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Old St. Patrick's Bulletin

A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop

Advent and Christmas Season Events and Programming

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Join Us For A Beautiful Candlelit Christmas Concert

Friday, December 18 | 7 pm

Deck the Hall has been an Old St. Pat's tradition for over 25 years! This year we will be Decking YOUR Hall with our virtual Deck the Hall Christmas Concert. Enjoy music by the Metropolis Symphony Orchestra, JoAnn Daugherty Jazz Trio, Irish Trad band, Old St. Pat's Choir, some of your favorite soloists and much more!

We have sponsorship packages available which include our Old St. Pat's Home for the Holiday kits of beautiful etched Irish coffee mugs, Christmas coffee, Bailey's, and other Christmas goodies.

Also this year, thanks to our generous sponsors, we are excited to offer the Deck The Hall concert to our members at no charge as our gift to you. However, we hope you will consider making a free-will donation to participate in the Giving Tree to bring Christmas to people in need.

THE GIVING TREE

Like most everything, this year's Giving Tree will look a bit different. Unfortunately, it's not safe to gather in person to choose the gifts we'd like to purchase, nor is it safe for our elves to wrap and distribute gifts. But, we can still share Christmas joy! This year, we'll be collecting monetary donations to give to our outreach organizations. They'll then be able to fulfill the needs (and we hope some wishes, too!) of the people they serve.

Deck the Hall Tickets are now on sale!

Please visit
oldstpats.org/deckthehall

ADVENT LONGING

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin once suggested that peace and justice will come to us when we reach a high enough psychic temperature so as to burn away the things that still hold us apart. In saying this, he was drawing upon a principle in chemistry: Sometimes two elements will simply lie side by side inside a test-tube and not unite until sufficient heat is applied so as to bring them to a high enough temperature where unity can take place.

That's wonderful metaphor for advent. What is advent?

Advent is about getting in touch with our longing. It's about letting our yearnings raise our psychic temperatures so that we are pushed to eventually let down our guard, hope in new ways, and risk intimacy.

John of the Cross has a similar image: Intimacy with God and with each other will only take place, he says, when we reach a certain kindling temperature. For too much of our lives, he suggests, we lie around as damp, green logs inside the fire of love, waiting to come to flame but never bursting into flame because of our dampness. Before we can burst into flame, we must first dry out and come to kindling temperature. We do that, as does a damp log inside a fire, by first sizzling for a long time in the flames so as to dry out.

How do we sizzle psychologically and spiritually? For John of the Cross, we do that through the pain of loneliness, restlessness, disquiet, anxiety, frustration, and unrequited desire. In the torment of incompleteness our psychic temperature rises so that eventually we come to kindling temperature and, there, we finally open ourselves to union in new ways. That too is an image for advent.

Advent is all about loneliness, but loneliness is a complex thing.

Nobel Prize winning author, Toni Morrison describes it this way:

"There is a loneliness that can be rocked. Arms crossed, knees drawn up, holding, holding on, this motion, unlike a ship's, smoothes and contains the rocker. It's an inside kind – wrapped tight like skin. Then there is a loneliness that roams. No rocking can hold it down. It is alive, on its own. A dry and spreading thing that makes the sound of one's own feet going seems to come from a far-off place."

All of us know exactly what she is describing, especially the latter type, the roaming kind of loneliness that haunts the soul and makes us, all too often, too restless to sleep at night and too uncomfortable to be inside our own skins during the day.

And what's the lesson in this? What we learn from loneliness is that we are more than any moment in our lives, more than any situation we are in, more than any humiliation we have experienced, more than any rejection we have endured, and more than all the limits within which we find ourselves. Loneliness and longing take us beyond ourselves. How?

Thomas Aquinas once taught that we can attain something in one of two ways: through possession or through desire. We like to possess what we love, but that isn't often possible and it has an underside.

Possession is limited, desire is infinite. Possession sets up fences, desire takes down fences. To quote Karl Rahner, only in the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable do we know that we are more than the limits of our bodies, our present relationships, our jobs, our achievements, and the concrete situations within which we live, work, and die.

