



# The CROSSROADS

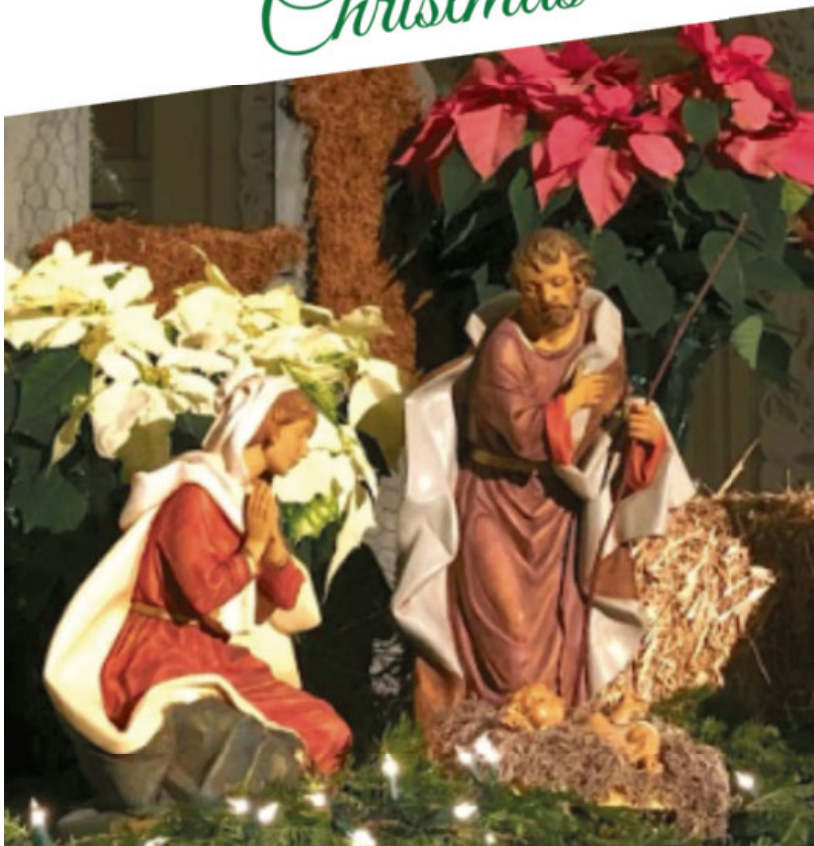
Old St. Patrick's Bulletin  
*A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop*

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"Blessed are you  
among women,  
and blessed is the  
fruit of your womb."  
LUKE 1:42

*Merry and Blessed  
Christmas*



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## Getting what you asked for at Christmas?

“What time is the midnight Mass?” Back in the day, a long time ago, when I was a newly ordained priest and answering the rectory phone on Christmas Eve, this question drove me crazy. The answer, back in the day, was “Midnight.” I confess taking some frustrated delight in simply giving that one word answer. St. Michael’s in Orland Park was the largest parish in the Archdiocese at the time. We celebrated a dozen masses in three locations on a normal weekend. I cannot recall how many (more) we had for Christmas! I was only a few years into parish Christmas chaos, but I found myself longing for a ‘quiet’ Christmas Eve. That is what I wanted for Christmas. And since there was no promise of that happening in the midst of St Mike’s, the desire grew.

Pretty quickly, I was moved to my second assignment to be on the faculty at the college seminary. This allowed me to serve at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview saying Mass on the weekends. That first Christmas I was asked to celebrate the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. As many people have experienced, the early Christmas Eve masses can be a bit chaotic. But I was pretty well seasoned in such things and I actually enjoy “the kids’ Mass” on Christmas Eve. It went well: no one was injured, and the mystery of the Incarnation was proclaimed and celebrated, remembering that the birth of Jesus was probably not the Silent Night we have sung into our imagination.

So, that was it. No other assignments, Masses or responsibilities. Not one question about the timing of the Midnight Mass. My family was out of town. I would be part of a celebration with friends the next day.

I had dinner with a friend after Mass. And then went back to my ‘garden level’ room in an empty dorm at the Seminary. I watched snippets of *It’s a Wonderful Life*, which ran continuously on multiple TV channels back then. I listened to all of Handel’s Messiah. I opened a couple of gifts that were under my three foot plastic tree. And that was it – I had gotten what I asked, hoped, and longed for: an eerily quiet Christmas Eve.

It took a bit to actually realize this. *OK, this is what you wanted, now what?* Eventually I turned to prayer and a bit of journaling. The gift of that one silent night was a question that rose in my heart and that I now ask every year.

“How will Jesus be born into your life this year?”

Of course we do not know the answer to that question, because we cannot predict the future. But what it does is recognize the coming of Christ into our / my life in the past, present and the future. It keeps our anticipation of the advent of the Lord alive always. And it echoes all the possibilities of where God longs to be present in the midst of our chaos and stillness. It embraces the truth of Christmas: that God shows up in unexpected, sometimes confoundingly powerful and beautiful ways.

Old St. Pat’s strives to be an experience and a place where the question is answered in community, worship, and outreach. In my short time at Old St Pat’s, I have come to appreciate how the ministry here goes both broad and deep. Offering something for everyone, but also respecting, in every encounter, each person’s identity as beloved people of God.

As you read through this bulletin and all its opportunities to encounter the love and person of God, perhaps you will hear the answer to, “How will Jesus be born in your life this year?”

May you have a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year,

Fr. Ken Simpson  
Administrator



**BEHOLD I BRING YOU TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY!**  
 by Bernadette Gibson  
 December 19th and 25th, 2021

The meaning of Emmanuel, God with us, is best not to walk into casually, with little thought, or with little preparation. When given time, Advent enables us to consider, as best we can, what it means for God not only to be human, but also to serve us in the gift of new beginnings. This has been a specifically poignant year to seek Christmas Joy for my family. Christmas this year entails admitting some significant grief, for only in grief do we long for and deeply cherish the glad tidings of what Christmas is. Said differently, we need the darkness to see the light better. My husband Gary, my Father and my sister in-law Janice are battling cancer this year. Given the fear and pains of this disease, we have had to be real with ourselves and with who we are now in light of these challenges. Perhaps this year, we as family understand, in part, the reason that the star above Bethlehem shined so brightly in the sky. The luminous star needed to light the way back to God amidst the shadow of doubt. We follow the light because we need a way out of the darkness. Christmas reminds us that God's anointed did not come in the daytime but in the black of night, not in the seats of power and not to the proud, but in the small town where God anointed a child to be King. I have spent a lot of time in self-examination on this journey and I have searched both the manger and the cross for meaning. Which is to say, I have searched where life is beginning and ending in me. This Christmas I ask you to look to the places where you know the least and fear the most. Look in the eyes of those you love more than love itself, and in the eyes of those whom you struggle to love. Look in the mirror; listen to the sound of your own voice; and consider the beating of your own heart. Then cast your gaze across the world and ponder the same love manifest in places marked by great sorrow and suffering. And like the angels, don't be afraid to let your heart break. Let your tears flow at the sorrow and the Joy of it all, the wonder of life and the mystery of love. For Christ comes to us in place of tears and the search for meaning.

The good news for you and me as we gather this Christmas - is that the baby of Bethlehem grew up, and one of the chief elements of his ministry was healing. God's power of life dwelt in him and he was able to continue the work of creating by reaching out and healing so many. It is a power of healing we can continue to count on today. O God, we are Your manger this Christmas, every single one of us. Help us to grow large enough inside to hold You, to hold everything: the mystery of love, the sorrow of a broken heart, the miracle of our beating hearts. We are still here. We welcome Your love knocking sideways all that holds us back, so that Your light shines through us, Your love flows through us, with tears of sadness, tears of joy, and tears of love. We are invited into God's story; one here our hearts exponentially expand with the possibility that is already with us. In this story: HOPE overrides despondency; JOY overwhelms sorrow; PEACE overcomes hostility; and even with humble beginnings, LOVE overpowers all. Christmas JOY will always exceed our expectations. Jesus is the "good news of great joy that will be for all the people". ALL the people. Not just kings and high-ranking officials, but blue-collar shepherds. Not just Jews, but Gentiles - even astrologers like the magi. Black and white. Women and men. Laywomen and clergy. This is no tribal joy, but for all kinds of people, in every place, at every time. This is not a small joy quarantined in Jerusalem, but a great joy extended and offered to all the nations. God is already in the midst of humanity, building a kingdom of justice and love and peace. You and I are invited into that amazing mystery, first, to experience something of God's love in a way that actually matters, and then to embody - to incarnate - that love for someone else.



As we appreciate the twinkling lights of the holidays, let them remind us of the real meaning of the season. God is with us, Emmanuel, whether we are with others or by ourselves, when our faith brings us together or in those special moments of prayer when our faith moves us to draw apart for just awhile. This Christmas, make time to know the light and the joy that Jesus brings! The One who was born has given new birth to us all. May God fill your heart with his love this Christmas, and may that love overcome your fears and set you free to accept the gifts God came to bring to each of us, gifts of light and hope, peace and tidings of great Joy!

Bernadette Gibson is the Director of Pastoral Care at Old Saint Patrick's Church.



# SAVE THE DATE

## Evenings with Encore welcomes Fr. Pat McGrath in January of 2022



Born in Chicago and raised in the south suburbs, Fr. Patrick McGrath, S.J. entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 2000 and was ordained a priest in 2006. In addition to serving in various roles in Jesuit secondary education for more than 20 years, he is a popular retreat leader and homilist. Fr. McGrath uses storytelling, scripture, wisdom from the Catholic tradition and the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola to help others reflect and experience God in all things. Fr. McGrath currently serves as the President of Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois. Founded in 1909, Loyola is the largest Jesuit high school in the United States. Loyola students come from all over the Chicago metropolitan area representing more than 90 different zip codes. The mission of Loyola Academy is to form women and men for meaningful lives of leadership and service in imitation of Jesus Christ through a college preparatory education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition.

