone who nurses some not-so-hidden angers and is prone to being passive aggressive.

The most humble person you know is the person who’s the most-grounded, that is, the person who knows she’s not the center of the earth but also knows that she isn’t a second-rate piece of dirt either. And that person will give off a scent that carries both the fragrance of paradise (of divine gift) as well as the smell of the earth.

This article was originally published on September 9, 2019 on ronrolheiser.com.
I spend a great deal of my time in hospice care companioning people at the end of their lives. I enjoy the compassionate work but most of all I enjoy the honesty and vulnerability shared in conversation. I re-read today's Gospel of the prodigal son thru the lens of Saint Paul. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God."

There is a reason why Jesus tells parables about finding precious lost things like sheep and coins and children. Our joy in their finding is also God's joy in finding us. Anytime anyone is drawn back into relationship with God there is simply joy.

Recently, sitting bedside with a member, facing end-stage breast cancer discussing her life regrets, I was lost to her reflections on life. She shared with me that in the midst of her dying, she felt an enormous weight lift from her shoulders, and freedom to tell the truth. She then told me some of the regrets of her life. And then she turned to me and asked me a compelling question, "What is one of the greatest regrets of your ministry?" Her question struck a chord with me because her honesty offered me the freedom to tell my truth. I told her one of my greatest regrets is that I have recently missed too many moments to celebrate joy with family, friends, and community members. I told her "I guess unknowingly... I have made 'church-work' tedious. There are days my work becomes a place of heavy obligation rather than celebration. I told her one of my deepest recent regrets is that the church too often resembles a dysfunctional family rather than a merciful example of the Kingdom of God."

Paul tells us that "speaking the truth in love" isn't always easy. Often when we hear this week's Gospel, we are hearing it from the perspective of the sons, however, today I am reflecting on the father who loved both of his children. This dear old dad is just as much a prodigal as anyone. He spends love like it will never run out. He hands out grace like it grows on trees. He is lavish and extravagant - prodigal - with love and mercy. The subject of this parable, you see, is not the two brothers. It is the father of two children. There is enough love for both. It is the story of a party for finding life in portions of our lives we have thought to be dead. Joy is found in such moments. Our joy in their finding is also God's joy in finding us. Anytime anyone is drawn back into relationship with God there is simply joy.

In "God Has a Dream", Archbishop Desmond Tutu writes about the vision for our church and her people that I aspire to celebrate in joy. He writes:

"I have a dream, God says. Please help Me to realize it. It is a dream of a world whose ugliness and squalor and poverty, its war and hostility, its greed and harsh competitiveness, its alienation and disharmony are changed into their glorious counterparts, when there will be more laughter, joy, and peace, where there will be justice and goodness and compassion and love and caring and sharing. I have a dream that swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, that MY children will know that they are members of one family, the human family, God's family, my family."

It is a prodigal God who invites us into the house of joy from the cold: an extravagant, lavish and loving God. God has to celebrate and rejoice. It is what the Prodigal Father does. Come on in. There is music and dancing. Let us come and share a story of Joy with each other today.

*Bernadette Gibson is the Director of Pastoral Care at Old Saint Patrick's Church.*
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### COMMUNITY FORUM WITH MAYOR LORI LIGHTFOOT

Sunday, September 22, 2019 | 5 - 6:30 pm | DRW College Prep, 931 S. Homan Avenue, Chicago

**Please join us!** Neighbors from the North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council (NLCCC) request the presence of Old St. Patrick’s Church members in a spirit of kinship with the North Lawndale community as the Mayor addresses three central issues:

- **Reclaiming Communities:** Housing and equity for poor neighborhoods of Chicago.
- **Treating, Not Incarcerating:** Justice for the mentally ill so they don’t end up in jail in lieu of treatment.
- **Reducing Gun Violence:** Holding dealers and purchasers accountable via common-sense legislation and effective law enforcement.

Please join us. Transportation is available from and back to Old St. Patrick’s.