Loneliness and longing let us touch, through desire, God's ultimate design for us. In our longing, the mystics tell us, we intuit the kingdom of God. What that means is that in our desires we sense the deeper blueprint for things. And what is that?

Scripture tells us that the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, of simple bodily pleasure, but a coming together in justice, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, that is what we ache for in our loneliness and longing: consummation, oneness, intimacy, completeness, harmony, peace, and justice. Sometimes, of course, in our fantasies and daydreams that isn't so evident. God's kingdom seems something much loftier and more holy than what we often long for – sex, revenge, fame, power, glory, pleasure. However even in these fantasies, be they ever so crass, there is present always a deeper desire, for justice, for peace, for joy, for oneness in Christ.

Our loneliness and longing are a hunger and an energy that drive us, always, beyond the present moment. In them we do intuit the kingdom of God.

Advent is about longing, about getting in touch with it, about heightening it, about letting it raise our psychic temperatures, about sizzling as damp, green logs inside the fires of intimacy, about intuiting the kingdom of God by seeing, through desire, what the world might look like if a Messiah were to come and, with us, establish justice, peace, and unity on this earth.

This article was originally published on ronrolheiser.com.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON AT OLD ST. PAT'S

OLD ST. PAT'S GIVING TREE

Giving Tree 2020 will look quite different this year but we will still provide our programs with presents this Christmas Season. The Giving Tree Elves will purchase needed pajamas and nightgowns, underwear, socks, gift cards, slippers, hats, mittens, scarves and of course, toys! **Make a donation by visiting bit.ly/ospgivingtree2020.**

GivingTuesday

Every year, on GivingTuesday, millions are mobilized across the globe to show up, give back, and change their communities. The goal is to create a massive wave of generosity that lasts well beyond that day, and touches every person on the planet. This GivingTueday, we would like to encourage you to support the Old St. Pat's Giving Tree. While it may not be safe to gather in-person to choose gifts we would like to purchase, we can still share Christmas joy! We will be collecting monetary donations to give to our outreach organizations. They will then be able to fulfill the needs (and we hope some wishes, too!) of the people they serve.

Here are some of the programs OSP Outreach supports:
Community Outreach: The Boulevard, Career Transition Center, Children's Place, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Harmony, Hope and Healing, Horizons for Youth, House of Mary & Joseph Shelter, Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly, Special Olympics, Su Casa, Trinity Volunteer Corps, UI Health Chicago Pediatrics.
Global Outreach: Coprodeli USA - Peru, Friends of Fabretto - Nicaragua, Global Alliance for Africa - Kenya, LIFT - India.
Special Projects: Blood Drive, Giving Tree, St. Agatha's Sharing Parish, Cara Chicago
We thank you for your generosity and for helping to spread Christmas joy this season. The donation link will be published shortly!

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS: An Evening of Reflection led by Jack Shea
Wednesday, December 2 | 7 pm | Please register: bit.ly/lightshines-osp

This Advent/Christmas will not be "business as usual." The pandemic will disrupt the traditional ways we gather and celebrate. But it cannot undercut the spiritual meaning of the birth of Christ. In fact, during this time we need this spiritual meaning more than ever.

We will explore themes of Advent/Christmas to nurture our spirits. We will reflect on the practices of Putting up a Tree, even an artificial one, and Putting up a Creche. We will read poetry and bring forward some of the great writing of Christmas to comfort us into hope. Christ will be born.

It is the darkest time of the year. But the "light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it." (Jn. 1: 5)
Please join us. This Evening of Reflection will be presented using the Zoom Webinar platform.

AT THE CROSSROADS LECTURE
Taking Care of Your Mental Health During a Pandemic *with* Dr. John Duffy
Monday, December 7 | 7 - 8 :15 pm CT | Register: bit.ly/atc-johnduffy

This program is presented as a Zoom Webinar. Please note, the webinar differs from Zoom meetings in that it is a view-only format. However, it does allow for Q&A.

Dr. John Duffy, a clinical psychologist, best-selling author, speaker, and national media personality will share with us ideas on how to tend to our collective mental health during the pandemic.The program will be facilitated by Sarah Thompson, Old St. Pat's Parish Counselor and licensed therapist.