In June 2021, Cardinal Blase Cupich announced that Fr. McGrath will become the next pastor of Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago starting summer 2022. Fr. McGrath was ordained at Old St. Patrick's (2006) and has served as a weekend presider there ever since. Fr. McGrath holds a B.A. from Notre Dame ('88), a M.Div. from the Jesuit School of Theology and a M.S. from Northwestern. He currently serves on the boards of Loyola Academy and Marquette University.

Fr. Pat McGrath will reflect on the call to be Church through and after a pandemic. He will address the graces and challenges for the days to come as well as where we are called to go as OSP and the Catholic community at large. Please join Encore for this virtual presentation on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

### CELEBRATION OF ENCORE 2021 EVENTS



**Hope House (pictured right)**  
 Hope House is a residential program designed to help equip and encourage men striving to re-enter society after prison and/or recovery from substance abuse. Encore members cook lunch at least 4 to 5 times a year and serve it to the men. Hope House address: 3827 Ogden Ave



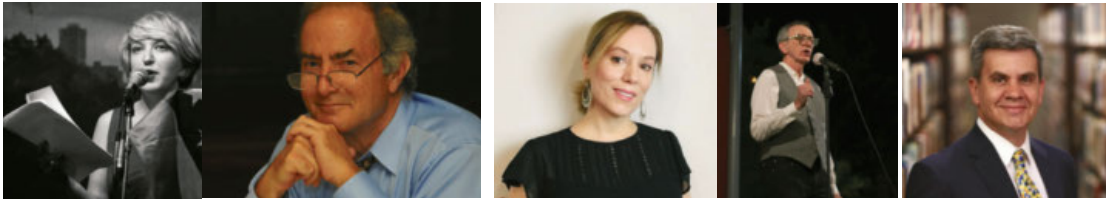
**Encore joins the OSP Marathon Runners (pictured left)**  
 Encore members had fun participating in the Chicago Marathon with friends and family!

**Chicago River Cruise (pictured right)**  
 On a beautiful day in September, Chicago Architecture Center docent, Claudia Winkler, treated Encore members to a guided tour of the Chicago River.



**Morning of Reflection (pictured left)**  
 OSP members and guests enjoyed a Morning of Reflection at the Carmelite Center in Darien. Sr. Patricia Crowley was the featured speaker who engaged participants in using their own stories as a means of discovering the presence of God.

**Storytelling (pictured below)**  
 Once again, Encore members were regaled by the stories as told by notable local storytellers including Rick Kogan, Chicago journalist and radio personality.



# OLD ST. PAT'S 2021 VIRTUAL SOLIDARITY MARKET

[OLDSTPATS.ORG/SOLIDARITYMARKET](http://OLDSTPATS.ORG/SOLIDARITYMARKET)

We invite you to visit our Virtual Solidarity Market page! Due to COVID, we are highlighting many of your favorite crafters and vendors typically featured at our annual Solidarity Market and offering the Solidarity Market online. We hope that you will take the time to support them. The market page is now live through December 24.

The market is an expression of our commitment as people of faith to honor the dignity and work of all human beings by seeking fair trade and locally made goods.

Our vendors are selected because they commit to

1) fighting poverty and transforming lives through job training and worker justice

2) creating entrepreneurial opportunities for people often denied access to markets; and

3) being good stewards of the earth's resources. Fair trade is also a global movement that ensures small-scale farmers receive a fair price for their harvest, use environmentally sound farming practices, implement fair working standards, and invest in their communities. In general, Fair Traders are committed to sustainable practices which are so important in our fight against Climate Change.



## ADULT SPIRITUALITY/EDUCATION MINISTRIES

... giving thought to faith ...

Adult Spirituality/Education Ministries at Old St. Patrick's strive to create environments and opportunities that foster adult learning and deepen our knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith tradition. We also welcome opportunities to explore and appreciate the wisdom of other spiritual traditions.

Adult Spirituality/Education Ministries host lectures, workshops, courses, and book, film and theater discussions. Generally, our programs take place at Old St. Patrick's, but we also offer satellite location programming through the Offsite/Insight project. Following health protocols necessitated by the pandemic, we have moved all our programming to an online virtual platform.



### AT THE CROSSROADS Lecture Series

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.

Featured speakers and programs have included:

- Bobby Kennedy: The Making of a Liberal Icon - Larry Tye
- The Urgency to Reduce Violence in Chicago - Arne Duncan
- Anger and Revolutionary Justice - Martha C. Nussbaum
- If Black Lives Matter - Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III
- Exploring our Invitation to Grow into God through Embracing Ourselves and All Our Brothers and Sisters - Edwina Gateley
- Compassion: The Power of Radical Kinship - Greg Boyle, S.J.
- Finding God In All The Wrong People - Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber
- What Truth Sounds Like: RFK, James Baldwin, and Our Unfinished Conversation About Race in America (in partnership with the Siena Center at Dominican University) - Michael Eric Dyson
- An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago - Alex Kotlowitz
- The Catholic Church and the Struggle against White Nationalism: Missing in Action? - Fr. Bryan Massingale
- Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions - Jacqueline Bussie

More information about upcoming lectures will be available in early January.

Contact: Bob Kolatorowicz | bobk@oldstpats.org | 312-831-9379

The AT THE CROSSROADS Lecture Series is made possible through the generous support of Richard and Ann Carr.

### OLD TESTAMENT BOOK CLUB

This intermittently offered Scripture program takes on a slightly different approach to Scripture Study ... think book club! Participants are asked to pre-read the selection for each session and be ready to engage in lively discussion around some of the most familiar, and perhaps not so familiar, passages from the Old Testament. Look for us to start up again in Lent 2022!

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**OFF-SITE INSIGHT** is an Old St. Patrick's Church member led initiative that brings a taste of Old St. Pat's programming to the western suburbs. These monthly "off-site" gatherings welcome you and your friends to come together to hear an interesting speaker and engage in some enriching conversation. It is also a fun way to connect with other Old St. Pat's members and friends who live out "west."

Suspended during the pandemic, we hope to resume in-person gatherings in 2022.

We meet at the Carmelite Spirituality Center, 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, Illinois.  
All are welcome!

Contact: Joan Noe | noe.joan6@gmail.com or Mary Kay Slowikowski | marykayslowikowski@gmail.com

**IPS Scripture School  
Loyola University of Chicago | Institute of Pastoral Studies**

The IPS Scripture School invites you to foster a transformational encounter with the sacred texts of our faith tradition. Led by Biblical scholars from Loyola University, this program aims to deepen our knowledge and appreciation of Scripture within a Catholic framework.

Designed with the adult learner in mind, the IPS Scripture School blends instruction, individual study, and reflective group discussion into each session. To make Scripture study accessible to adult learners, the program was offered at select archdiocesan parishes across Chicagoland during evening hours and weekends. Old St. Patrick's Church was delighted to serve as a host site.

Currently, Scripture School classes are offered online.

For program details and enrollment information, please visit:  
<https://www.luc.edu/ips/continuing-education/ipsscriptureschool/>

**COMMUNITY LIFE/SOCIAL**



**Encore: For Those 50 And Better  
Inspiring Mind & Spirit Through  
Learning, Service & Fun**

Encore at Old St. Pat's is your invitation to gather with other women and men, aged fifty and better, for a wide variety of activities that include: lectures, restaurant, theater, and museum outings, trivia competitions, spiritual retreats, service projects, bicycle excursions, inter-generational dialogues, workshops, and we're always open to new ideas!

**For more information about Encore, please contact  
Encore chairperson Mary Kay Slowikowski at  
MaryKaySlowikowski@gmail.com**

Coming up on the Encore calendar (and we hope yours as well!)

**An Evening with Encore: Fr. Pat McGrath, S.J.  
Thursday, January 6th at 7:00 pm**  
Fr. Pat McGrath will reflect on the call to be Church through and after a pandemic. He will address the graces and challenges for the days to come as well as where we are called to go as Old St. Patrick's Church and the Catholic community at large.

**Old St. Patrick's Church Gay+**

"Building a vibrant experience of Church  
inclusive of people in the LGBTQ Community"



Old St. Pat's Gay+ (Gay Plus) invites LGBTQ+ people of faith, searchers and seekers, the curious and the questioning, to explore their spirituality and share their experiences, strengths and hopes within the church community. We strive to welcome you to a safe and accepting place for spiritual practice, educational events, social activities and service to others.

We are in the process of developing our 2022 calendar. Please check the Old St. Pat's website or upcoming issues of the Crossroads Bulletin for more information.

Old St. Pat's Staff Liaison  
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## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

The Eucharist on Sunday is where life begins and ends and begins again at Old St. Patrick's!

From Sunday Mass we are sent out to the world to bring the Vision and Mission of Old St. Pat's and Christ to those we encounter in our daily lives:

- by bringing to others the joy and compassion of radical inclusivity, where all are welcomed, valued and loved.
- by becoming bread broken for a world that is hungering for community, for justice, and for the transformative kinship that begins with the Eucharist.
- by becoming wine poured out for a world seeking a more profound joy through our exquisite experience of worship and hospitality throughout the liturgical year.



Ministers of Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, Cantors, Choir Members, Instrumentalists, Livestream Operators, and - most importantly - YOU, some 5,000 of us on average who join us each week, either virtually or in person, so that the Body of Christ is joined of its members to give thanks and praise to our God. YOU are the church here assembled, those called together by Christ as "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own children" who carry God's light and mercy into the world (1 Peter 2:9-11).

**For more information on becoming a liturgical minister, please email Dominic Trumfio at [dominict@oldstpats.org](mailto:dominict@oldstpats.org)**





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Questions?  
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Mission



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

## TOO HOT TO HANDEL

THE JAZZ-GOSPEL MESSIAH



JAN 15 @ 7:30PM  
JAN 16 @ 3PM

AUDITORIUM THEATRE  
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[AuditoriumTheatre.org](https://AuditoriumTheatre.org)



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **Foundations Youth Ministry**

Foundations Youth Ministry is committed to fostering fellowship, spirituality, and a heart for service with the teens of Old St. Pat's. The program is comprised of 9th-12th graders from a variety of high schools in and around Chicagoland.

