

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

131 Channing Avenue  
Malvern, PA 19355  
www.stpatrickmalvern.org

## First Sunday of Advent

## Hope



### Parish Staff

*Rev. T. Christopher Redcay, Pastor*  
**Rev. Arul Amalraj, O. Praem, Parochial Vicar**  
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*Rev. Dennis O'Donnell, Sunday Assistant*  
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*Sister Eileen Tiernan, IHM, DRE*  
**Mr. William Norman, Director of Liturgical Music**  
**Mr. Daniel Milani, Dir. of Adult Faith Formation**  
**Mrs. Tricia Cellucci, Director of Parish Services**

### Adoration

Monday: 9:30AM - 6:00PM

### Contact Information

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Music Ministry: [bnorman@stpatrickmalvern.org](mailto:bnorman@stpatrickmalvern.org)

### Liturgy Schedule

Daily 6:30AM & 9:00AM  
(No 6:30 AM Mass from June 10 until Sept. 3)  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM  
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30PM - 4:30PM



## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2019

- 7:30 a.m. Adaline DePaolantonio
- 9:00 a.m. Angelo Ruperto
- 10:30 a.m. Frank J. Novak
- 12:00 p.m. Maureen Way

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 02, 2019

- 6:30 a.m. For the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Edward Preston

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2019

- 6:30 a.m. John Marrone
- 9:00 a.m. Augusta Taylor

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 04, 2019

- 6:30 a.m. Thomas McAllister
- 9:00 a.m. Janet Eblen

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2019

- 6:30 a.m. Patricia J. London
- 9:00 a.m. Thomas Stenson

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2019

- 6:30 a.m. Intentions of the Watson Children
- 9:00 a.m. Gerald Zimmerman

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. Wesley M. Hays Sr.
- 5:00 p.m. Donald Monk

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2019

- 7:30 a.m. Marie Patricia Bradley
- 9:00 a.m. Michael T. Wilk
- 10:30 a.m. Ortner & Buechl Families
- 12:00 p.m. Caddy & Bob Williamson

## Preparing For The End Time

Today's Readings reminds us of the coming of the end time. We are also reminded that we need to always be prepared since we do not know the day or the hour. Most of us know and have heard this message in the past but making sure we are ready for something that we might think isn't going to happen soon, just doesn't always create a sense of urgency in our life. Yet we might want to also think about our personal end time since none of us know the day or the hour we might have our life here come to an end.

Some of us who have been diagnosed or have had a love one diagnosed with a life threatening disease or health condition know the reality of how our life can change suddenly with the possibility of either ourselves or a love one facing death soon. Many people like ourselves have felt that this wouldn't happen to us, that it only happens to other people. Yet for us who receive this news, we come to realize that any of us can be that other person. This is one reason why we should always be vigilant in our faith because any of us could have our life here on earth come to an abrupt end, our personal end time.

As we enter into the season of Advent it is the perfect time to grow in our vigilance. There is not a better time than now to grow closer to our Lord by allowing ourselves to be open to his grace. We can start by getting in the habit of going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly so we will fully open to the Divine love of our Lord in the Eucharist. We can spend time with him in adoration giving him praise and gratitude, along with experiencing the peace of his presence. We also experience him through His Word and through prayer. As we grow closer to Jesus we grow in the peace of the Holy Spirit because we know he is always with us and watches over us. This peace is so much greater than what the world can give that words cannot describe it. Also by being open and growing in God's perfect love through his Son we experience a great indescribable joy. A joy that we must share with others and the more we share, the more we grow in this joy.

See, we must look at our time here on earth as a gift from God, that he has given us, to grow closer to him. Our time here is for us to go through this process and he has given us everything we need through his Son who has given us His Church. As we grow in God's love we will come to realize that our time here on earth can be amazingly awesome by sharing God's love with others and when our end time comes, we will have the possibility to be with our Triune God which will be even much greater.

