



A Century of Faith ~ A Future of Hope  
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# St. Patrick Parish

MALVERN, PA

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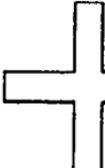
## **Liturgy Schedule**

Daily 6:30AM & 9:00AM  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM  
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12 Noon

## **Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:30PM - 4:30PM

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## Liturgy Intentions For The Week

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014****FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

- 7:30 a.m. Mary Anne Carson  
 9:00 a.m. Brennan & Wilk Families  
 10:30 a.m. Ruth DeRafelo  
 12:00 p.m. Intentions of McDonough & Cola Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22**

- 9:00 a.m. Tony Morelli

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23**

- 9:00 a.m. Sue Froio

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24****No AM Masses**

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir  
 4:15 p.m. Mass in Parish Center  
 6:00 p.m. Cantor & Organist  
 8:00 p.m. Adult & Handbell Choirs

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

- 7:30 a.m. Cantor & Organist  
 9:00 a.m. Cantor & Organist  
 10:30 a.m. Adult & Handbell Choirs  
 12:00 p.m. Young Adult Choir

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26**

- 9:00 a.m. For the Parish

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27**

- 9:00 a.m. Jennifer Stagnaro  
 5:00 pm. Susan and William Doyle

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014****THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

- 7:30 a.m. Guy A Cellucci  
 9:00 a.m. Caddy & Bob Williamson  
 10:30 a.m. Rita and Albert Mancini  
 12:00 p.m. Alexis Gerland

**Christmas Parish Office Hours**

**Offices Closed: December 24th, 25th & 26th**  
**Open: Monday, December 29th, 30th & 31st**  
**Closed January 1st & 2nd**

**Imagine being there...**

These next few days our preparation for the celebration of Christmas intensifies as we do all that we can to ensure that all that needs to be ready... is in fact ready. How easy it is, though, to get caught up in what needs to be ready, that we lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. Are we sure that it is the infant child, Jesus, for whom we ready our lives?

So I have a thought (not that I am ever at a loss for a thought). As we begin these final days of Advent, let us look closely at the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

Can you imagine that journey of Mary and Joseph as they traveled day and night to reach Joseph's hometown of Bethlehem? The days must have been exhausting; and the nights filled with fear and anxiety. It must have been a struggle to journey by donkey with everything they owned.

Can you imagine what it might have felt like to experience rejection as they desperately looked for a place to stay? The greeting they received upon their arrival was not very friendly. No one wanted to welcome them in their home; no one offered to assist them; no one extended a hand of hospitality. Instead they were led to a stable; to the only place they would find rest. And it was in that stable where the long-awaited Savior, Jesus, was born.

Yet, if you fast forward to the moments and days that followed the birth of Christ the Lord, we saw Mary and Joseph welcome all of creation to come to meet the newborn King. No one...nothing in creation was sent away. The sheep, the oxen and shepherds were welcomed; the lion and lamb rested together; the rich kings and the poor peasants were received with joy. Joseph and Mary opened their hearts so that others may experience the Love of God, revealed in the infant Child Jesus.

You and I are among those who are welcomed to that stable. We are invited, honored, guests. We're not shut-out; we are not sent away. Rather, we are invited to stand next to the sheep, the kings, the shepherds and share in this moment... the moment when "God so loved the world that He sent His only Son". What an overwhelming gift; what an overwhelming expression of love.

So don't let the busyness of these days prevent you from experiencing the joy and peace of the birth of Jesus. Instead enter the stable....accept the hospitality of Mary and Joseph. Just as they opened the stable to all creation, be sure to open your heart to the love they offer and the love of their Son... His only Son.