Foundations meets twice per month on Sunday mornings throughout the school year. Additional days are dedicated to in service projects, retreats, summer Worktours (service trips), and other events organized by the Foundations Teen Council.



Registration is always open and young adults are needed to volunteer for this important ministry.

Together we hope to grow in our faith and work to build God's Kingdom.

### **Worktour 2021 Recap**

Each summer, Foundations packs up and travels to various cities around the country to serve others. We spend a week learning about justice, laughing, praying, and building God's Kingdom. These trips are truly life-changing and faith-changing. After many experienced isolation the past two years, it was even more evident how much we need community and to help one another. This past summer we worked at urban farms in West Virginia, served those living on the margins in Cincinnati, and spent two weeks collaborating with the Br. David Darst Center in Chicago learning about issues affecting our city and serving our neighbors. We are looking forward to the places we travel this year, what we'll learn, and how we'll encounter God.

### **Questions about Foundations, Worktour, or supporting this ministry?**

Contact Director of Youth Ministry, Courtney Malawy, at [courtneym@oldstpats.org](mailto:courtneym@oldstpats.org)  
Or contact Youth Ministry Assistant, Moira Dargis, at [foundations@oldstpats.org](mailto:foundations@oldstpats.org)



# WORK TOUR

*Want to help a teen discover their true self, become an advocate for social justice, serve their neighbors, and encounter God?! Sponsor a teen now or participate in one of Foundations fundraisers in 2022!*

**SPONSOR A TEEN**  
**\$10** covers a road trip meal  
**\$150** covers site tools and supplies  
**\$375** covers lodging & food for one teen  
**\$800** covers all expenses for one teen  
**\$1500** covers one van rental for the week

To donate online, visit [oldstpats.org](http://oldstpats.org) and click "Give to OSP." Choose "Give One Time" for Gift Type and then select "Foundations Worktours" from the drop-down menu. Thank you!

**TEEN TESTIMONIES**

"Worktour is one of those experiences that shapes your faith and your personal outlook on the world for the better. The people you meet, the social problems you discuss, and the impact you make on the area you serve in is something that will stay with me forever." - Sarah Pilewski, Class of 2019

"What is Worktour? Worktour is honestly one of the best experiences of my life. It is a gateway to your true self. It is a place to find God in the small and sensitive places but also in the big, beautiful picture that is nature and humanity. It is a place to make friends and connections that will last a lifetime." - Angelo Eugenides, Class of 2019



"Worktour is an experience like no other – to say it's simply a service trip would be a disservice to our week. It's a week of being in solidarity and building community with those who traveled with us and with those we traveled to. It's about working so hard you don't feel the sweat rolling down your face and it's about being vulnerable as you let others into your life." - Lucy Mulvihill, Class of 2018

## PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral team is working to meet the spiritual needs of our people now more than ever as we find ourselves increasingly separated from one another. We are inspired by the essentiality of pastoral care. We understand that the recent landscape of healthcare identifies challenges and opportunities for delivering spiritual care & sharing resources for spiritual communion in new and creative ways. We as a pastoral team have been committed to providing holistic care through technology, personal calls, letters and zoom gatherings and to help those in distress to feel less isolated in these strange days.

Spirituality is a vital part of our mission and plays an important role in the healing process. Understanding this, our mission is to assist our families as they face the emotional and spiritual impact of illness and loss. Our Pastoral Care ministers help our members deal with issues of fear, loneliness, questions of meaning, and finding hope at life's changing thresholds.

If you need to reach out to a member of our pastoral care team to plan a funeral, discuss an illness, or to discuss the need for counseling or grief support please email [bernadetteg@oldstpats.org](mailto:bernadetteg@oldstpats.org) or call 312-798-2358.

### Parish Counselor

The mission of the parish counselor is to bring healing, hope, and wholeness to individuals and couples through psychologically informed counseling. Sarah Thompson, the parish counselor at Old St. Pat's integrates client values and religious beliefs into the counseling process. She works with individuals and couples as they seek to understand and grow through various challenges life brings. Sarah draws from various therapeutic approaches, focusing on the mind-body- spirit connection, to illuminate underlying issues, free up blocks, and improve your well-being and emotional health.

Her goal is to support you in your efforts to discover and become more fully the person you were created to be, focusing on restoring dignity, strengths, and God-given talents. Sarah Thompson is available for counseling, presently remotely through teletherapy until OSP offices re-open. If you think you could benefit from Sarah's services please contact her at 773-234-9630 or at [saraht@oldstpats.org](mailto:saraht@oldstpats.org). She has day and evening hours and offers a sliding fee scale.

### Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry means journeying with another. It means remaining open to problems that are not always solvable, listening to one another and acknowledging the reality of experience from which we voice our expectations, concerns, sorrows, celebrations, and stories.

On the second Tuesday of every month, members of the Ministry of Prayer gather on Zoom to attend to the prayers of our membership. Together, they pray for and send cards to those experiencing a need at any one of life's thresholds.

Contact Bernadette Gibson to get involved with this ministry. If you know of anyone who is in need of prayers for illness, life celebrations or loss, leave us a message on our prayer line, 312-798-2389.



## Grief Support Ministry, HealingTogether@Home

Because we are not meeting in-person for our regular Old St. Pat's Grief Support Group, Companions on the Journey, we have created a grief support group that meets remotely utilizing the Zoom meeting platform. HealingTogether@Home has been organized for those who are grieving the death of a loved one: parent, spouse, partner, sibling, family member, friend... It hurts!



You may be experiencing some of the most powerful and painful feelings of your life. The many feelings of grief may seem uncomfortable and threatening to you. And, sadly, there are too few people who want to talk to you about this pain. Support groups provide an opportunity for grieving persons to better understand the wide range of feelings and behaviors associated with grief. More importantly, support groups offer a safe place where people can come together for mutual support, and to learn that their feelings are normal and that one need not be alone.

Our program is offered free of charge over the course of seven consecutive weeks. Our groups are small by design so that they are comfortable and informal. We plan to schedule the next program on Wednesday, January 26th and end on March 16th (with March 2nd excluded due to Ash Wednesday) from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Please register at [bit.ly/healingtogetherathome](https://bit.ly/healingtogetherathome) and you will be contacted by email with all schedule and program-related information. We know the path on which you are walking because we have walked it as well. **Our prayers are with you...**

## Divorce Recovery Group

Our 7-session program meets virtually for 7 weeks using a secure Zoom platform. The next session will begin on Monday, February 21, 2022. Registration is \$70 which includes the 7 sessions and a workbook that will be mailed to you. Scholarships available for those in need. To ensure the quality of the program, there is limited space. Upon registration, a Zoom invitation will be emailed to you in late January.

Contact information: Sarah Thompson, LCPC at [saraht@oldstpats.org](mailto:saraht@oldstpats.org)

## You Are Not Alone: Peer Led Divorce Support Group



Sometimes, no matter how much effort is expended, a marriage can't be saved. In that sad event, Old St. Pat's stands ready to support you to heal and recover, through our Divorce Support Group; You Are Not Alone (YANA).

This is a networking group for men and women who are separated or divorced. "You Are Not Alone" is a chance to talk with other men and women who are separated or divorced. This group meets to discuss topics of importance to those seeking to heal during and after one of life's most difficult transitions. Peer facilitated by those who have been there and simply wish to listen and offer encouragement. Participation is free. Additional social events are planned throughout the year.

For more information and the Zoom link, please contact Doreen at [doreenoles@yahoo.com](mailto:doreenoles@yahoo.com)

**Time:** Presently meets virtually the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 11:30 am to 1 pm central.

**Location:** ZOOM

**Contact:** Doreen Oleszczuk at [doreenoles@yahoo.com](mailto:doreenoles@yahoo.com) for additional information and zoom link

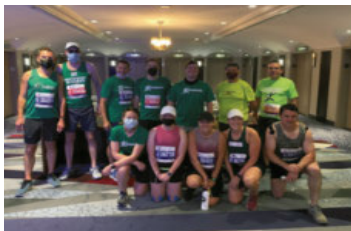


## OSP SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Special Events Ministry supports the greater overall hospitality mission of Old St. Patrick's Church. We hope to encourage a sense of community, celebration, and spirituality among the friends of Old St. Pat's and throughout the Chicagoland area. The Old St. Patrick's Special Events calendar includes many cornerstone events throughout the year, serving diverse audiences while generating significant funds to support the mission and capital needs of the church.

**For more information on the events  
please contact Sheila Greifhahn at [sheilag@oldstpats.org](mailto:sheilag@oldstpats.org)  
or Honor Lorenzini at [honorl@oldstpats.org](mailto:honorl@oldstpats.org)**

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for all that participated in our  
events this past year,  
both virtually and in-person!  
We are so grateful for your  
presence and generous support!



## PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR SOME OF OUR UPCOMING 2022 EVENTS

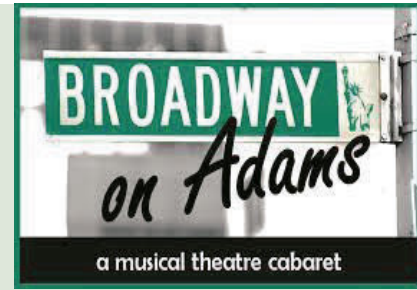
### BROADWAY ON ADAMS - FEB. 3, 4, & 5

We are excited to announce the 11th Annual Broadway on Adams!



Broadway on Adams features creative presentations of Broadway music from the last century and beyond. From Sondheim to Schwartz, our music ministry delights with song, humor, story, and dance.

You won't want to miss -- this year we are back in person in our space at 625 W Adams. Tickets sales go on sale at the beginning of January.



special events

### WEDDING MUSIC FAIR - FEBRUARY 7

*Newly engaged over the holidays? Congratulations!*



To help with your wedding music planning, we offer Wedding Music Fairs three times a year on the *first Monday of February, June, and October from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the church.* Brides, grooms, wedding party members, and extended family members are all encouraged to attend. Attendees will hear a wide selection of appropriate and beautiful music for a wedding celebration performed by a number of the instrumentalists and singers who are regularly available to assist at Old St. Patrick's wedding celebrations.