For many months we've been dealing with a viral threat with many now experiencing coronavirus burnout and pandemic fatigue. It can cause exhaustion, anxiety, depression and a feeling of malaise. It's affecting our lives in many ways – we're afraid of getting sick, losing our jobs, missing out on sports/activities/school, and losing loved ones, especially if they're elderly. With the weather turning grey, modified holiday gatherings, and COVID-19 numbers rising, it's easy to feel down. Dr. Duffy will discuss the effects of pandemic fatigue and healthy ways we can cope with it.

Family life has never been more difficult and complicated than now, as we are facing uncertain times, new challenges and struggles have emerged for many. Couples and families are wondering how to best deal with the continued change in routine and environment, and how to support each other the best way possible. Dr. Duffy will walk us through some of the challenges families are facing during this pandemic. He'll share tips on how to help each other get through the coming months, how to deal with anxiety, and what kind of conversations we should be having within families.

Dr. Duffy is a highly sought-after clinical psychologist, best-selling author, parenting and relationship expert, and proud husband and father. He has been working with individuals, couples, teens, and families for nearly twenty years. Along with his clinical work, Dr. Duffy is the author of the number-one bestselling *Parenting the New Teen in the Age of Anxiety and The Available Parent*. He appears frequently on national and local television and radio outlets and is cited regularly in national print and online publications. Dr. Duffy is cohost of the popular podcast, *better*, with his wife Julie, as well as *On Purpose* with Chicago Tribune columnist Heidi Stevens.

At the Crossroads Lectures: *Calling upon the expertise of thought leaders, public intellectuals, and other individuals who are making a positive impact on society;* **At the Crossroads** *creates a public forum for exploring the most important and compelling issues that span the broad spectrum of human endeavor and experience. We are especially grateful to Richard and Ann Carr for their generous support of this program.*

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, December 8 | 12 pm | Join us: livestream.com/oldstpats/solemnity-december8

On this Holy Day, we will have a Livestream liturgy at 12 pm, featuring music and artwork celebrating Mary, immaculately conceived and courageously faithful to the call she received.

HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL

Tuesday, December 15 | 7:30 pm | Join us: livestream.com/oldstpats/homelesspersonsmemorial2020

Until there are no longer people who die, homeless, we will remember and call out the names of those we have lost. Join us for this Livestream experience, so that we may mourn and also pray in a spirit of hope that guides our work to end homelessness in Chicago and around the country.

ADVENT PEACE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 16 | 6 pm | Join us: livestream.com/oldstpats/adventpeaceservice

During this Advent Season, we "Wait in Joyful Hope" for the coming of our Lord, Jesus. And while the nights continue to get longer, we keep lighting our candles and reminding ourselves the God of peace is already present to us, even in our brokeness, our failings, and our woundedness. Join us for this evening prayer service to celebrate God's mercy and stretch toward reconciliation within our families, our neighborhoods, and our cities.

AN EVENING WITH ENCORE: THE CHRISTMAS STORY

December 17 | 7 pm | Register: bit.ly/encore-christmasstory

We welcome Fr. John Cusick as he shares his insights into the ancient, yet ever new, story of Christmas.

VIRTUAL DECK THE HALL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 18 - Please see page two for all of the details on Deck the Hall!

CHRISTMAS EVE | Thursday, December 24
- 3 pm Livestream, with kids virtual Christmas Pageant Gospel
- Midnight Mass Livestream

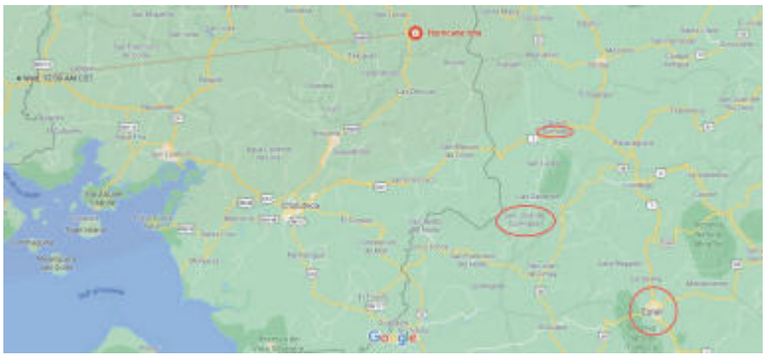
CHRISTMAS | Friday, December 25
- 10 am Livestream Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE | Friday, January 1
Eve of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 5:30 pm Livestream Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY | Saturday, January 2
- 10 am Livestream Mass

