Saint Patrick Parish

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March 17, 2024



Saint Patrick Parish, nurtured by the Eucharist and the Word of God, is a welcoming community

Saint Patrick Parish family, centered on the Eucharist and the Word of God, continually seeks to be a Christ-centered community. We embrace as our mission:

- To live our Roman Catholic Faith
- Strengthen the spiritual life of all parishioners through truth and love
- Serve the needs of others and ourselves
- ♦ Give witness to the joy of the Gospel
- Reach out and welcome those who are searching for a community of faith

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sundays: 7:30 am, 10:00 am

Daily

Weekdays Monday through Friday: 8:00 am
Except on the First Friday of every month when mass will be
celebrated at 12:30 pm instead of 8:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 pm in the Church or by appointment Please email or call Fr. Bob or Fr. Chris directly for appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Saturday March 16

5:00 pm Daniel McHale, Sr. and Kathleen Gershon

Sunday March 17

7:30 am Kathleen Gershon

9:30 am Chad Bennett and Bailey Buell 11:30 am Leo Carlin and Thomas Curran 5:00 pm Ethel McGrath Meola and

Maria Victoria Caparas

Monday March 18

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

Tuesday March 19

8:00 am Enrique Quiambao, Mark Brigham and

Sandra Novello

Wednesday March 20

8:00 am John Taylor Babbitt

Thursday March 21

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

Friday March 22

8:00 am Maria Victoria Caparas

Saturday March 23

5:00 pm Barbara Medina and Dr. Marian Hobbie

Sunday March 24

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:30 am Marian Hobbie

11:30 am Mary Lou Bonney Karp

5:00 pm Dennis Buckley

The Candles on the Altar the week of March 17, 2023 are for the intention of Dean Datre given by the family.



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 24, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed

Mass Celebrants

Saturday, March 16 at 5:00 pm with Fr. Bob Sunday, March 17 at 7:30 am with Fr. Bob Sunday, March 17 at 9:30 am with Fr. Bob Sunday, March 17 at 11:30 am with Fr. Chris Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 pm with Fr. Chris

Private Reconciliation in the Church

Saturday, March 16 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm with Fr. Bob

Mass Celebrants - Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23 at 5:00 pm with Fr. Chris Sunday, March 24 at 7:30 am with Fr. Chris Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am with Fr. Chris Sunday, March 24 at 11:30 am with Fr. Bob Sunday, March 24 at 5:00 pm with Fr. Bob

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Weekly Memorials

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Evey Staromano, Caroline Palluzzi, Mary Cecere, Theresa Padula, Roe Pucci, George Morgan, Nicholas Baldwin, Ethel Ulrich, Aggie Ryan, Jim Johnson, Nick Castellano, Sarah Wilkens, Janet Stiles, Leo James Mahoney, Florence Flynn, Charles Zogby, Carol Marconi, Scott Cline, Margaret Miller, Josephine Morino, Catherine Goss, George Scott, Gary Alexander, Heather McGuire, Jack Conlan, Richard Dunning, Robert Previdi, Jim Kling, Heidi Foley, Jen Jacobs, Aila Marie Sardini, Maggie Carroll, Arina Sosa, Xander Nunze, Pat Ficcio, Kris Zingone, MaryAnn McColgan Lorraine Dailey, and for all our deceased.

Saint Patrick

This weekend highlights the celebration of the patron of the parish, St. Patrick. Our church community named in his honor has stood in Chatham since 1887 when Bishop Wigger raised the status of the church to parish level. Under its initial leader, Rev. Charles Muhl who was pastor for less than a year, a new worship community was formed. Later that year, Rev. Patrick A. McGahan was installed as pastor, and remained at the parish until 1889. His responsibilities as a pastor included service to a mission parish in Sterling that later became St. Vincent DePaul. St. Patrick Church maintains a long history, which includes twenty-two pastors. In that the Feast of St. Patrick falls on a Sunday, the liturgy of that day celebrates the 5th Sunday of Lent, however, the liturgy generates a spirit that connects us to St. Patrick as he was one who like Lazarus in this weekend's Gospel was raised from captivity to a life that has passed down the message of Christ to generations of people since the 5th century.

Although St. Patrick was not born in Ireland, he gained his reputation as a missionary to Ireland. Many in the parish have taken countless trips to Ireland to celebrate their Irish heritage. My initial trip to Ireland occurred in 1978. This was a tremendous thrill. My plane was delayed three hours from takeoff at JFK, but upon arrival I was transported to my hotel on O'Connell Street where I was introduced to a Guinness while waiting to check into my room. It was my first Guinness, and I enjoyed it so much that I ordered a second Guinness. Upon check in, the remainder of my day consisted of a stroll throughout Dublin whereby I took in the sights of the city; however, through my week's stay in Ireland, I realized that it was in the Irish pubs that I met the real beauty of Ireland, the people.