God Bless You and Merry Christmas,

*Father Redcay*



**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

***To Everything there is a Season....***

*"a time to be loved..." God bless all engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

*"a time to be born..." May God Bless Samantha Jane Krause who was baptized on December 14 and all our children and parents.*

*"a time to be healed..." , Robert Anderson, John Collins, Michael Adams, Eric Alessandrone, Joe Berry, Luke Birkhead, Richard Brown, Gina Butcher, Sue Castaldi, James Chester, Dolores Christmas, Audrey Clarke, Sarah Clarke, Tom Connors, Paul Cox, Kenneth Davis, Alicia Dellario, Sabbia DeSantis, Bill Feathers, Joseph Gallagher, Catherine Gannon, Baby Roman Girafalco, Kara Marie Granger, Evelyn Grib, John Hendricks, Mary Huhtenan, Patricia Kundert, Mary Anne Kurphinski, Steven Leiden, Traves Mattingly, Wayne Mazzie, Carl Meyer, Richard Mott, Aaron O'Laughlin, Tim O'Laughlin, Matthew Emerson Rice, Dauna Ross-Paquier, Baby Christian Anthony Porpora, William A. Ross, Patricia Rossiter Laurel Hagy Scagliola, Gina Schiavo, Ethan Joshua Schwartz, Liam Shields, Ed Siwula, Giuliana Troiano, Jack William Smith, Aya Rock Stryker, Gerald Wary, Rita Yost*

*"a time to die..." Please remember Charles McCann and Margaret Semon in your prayers and all our deceased parishioners and relatives.*

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

<b><i>Christmas Eve</i></b>	<b><i>Christmas Day</i></b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>
<b>4:15PM (parish center)</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>8:00PM</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, December 31st**

**5:00PM**

**Thursday, January 1st**

**6:30AM**

**9:00AM**

**12:00Noon**

**BAPTISM**

*Do you have questions about having your child Baptized at St. Patrick's?*

*For information call the Parish Office, 610-647-2345*

**FRIENDS OF MARY**

*The Friends of Mary meet on the last Wednesday of the month in the school Library from 7 to 8 PM to pray and share our love and devotion for our Blessed Mother. Men, women and children of all ages are invited. For more information or to request prayer, please contact: Anne Ward 610-513-6529 or Kathy McManus 610-716-7097.*



*"Gentle woman, teach us to fall more deeply in love with you and your Son."*



Mass at the  
Convent of Divine Love  
Sunday, January 4, 2015  
7:00 AM

The Convent of Divine Love, located at 22nd and Green Streets in Philadelphia, was founded on the same day as our parish. As part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations, the Sisters have invited us to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with them. If you would like to join us as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary with the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters), please contact the Parish Office (610-647-2345) by Tuesday, December 30th. We will depart from the front of the Church at 6:00AM - a bus will be provided. Seating will be limited.

**Congratulations to Michael Prieto!!!**

Michael is an 8th grade student at St. Patrick School and has been named a Neumann Scholar by the Connelly Foundation.

In order to qualify for this scholarship students must have exceptional standardized testing scores, maintain a general average of 92 or above and compete in the scholarship test.

Throughout the diocese there were 897 students who took the test. Michael is one of only thirty-five students throughout the Archdiocese to be named a 2015 Neumann Scholar.

This is the fifth consecutive year that St. Patrick School has had a student receive this prestigious scholarship.

Congratulations to Michael and his family, as well as the faculty and staff of St. Patrick School!!!



# 100th Anniversary Year of Celebration

Make plans to be part of our many ways of celebrating our 100 years as a Parish Community.....read this page each week to see what's planned....



## BLESSING OF OUR NEW OUTDOOR NATIVITY A FAMILY GATHERING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 4:00PM



GATHER AS WE BLESS OUR NEW OUTDOOR NATIVITY AND REFLECT UPON THE GREAT GIFT OF THE NEWBORN KING.

FOLLOWING THE SHORT PRAYER OF BLESSING JOIN IN SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AROUND A FIRE PIT ~ DRINKING HOT CHOCOLATE AND EATING CHRISTMAS COOKIES!

### PREP Holiday Schedule

There will be no PREP classes on December 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30



Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2015.

All the PREP faculty wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

### Eucharistic

### Eucharistic Adoration



There will be no Adoration on December 22nd or 29th. Adoration will resume on Monday, January 5, 2015 and will continue each Monday in our Church beginning immediately after the 9AM Mass. Benediction at 6PM.