Fabretto Childrens Foundation communities in Nicaragua devastated by Hurricanes Eta and Iota

Fabretto



Nearly two weeks ago Hurricane Iota made landfall in Nicaragua, the second category four hurricane to hit the country in two weeks. Two weeks earlier, Fabretto sent water purification kits and blankets to those affected by Hurricane Eta on the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua via one of their NGO partners. Entire communities have been evacuated from their homes and although the situation is ongoing, the heavy winds and torrential rains across most of Nicaragua have already resulted in downed trees, flash flooding, overflowed rivers, and the loss of crops. The families Fabretto serves are facing homelessness and a dangerous lack of food security and access to clean drinking water.

Members of the Old St. Patrick's community have been actively partnering with La Familia Padre Fabretto in Nicaragua for 20 years. What began as outreach by the nascent Old St. Pat's Youth Group has been embraced by the larger OSP community with Service Trips to Nicaragua nearly every year. These Service Trips introduced participants to beautiful northern Nicaraugua where we have spent our time, talent and treasure to better the lives of those in these communities. There has been so much progress in the last 20 years fighting poverty with education, food security and family support. What tremendous reach Fabretto has accomplished in these two decades, from 1100 students in 2001 to 43,000 today. Iota has jeopardized that progress. Please visit fabretto.org and gift what you can for Fabretto's families now in dire need.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, NATIONAL PASTORAL MIGRATORIA ADVENT REFLECTIONS 2020 (provided by the OSP Immigrant & Refugee Ministry)

November 29 – December 5, 2020 | FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT: LIGHT ONE PURPLE CANDLE.

"We are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." – **Is. 64:7**

Advent is a time of waiting and pause. Advent 2020 is that and more! The words *waiting* and pause have new meaning for us. The pandemic has made it clear, all are vulnerable. Pope Francis calls us to unite scientific capabilities "to find vaccines and treatments." (April 19, 2020) So, we wait for a vaccine; we pause and reimagine new ways to live in community. But in this waiting and pause, refugees and immigrants are at even more risk. They are at risk in their homeland, forced to flee, and they are also at risk in detention centers in the United States. The pandemic suspended an already challenging process for asylum seekers, expelling them before they can make their requests. (americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/impact-covid-19-us-immigration-system)

"You do not know when the time will come." – **Mk 13:33**

When will the time come when we are safe from Covid-19, able to embrace each other? Even after that time comes, the world will look different, molded by God's hands. Are we 'living clay' in God's hands? Is God forming us before our eyes to be a people of faith *and* action? What kind of clay do we want to be? This Advent let us be formed by God's hands as we wait and pause.

You are cordially invited to attend our **Advent Retreat**

THE CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD OF CHICAGO

Bringing All We Are into What We Do: Spiritual Practices in our Work as Lawyers and in our Homes at Christmas

Saturday, December 5, 2020 | 9 am to 1 pm via Zoom

Register at **clgchicago.org/retreat**

As people of faith, we believe in Spirit and seek to become aware of its presence and cooperate with its invitations. We do this through being intentional about spiritual practices. At our Catholic Lawyers Guild retreat, we will explore how do this in our work as lawyers and in our homes during the Christmas season. In this way, we will open to Spirit in both our professional and personal lives.

Retreat Leader: Jack Shea, Renowned Theologian & Storyteller

This virtual retreat will have theological input, small group interaction, large group conversation, and will conclude with Mass. Our retreat is open to all lawyers, judges, and those in the legal profession. CLE Meeting credit will be provided. Each attendee will receive ONE hour of CLE credit

There is no cost to attend, but we do encourage you to make a registration donation in the amount of $25 if you are able. Pre-event registration at clgchicago.org/retreat is required to attend. **Questions?** Contact us at admin@clgchicago.org.