Register today and get transportation information by visiting: bit.ly/sendforth-sept22

With questions, contact:
Kayla Jackson, OSP Social Justice Coordinator | kaylaj@oldstpats.org
Vincent Guider, OSP’s North Lawndale Kinship Initiative Director | vincentg@oldstpats.org
Please join Old St. Patrick’s members and friends for a wonderful evening of dinner and dancing at the 34th annual Emerald Ball on **Friday, October 18 at the Hilton Chicago**.

This year we are honored to pay tribute to the Lynn and Jim Kiley Family for the significant impact they have made on our city, church and the world around us through their extensive civic leadership and commitment to faith and service.

We are also privileged to recognize the Kennedy Family with the “Heart of the Crossroads” Award for sharing their time, energy and spirit with the Old St. Patrick’s and Frances Xavier Warde communities. Amy and Tim Kennedy and Colleen and Michael Kennedy have been instrumental in advancing the mission of Old St. Pat’s.

Join us in the beautiful Grand Ballroom for a very special evening! Tickets include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and after-party. Keep the party going afterward at the Afterglow in the Boulevard Room at the Hilton Chicago with a DJ and open bar.

Funds raised support the capital needs of Old St. Patrick’s. Individual tickets are $250 per person. Tables are also available. Tickets can be purchased on line at [bit.ly/emeraldball2019](http://bit.ly/emeraldball2019). To receive an invitation or for more information please contact Sheila Greifhahn at sheilag@oldstpats.org or 312-798-2343.

**WHO’S WHO IN MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Name and Vocal Part:** Francis Shimandle, Baritone

**Typical Masses You Sing:** 9:30 am Sundays

**How long have you been singing at OSP?** 25 years

**Primary profession(s) or position(s) held:** Marketing Designer

**Favorite OSP piece of music:** Gloria, all of Tony Alonso's music

**What's top on your personal playlist?** Vintage Rock Tunes
OFFSITE | INSIGHT
Monday, September 30, 2019

Off-Site | Insight is an Old St. Patrick’s Church member led initiative that brings a taste of Old St. Pat’s programming to the western suburbs. These monthly “off-site” gatherings welcome you and your friends to come together to encounter an interesting speaker and engage in enriching conversations. It’s also a fun way to connect with other Old St. Pat’s members and friends who live out your way!

“So, Do We Have a Plan?”
with Bob Kolatorowicz

We make plans for the things that are important to us.

We make plans to see friends and family. We plan a career path. There are wedding plans and plans for the education of our children. We plan vacations. We have retirement strategies. We draw up wills. Each New Year’s Day, brimming with resolve, we make plans for the coming year.

Planning is a responsible thing to do. And usually, we feel a little more comfortable when we know there is a plan. But for all our planning, how much do we consider planning our own spiritual development? Should we? And if so, what would a plan for spiritual growth look like? Interesting questions to consider. Please join us for an evening of communal pondering around our Catholic wisdom and practices for spiritual growth.

Bob Kolatorowicz directs the Adult Education/Spirituality Ministries at Old St. Patrick’s Church.

Format: 6:30 pm Refreshments and Welcome | 7:00 pm Presentation | 8:15 pm Prayer and Announcements | 8:30 pm Program concludes. A free-will donation to cover our meeting room costs is much appreciated.

Location: Carmelite Spirituality Center, 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL 60561 | 630-969-4141 Free parking is available.

Offsite | Insight Coordinators: Joan Noe, noe.joan6@gmail.com and Mary Kay Slowikowski, 630-985-7570, marykayslowikowski@gmail.com

JUST FAITH

Thank you to all who were interested in Phase I of JustFaith! We are currently at capacity and registration has closed. Stay tuned for registration for Phases II and III. Contact kaylaj@oldstpats.org with questions.
On September 22 our group will meet outside OSP and carpool to lunch and share a Humbolt Park Conservatory experience. The conservatory provides opportunities to mindfully appreciate art, flowers, ferns, plus a walking maze.

Parking is plentiful and the gardens beautiful. Please contact Linda Eng if you will be joining the group at: lbeng49@gmail.com

Please join us. It won’t be the same without you!