The outpouring of those spending time before the Blessed Sacrament during this year of celebrating 100 years of faith at St. Patrick Parish has been overwhelming. May we continue to present ourselves before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

A sign up sheet will remain in the vestibule of the Church for us to commit ourselves to spending some time before the Lord. If you haven't yet begun to spend some time with the Lord on a Monday....it's never too late to begin.

### ST. JOHN CASSEROLES



The tins for St. John's Hospice will be available next weekend (December 28) and should be returned by January 4, 2015.

The St. John's Hospice freezer is on the second floor in church. You may use the elevator to go up to the 2nd floor. Thank you for your generosity to this life-giving ministry.

### LOOKING AHEAD AT OUR YEAR OF CELEBRATION SAVE THE DATES....

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH**  
**MASS AT THE CONVENT OF DIVINE LOVE**  
THE HOLY SPIRIT ADORATION SISTERS ARE A CLOISTERED CONVENT FOUNDED ON THE SAME DAY OF OUR PARISH. WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO CELEBRATE THESE ANNIVERSARIES AT A SPECIAL MASS ON JANUARY 4TH.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH**  
**IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA**  
RWANDAN GENOCIDE SURVIVOR AND AUTHOR OF "LEFT TO TELL"  
WILL SHARE HER INSPIRING STORY OF COURAGE THROUGH FAITH, AND ABSOLUTE FORGIVENESS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**  
**PARISH MONTE CARLO NIGHT**  
ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN WITH OTHER PARISHIONERS AT OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH**  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**  
OUR PARISH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA PARADE ~ FOLLOWED BY A PARISH GATHERING IN OUR PARISH CENTER.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH**  
**VAL LIMAR JANSEN**  
RECORDING ARTIST AND PERFORMER  
WILL BRING THE PARABLES OF THE GOSPEL TO LIFE THROUGH STORYTELLING AND SONG

### MOTHER TERESA'S SOUP KITCHEN

On Wednesday, December 31, 2014, St. Patrick Parish will be providing the main meal at the soup kitchen in Norristown. The meal has already been provided but if anyone would like to donate cupcakes, please leave them in the vestibule of the church no later than 8 a.m., our departure time, on the 31st.

There is an ongoing need for dishwashing liquid, cleanser, cooking oil, rice, cereal, dried beans, sugar, salt and pepper, toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins, plastic forks and spoons, diapers and corn masa mix. If you have any questions, please call Ann at 610-389-0667 or Marge at 610-644-1569. Thank you for your generosity!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Join us during either the 9:00am or 10:30am Mass every Sunday. Adult volunteers are most welcome to help lead or assist with the program. Just give us a call: Daniel Glass at (610) 296-8899. All training and materials will be provided.

**St. Patrick School  
Where the Light Burns Bright**

**St. Patrick School will host an  
Open House  
on January 27th  
from 9am to 12pm.**

All prospective families are welcome to learn what makes our school award winning! Please spread the word to friends and families from the Phoenixville/ Kimberton area who may be in need of a new school for their children.



**Men's Gospel Reflection**

**Thursdays 7 AM**

Join us for discussion and fellowship as we look at the upcoming Sunday readings. We gather in the vesting room above the entranceway of the church.

Call Tony Celentano for details: 610-613-1188

**Moms R.O.C.K!**

**(Raising our Catholic Kids)**

A group for mothers who would like to share faith, joys, and challenges of motherhood with other moms in our parish. We also plan family events and adult social nights. Join us to connect with other mothers in our St. Patrick Parish community! For more information or to be included on an email list to keep you informed, please contact Jennifer Gatti at [jagatti@verizon.net](mailto:jagatti@verizon.net).

**Want to Help?**

**HOST A FAMILY!**

Open your home and host a family!

It is easy to sign up online.

Learn more at

Worldmeeting2015.org under

"HOST A FAMILY" or email us at

WORLDMEETING2015.ORG.