Join the OSP Lawyers Guild Group in myOSP

As people of faith, we believe in Spirit and seek to become aware of its presence and cooperate with its invitations. We do this through being intentional about spiritual practices at Old St. Patrick's and out in the world.

Our Catholic Lawyers Guild will curate exchanges among all lawyers, judges, and those in the legal profession to explore how our work, social, and family lives open us up to the Spirit's divine work in the world.

Visit **bit.ly/osplawyersguild** to join (please note: you must be logged in to your myOSP account to access the group)

OSP ADOPTION GROUP – "THE ADOPTION JOURNEY"
November 1 – 30

To honor November as National Adoption Awareness Month, Old St. Pat's Adoption Group is hosting a Webinar of experts in the Adoption Journey for hopeful adoptive, already adoptive, and birthparent families. The choosing of life, love, and nurture is "The Bond Between Us" that celebrates the adoption triad. Come join us as we tell our stories, provide information, direction, and offer support. This informative Webinar program will be available the entire month of November for all who register.

This Bond Between Us
Adoption Group Theme 2020

Visit bit.ly/register-osp-aj to register.

With any questions, please contact Cynthia and Ed St. Peter, OSP Adoption Group, at cstpeter@att.net.

EVENINGS WITH ENCORE

Please join us for our weekly Encore Zoom speaker's series. Encore initiated a weekly speaker's series via Zoom in late April. The objective of this endeavor was to gather the community in a virtual shared experience meant to inform, entertain and bring respite from the isolation of Covid sheltering. This weekly Zoom series is ongoing and features talents of OSP members, presentations provided by OSP staff, who direct various parish programs, as well as a myriad of programs meant to uplift the spirit and promote a little laughter.

December 3 - *Blair Carothers: It's beginning to taste a lot like Christmas!* We welcome personal chef and caterer, Blair Carothers, as she demonstrates how to create a delicious Christmas dessert that will be a beautiful and tasty addition to any holiday table.

December 10 - *Catherine O'Connell: From saloons to the Symphony Center, chapels to cathedrals, funeral homes to festival halls*, Catherine's beautiful voice has touched the hearts and lifted the spirits of thousands of Chicagoans. A member of OSP since 1985 and an integral part of the Old St. Pat's music ministry since 1987, Catherine will share stories from her life as a professional singer.

December 17 - We will welcome Fr. John Cusick to tell his insights into the Christmas story. It is a story for adults based on the Gospels.

January 7 - *Kelsey Kyle: The Greater Chicago Food Depository.* Kelsey Kyle, Senior Manager of Volunteer Engagement, as well as Encore volunteers, Jim Holbrook and Mary Beth Riley, will provide a detailed look into the current state of volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository in the face of Coronavirus.

January 14 - *Bea Cunningham, Director of the OSP Family MInistry Program: Family Ministry: Pivoting through the Pandemic.* Bea will address how the various Family Ministry groups have had to adapt their methodology due to COVID-19.

January 20 - *An Evening with Francis Xavier Warde School*

January 28 - *Dominic Pacyga: A Historical Perspective on the Chicago Union Stock Yards.* Professor emeritus of History in the Department of Humanities, History, and Social Sciences at Columbia College Chicago, Dr. Pacyga will be presenting an illustrated lecture that examines the rise and fall of Chicago's Union Stock Yards and the successful industrial park that has replaced it. His narrative will provide a unique perspective, as someone who once lived and worked in the "back of the yards" neighborhood.

To receive more information and registration information for all of these upcoming speakers' series events, please sign up for Encore emails at bit.ly/ospencore-email

OSP VIRTUAL SOLIDARITY MARKET

Unfortunately due to COVID, this year's Solidarity Market, originally scheduled for November 8, cannot take place in person. So, Old St. Pat's decided to reimagine the market. We are highlighting many of your favorite crafters and vendors typically featured at our annual Solidarity Market. The virtual Solidarity Market page will be available through November on the OSP website.