There is a \$10 donation per person requested at the door.

For more information, please visit [oldstpats.org/wedding-music.html](http://oldstpats.org/wedding-music.html)



### SHAMROCK'N THE BLOCK – MARCH 12

Put on your green and join us for a festive Post St. Patrick's Day Parade party at our "Pop-up Pub" in a heated tent on DesPlaines Street. Entertainment will include Irish music and dance plus food, drinks and more.



### EMERALD BALL – OCTOBER 21

Emerald Ball is a delightful evening of dinner and dancing in the beautiful Grand Ballroom of the Chicago Hilton while enjoying the fellowship of Old St. Pat's members and friends.

### DECK THE HALL – DECEMBER 1, 2 & 3

Join us for the beautiful candlelit Christmas concert in the church featuring the Old St. Patrick's Concert Choir, Metropolis Symphony Orchestra, Jazz and some of Old St. Pat's favorite vocalists. This stunning concert is a wonderful way to kick-off your Christmas season.



CHECK THE BULLETIN FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



## The 25th Annual John Buciak Old St. Pat's American Red Cross Blood Drive a Huge Success -- Thanks To You!!

On Sunday, November 14th, Old St. Pat's held its 25th consecutive annual Blood Drive. Our blood drive is the oldest continuous blood drive in the history of the City of Chicago. We collected 88 pints, while keeping everyone involved safe and well. We surpassed our goal of 75 units. That is 115% of this year's target! These units helped over 260 people in need of blood at a critical time in their lives. We had 19 FIRST TIME DONORS!!! We were honored and grateful to welcome them to an extremely special club of blood donors. The American Red Cross followed the highest standards of safety and infection control including the CDC guidelines requiring all donors and volunteers to wear a face covering or mask.



We paid special honor to all of our Veterans by sharing God's gift of life with others most in need. Special thanks to Jim Williams of CBS 2 Chicago News for the great media coverage per this link:

[bit.ly/OSP25BloodDrive](https://bit.ly/OSP25BloodDrive)



More than 130 people joined us to donate or volunteer this year. We had donors from across the street to donors from many communities throughout the city. We had a record number of non-St. Pat's members come to join us. We showed them thanks to our volunteers a warm welcome and wonderful hospitality. We had over 20 volunteers who donated their time and smiles. We would like to thank everyone involved in our annual Blood Drive, especially our generous donors who are indeed the perfect example of a living Christ in a difficult world.

We also would like to thank our volunteers Angel, Mary, Ronnie, Rich, Sharon, Shannon and Kevin who helped make the day run so smoothly. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality. They were extremely hard working and gave part of their Sunday to make our donors feel welcome by giving heart filled hospitality.

Special thanks to Jim and his guitar with his relaxing music as well as Olivia and her harp that graced us with music from the angels as we donated and volunteered. Our appreciation to the FXW School who so kindly let us use their gym for our blood drive so we would be able to offer a very suitable space and November date to our loyal donors.

We take our hats off to Bill Jacobs of PIECE on North Ave for supplying their award-winning pizza so our donors could have a healthy post-donation meal. Thanks at Traders Joe's for supplying us with yummy bananas. Just what we needed for our donors and volunteers. These wonderful photos were taken by Rich. Thanks for capturing the true spirit of the day with your camera.



In addition, I would like to personally acknowledge with heart-filled thanks the Old St. Pat's staff who helped support the Blood Drive this year especially Beth, Leanne. And Tom B. Also the hard-working Maintenance Crew headed up by Ray who was ready to go on an early Sunday morning. We could never have a successful Blood Drive without them!

**Please save the date of Sunday, November 13, 2022 for a grand celebration of life as we host our 26th Annual Blood Drive. This will be the longest continuous annual blood drive in Chicago! We hope you can join us.** Meanwhile, we encourage you to donate a pint of blood as often as every 56 days. Throughout the year, we encourage you to look for a Blood Drive near your home or office by entering your zip code at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) Remember that the Red Cross is the only nationwide Non-profit blood bank. **Please save the date of Wednesday, January 12th and 13th for the Great Chicago Blood Drive. There will be several locations in the greater Chicagoland area including Navy Pier. Details and appointment scheduling can be found at: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)**

Many people will have new life because of your willingness to share a pint of blood. This is one of the greatest gifts one can give. My father, John, told me that when God gives you a gift, the best thing you can do is share it with others. This has been a difficult and trying year to say the least for everyone. It was wonderful to see Christ's love for the stranger in the action of our donors and volunteers. They are truly the light on top of the hillside in the darkness. As my father, John instilled in me: "Thank you for sharing God's gift of life with others most in need."

Best wishes for a reflective Advent, a wonderful Christmas Season and a New Year filled with health and happiness. May God bless our donors, volunteers, and sponsors. The world is a better place because of you.

Mark Buciak | Volunteer Blood Drive Director | [theroadtoboston@rcn.com](mailto:theroadtoboston@rcn.com) | 773.307.0033







Rooted in the mission and vision of Old St. Pats, Encounter, is an inclusive community for singles & couples in their 20s, 30s, and 40s! Meet fellow OSP members as we foster connection, grow in our faith, deepen relationships, engage in social justice initiatives, and discover expanding roles in family, chosen family, community, work, and the Church.

Encounter weaves together spirituality, social justice, education, and social gatherings to create one vibrant fabric of community.

A team of active Encounter collective members along with the Director of YA Ministries and Neighborhood Engagement coordinate activities for this ministry. Along with planning events at Old St. Pats, we make it a priority to invite and welcome folk into our community to participate in dynamic and inclusive encounters. This ministry seeks to increase involvement and elevate voices of young ministering adults at OSP to integrate ideas for growth into the larger church community.



**Faith Sharing Opportunities:**

**Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings**

Please join us for one of our inclusive and affirming faith sharing spaces for members of Encounter including Women's Spirituality, Collective Faith Sharing, and our LGBTQ+ Faith Sharing space. Each month we offer multiple opportunities to connect through our shared relationship with the Divine. Women's Spirituality Group takes place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of the month, Pneuma - our LGBTQ+ Faith Sharing - takes place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening of the month, and Collective Faith Sharing takes place every Wednesday evening.

**After Five Gathering:**

**Sunday, January 16, 2022 | 6 pm - 7:45 pm | Hughes Hall**

These third-Sunday-of-the-month gatherings are meant to bring young ministering adults together for conversation, community, and connection. No RSVP necessary - newcomers are especially welcome!

**Social Justice in Action:**

Social Justice Initiatives are a core piece of our Encounter Ministry. Please see the website or weekly e-blast for opportunities including Restorative Justice dialogues/retreats, Racial Equity Just Faith meetings, meal making with Chicago Help Initiative, our Catholic Worker Work Tour, and more.

Questions about Encounter, Faithsharing, or other opportunities for connection? Contact Director of Young Adult Ministry, Meg Boyle at [megb@oldstpats.org](mailto:megb@oldstpats.org) or sign up for our weekly e-blast at [www.oldstpats.org/encounter](http://www.oldstpats.org/encounter)



**OSP Adoption Group**

**Our Mission Statement** ~ To find connection with others whose lives have been touched by the miracle of adoption and to lovingly share our stories with those who wish to learn more. For more information or to join our group, contact co-chairs, Theresa Valach ([tvalach11@gmail.com](mailto:tvalach11@gmail.com)) or Cynthia & Ed St. Peter ([cstpeter@att.net](mailto:cstpeter@att.net))



# YOUR IMPACT THROUGH GIVING 2021

from the Old St. Pat's Advancement Team



*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34*

THANK YOU for your wonderfully generous support of Old St. Pat's! The exquisite worship, myriad ministries, transformative programs and extraordinary events, as well as maintenance of this historic campus, simply would not be possible without your generosity.

### SUNDAY GIVING COMMITMENT

Sunday Giving comprises 96% of our general operating budget. Everything we do here - from liturgy and music to educating our youngest members to our Kinship Initiative in North Lawndale to Pastoral Care to Foundations for teens to our RCIA experience to Encore, Gay+, the Men's Group, OSP Next, etc. - is made possible by your generous support of Sunday Giving.

### CROSSROADS CIRCLE

Crossroads Circle is an esteemed group of donors who want to keep our beautiful campus in good working order so we can welcome members, guest, and future generations into our Catholic community. Members contribute at least \$1,000 annually to protect and sustain the capital investments made in our fully restored campus, and to help ensure it operates efficiently and is consistently maintained.

### PRESERVATION TRUST

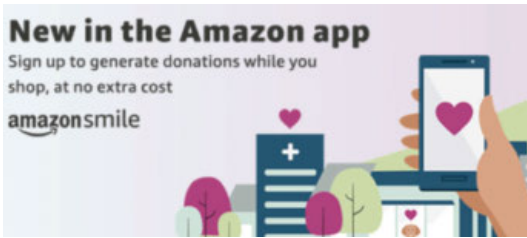
Old St. Pat's Church is a sacred Chicago landmark. Dedicated on Christmas night in 1856, it features awe-inspiring Celtic artistry on its wall, ceilings, floors, and pews. The Preservation Trust helps protect and preserve this holy gem so future generations can continue to encounter the mysteries of God through our worship and liturgies.

There are so many other ways you support Old St. Pat's, including by making gifts to specific initiatives, programs and projects, by designating Old St. Pat's as your charity of choice when you shop at smile.amazon.com, by supporting our Giving Tuesday effort to help our Chicagoland neighbors in need... the list goes on and on. Your generosity is truly inspiring!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Molly Galo  
Director of Advancement  
mollyg@oldstpats.org

Polly Mulhearn  
Advancement Coordinator  
pollym@oldstpats.org



Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Old St Patricks Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

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### Text to Give

Please text **"OLDSTPATS"** to **(833) 245-7641** and follow the prompts to make a gift through our secure giving platform, Pushpay.