May the peace of the Lord grow in your heart this Advent season,

Deacon Lou

## Advent Penance Service



The parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 19th at 7PM. Take advantage of this opportunity to prepare your heart and soul to receive the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Vigil Masses (December 24th)

4pm, 4:15pm (School), 6pm, 8pm

### Christmas Masses (December 25th)

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12 Noon

## Week of December 01, 2019

The Sanctuary Candle burns for the intentions of:

*The Parish*

Blessed Mother Candle burns in memory of:

*Cheryl Bowman*

The St. Joseph Candle burns for the intentions of:

*The Parish*



## St. Patrick's Parish News

### Parish Christmas Tree Blessing

December 22, 4:30PM



Parishioners are invited to join in this new parish tradition. The tree blessing will incorporate personalized decorations as symbols of our parish community. These will be available for purchase in the back of church. We will conclude with cookies and hot chocolate.

### Rejoice!

#### Advent Meditations with St. Joseph



Sunday, December 1, 8, and 15

Time: 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Cost: \$5

**Rejoice!** is a guided program with daily meditations which will enrich your own Advent this year. The series invites you to reflect upon the experience of Joseph and Mary during the first Advent, as they awaited the birth of their son, the Savior of the world.

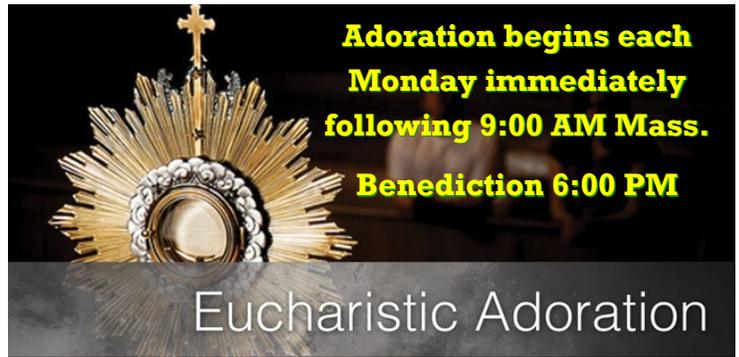
Imagine Advent through Joseph's eyes, feel what is in Joseph's heart, and read the Scripture that Joseph read, so you can fully prepare to welcome Jesus into your heart this Christmas. To register text the keyword "**AdventRejoice**" to 84576 or email [dmilani@stpatrickmalvern.org](mailto:dmilani@stpatrickmalvern.org).



CHRISTMAS  
OUTREACH

Beginning November 23rd until December 15th, there will be 2 ways to provide outreach for families in need. Please consider taking a tag from the Giving Tree or Adopting a Child, which fulfills all the Christmas wishes for a specific child. Giving Tree tags and forms can be picked up at the back of Church. All gifts must be unwrapped and returned to the

Church no later than December 15th so they can be delivered on time to the various agencies. The schools and agencies that St. Patrick's provides to are in desperate need so your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Adoration begins each  
Monday immediately  
following 9:00 AM Mass.

Benediction 6:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

### Men's Ministry

December 8, 5pm-6pm

Men, join us for a time of fellowship and prayer as we thank God for the work he has begun through our book discussions. The gathering will include light Hors D'oeuvres and drinks.

*No Greater Gift. No Greater Love.*

Father James Blount Returns This Advent Season

Experience *healing*, grow in *joy*, and  
realize the *gifts* that await us.

Tuesday, December 17

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#### 6 p.m. Mass

Celebrant: Fr. James Blount  
Concelebrant: Fr. Christopher Redcay  
**Presentation by Fr. James Blount**  
Following Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
& Healing Service**  
To Follow

In this special Advent event, Fr. James Blount, SOLT, will help us understand how to grow closer to each member of our Heavenly Family and fall deeper in love with Jesus. Together we will prepare for the coming of our newborn Savior!

### Email Needed for New Mass Schedule Survey

Recently, Father Redcay announced that starting in June 2020, there will be a change to our Sunday Mass schedule. Your input is needed in choosing the best times for our Sunday Masses, therefore, we need your email. If you aren't receiving the weekly parish newsletter and you'd like to complete the survey on the new Mass times, please send an email to Emily at [enovak@stpatrickmalvern.org](mailto:enovak@stpatrickmalvern.org).