We hope that you will take the time to support the vendors by visiting their websites and shopping online!

Virtual Market NOW LIVE: **OLDSTPATS.ORG/SOLIDARITYMARKET**

CHICAGO FAIR TRADE'S 7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY POP UP SHOP

You can also expect to see the vendors at Chicago Fair Trade's Fair Trade Holiday Pop Up Shop. The Pop Up Shop will run from November through December 23 and will operate a hybrid model that includes a brick and mortar shop, curbside pick-up, virtual shopping assistance, and, for the first time, an online marketplace. You can order from the vendors you know from past years.

You can order from multiple vendors at the Pop Up Shop (2717 N. Clark), pay in advance, and pick up your order curbside. Or you can visit the Shop online and do some serious browsing at **chicagofairtrade.org**. **The online shop is now live.** When ordering on the CFT website, you will have an opportunity to put in your affiliation – be sure to mention OSP!

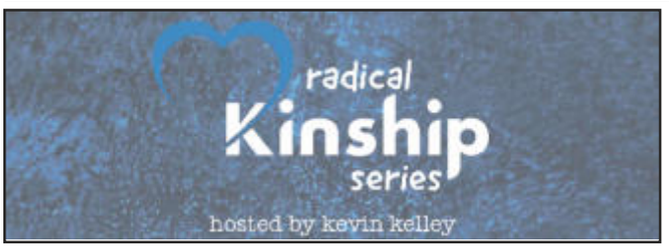
CFT PopUp shop hours:

Closed Mondays
November 1- December 3
11 am - 6 pm

December 4 - 23
Tuesdays - Saturdays 11 am - 7 pm
Sundays 11 am - 6 pm

Old St. Pat's Podcast

Check out all of our podcast series and listen now at oldstpats.org/osppodcast



Google Podcasts

The OSP Podcast is hosted and produced by Kate Anderson with music by Mark Scozzafave.

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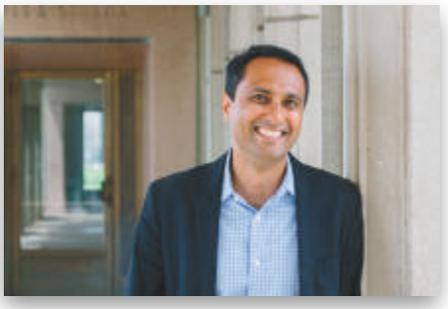
The First Friday Club of Chicago

Eboo Patel

Founder & President of Interfaith Youth Core



Join Us For a Free Virtual Webinar

Friday, December 4, 2020

Program Goes Live @ 12 Noon

Registration Required

Video Link Sent with Confirmation Email

Beyond Judeo-Christian: Building Interfaith America in an Era of Division

Eboo Patel, drawing on his personal experience as a Muslim in America, will examine broader questions about the importance of religious diversity in one's culture, politics, and economics. He'll explore how religious language has given the United States some of its most enduring symbols and inspired many of its most vital civic institutions — and demonstrates how the genius of the American experiment lies in its empowerment of people of all creeds, ethnicities, and convictions. Patel will illuminate for us how America's promise is the guarantee of equal rights and dignity for all, and how that promise is the foundation of America's unrivaled strength as a nation — beyond Judeo-Christian — building an interfaith America in an era of division.

Register today:
firstfridayclubchicago.org/events

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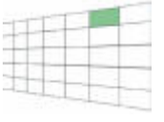
First Friday Club of Chicago's Mission



Provide a forum for men and women to make connections between work, faith, values and issues that affect their daily lives.

GIVING TO OSP

Your generous support of Sunday Giving truly sustains us!