Vehicle Donation:

[Careasy.org/old-st-patricks-church](https://careasy.org/old-st-patricks-church)

**GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY AND OUTREACH**  
Help Stamp Out Hunger in Chicago  
[www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org)



We have been partnering with the Greater Chicago Food Depository here at OSP for over 25 years. By volunteering at GCFD, our Outreach Partners (Su Casa, The Boulevard, and House of Mary and Joseph Shelter) receive food credits for their programs.

These food credits help feed the residents while providing nutritional food items too.

**Upcoming Outreach Dates:**  
**Second Saturdays**  
**Sat., January 8 | 8:30 - 11:15 am**  
**Second Tuesdays**  
**Tues., January 11 | 9 am-noon**

*All over age 16 are welcome*

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## IN SEARCH OF VOLUNTEER SENIORS TO TUTOR NORTH LAWNDALE YOUTH

Support the AARP Foundation Experience Corp ([www.aarp.org/ecchicago](http://www.aarp.org/ecchicago)) that is seeking individuals 50 and older to tutor 1st-3rd graders in Chicago Public Schools from mid-October through May. Volunteers meet with 3 students for 30-minute structured sessions twice a week (M/W or T/Th). The focus is foundational literacy and reading fluency skills.



The AARP Foundation Experience Corps is a volunteer-based, intergenerational tutoring program designed to help young people become great readers. You can make a big difference in a child's life today.

Register online at: [aarp.cvent.com/d/58q7w1/4W](http://aarp.cvent.com/d/58q7w1/4W) or contact: Mr. O.S. Owen, Volunteer Recruitment Director, AARP Foundation Experience Corps at 312-660-8662 or [oowen@aarp.org](mailto:oowen@aarp.org).

## BE A WEDDING VOLUNTEER!

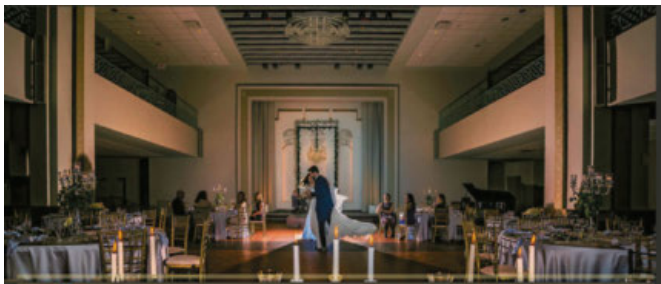
**OLD ST. PAT'S WEDDING MINISTRY IS BACK IN BUSINESS WITH A BUSY FALL AND WINTER SCHEDULE! IF YOU LOVE WEDDINGS AND WOULD LIKE TO HELP ENSURE A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR OUR BRIDES AND GROOMS, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US AS A VOLUNTEER.**


**OLD ST. PATRICK'S WEDDING VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATE IN THE HOSPITALITY MISSION BY ASSISTING BRIDES, GROOMS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS AT OLD ST. PATRICK'S ON ONE OF THE MOST SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT DAYS IN THEIR LIVES. WEDDING VOLUNTEERS ENSURE THAT THE DAY-OF-THE-WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS AND LOGISTICS AT THE CHURCH ARE FULFILLED ACCORDING TO THE PLANS THEY HAVE MADE WITH THEIR PRIEST AND WITH THE OLD ST. PAT'S STAFF.**

**THE TIME COMMITMENT IS APPROXIMATELY 3-4 HOURS ON SATURDAYS ONCE EVERY 6-8 WEEKS. INSTRUCTIONS, TRAINING WITH EXPERIENCED VOLUNTEERS, AND A DAY-OF-WEDDING WORKSHEET ARE PROVIDED. ALL CDC GUIDELINES ARE FOLLOWED FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY SACRED SPACE.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A WEDDING VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN JOHNSON ([SUSAN1439@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:SUSAN1439@SBCGLOBAL.NET))**

## GETTING MARRIED AT OLD ST. PAT'S?



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to learn more!



Pope Francis said, *“migrants bring an opportunity for enrichment and the integral human development of all.”*  
 Fratelli Tutti (10/4/2020) Our dignity is bound up in that of our brothers and sisters. This Advent pray, learn, and act so that God’s promise comes to life for all especially our immigrant and refugee families.

### REFUGEE FAMILIES' DECEMBER WISH LIST



Old St. Pat's Immigrant & Refugee Ministry (IRM) is currently sponsoring five family households. Here is a list of some of their needs/wants just in case you can give them a hand by donating new or gently used items.

- Student (small) desk
- Newborn disposable diapers
- Drivers for our Honduran family (from Chicago’s SW side) for occasional rides to/from medical/legal appointments (Spanish not required)
- Working TV (with antenna?) – any size ok
- Living room furniture • Children’s winter clothing: girl’s (size 4T); boys size (L/size 12)
- Men’s jeans, size 32x30 • Gift/grocery cards (Target, Aldi, Walmart, Amazon, etc.)
- Used (but still operating) tablets/iPads
- Disposable diapers (size 4)
- Furnishings for our Honduran family’s new home
- Any organization -- restaurant, landscaper, contractor -- willing to hire/train a Spanish-speaking employee, with some bus driving and construction experience, contact Kayla at [kaylaj@oldstpats.org](mailto:kaylaj@oldstpats.org)

If you have other items available that are in good condition, please let us know and we will determine if our families have a use for them. Please send a photo of your donation item to Keri Kolozsi-Greene at [kkg0511@gmail.com](mailto:kkg0511@gmail.com) or text to 872.529.7444.



### IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEES: A Faith Journey

*Sunday, December 19, 2021*

**Light three purple candles and one pink candle. LOVE**

*“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” – Lk 1:45*

Blessed are immigrants and refugees who believe in the promises spoken to them by God: You are mine; you deserve dignity, safety, and security. They are loved by God. Read stories of their journeys so you too can hear God’s promise to them: [www.kinoborderinitiative.org/category/migrant-stories/](http://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/category/migrant-stories/)

Today’s first reading reminds us that Love - Emmanuel - grows from those who follow God’s will. If immigrants and refugees follow God’s will, then they are bearers of God’s love. Do they find a welcome and fertile ground in us? Reflect on how you can prepare your heart for them.

The second reading reveals that Love grows from sacrifice of self for others. God does not look for sacrifices of materialism and convenience; giving out of our excess is not a sacrifice. Jesus showed us how to make a sacrifice of our lives and our hearts to help others. Use this resource and the links to determine what sacrifices you can make so that love grows for immigrants and refugees.

Finally, we close with a Gospel reflection: What does a world filled with the Love of Christ look like, when God’s dream becomes a reality? Elizabeth saw that God’s promise was alive in her cousin, Mary. Her excitement and faith in this reality were unable to be contained. May we recognize this same Hope in the faces of immigrants and refugees as we act in faith to welcome them - KBI Actions to Take ([www.kinoborderinitiative.org/act/](http://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/act/)) or use this USCCB Sample Letter ([bit.ly/USCCBSampleLetter](http://bit.ly/USCCBSampleLetter)) to send a letter to your editor.

#### Let Us Pray

Lord Jesus, you are God’s promise, fulfilled for the faithful. Bless those who believe in your promise. Bless those who bear your promise. Bless those who work for your promise. Come to us soon so that we may rejoice with our immigrant family. Amen.

# IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE MINISTRY

## 2021 Comings & Goings ...

**EMILE AND GASPIRA**, two brothers who were born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, but grew up in a refugee camp in Rwanda before emigrating to the U.S. and settling in Chicago with some help from Old St. Pat's. Both brothers have moved on to Louisville, KY this year for both a better economic and weather climate. We wish them both well.

**OUR NEW HONDURAN FAMILY** (mom, dad and two sons, ages 18 & 12) is settling in nicely. They still have the status of asylum seekers, which precludes them from finding employment, however, they have found housing on the SW side of Chicago and no longer live in a local church. The younger son is enrolled in CPS and has made the honor roll. The family will also welcome a new baby in February. IRM helped them find furnishings through Chicago Furniture Bank and is assisting with their rent.

**OUR NEW AFGHAN FAMILY** of five (mom, dad and three daughters, ages 21, 19 and seven) have settled into an apartment on the NW side of Chicago, found by Catholic Charities. The three adults are waiting for their Social Security cards so they can begin to find jobs. They are now participating in job readiness and ESL classes. Their two younger daughters are attending Chicago Public Schools.

Here's an update on our diverse group of families, who are accompanied by IRM on their journeys to success in the US:

**THE ALREFAAI FAMILY**, originally from Syria, they spent a number of years in Jordan, before arriving in Chicago on Christmas Eve five years ago. The family—mom, dad and children, Tarek, Amar, Mohammed and Rama—moved from



Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood to Skokie in 2020. The four older children are enrolled in three different local schools, doing well and so happy to have returned to in-person classes. You may have seen mom, Dalya, who "starred" in a Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl fundraiser, Dalya's Syrian Kitchen, earlier this year. Dalya also gave birth in late November to a beautiful, healthy baby boy, Ameer Ziad. They are working on American Citizenship papers.

**THE ANUAR FAMILY**, who emigrated Myanmar (formerly Burma) as refugees several years ago, is a great success story. Mom and dad, Azimah and Norhan, still miss their parents, but are blessed to have two of their siblings nearby as well as cousins for their son, Azimi, to enjoy. Now that Azimi enrolled in a local Chicago public school and doing well, mom Azimah is looking forward to being able to work outside the home. Norhan is doing well at his job and hopes better his position.



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**THE RAMOS FAMILY**, originally from Colombia in South America, continues to do well in adapting to life in the US, despite the Pandemic. Their son, Luis, especially enjoys the social aspects of returning to in-person school after the prior year of learning remotely. Isabella is now an active and curious toddler. Maria and Ferney, modeling our contemporary culture, have switched roles—with mom recently taking a job in a paper factory and dad, parenting and running the household, while he is currently also seeking employment at O'Hare.