*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. Come join us as we gather to share our new beginnings together planning fun filled activities such as movies, boat tours, art exhibits, wine tastings, group meetings and much more.*

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**Please Join Us!**

Old St. Patrick’s Adoption Group

**Adoption Journey Information Fair**

For all those who are seeking knowledge about the miracle of adoption.

November 2, 2019  Hughes Hall  10:00am - Noon

*Have you ever thought that adoption could be in your life journey?*

*Have you wondered how the process works? What the choices are? Who to talk to?*

Please join us as experts in many aspects of the adoption journey will present valuable information and resources to you.

We understand that there is a need for more information on adoption within the OSP community and we know from personal experience that the decision to adopt and the adoption process itself can be overwhelming. This event can provide direction, encouragement, and support for those who are thinking about adoption as their choice to build their family.

November is the observance of National Adoption Awareness Month and we will be celebrating the adoption journey in a caring, loving and informative way.

Please RSVP so we may provide our best hosting experience to all attendees.

Cynthia and Ed St. Peter, OSP Family Advisory Board Members  
Adoption Group Co-Chairs  
cstpeter@att.net  630.258.3416
**SILENCE, THE BODY AND THE MYSTERY OF WHOLENESS:**
A Contemplation Practice for Everyone  
*Facilitated by Al Gustafson*

**Sunday, September 29 | 12:30 – 4:30 pm**  
Sundays, October 6, 13, 20 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
711 W. Monroe, Room 25A  

Registration Fee: $50  

In our prayer, we want to experience God … an encounter with a Presence that is both greater than ourselves and at the same time, intimate and one with us. For many of us, however, prayer is little more than thinking thoughts about God. All our words and thinking can sometimes get in the way of the experience of God in our lives.

Join us for a three-week journey as we practice moving beyond thinking about God in our prayer, to explore silence and the body as pathways to experiencing the Presence of God. This is Christian contemplation and we will endeavor to make the practice simple and accessible.

Our lives can be noisy and fragmented, punctuated by obsessive thinking and to do lists. This is an invitation to experience territory that is untraveled by most of us: silence and an enhanced awareness of the bodies we inhabit. This risky terrain can lead us directly into the Mystery of Wholeness.

Our journey begins with a Sunday afternoon retreat followed by three Sunday evening meetings. The journey includes spending some time each day with God throughout the three weeks… some structure for your time with God will be offered.
Old St. Pat's is happy to host the third session of our Immigrant and Refugee Rights education series, "Separating Fact from Fiction."

In this presentation, "Immigration and the Economy," we will address common myths and misconceptions surrounding the impact immigrants and immigration have on the U.S. economy, labor force and public benefits system. Are immigrants truly a public charge? Do immigrants really take away jobs from American workers? Join us to find out for yourself.

The evening will open with a short presentation by Irakere Picon, Director of Legal Services for the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition and will be followed by panel discussion including leaders in both business and labor.

Visit tinyurl.com/y3ys4t22 to register.
**Sign Up To Be A Senior Project Mentor at North Lawndale College Prep High School!**

Senior Project is an NLCP distinctive - one way in which we guide our senior scholars toward college readiness. During 1st semester of their 12th grade year, students research and write a paper based on a driving questions of their choice. You can help by getting to know their project and then provide feedback and advice during the process.

Volunteer to work with one or two students during three fall sessions. Sessions will be held on the following dates at our Christiana and Collins campuses in North Lawndale, from 8:30-10:30 am: Day 1 - Wed, Sept 18 / Day 2 - Wed, Oct 16 / Day 3 - Wed, Nov 20

**Join us in this important work!**

To sign up or ask questions, contact the NLCP Development Team:

development@nlcphs.org / (773) 542-6766 x420

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The mission of North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School (NLCP) is to prepare young people from under-resourced communities for graduation from high school with the academic skills and personal resilience necessary for successful completion of college.

Follow us: @NLCP_Lawndale / facebook.com/nlephs
COME RIDE YOUR BIKE WITH ENCORE

Tuesday, September 24 | 10 am | Envision Unlimited Frick Center

For Men and Women 50 and better!

Grab your bike, ride the Major Taylor Trail, which connects to the Cal Sag Trail, make new friends and enjoy lunch together courtesy of our buddy bikers at the Envision Unlimited Frick Center. We will meet at the Frick Center, 2124 W 82nd Place, Chicago. There is plenty of free parking.