Your gifts help us nurture our faith and build our Catholic community in so many, many ways:

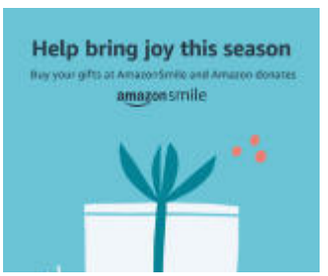
• through safe, in-person Sunday masses at 8 am and 10 am and our livestream Sunday 10 am mass watched throughout the country (even world!);
• through our social justice and outreach initiatives, including the North Lawndale Kinship Initiative, the Immigrant and Refugee Rights Committee, and so many others;
• through our spiritual direction and education ministries including Foundations, Family Ministry, Beloved, Encounter, the At the Crossroads lecture series, our podcasts, our recent new member engagement night on Zoom;
• through sacramental preparation and celebration, including RCIA, Pre-Cana, baptisms and weddings;
• and through our Pastoral Care and Ministry of Care, serving so many grieving the death of a loved one, or illness and isolation during these challenging times.

We rely on twenty percent of our Sunday Giving from the Sunday collection basket. Since we aren't able to pass the physical basket, we ask you to continue to support us by setting up an electronic recurring gift or by making a one-time gift by visiting pushpay.com/g/oldstpats, via the Livestream donate button, by texting OldStPats to 77977, or by mailing a check to Old St. Pat's, Attn: Development, 711 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60661.

Thank you!

Text to Give

Please text "OLDSTPATS" to 77977 and follow the prompts to make a gift through our secure giving platform, Pushpay.



Vehicle Donation:
Careasy.org/old-st-patricks-church

As you shop for essentials online, be sure to log into smile.amazon.com and select Old St. Pat's as your beneficiary.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | 10 am & 5 pm Livestream Masses

Please join us for 10 am and 5 pm Livestream Masses this Sunday!

WATCH MASSES ANY TIME!

Archived Masses are always available at bit.ly/osp-livestream

"SEE YOU ON THE STEPS" – STARTING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Do you sometimes wish you could just catch up with people after Mass like in the days before the pandemic? Well, now we can! Starting on Sunday, November 29, anyone interested in chatting with others after our 10 am Livestream can connect like they are "on the steps" of church. We will share the link at the end of the Livestream each week, on the screen and in the comments section.

"I'M CATHOLIC, I VOTED, NOW WHAT?"

In the aftermath of this election, our faith continues to call us to engage with the political reality in which we live and to work for justice. Join the Catholic Relief Services' downtown Chicago chapter for a virtual night of discussing the intersection of faith and politics and learn how you can make a difference in the world by acting locally and globally.

Tuesday, December 8, 6:30-7:45 pm via Zoom. **Please register at bit.ly/crs-ivoted-nowwhat**

ROSA MYSTICA: A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL AND RESTORATION

To all those who participated in the First Lecture - Rosa Mystica: Art as a Carrier of Faith on October 1, thank you. We hope you enjoyed it and the program engaged you both artistically and spiritually. If you missed this lecture or wish to view it again, please go to: youtu.be/BinQeIxSJXY

We learned a great deal about virtual presentations from the first lecture and incorporated those learnings into our design for our second lecture. Second Lecture – ***Rosa Mystica: Mary Hearer of the Word*** **will be held on December 8th at 6:30 pm.** This webinar will feature two Marian paintings and a video on the art restoration of one of the paintings. Both paintings will illumine the Advent/Christmas season.

The first painting is ***The Immaculate Conception and Angels*** (1560-1563) by Francesco De' Rossi (Salviati). This painting is hanging in the Pinacoteca Gallery in the Vatican Museums.

The second painting, ***The Annunciation***, was recently discovered on Archdiocesan grounds. Review by art experts suggest the remarkably preserved unsigned painting may be of at least 16th century Italian origin. Through the generosity of the Mazza Foundation, this painting is being restored by the Conservation Center of Chicago. We will show a video of this restoration. Reverend Louis Cameli will host our session. Rebecca Long, the Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Associate Curator of European Painting and Sculpture at the Art Institute of Chicago, will comment on the paintings from an artistic point of view. John Shea, theologian, will reflect on them from a theological perspective.

To register for the December 8 virtual presentation, please follow this link: **bit.ly/38cAja8.** After registering, you will receive an email with the details on how to attend the webinar. We hope you will join us! If you have any questions, please contact us at 312-534-5351 or illinoispatrons@gmail.com.