### Christmas Parish Office Hours

The office will be closed on

December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1.

Our normal schedule will resume on January 2, 2019.



The Flame of Love

St. Patrick Parish hosts The Flame of Love Prayer Group on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. All are most welcome to join us. Our next gathering is today, Sunday December 1st in the Church at 7 PM

For more information please contact Deacon Lou at [lilbbi@stpatrickmalvern.org](mailto:lilbbi@stpatrickmalvern.org)

**Men's Gospel Reflection**

**Fridays 7:00 AM**

**Julie Anne's Malvern**

(2nd floor)

Gather each Friday for discussion & fellowship as we look at the upcoming Sunday readings. Worksheets are available at: <http://bit.ly/R3fl3et>

**Call Tony Celentano for details: 610-613-1188**



**FRIENDS OF MARY**

Prayer Group

**Thursday, December 5th  
7PM in the school library**

All are invited to join us as we call upon the gentle intercession of Our Lady.

For information or to request prayers, contact: Anne 610-513-6529 or Kathy 610-716-7097.

Please note: this will be our only meeting for November and December.

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord!*

**SAINT PATRICK PARISH  
SCRIP PROGRAM**

The Scrip program is a great way to support the parish! Procuring Gift Cards through our Scrip Program directs a percentage of your gift to St. Patrick Church.

Double your giving this Christmas by purchasing your Gift Cards after all the weekend Masses or contact the Parish Office at: 610-647-2345.



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**PREP News**

Our PREP children and catechists will be living in the spirit of expectation and readiness during the coming days of Advent. We will use these days to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord by giving more attention to prayer and good works. To help focus ourselves, we will pray the Christmas Anticipation prayer and follow the Advent Calendar which suggests a good practice for each day. The children will take part in works of charity. Please remember all of our young parishioners in your good prayers during Advent. **O Come Emmanuel!**



**Celebrated at the  
9:00AM & 10:30AM  
Sunday Masses**

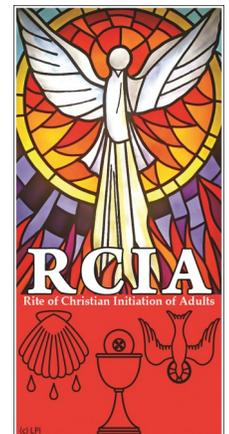
Children ages 4 to 8 are invited to join us for the Children's Liturgy of the Word celebrated at the 9AM and 10:30AM Sunday Masses.

**Please Note:** Children's Liturgy of the Word will NOT gather on Sunday, December 1st nor on Sunday, December 29th.

**Sacraments**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Is there a non-Catholic you know who has expressed interest in our faith and becoming a member of our Church family or, perhaps, is a baptized Catholic who has not completed their Sacraments of Initiation? If so, you can be an evangelizer by telling them of our parish's RCIA process, which offers catechesis and faith formation for adults in preparation for the Sacraments and initiation into the Catholic Church. Sister Eileen will be happy to give further information and answer any questions about the RCIA. You can contact her at 610-296-8899 or [etiernan@stpatrickmalvern.org](mailto:etiernan@stpatrickmalvern.org).



If you have questions about having your child Baptized call Sr. Eileen at the Parish Office: 610-647-2345

## Mauger-Givnish Funeral Home Memorial Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 11th, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

As the holiday season approaches, the staff and families of the Mauger-Givnish Life Celebration Funeral Home invite you to share in our annual Memorial Tree Service. The dove has long been a sign of hope and a symbol for us to remember the lives of our deceased loved ones. Families who have lost a loved one in recent years will be given the opportunity to place an ornamental dove, which carries the name of your special person, on the tree and a lapel pin in recognition of those that have passed away. Refreshments will be served following the service. RSVP Requested. We are honored to be a drop off location for Toys for Tots. Please drop off a new toy at our home during the holiday season and help make a child's Christmas more joyful.



## Give us your Email!

We are now using a messaging platform called Flocknote. All parishioners are encouraged to sign up and receive our weekly parish news via email. It is a great way to stay connected, learn about upcoming events, and get alerts about schedule changes. Text the keyword "saintpats" to 84576 and receive all our latest news.