From there, we will ride from 83rd Street south to where the Major Taylor Trail connects to the Cal Sag Trail at Whistler Woods Forest Preserve. The Trail is named for the first African American to win an international sporting event. You can learn more in The Worlds Fastest Man: The Extraordinary Life of Cyclist Major Taylor, America's First Black Sports Hero. Total round trip distance is approximately 16 miles. The pace will average 10-12 mph.

Helmets are required. Bring water and a lock for your bike. In case of rain check your phone for a text or email on the day of the ride. To register or if you have questions please contact Trish Hinkes at 773-209-3746 or email Phinkes@aol.com

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO THE ENCORE CAFE!

We had a great turnout and it was a wonderful morning with Fr. John Cusick and Rick Kogan. Looking forward to the next cafe!

Start gathering your team for Trivia Night on Saturday, October 5 in Hughes Hall! Please visit bit.ly/EncoreTriviaNight2019 to sign up.
AN OLD TESTAMENT BOOK CLUB?

It’s been said Catholics don’t read the Bible. Shatter the stereotype! We welcome you to join us for the remaining two sessions of a slightly different approach to Scripture Study... think book club!

Participants are asked to pre-read the selection for each session. The readings are usually just a few pages and we’ll send an email reminder of what to read before each session. Then be ready to engage in a lively discussion around some of the most familiar, and perhaps not so familiar, characters and stories from the Old Testament.

We Meet at the Ministry Center
718 W. Adams Street, 2nd floor conference room
6:15 p.m. Gathering and Refreshments 6:30 p.m. Session begins | 7:45 p.m. Session ends

Sunday, September 22
The Song of Songs
Love Poems, Sensuous Imagery, No Talk of Theological or Moral Values, and No Mention of God … and Yet this Made It into Sacred Scripture? Hmmm.

Sunday, October 6
The Book of Judith
When Men Cower Before the Enemy, Look to a Fierce and Heroic Widow to Save the People

You are welcome to join us for all or any of our discussions! We ask that you please bring a Bible. The New American Bible, Revised Edition is recommended, but other translations are fine.

There is no fee for this program but please help us provide our best hospitality and to prepare the correct number of materials by letting us know when you plan to attend a session by signing up at 
[bit.ly/oldtestamentbookclub](http://bit.ly/oldtestamentbookclub) or calling Bob Kolatorowicz at 312-831-9379 no later than the Thursday before the scheduled session. Thanks!

About our co-facilitators …
Lorraine Kulpa is a member of Old St. Patrick’s Church, an art and travel enthusiast, and a retired attorney with a Master’s degree in Biblical Spirituality from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Bob Kolatorowicz directs the Adult Education/Spirituality Ministries at Old St. Patrick’s and after twenty-some years is still trying to get the hang of it.
COME OUT AND PLAY TODAY!

Join the Parent's & Tot's Group to kick-off the 2019-2020 school year in the FXW Playground today, Sunday, September 15 from 10:30 - 12 pm (120 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, IL 60661). Meet other OSP young families and enjoy some juice boxes and snacks.

Also, put these dates on your calendar to join us later this year and bring a friend - see you soon!

- Halloween Event: Sunday, October 27, 10:30 -12 pm in a FXW Classroom
- Pictures with Santa: Sunday, December 8, 10:30 - 12 pm in the FXW Library
- Easter Event: Sunday, March 29, 10:30-12 pm in the FXW Cafeteria
- Mother's Mass in OSP Church followed by Reception in the Rectory: Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 pm (Moms only)
- Children's Mass in Hughes Hall followed by Playdate in the FXW Playground Sunday, May 31, 9:30 am

The Parent's & Tot's group is geared towards families with kids from 0-4 years old but everyone is welcome! Please request to join the official Parent's & Tot's group on myOSP and RSVP for events here: bit.ly/parentsandtotsgroup

*Please make an account in myOSP if you don't already have one before requesting to join the group!

Questions or Suggestions? Contact Kelly at kellydolyniuk@gmail.com or Tricia at triciarooney3@gmail.com.
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.