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Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" - Mk 13:33, 37

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Mass Remembrances:

8:00 am
Edward Murtagh Dempsey (†)
Stephanie & Casey Bonkowski (†)
John Hartrich

10:00 am
Edward Murtagh Dempsey (†)
Patrick Timothy O'Brien (†)
Frank Cunniff (†)
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Michael M Villano (†)
Mary McPhee (†)
Sally Thomas (†)
Thomas Campbell (†)

5:00 pm
Margaret Ingersoll (†)
Daniel Patrick Brosnan (†)
Josephine Alfano (†)
Mac Harris

Book of Patrick: Raymond Derdzinski, William & Jean Divane, William A. Farrell, Srgt. George J. Hickey , Colum Hunt, Rose Leddy, Frank Polich, Mary Jule Durkin, Martin Gerard Durkin, MD.

Monday, November 30, 2020

Readings: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/ Mt 4:18-22

Mass Remembrances: Dennis Brackman (†), Meg Jennings

Book of Patrick: Joseph Barber, John Fegan, Judy Haggerty, Dean Hasse, Joe and JoAnne Kelly, Bernice M. Meyer, Comello Portero, Daniel Pyne

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Readings: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Book of Patrick: Gabrielle Christa Collins, Roy Joseph Cushing, Martin V. Munster, Thomas C. Anderson, Sr. Bernadita Finnegan, Katie Stotler

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Readings: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Mass Remembrances: Mac Harris

Book of Patrick: Rose Carelli, Michael Nicholas & Irene Helen Bechina, Edward J. Lewandowski, Alfred Murphy, Merle & Pat O'Malley, Richard & Margery Frisbie, Kenneth Frasor, Terezinha Romanovski, Linda LaBarge, Brendan S. Heintz, Patricia Hogan Moore

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Readings: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Mass Remembrances: Stanley Dabrowski (†)

Book of Patrick: Mark St. Jude Nichelson, Maurice M. Dore, Laura Collins & Bob Geraty, The Nolten Children, Mary Palmen, Peter McCann, Lawrence E. Dowd, Jr., Norman Johnson, Mildred O'Keefe, James B. Ellis

Friday, December 4, 2020

Readings: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Mass Remembrances: Mr. Donald J. Shaughnessy (†)

Book of Patrick: Eileen Harmon Junkins, Ebba Harkins, Cathy Gallagher, Fr. Bob Purcell, S.J., Michael Abrignani

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Book of Patrick: Frank J. Murnane, Sr., Anna J. Collins, Josephine T. Graf, Michael E. Finnegan, Helen M. Murphy, Nancy Rooney Klose, Don Miller, William R. Howland, Lawrence E. Dowd, Jr., Margaret Cheney, Mary Hage Szabo, Jacinto S. Romero, Colleen Burns, Charles W. Burke

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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Saint Clement

Saint of the Day for November 29

Clement of Rome was the third successor of Saint Peter, reigning as pope during the last decade of the first century. He's known as one of the Church's five "Apostolic Fathers," those who provided a direct link between the Apostles and later generations of Church Fathers.
Clement's First Epistle to the Corinthians was preserved and widely read in the early Church. This letter from the bishop of Rome to the Church in Corinth concerns a split that alienated a large number of the laity from the clergy. Deploring the unauthorized and unjustifiable division in the Corinthian community, Clement urged charity to heal the rift.

Reflection

Today many in the Church experience polarization regarding worship, how we speak of God, and other issues. We'd do well to take to heart the exhortation from Clement's Epistle: "Charity unites us to God. It knows no schism, does not rebel, does all things in concord. In charity all the elect of God have been made perfect."

Rome's Basilica of St. Clement, one of the city's earliest parish churches, is probably built on the site of Clement's home. History tells us that Pope Clement was martyred either in the year 99 or in 101. The Liturgical Feast of Saint Clement is November 23.

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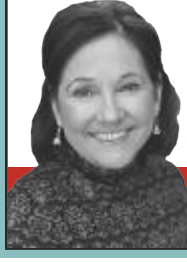
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