**Sick List Information:** Please call the parish office 610-647-2345 if you would like to add or remove someone's name from the prayer list. If you are aware of someone who is no longer sick please let us know so that we can ensure there is room for others in need of prayer. Also reducing the list allows for those who need prayer to be more apparent. Thank you.

## To Everything there is a Season....

**"a time to be born"...** May God Bless all our parents and their children, especially  
*Katherine Faith Tabella* who was baptized on November 17th.

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

**"a time to be healed"...** *Gazey Turner, Carol Lubecki, William Lobecker, Frank Matey, Christine DiDonato, Rosalie Greim, Peter Durso, Rosemary Crecco, Gerri Korpusik, Skylar Seeley, Bella Grace Cook (child), Blake Keely (infant), Quinn Llewellyn (child), Nate and Matt Daly, Charlie Deegan (child), Colin Dwyer (child), Gavin Duffy, (child), Penelope Marlowe (child), Isabella Rambo (child), Sean Ritter (child), Teagan McDonnell (child), Karen, Pat Wood, Eric Alessandroni, Linda Barton, Carman Bevilacqua, Erin Beatty, Luke Birkhead, Jessica Bonkoski, Cindy Bower, Chrissy Brown, Margaret Brown, Richard Brown, Ann Burke, Gina Butcher, Andrew Butler, Edith Callahan, Thomas Callahan, Matthew Campione, Dottie Cappelli, Sue Castaldi, Dolores Christmas, Audrey Clarke, Tom Connors, Christine Corsi, Michael Cox, Paul Cox, Kenneth Davis, Alicia Dellario, Eve DelSoldo, Anthony Diels, Rana Catherine Dillon, Kim DiNicola, Nerisa Eachus, Stephanie Elko, Nellie Emigh, Bill Feathers, Mary Fogerty, Joseph Gallagher, Catherine Gannon, Stephanie Gemmell, Michael Golas, Cara Grim, Dave Guilin, Cassidy Hendee, John Hendricks, Amy Herkins, Josh Heron, Colleen Horan, Mary Huhtenan, Sr. Immaculata, IHM, Elizabeth Kelly, Patricia Kundert, Kathleen Lauber, Steven Leiden, Jeannine Lenhart, Naomi Llewellyn, Tyler Llewellyn, Traves Mattingly, Wayne Mazzie, Joan McGarrigle, Liam McGuire, Heather Menon, Melissa Michels, Richard Mott, Sallie Naylor, Dennis O'Brien, Aaron O'Laughlin, Tim O'Laughlin, Laurann Elizabeth Paquier, Riley Palmer, Josephine Pellicano, Jim Pettine, Pat Pettine, Priscilla Pfizenmayer, Megan Phillips, Charles Pollack, Olga Pollack, James Rizzo, Matthew Emerson Rice, Michael Sands, Gina Schiavo, Ethan Joshua Schwartz, Liam Shields, Jocelyn Sichort, Claire Sieracki Clardy, Howard Shellem, Ed Siwula, George Smith, Roberta Smith, Aya Rock Stryker, Christopher Thorpe, Diane Tyson, Chris Valvano, Walter Wagner, Lily Walker, Karen Walsh, Patricia Warren, Lisa Wilson, Rita Yeost, Ann Zillitto, Barry Zimnoch.*

**"a time to die"...** Please remember in your prayers all our deceased benefactors and parishioners, especially *Rita Falasco.*

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.**

## COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday November 17th: \$27,783

**Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.** St. Patrick Parish offers a convenient way for parishioners to provide much-needed, consistent donations to the parish. Online giving is available as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. The electronic donation enrollment form for is available on our website: [www.stpatrickmalvern.org](http://www.stpatrickmalvern.org). Select "Resources" on the home page and choose "Parish forms" to download an electronic donation form. You may email your completed form to [tmckeon@stpatrickmalvern.org](mailto:tmckeon@stpatrickmalvern.org), return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket.