LEADERSHIP MEETING
Tonight! Sunday, September 15 | 6 pm - 8 pm
Dining Room, 718 W. Adams

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our leadership meeting. We will gather for dinner and conversation, and then plan some events together. We will meet in the rectory dining room on the second floor immediately following 5:00 Mass. You can either ring the bell by the front door on Adams St. or walk behind the altar after Mass.

We will finish in time for people to go to 8:00 Mass, too. Everyone is welcome, whether you’ve just arrived in Chicago or have been here for years!

SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB
Monday, September 23 | 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Our September book is Dark Matter by Blake Crouch.

A science fiction novel set in Chicago, it follows a professor who is knocked unconscious and wakes up to a life he does not recognize.

Newcomers are always welcome! Just read the book and show up.

OCTOBER AFTER FIVE
Sunday, October 13
6 pm - 7:45 pm
Hughes Hall

These 2nd-Sunday-of-the-month gatherings are meant to bring young adults (20's and 30's) together for conversation, community, and fun.

No RSVP necessary - newcomers are especially welcome!
GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY AND OUTREACH

Help Stamp Out Hunger in Chicago

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.

UPCOMING DATES:

Saturday, October 12
8:30 am - 11:15 am
8:30 am - 11:15 am
(Every second Saturday)

Contact:
Mary Beth Riley
mbriley07@yahoo.com or 630-655-9447

Tuesday, October 8
9 am - 12 pm
(Every Second Tuesday)
Contact:
Jim Holbrook
jamesjholbrookjr@yahoo.com or 773-237-2625

SAVE THE DATE

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly
Annual Fall Food Drive
Sunday, October 6 | All Masses

The Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Food Bag Program provides monthly food bags to 125 elders throughout the Chicago area who may not be able to afford nutritious food.

Every month, food bags are prepared to reflect the dietary restrictions and food preferences of elders in the program.

OLD ST. PAT’S DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Old St. Pat’s next Divorce Recovery Support Group starting in September is now full. Unfortunately, day-of registration cannot be accommodated.

The next group is scheduled to start in February. Further details will be shared at the beginning of the year.

Questions? Contact Parish Counselor Sarah Thompson at saraht@oldstpats.org.

EXTENDED DAY TEACHERS NEEDED AT FXW

The Frances Xavier Warde School, Old St. Patrick’s Campus at 120 S. Desplaines, is in need of part time employees for our Extended Day Program, Preschool-3rd Grades.

The schedule is 5 days a week from 2:00 - 6:00 pm.

Email Sarina Klein at kleins@fxw.org if interested.
Sunday, September 15, 2019

Readings: Ex 32:2-13, 13-14/Ps S1 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/Lk 15:18/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Mass Remembrances:
- 7:00 am Elaine Schneider (†), Hannah Metzler (†)
- 8:00 am Lillian M. Ryan (†), Lisa Ryan, Belonie Morin (†)
- 9:30 am Jean Clare (†), Mary Ellen Grear (†), Oracion Aguilar (†)
- 11:15 am Ashley & Robert Ritz (†), Gilbert Kander (†)
- 5:00 pm Ezra Meadors, Joan McKenna (†), Hernan Morales (†)

Book of Patrick: John M. Chervenak, Krug Family, Bridie Pegler, John Hellwig, Edward Sullins, Dr. Jorge Vallejo, Lori A. Reilly, Gary R. Shereda, Marian C. Moran, Florence Muscato, Kyle & Beckie O’Connor, Mary C. Donlan Lloyd,

Vincent Murphey

Monday, September 16, 2019

Readings: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 282 2-7, 8, 9-9 (6)/Lk 7:1-10

Mass Remembrance: Janis Taylor (†)


Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Readings: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 (2)/Lk 7:11-17

Book of Patrick: Andrew Kolasinski, Mary B. Fahey, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fauth, II, Robert Gallagher, Christopher Josephs, Michael E. Finnegan, Robert Snyders, Fr.. Tony Aravindassery, James R. Fitzpatrick, Mary Lydon, Catherine McMahon, The People of St. Clare Parish, Waveland, MS