**September 22 -27, 2015**

**LOVE IS OUR MISSION  
THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE**



**POPE FRANCIS TO VISIT PHILADELPHIA FOR  
THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES!**

Detailed plans for **Pope Francis' visit** will not be finalized until spring or summer 2015. However, it is expected that the Holy Father will visit Philadelphia September 25 - 27, 2015 to participate in the closing events of the Eighth World Meeting of Families. These events include a Festival of Families on Saturday, September 26th and a **Papal Mass on Sunday, September 27th.**

These events will take place on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 27/28, 2014**

	CELEBRANT	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 PM	Fr. Redcay	H. Behler S. Hricik	D. Kennedy ML. Levinson	
7:30 AM	Fr. O'Donnell	B. Meredith	K. Neeld	
9:00 AM	Fr. Arul	M. Dudas N. Miller	<b>M. Bates, M. Aceto</b> P. D'Isidoro	
10:30 AM	Fr. Arul	W. Gatt i	C. Givnish	
12:00 PM	Fr. Redcay	M. Clark J. Pellicano	J. Hanlon J. Keleher, B. Comiskey	

**COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS**

**ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT IN CHESTER COUNTY?**

IF YOU'RE A CATHOLIC ADULT IN YOUR 20S OR 30S, WE WANT TO MEET YOU! CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF CHESTER COUNTY (CYACC - PRONOUNCED "KAYAK") EXISTS TO OFFER YOU SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL, AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK, AT [WWW.CYACC.ORG](http://WWW.CYACC.ORG), OR REQUEST MORE INFO BY EMAILING [CYACC1@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CYACC1@GMAIL.COM).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT INITIATIVE**

In an ongoing effort to help our parish and community the St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus would like to announce an initiative called the Knights Employment Support Program.

This program is intended to support the adult members of our parish who are seeking employment.

The program will be conducted by volunteer Knights and consist of help with resume and profile writing, networking advice and support. We will also help with interviewing tips, offer negotiation suggestions and general job seeking guidance.

For more information please contact Mike McGinn at 847-651-5148 or [michaeljmcginn4@comcast.net](mailto:michaeljmcginn4@comcast.net).

**MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB  
(AGES 52-64)**

Catholic men and women are cordially invited to join the "Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests and dine together three times a month. For more information call Barb at (610) 896-6542. *Catholic men are encouraged to participate.*

**PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**THE 42ND ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE  
WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON DC  
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015.**

**ST. NORBERT PARISH IS CHARTERING  
A BUS TO THE MARCH AND THE ST. PATRICK PARISH-  
IONERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THEM FOR THIS  
IMPORTANT EVENT. LOOK FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN  
THE BULLETIN DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THERE  
WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE  
CHURCH IN EARLY JANUARY. FOR MORE DETAILS  
CONTACT DIANE AT [DIANEK55@VERIZON.NET](mailto:DIANEK55@VERIZON.NET)  
OR 610-240-9204.**

**COLLECTION REPORT**

Because of an early deadline for the bulletin during the Christmas holiday, the report for December 14 will be posted in bulletins later this month.

**Interested in Electronic Payment of your Sunday  
contributions?**

As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. To set up a recurring giving schedule you can complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office or put in the collection basket. Monthly or weekly options are available. For more information contact the Parish Office at 610-647-2345 x116. Thank you for your generosity!!

**2nd Collection on Christmas Day!**

As has become our tradition at St. Patrick Parish, there will be a 2nd collection on Christmas Day to continue our support of the Children of Amigos de Jesus in Honduras. Your gift of love is greatly appreciated.

**SHOP WITH SCRIP**



St. Patrick Parish benefits from all sales when you shop with Scrip!!!

Use the gift cards, purchased through St. Patrick's for **ACME, Giant, Target, Wawa, Amazon, CVS, I-Tunes, Starbucks, Chipotle, TGIFridays, and many others!**

**How do you make a purchase?**

You may call the parish office to place an order 610-647-2345. Your order will be ready for you on Sunday after Mass. See Fr. Redcay or Fr. Arul after Mass to receive your order. Payment will be required upon receiving the order.

**St. Patrick Parish 100th Anniversary Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
As the people of St. Patrick Parish  
we give you thanks:

for forming us into your community  
of faith 100 years ago...

**Christ Behind Us**

for guiding us to share the Gospel message  
so that it may be fully alive for generations to come...

**Christ Before Us**

for enabling us to recognize your presence  
in our daily lives...

**Christ within Us**

We make this prayer through the  
intercession of St. Patrick. Amen

*Christ with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us.*