The Immigration & Refugee Ministry (IRM) is so grateful to Old St. Pat's members for their generous, ongoing support of our efforts—a sincere thanks to all. The need is great.

Please go to [oldstpats.org](http://oldstpats.org). Click on GIVE TO OSP (upper right-hand corner). Click on GIVE ONLINE and select IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE FUND from the drop-down menu. If you are interested in supporting our efforts as a volunteer, or have any ideas or questions, please contact Kayla Jackson at [kaylaj@oldstpats.org](mailto:kaylaj@oldstpats.org).

## GREEN NOTES FROM THE OSP GREEN TEAM

### This New Year's I Resolve....

*"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it... Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world."*

– Pope Francis, Laudato Si—Praise Be to You: On Care for our Common Home



A New Year's resolution is a commitment by a person to change a way or thinking or acting, to accomplish a goal, or to make some other positive life change. The practice of making resolutions at the beginning of a new year is found in both Western and Eastern cultures. This custom started as a religious tradition. In ancient times, the Babylonians promised their gods at the beginning of each year to pay their debts and to return anything they had borrowed, while the Romans began each year by making promises to Janus, the god for whom January is named. In the Middle Ages, knights took vows at the end of the Christmas season reaffirming their commitment to chivalry. During Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, Jews reflect on wrongful acts committed in the past year, and seek and offer forgiveness for wrong doing. In modern times, the New Year's resolution has become secularized, but remains popular; an estimated 40-50% of Americans make New Year's Resolutions.

In 2019, 2,000 Americans were surveyed about their New Year's resolutions. Five of the 10 most popular resolutions related to health and wellness, and included resolves to eat healthier, exercise more, and stop smoking. Other resolutions related to self-improvement: read more, learn something new, and find a better job.

But what would our resolutions look like if they reflected that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent is worth it?

Our relationships are a series of interconnected and sometimes overlapping circles. Family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, it is easy to recognize all these people as those we need and who need us. But when we step back and take a broader perspective, we come to know that these circles extend even further.



Fellow local citizens, countrymen, other North Americans, other inhabitants of our common home wherever they may live, all have connections to us. In our global economy, they grow much of our food, produce much of the clothing and goods we use every day, build parts of our cars, trains, and airplanes. We breathe the same air, feel the same rain on our skin, shelter from the same storms, swim in the same oceans that stretch between the continents. What resolutions should we make to reflect our deep connections to one another?

One of the main themes of Laudato Si is that our society often seems to value individualism and consumerism above caring for others and respecting limits. Our self-centeredness can prevent us from rejecting what market forces consistently present to us as desirable. Pope Francis calls for us to develop an "ecological citizenship" which sees through some of our contemporary economic myths, such as the market knows best and the best person always wins. What resolutions should we make as ecological citizens to grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care for other people and our planet?

Visit <https://laudatosiplatform.org/register/> for resources, inspiration, and tools to make real progress towards the vision of Laudato Si'

### OSP Green Team Welcomes You!



Are you inspired by the message of Laudato Si?

Want to be a faithful steward of our common home?

OSP Green Team shares your inspiration.

To learn more, contact Kayla Jackson at (312) 798-2399 or [kaylaj@oldstpats.org](mailto:kaylaj@oldstpats.org)

We would also love to hear the inspired New Year's resolutions of parishioners at OSP.

Tell us about them by visiting [bit.ly/GreenTeamNewYear](https://bit.ly/GreenTeamNewYear)

## Racial Equity & Justice Initiative

Formed September 2020, in response to the tragic death of George Floyd and the nation's watershed racial reckoning, Old St. Pat's Racial Equity & Justice Initiative (REJI) accepts the challenge and call of our Vision to be leaders in a movement of change in the church. We are committed to aiding the OSP community in living out our values of transformative kinship and radical inclusivity by promoting racial equality, justice, and change in big and small ways.

During the 2021 Lenten Season, we invited the community to educate, contemplate, and activate around the themes of racial equity with the help of our Lenten Racial Equity Resource.

October 2021 we launched the Courageous Conversations Series, our educational dialogue series centered on creating courageous and transformative spaces to have intentional dialogue around race in America. We hope you'll engage with the programs, resources and actions offered in the new year.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday, January 27, 2022 | 6:30pm- 8:00pm**

The legacy of racism continues to create deep divisions in our country today, and the fear of talking about it separates us all the more. Let us come together and unpack the challenge of racial justice and to build the muscle of having courageous conversations that matter.

Join OSP's Racial Equity & Justice Initiative (REJI) for our next event of the Courageous Conversations Series. Details and registration coming soon.



# THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

God loves things by becoming them. This is the Christmas miracle and what we Christians call incarnation. It began 13.8 billion years ago with a massive explosion we refer to as the Big Bang. It continued to evolve until what we Christians might call a second Big Bang, when God fully became human in the person of Jesus 2,000 years ago. Today, God continues to become what God loves, and that includes you as part of the Christmas miracle.

Throughout Advent and the Christmas season, our prayer in the online chapel will explore the Incarnation in three movements: the universe story, the Holy Family and the story of your life. Each chapel begins with meditative silence, resting in God's presence, followed by a time for reflecting on and responding to the reading, art or music of the day.

The chapel schedule is below, and you are welcome to join us whenever you are available. Register at [bit.ly/OSPchapel](http://bit.ly/OSPchapel) to receive the Zoom link to participate. For further details about the experience go to [contemplativecommunity.org](http://contemplativecommunity.org)

Chapel Schedule:

- Monday | 7 am CST | John Blumberg & Linda Tomasello
- Monday | 7:30 pm CST | Al Gustafson – guided Loving Kindness Meditation
- Tuesday | 7 am CST | Ed Shurna & Vince Keenan
- Wednesday | Noon CST | Al Gustafson & Bill Hassett
- Wednesday | 8 pm CST | Mary Beth McEuen & Ed Siderewicz
- Thursday | 8 am CST | Marybeth Coleman & Eileen O'Shea
- Thursday | 5 pm CST | Happy Half-Hour (30-minute meditation)
- Friday | 10 am CST | Al Gustafson
- Saturday | 7 am CST | Kate DeVries & Margie Rudnik



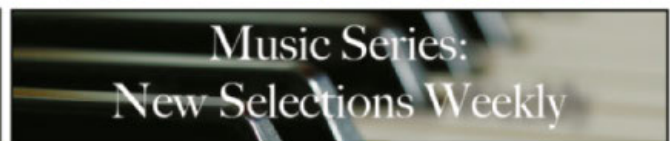


## Old St. Pat's Podcast

Check out all of our podcast series and listen now at [oldstpats.org/osppodcast](http://oldstpats.org/osppodcast)



The OSP Podcast is hosted and produced by Kate Anderson with music by Mark Scozzafave. The Radical Kinship Series is hosted by Kevin Kelley.





# CHRISTMAS AT OLD ST. PAT'S

Join us at the table this blessed holiday season!

The season of Christmas at Old St. Pat's is a blessed, joyous and beautiful time, and likewise our busiest time! We are so grateful to all of those who choose to celebrate with us, and simply would like to share a few reminders, so our time together can be as merry and hospitable as possible. So, please read through and contact the Old St. Pats staff should you have any questions concerning our Christmas scheduling. God bless, and Merry Christmas!

Old St. Patrick's celebrated it's very first liturgy at Midnight Mass in 1856, making this the 166th year! For the Christmas Eve Masses, a line will form on the sidewalk in front of church with the Church doors opening at **2 pm.**

To help us offer our very best hospitality, we ask that you please allow yourself ample travel time, entering with your entire party, sitting together, and refraining from saving seats. Be sure to visit [oldstpats.org/adventchristmas](http://oldstpats.org/adventchristmas) for parking and travel information.

In order to accommodate the number of guests who wish to celebrate with us, we are pleased to offer Christmas Eve liturgies in three locations: Church, Hall, and our space at 625 W. Adams St. . Each location is equipped with beautiful music, festive décor, and joyful hospitality!

## Christmas Eve | Friday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Mass  
625 W. Adams | 3 pm & 5 pm

Mass with Children's Christmas Pageant  
OSP Church | 3 pm & 5 pm *(livestreamed)*

Celtic Candlelight Christmas Eve Mass  
Hughes Hall | 3 pm

Midnight Mass  
Saturday, Dec. 25 | 12 am | OSP Church  
*Doors open at 10:30 pm. Prelude Concert featuring OSP music begins at 11:15 pm. (livestreamed)*

## Christmas Day | Saturday, Dec. 25

Masses in OSP Church  
7 am, 8 am *(livestreamed)*, 10 am *(livestreamed)*

Feast of the Holy Family | Sunday, Dec. 26  
Masses in OSP Church  
8am, 10am *(livestreamed)*, 5pm *(livestreamed)*

New Year's Eve Mass  
Vigil for Solemnity, Mary Mother of God  
Friday, December 31, 2021  
OSP Church | 5:30 pm *(livestreamed)*

New Year's Day Mass  
Solemnity, Mary Mother of God  
Saturday, January 1, 2022  
OSP Church | 10:00 am *(livestreamed)*



### PARKING AVAILABILITY FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS LITURGIES:

**CHRISTMAS EVE** (1:45pm - 6:30pm; 10:15pm - 1:30am)  
Free Parking is available **ONLY** in the parking structure at 625 W Adams. \* (Please disregard street level sign indicating the number of available OSP spots, as it will not be accurate.)  
All surface lots in the area are for paid parking only.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** (6:30am - 11:30am) Free Parking is **ONLY** available in the parking structure at 625 W Adams. All surface lots in the area are for paid parking only.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** (4:45pm - 6:30pm) Free Parking is **ONLY** available in the parking structure at 625 W Adams. All surface lots in the area are for paid parking only.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY** (9:15am - 11:30am) Free Parking is **ONLY** available in the parking structure at 625 W Adams. All surface lots in the area are for paid parking only.