It is easy to see the joy that comes to so many on St. Patrick Day with festivities, parades, and friendly gatherings; even the parish celebrates an evening on March 16 to highlight our patron as well as an Irish soda bread contest on March 17. Yet, it must not be forgotten that a man named Patrick enhanced the faith of the Irish as a missionary, which ties in the life of Patrick with our Lenten commitments. Patrick also raised the standards of scholarship in Ireland, encouraged the study of Latin, and brought Ireland into closer relations with the rest of the Western World. Although many of the details of Patrick's life are uncertain; it is known that he took the name Patrick upon ordination to the priesthood. Most scholarship attests that he was also a Briton who was kidnapped at age 16 by Irish raiders, and sold as a slave which steered him to discover God in his life.

Many in Ireland celebrate this day with a visit to some of the sites where Patrick journeyed which include hilltops, vast mountains and exquisite mountain lakes. Ireland's holiest mountain, Croagh Patrick, nicknamed "The Reek" which is a soaring 2,507 ft. conical mountain near Westport, County Mayo is a location Patrick arrived after taking a forty-day retreat during Lent. Also, according to Patrick's autobiographical letter, *Confessio*, written around 450 AD, and published in the 9th century consists of information about the way Patrick fled from enslavement and studied in France to become a priest. The original copy of *Confessio* may be found in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin. Through the span of his life, Patrick spent over 30 years spreading the message of Christianity and founding churches and monasteries. He became the first Bishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland. Patrick retired in County Down, where it is believed he died in 461 AD on March 17, and is buried in the grounds of the 12th century Down Cathedral.

Many families and priests in the diocese trace their roots back to Ireland. Through the years the Irish are well known for involvement in people professions such as fireman, police, and priesthood. Sometimes it is common to forget that the United States was a mission for Irish priests who brought Christ to our land. Happy St. Patrick Day!

In Christ's Love,, Fr. Bob

BAPTISM: Arrangements should be made three months in advance by emailing Holly Gilligan at hgilligan@st-pats.org. Parents are expected to attend an instructional session with the Baptism Team.

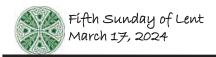
RCIA-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The R.C.I.A. invites non-baptized persons and those baptized into another faith to participate in a faith journey in preparation for becoming a Catholic. If you are interested in any aspect of R.C.I.A., please contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Congratulations! In order that we can together plan for your big day, couples should notify the Church and begin to prepare at least one year in advance of the date. Please email Fr. Bob at <u>Fr.Bob@st-pats.org</u> or call Fr. Bob at the parish office ext. 152.

<u>MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOME BOUND</u>: If a family member or someone you know is recuperating from a hospital stay or is homebound for any length of time and would like to receive Holy Communion, please let us know. It is a priority for the parish community to support and be present to those who cannot be with us for the celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like a priest or deacon to visit a family member who is hospitalized, contact the parish office at 973-635-0625.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the parish office at 973-635-0625 to arrange for a priest.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST: Children preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist begin preparation in first grade. To register, visit our website at www.st-pats.org.



AROUND THE PARISH

Lenten Offerings at St. Patrick Parish this Week

Monday, March 18, 2024

Reconciliation in the Church: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm with Fr. Bob

Friday, March 22, 2024

Stations of the Cross in the Church: 7 pm Led by our Faith Formation Families

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Anointing of the Sick Mass in the Church: n am with Fr. Bob & Fr. Chris

Reconciliation in the Church: 4 pm with Fr. Chris

Palm Sunday Mass in the Church: 5 pm

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday Masses in the Church: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5 pm

RCIA in the South Room: 10:30 am

Faith Formation 8th Grade Retreat in the Gym: 3 pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING OF MIND, BODY & SPIRIT

Saturday, March 23, 2024 11:00 am in the Church



Suffering and illness, both physically and emotionally, affect us in body and spirit. Our parish family assures the support of those in need through prayer, personal visits and administration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament may be celebrated many times, if needed, for strength and healing of mind, body and spirit. We receive God's grace in a time of anxiety and pain.



Monday, March 18 with Fr. Bob Monday, March 25 with Fr. Chris

Children's Easter Choir

All children in grades kindergarten through grade 4 are invited to join our youngest choir, the *Easter Choir!* Children will meet on Wednesday afternoons in the Church with our Music Minister, Maggie Hanson, to practice and learn music basics including singing as a group! This young choir will sing at the 9:30 am Easter Sunday Mass, for First Communions on May 4 and/or May 11 (your choice!) and then will celebrate together at Castle Park at a date to be determined! First practice is Wednesday, March 20 from 5:00 pm - 5:35 pm in the Church. Register on our website.



Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday Vigil ~ March 23 5 pm, Church

Palm Sunday ~ March 24 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5 pm, Church

Holy Thursday ~ March 28

8 am Morning Prayer, Church

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Church Eucharistic Adoration until 10:45 pm, Parish Center

Good Friday ~ March 29

8 am Morning Prayer, Church 3 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Church 7 pm Living Stations of the Cross, Church

Holy Saturday ~ March 30

8 am Morning Prayer, Church 10 am Blessing of the Food, Church

> Easter Vigil ~ March 30 7 pm, Church

Faster Sunday ~ March 31
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am Mass, Church
11:30 am Mass, Fr. Ed Parish Center

Saint Patrick School News

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2024-2025.

St. Patrick School is accepting applications now for the 2024-2025 school year. To learn more about how your child can excel in our award-winning academic program and nurturing environment, take a tour or request more information from our Admissions Office. Go to the school's website at https://spschatham.org/visit or call 973-635-0623.

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JOIN TINY TOT TUESDAYS FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 5

Parents and caregivers of toddlers, please mark your calendars now for **TINY TOT TUESDAYS** at St. Patrick School on **TUESDAY, MARCH 12!** Parents & caregivers with children up to 5 years old are welcome to join the school for a fun story time with a community leader followed by creative arts and craft time. For more information, visit https://st-pats-school.org/tinytots RSVP at the link: https://st-pats-school.org/tinytots RSVP at the

LUCKY 7 SHAMROCK RAFFLE IS HERE! PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!

The St. Patrick School Lucky 7 Shamrock Calendar Raffle is here! Support St. Patrick School's Academic, Technology & Enrichment programs by purchasing a raffle ticket (or more!) for a chance to win a "pot of gold!" Tickets cost \$25 each. Raffle drawing to be held on March 15, March 22, April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3 and May 10. Tickets are available for purchase by emailing the St. Patrick School Office at schooloffice@st-pats.org or calling the school at 973-635-4623. Cash and checks only accepted. Good luck!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FUTURE OF ST. PATRICK SCHOOL! DONATE TO THE ANNUAL APPEAL.

Please consider making a difference in the future of St. Patrick School by donating to the St. Patrick Annual Appeal. With your support, we are able to fulfill our mission of providing a Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth. Your generous donations assist the school in providing much needed resources for our dedicated teachers, upgrading our facilities, and continuing to deliver the best in academic and enrichment programs for our students. To donate, visit https://st-pats-school.org/give

Thank you to the many families that continue to support our parish through donations in the collection basket, online, mailed in or dropped off in the parish office mailbox! Your continued generosity allows us to pay our bills and support programs outlined in our Parish Mission and Strategic Plan!

We want to connect with you! If you are not receiving our weekly newsletter emails, please contact Vonnie at vgibbons@st-pats.org to be placed on our distribution list. In addition to our emails, visit our website www.st-pats.org or our Facebook for messages from our ministers!



Midshipmen Knights

Last month, seventeen midshipmen joined the Knights of Columbus council at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Established in 2010, the council has thrived under the mentorship of retired Navy Capt. Joe McInerney. He says, "the knight is this idea that comes out of Christianity — to be ferocious in battle but a servant to others."

Service academy students have a more demanding schedule than most college students, but the council's evening discussion forums, focused on how the Catholic faith applies to contemporary times, offer a welcome reset after the busyness of the day.

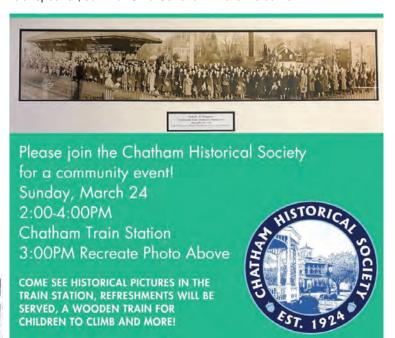
McInerney says, "We are the hands and the feet and the muscle of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's time for us to start flexing that muscle so we can help others and start bringing others to faith in him."

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in the Chathams, please call John Kelly 201-213-6967. To become a Knight, visit www.kofc.com/joinus.

Local News

Tenebrae: Music and Meditation: Join Corpus Christi for Tenebrae: Music and Meditation on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 pm. Tenebrae means darkness or shadows. At this prayer service, we will accompany Jesus in his last hours. Through scripture readings and contemplative choral reflections, we will hear the story that unfolds during Holy Week. Event is free and open to all.

Human Trafficking 101: The Life Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Church and the NJ Coalition against Human Trafficking will hold a presentation on *Human Trafficking 101: Identification, Recognition and Responding* on Tuesday, March 19th from 7:30 pm - 8:45 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1050 Bebout Ave., Stirling NJ in the St. John Paul II Center. Presented by LA Senior Lynch with special speaker, survivor Gina Cavello. All are welcome.





March 23 & 24

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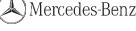
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