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Readings: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (2)/Lk 7:31-35

Mass Remembrance: Angela Garrido (†)

Book of Patrick: Thomas M. Reilly, Mr. & Mrs. William H. Feahrs, Kathleen O’Malley Carey, Jay Brogan, William Houlihan, James Patrick McKay, Edward W. Szczodrowski, Patricia Murphy,

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Donald C. Kruse, Dena “Dolly” Leli, Infant Camilla Gavazzone, Jean Bollum, Hugh Evan Gorman, Paul Charles Jordan, Edward Reilly

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Readings: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 (2)/Lk 7:36-50

Book of Patrick: Val Dudley, Ted Kennedy, Paulette Hicks, Paula Partipilo, Michael Englehart

Friday, September 20, 2019

Readings: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 496-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Book of Patrick: James P. Campbell, Sr., George Daniel Ryan, Anita Gallardo, Emma Ryan Carl, Helen J. Harmon, Kavanaugh & Waytula Families, Joseph Francis Flaherty, Connie Jenkins, Daniel Barney

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 (5)/Mt 9:9-13


Sunday, September 22, 2019

Readings: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Sick
Rita Baker, Joan Woodrow, Jean Sweet-Ehlinger, Sheila Mehigan

For Those Who Have Recently Died
Margaret Schnecce, Orson Baker, Doug Bushard, Mary Kay Kenneth, Michael Bansley, Harve Ferrill, Alfred Ramel

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Saint Robert Bellarmine
(d. September 17, 1621)

Saint Robert Bellarmine's Story

When Robert Bellarmine was ordained in 1570, the study of Church history and the fathers of the Church was in a sad state of neglect. A promising scholar from his youth in Tuscany, he devoted his energy to these two subjects, as well as to Scripture, in order to systematize Church doctrine against the attacks of the Protestant Reformers. He was the first Jesuit to become a professor at Louvain.

His most famous work is his three-volume Disputations on the Controversies of the Christian Faith. Particularly noteworthy are the sections on the temporal power of the pope and the role of the laity. Bellarmine incurred the anger of monarchists in England and France by showing the divine-right-of-kings theory untenable. He developed the theory of the indirect power of the pope in temporal affairs, although he was defending the pope against the Scottish philosopher Barclay, he also incurred the ire of Pope Sixtus V.

Bellarmine was made a cardinal by Pope Clement VIII on the grounds that “he had not his equal for learning.” While he occupied apartments in the Vatican, Bellarmine relaxed none of his former austerities. He had limited his household expenses to what was barely essential, eating only the food available to the poor. He was known to have ransomed a soldier who had deserted from the army and he used the hangings of his rooms to clothe poor people, remarking, “The walls won’t catch cold.”

Among many activities, Bellarmine became theologian to Pope Clement VIII, preparing two catechisms which have had great influence in the Church.

The last major controversy of Bellarmine’s life came in 1616 when he had to admonish his friend Galileo, whom he admired. He delivered the admonition on behalf of the Holy Office, which had decided that the heliocentric theory of Copernicus was contrary to Scripture. The admonition amounted to a caution showing the divine-right-of-kings theory untenable. The heliocentric theory of Copernicus was contrary to Scripture. The admonition amounted to a caution showing the heliocentric theory untenable. This shows that saints are not infallible.

Robert Bellarmine died on September 17, 1621. The process for his canonization was begun in 1627, but was delayed until 1930 due to political reasons, stemming from his writings. In 1930, Pope Pius XI canonized him, and the next year declared him a doctor of the Church.
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 tinyurl.com/ospworshipaid 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.

Wedding Banms

May the winds of heaven dance between you.

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Eva Tellez & Felipe Maldonato, Jr.
Maura Clement & John Jacobi
Brittany Gillen & Andrew Maingot

II. SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
Abigail Stark & Frank Williams
Alyssa Falk & Michael Gregory
Emily Delaney & Paul Lloyd

II. SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
Megan McConnell & Andrew Carrell
Julianne Cheng & Jamar Slade
Katherine Stallone & Justin Yap
Katherine Shanahan & Robert Wiebking

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