For more information, please visit  
[www.oldstpats.org/christmas](http://www.oldstpats.org/christmas)

visit us at [oldstpats.org](http://oldstpats.org)



## MUSIC PROGRAM @ OSP

The Music Ministry at Old St. Patrick's has a long tradition of joining with the people of God to offer joyful sung prayer at liturgy and stellar concert performances. At the core of the community's music program are dozens of dedicated musicians — singers and instrumentalists alike. With multiple Masses celebrated every Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, and rehearsals scheduled at different times, many opportunities exist for talented people to participate in our Music Ministry. In addition to creating a sense of inclusivity and vibrancy, our entire music ministry is thoughtfully required to be vaccinated so as to create a safe place for hosting and leading music.



In addition to returning in-person music, we have expanded our skills in producing virtual music projects throughout the pandemic. Through make-shift home recording studios, new proficiencies with digital music, and investment in content production software, we continue to re-imagine how we connect with our OSP community, near and far. Visit us here to see a catalogue of virtual projects: [oldstpats.org/sunday-music.html](http://oldstpats.org/sunday-music.html)

If your calendar does not permit a weekend or regular commitment, we have a number of choirs that rehearse no more than two or three months of the year and perform for special concerts and liturgies. If you love to sing, or play your instrument, and would like to be a part of our wonderful music ministry, we would love to have you!

For more information about any of these groups, please contact:  
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## MUSIC MINISTRY GROUPS

### Sunday Choirs

Old St. Patrick's is blessed with a talented and dedicated group of singers and instrumentalists for our Sunday liturgies, with choirs and instruments at the morning masses, plus our 5 pm evening masses. Rehearsals generally take place twice per month on a Tuesday evening.

### Holiday Choirs

Members of our week-to-week Sunday Choirs -- as well as any other interested singers! -- form the music ministry for important holidays and special liturgical celebrations including Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, and our St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

To become involved with singing or playing your instrument, for the masses listed above, or if you are interested in taking part in one of the special-occasion Holiday choirs, please contact Mark Scozzafave, Director of Music Ministries, to schedule a vocal check or instrumental audition.

### Youth Music Ensembles: Children's Choir & Teen Choir

Our Children's Choir is open to all children from grades 2–8. This group sings at a monthly morning liturgy which is hosted by families and other children. Typical rehearsals fall on the first Sunday of the month after Partners Classes 12:30–1:15pm.

The teen choir is a group of talented high school-aged singers who sing at the Foundations-hosted mass once a month, and they rehearse an hour before the liturgy at 8:30 am.

Full vaccination is required and experience in your school choirs is helpful. Interested in joining either of these expressions of youth-led, creative music?

Contact Michael Neary at [michaeln@oldstpats.org](mailto:michaeln@oldstpats.org)

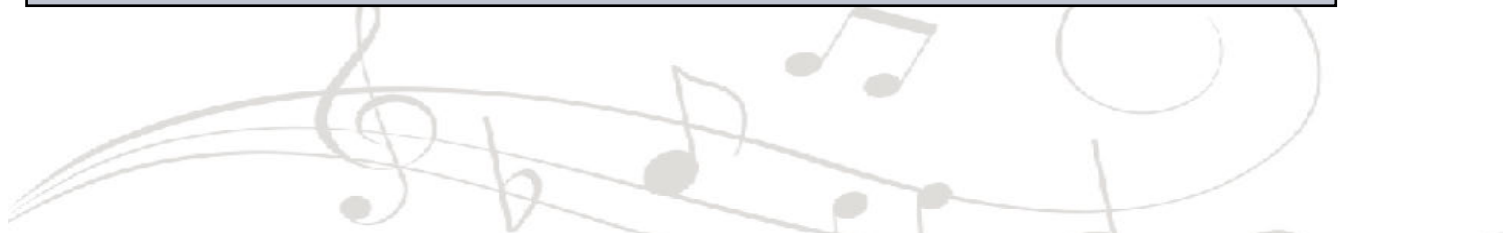


## MUSIC FOR WEDDINGS AND OTHER EVENTS

Newly engaged over the holidays? Congratulations! To help with your wedding music planning, we offer Wedding Music Fairs three times a year on the first Monday of February, June, and October from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the church. Brides, grooms, wedding party members, and extended family members are all encouraged to attend. Attendees will hear a wide selection of appropriate and beautiful music for a wedding celebration performed by a number of the instrumentalists and singers who are regularly available to assist at Old St. Patrick's wedding celebrations. There is a \$10 donation per person requested at the door. For more information, please contact Mark Scozzafave or visit [oldstpats.org/wedding-music.html](http://oldstpats.org/wedding-music.html)

Our music program integrates seamlessly with our Pastoral Care teams to offer restorative, healing music as a balm for those planning funerals or seeking to participate in our Anointing Masses.

**For more information, contact Laura Higgins at [laurah@oldstpats.org](mailto:laurah@oldstpats.org)**



## CONCERT CHOIRS

Old St. Patrick's has a rich history of presenting concerts throughout the year showcasing and celebrating the many talents of Old St. Patrick's and the essence of who we are as a people of faith. For more information or to set up an audition, please contact Mark Scozzafave.

### Deck The Hall

Every December, the sold-out Deck The Hall Christmas concerts usher in the holiday season at Old St. Patrick's! For twenty eight years, this large concert choir performance, accompanied by full symphony orchestra, Irish musicians, and renowned soloists, has set the tone for the season, lifting spirits, and offering an experience of music that can only be found at Old St. Pat's.

Rehearsals for the auditioned choir begin in September.  
Please consider yourself invited to audition!

Our members of the Music program at Old St. Pat's can also be seen performing in Broadway on Adams, touring productions with the Chieftains and Mannheim Steamroller, in the Lyric Opera Chorus, Chicago Symphony Chorus, and Apollo Chorus, and on stage and in the pit of major theatres across the city.



"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" - Lk 1:42-43

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/  
Lk 1:39-45

Mass Remembrances:

- 7:00 am Danny Deichmann (†)  
Cindy Thorne  
Eileen Guerin (†)
- 8:00 am Richard Grafath (†)  
Jessica Gilbertson BeCraft (†)
- 10:00 am Henry Hank Crowley (†)  
Jesus & Susan O'Hara, (Tyson) Coady  
& Cousin Bill King & Fam  
Gloria Bloore (†)  
Harry Cristol (†)
- 5:00 pm Kathleen Alholm (†)  
Ed Hevener (†)
- 8:00 pm Judith A. Schweickert (†)  
Tim Fox (†)

Book of Patrick: James J. Cassidy, Jr.,  
Jacques & Shannon Cattan, Helen Nichols,  
Helmut and Dolores Sandgathe, Karlie Vanek,  
Vanek & Conneman Families, Lottie Wadas,  
Joseph T. Jordan, Jr.

**Monday, December 20, 2021**

Readings: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/  
Lk 1:26-38

Book of Patrick: Matthew Daley, Margaret Lydon,  
Thomas C. Naquin, Joseph C. O'Leary,  
Lucy & James O'Loughlin, Russ Powers, Mary Gail Reding,  
John McNicholas Schank, Gladys and Charles Stanhope

**Tuesday, December 21, 2021**

Readings: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a,  
3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Book of Patrick: Geraldine Donovan, Martha Fields,  
Michael J. Fogarty, Lewis Michael Fritzsche,  
Richard Giardina, Patricia Green, Dolores D. Gustafson,  
James E. Hanlon, Sr., Dr. Richard Herzig,  
Grant Wordsworth Law, Frank C. Piech,  
Myrna Campos & Jose Tobias, Joan Woodrow, James Jones,  
Mary Devine Herzig

**Wednesday, December 22, 2021**

Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk  
1:46-56

Mass Remembrances:  
7am: Violet Napleton  
12:10pm: William Tierney (†), G.L. Kimball (†)

Book of Patrick: Peter Bernadin, Cecelia Kelley Campbell,  
Ellen Geraghty, Sheila Roche Hagan, Peter Josepchs,  
Virginia Magee, Jay Merz, John Nolan, Irene Szymanski,  
Michelle Gleason. Catherine Urban

**Thursday, December 23, 2021**

Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk  
2:128]/Lk 1:57-66

Book of Patrick: Miles Austrevich, Clines & Doyle Families,  
John Fegan, James A. Maddock, Thomas E. McGovern, Jr.,  
Adelaide Robinson, Phillip B. Rooney Family,  
Arthur Stauder, Alexander Wanamaker

**Friday, December 24, 2021**

Readings: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,  
27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Mass Remembrances:  
3pm: Concepcion Dadvivas (†), Edna Dalhoff (†),  
5pm: Jane McDonough (†), Chip O'Brien (†),  
Midnight: Violet Napleton, Patty Dunleavy

Book of Patrick: Mary Ellen Archer,  
Avril M. and Virgil C. Craig, Jacqueline Carroll & Family,  
Judy Facinelli, Hollis Peter Fritzsche, James F. Gallagher,  
Viola Holas, Kiley Michelle Jaquays,  
Christina O'Reilly McHugh,  
Members of the Pettigrew and Zarlenga Families

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

Readings: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts  
13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/  
Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18  
or 1:1-5, 9-14

Mass Remembrances:  
7am: Violet Napleton, Maureen Wesley,  
8am: Shelayne Larson, Jane McDonough (†),  
10am: John Patrick Marlin (†), James A. Murphy, Jr. (†),  
Rita Muersch (†)

Book of Patrick: Christina McGinnity-Connolly,  
George & Lynn Bryk, Colleen Burns, Irene & Joe Capella,  
Julia Morahan Carlin, Maureen Curran, Mr. Don Cartright,  
Kevin & Maureen Cogan, Tom & Rita Dempsey,  
Mrs. Katherine Duffy, Richard J. Heffernan, Virginia Huber,  
William Johnson, Thomas J. Leyden,  
The James Martin Family, Adrienne McAuley,  
Mary C. Murray-McCarthy, Rosemarie McKay,  
Tom & Mary McKean, Judith McMahon, Carmen Mendoza,  
Liberta Morrissey, Annie Murray, Robert O'Connor,  
John J. "Tim" Phelan, Peter Neuman & Karen Popowski,  
Martha J. Semetis, Florence and Frank Siuda,  
Catherine "Kay" Sullivan, Carole Zander, John Murray,  
The Catherine and Kevin McGarvey Family, Patrick Harney