**NOTE:** The donation form is also accessible by scanning the adjacent QR code with your mobile device.



## Regional News

### Annual Advent Open House

Sunday, December 8, 2019

The Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus invite you to join them for a peaceful pause during the Advent Season to reflect on the true gift of Christmas. All ages are welcome. The event takes place at:

1341 Montgomery Ave, Rosemont, PA 19010.

**Self-Tour of International Nativity Scenes : 10:00 a.m.**

**Mass at New Sharon Chapel: 11:30 a.m.**

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Joanna Pelizzoni at 610-626-1400 x315 or [jpelizzoni@shcj.org](mailto:jpelizzoni@shcj.org).

### Men's Retreat

December 6-8

Malvern Retreat Center

**Isn't about time to unplug? To disconnect?  
Don't you need a few days to get away?**

Join us, the men of the Immaculate Conception Group, for a weekend retreat at the Malvern Retreat House. For information and registration contact Vince Murphy at 610-644-6259 or [murphyvj@comcast.net](mailto:murphyvj@comcast.net). Or visit Malvern's website at <http://www.malvernretreat.com>.

### Advent Happenings

at the IHM Spirituality Center

**Week of Directed Scriptural Prayer** - December 1-7

Group session on Sunday with individual daily check-ins and closing session on Saturday. Cost: \$80

**Overnight Retreat** - December 6

Friday 7pm to Saturday 7pm - Cost:\$85

**Advent Prayer Escape** - December 12 - Cost \$10

Come hear, reflect and pray about the theme of "Waiting with the One Who Waits for You.

Email [ihmshpcenter@gmail.com](mailto:ihmshpcenter@gmail.com) or call 610-647-4136

### CYACC

(Catholic Young Adults of Chester County)

Wednesday, December 4th - 7:30pm

St. Joseph Church - Downingtown

### Holy Hour

Join us for an evening of adoration, music, and night prayer. Confession will be available starting at 6:30pm if you want to come early. Access the chapel by entering the main doors of the church and taking the first left. All are invited out afterwards for food, drinks, and fellowship at Victory Brewing Company

For more information find us on Facebook, email us at [cyacc1@gmail.com](mailto:cyacc1@gmail.com) or visit [www.cyacc.org](http://www.cyacc.org).

### Gaudeamus Music Ministry

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15th at 7:30 PM

Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting.

Admission is free and open to the public.

A free-will donation will benefit A Baby's Breath.

For more information on Gaudeamus and concert details, please visit [www.letusrejoice.org](http://www.letusrejoice.org)

### Bishop Shanahan

Christmas Craft & Gift Show

Saturday, December 7th, 2019

(Snow date December 8th).

Doors open at 9:00 am and close at 3:00 pm.

Shop from over 180 handmade crafters and unique vendor gifts while getting into the Christmas spirit. Entry is \$5.00 for ages 13-62, \$3.00 for 62+, and complimentary for religious. Light fare for breakfast and lunch are available for purchase in the cafeteria.

### The Schuylkill Valley

Regional Dance Company Presents

The Nutcracker

Featuring over 50 local dancers, actors, professional guest artists and numerous backstage volunteers.

Saturday December 7th

Showtimes at 2pm & 6pm

Phoenixville Middle School

Tickets available at: [tututix.com/svrde](http://tututix.com/svrde)



### Help Wanted

Malvern Retreat House is looking for a full time Hospitality Coordinator. Wednesday through Sunday. Please contact: Liturgical Experience preferred.

Please contact **Jim Hall** at: 484-321-2541  
[jhall@malvernretreat.com](mailto:jhall@malvernretreat.com)



### Job Opportunities at Camilla Hall Nursing Home

The following positions are available:  
**Nursing Assistants FT/PT - All Shifts**  
**Food Service Workers FT/PT - Hours Vary**  
**Great Opportunity for High School and College Students**

Complete online application [www.camillahall.org](http://www.camillahall.org)  
or call 484-321-5630; 484-321-5696 (fax) EOE

Be sure to visit our parish website  
[www.stpatrickmalvern.org](http://www.stpatrickmalvern.org)