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or  
3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf.  
5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Mass Remembrances:  
8am: Michael "Mike" McGinty (†), Dave Matthews (†),  
10am: Lillian M. Ryan (†), Lisa Ryan (†),  
Eugene E. Ryan, Sr. (†), Tom Garza (†)  
5pm: Therese Loftus (†), Stephanie Cullum (†)

Book of Patrick:  
Children & Grandchildren of Marlene & Malachi Flanagan,  
Thomas Lamb, Sr. Hortense Marie, Lyn Z. McKeaney,  
Margaret Frances Millard, John J. O'Connor,  
Connor George Olen, Luke Patrick, Allen J. Simmons,  
James W. Sinclair, William H. and Mary Lee Wallace,  
John "Jack", Francis, Tierney III, Thomas Garza

**Prayer Requests**

**For Those Who Are Sick**  
Jeremiah McGowan, Eddie Beck, Cindy Thorne, Eileen  
Palestine, Jean Burch, Violet Napleton, Shelayne Larson

**For Those Who Have Died**  
Paula Dowling, Rochelle Incardone, Brian Schneider,  
Karen Kabellis-Shiltz, Bill Loftus, Lou Dilacova,  
Concepcion Dadvivas

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**Women and Men of Faith**



**Blessed Urban V**  
*Saint of the Day for December 19*

In 1362, the man elected pope declined the office. When the cardinals could not find another person among them for that important office, they turned to a relative stranger: the holy person we honor today.

The new Pope Urban V proved a wise choice. A Benedictine monk and canon lawyer, he was deeply spiritual and brilliant. He lived simply and modestly, which did not always earn him friends among clergymen who had become used to comfort and privilege. Still, he pressed for reform, and saw to the restoration of churches and monasteries. Except for a brief period he spent most of his eight years as pope living away from Rome at Avignon, seat of the papacy from 1309, until shortly after his death.

Urban came close, but was not able to achieve one of his biggest goals—reuniting the Eastern and Western churches.

As pope, Urban continued to follow the Benedictine Rule. Shortly before his death in 1370, he asked to be moved from the papal palace to the nearby home of his brother, so he could say goodbye to the ordinary people he had so often helped.

(†) = Deceased



"And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." - Jn 1:14  
 "After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions" - Lk 2:46

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Mass Remembrances:

- 8:00 am Michael "Mike" McGinty (†)  
Dave Matthews (†)
- 10:00 am Lillian M. Ryan (†)  
Lisa Ryan (†)  
Eugene E. Ryan, Sr. (†)  
Tom Garza (†)
- 5:00 pm Therese Loftus (†)  
Stephanie Cullum (†)

Book of Patrick:  
 Children & Grandchildren of Marlene & Malachi Flanagan,  
 Thomas Lamb, Sr. Hortense Marie, Lyn Z. McKeaney,  
 Margaret Frances Millard, John J. O'Connor,  
 Connor George Olen, Luke Patrick, Allen J. Simmons,  
 James W. Sinclair, William H. and Mary Lee Wallace,  
 John "Jack", Francis, Tierney III, Thomas Garza

**Monday, December 27, 2021**

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Book of Patrick: Betty and Joe Gavin, Monica Lynch,  
 Joan Murphy, Michael J. Piorowski, Bruno Roti,  
 Cynthia "Thia" Rountree, Carole Zander, Bill Aronin,  
 Vincent Edward Murphy

**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-28

Book of Patrick: Matilda Bruscoli, Mary & Martin Igooe,  
 Joe and JoAnne Kelly, Laura Kulpa, Justin Lynch,  
 Patrick J. Lynch, Patrick Carey McDonald,  
 Malone W. Myggatt, Joseph J. O'Shaughnessy, Mary Sloan,  
 Elizabeth Eilish Flatley, Mike & Christine Dowell

**Wednesday, December 29, 2021**

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Mass Remembrances:

- 7am: Violet Napleton, Larry Ofiara (†)
- 12:10pm Faye Urbanec (†), Stuart Countryman (†)

Book of Patrick: Antonietta Albanese, Suzanne Berry,  
 Thomas Capriotti, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Farrell,  
 Marlene P. Hellwig, Brian Hogan, John Joseph Holland,  
 Pat & Katie Horan, Leah Marias, Delores & Jack Naye,  
 Grace A. Riley, Dolores M. Swibes, Tommy Van Wazer,  
 Cathy Fox Rollings, Jim and Cathy Boesen

**Thursday, December 30, 2021**

Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Book of Patrick: Ron Ameche, Phyllis Barnes,  
 Kelley R. Beach, The Downes Family, John Harte,  
 Robert Janson, Thomas James Marshall,  
 Rev. Daniel Murtaugh, Robert J. Reardon, Daniel J. Walsh,  
 Sara L. Walters, Mary Pat Doyle, Dorothy Taylor,  
 Ann Nenninger Anderson

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Mass Remembrances:

- 5pm: Frank Cunniff (†), Judith M. Burdelik (†)

Book of Patrick: Paul Von Driska, Loretta M. Gaston,  
 Buzz Harper, Rubin Buzz Harper, Edward C. Hughes,  
 Lorraine Janek, Father Sean Lawlor, Rita Ulrik,  
 Regan and Thomas Cronin, Daniel and Clarinda Campbell

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

Readings: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Mass Remembrances:

- 10am: Joanne Smith (†), Amy Iko (†)

Book of Patrick: World Peace, Janet & Rudy Budach,  
 Colleen Burns, Bea Cunningham, Marie E. Graf,  
 Patrick L. Haney, Richard Harris, Daniel J.B. Martin,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ron Miniat, Maryann Mize, Mary Ann T. Lange,  
 Patrick O'Shea, Owens Family, Helen Ryan,  
 Rev. David Vavasseur, Jeffery Vickery,  
 Patricia Brennan Zuba, Cyril J. Maher, Annie Keeney,  
 Dan Martin, Daniel Edward Martin, John Patrick Van Petten

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

Readings: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mass Remembrances:

- 7am: Beth Daniels Bello (†), James A. Murphy, Jr. (†)
- 8am: John Patrick Marlin (†), Thomas O. Myers (†)
- 10am: Joseph Severtsen Jr. (†), Denise Nemeth
- 5pm: Christine Doherty (†), Jane McDonough (†)

Book of Patrick: Peter Bagnuolo, Msgr. Dan Cantwel,  
 Rosanna M. Carney, Hugh P. Kennedy, Mary Lydon,  
 Eva Margaret Lynch, Maurice "Bud" McGrath,  
 Erin Brennan Zuba, Frank Ludford,  
 Anne and James Kuehnle

**Prayer Requests**

**For Those Who Are Sick**

Jeremiah McGowan, Eddie Beck, Cindy Thorne, Eileen Palestine, Jean Burch, Violet Napleton, Shelayne Larson

**For Those Who Have Died**

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**Women and Men of Faith**



**Saint Stephen**

*Saint of the Day for December 26*

"As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Greek-speaking Christians complained against the Hebrew-speaking Christians, saying that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 6:1-5).

Acts of the Apostles says that Stephen was a man filled with grace and power, who worked great wonders among the people. Certain Jews, members of the Synagogue of Roman Freedmen, debated with Stephen, but proved no match for the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke. They persuaded others to make the charge of blasphemy against him. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

In his speech, Stephen recalled God's guidance through Israel's history, as well as Israel's idolatry and disobedience. He then claimed that his persecutors were showing this same spirit. "... you always oppose the holy Spirit; you are just like your ancestors" (Acts 7:51b).

Stephen's speech brought anger from the crowd. "But he, filled with the holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' ... They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. ... As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ... 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'" (Acts 7:55-56, 58a, 59, 60b).

**Parish Counselor:** If you or someone you know is in need of counseling services, please contact Old St. Patrick's Parish Counselor, Sarah Thompson at [saraht@oldstpats.org](mailto:saraht@oldstpats.org) or 773-234-9630.

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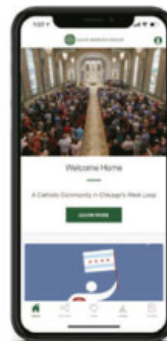
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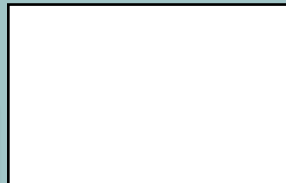
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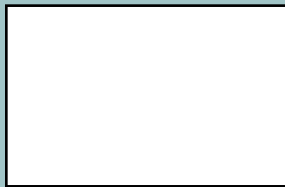
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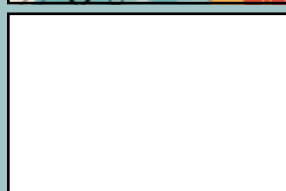


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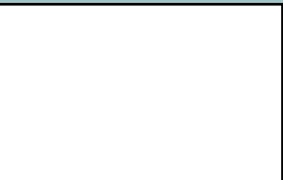
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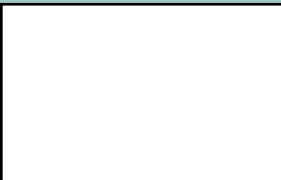
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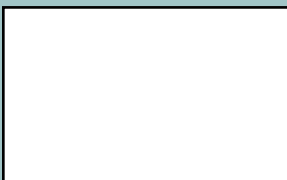
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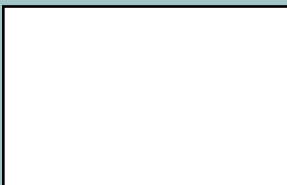
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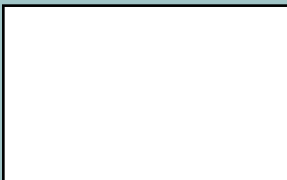
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