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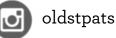


PEACE

Peace I leave you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

- John 14:27

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Father Thomas J. Hurley May 22, 2022 Old St. Patrick's Church

# A Final Though

For the better part of 14 years as your pastor, I had the privilege of writing in this publication *The Crossroads*. Often, I would share what was rolling through my head and heart that week and then I'd put it in this column under the simple title "*Just a Thought*." It was never anything profound and sometimes I wrote just a few "nuts and bolts" about various pieces of the Old St. Pat's Mission that I felt was important for me to emphasize and for you to know. And to be perfectly honest, a lot of times it was written so 'last minute' because of my procrastination, that our communication directors throughout the years put me in the proverbial doghouse for going over the printer's deadline!

When I prayerfully decided that it was time to return to ministry, I knew in my heart that I wanted to write something to you, my loving and wonderful family of Old St. Pat's. Like all the other columns throughout the years, the grammar may not be perfect and this might just sound like a stream of consciousness without any well-organized logical flow.

So here's the first and most important thing: **THANK YOU!** If I said nothing else in this column or on the altar this weekend, the biggest message that needs to be sent is my deep, abiding gratitude. THANK YOU for allowing me the privilege of being your priest these past 24 years (6 years as a weekend associate, 4 years as the full-time associate, 14 years as the pastor). Old St. Pat's is the finest church in the Catholic landscape and thus far, it has been the greatest blessing of my priestly life. I love this place and YOU, the church/the people who come from near and far to make it happen.

The next thing I'd like to say is *seek help and take care of yourself*. I stepped away from Old St. Pat's and priestly ministry because my tank was on empty. An image that I used early on in explaining where I found myself internally is that, in the fall of 2019, I felt my wheels were coming loose and my internal vending machine was showing nothing but Red lights, which means: I was drained. I will never ever be able to thank my family especially my sister Terri, my spiritual director, and my doctor for helping with their guidance and love. Standing before you on livestream last March 21, 2021 was the hardest thing I ever had to do. I never imagined stepping away from Old St. Pat's in that fashion (or active ministry for that matter) but I was one broken guy and my spirit needed renewing. Take care of yourself and don't apologize for it.

Another thought I'd like to share has to do with this time of transition. Before I came to Old St. Pat's full time, I was driving in a car with Fr. Jack Wall, my predecessor. This was probably back in the summer of 2002. We were driving up to Lake Geneva to meet Fr. John Cusick and Fr. Paul Novak for golf. He proposed the idea of me becoming the next pastor of Old St. Pat's. I told him he was nuts and that there was no way any one could follow him. He vehemently disagreed. Jack said to me emphatically: "if no one can follow me, then I've screwed the whole thing up. It's not about me. It's about the Mission!" Words I will never forget.

Ladies and Gentlemen of Old St. Pat's, I can't tell you how thrilled I am that another familiar face is becoming the next Pastor with Fr. Pat McGrath SJ. Pat is insightful, bright, loving, inspirational, funny (though not as funny as me ), and a truly wonderful priest! He will be a GREAT leader and pastor for this special church. But remember the words Jack Wall spoke in that car ride: it's not about me! It's about the MISSION. Friends, it's not about me either. It's not about Pat. It has to be about the MISSION of the Gospel and how WE together are going to be true to the Welcoming, Inclusive, Merciful, Understanding, Loving, Generous, Others-Centered, Eucharistic, Mission Driven Church that's focused on the Risen Christ, NOT on us as individuals. Yes, pastors have to do the leading and we need (desperately) good pastors. You are blessed with an EXCELLENT pastor in Pat McGrath and the many other "pastors" who make up the staff and leadership of Old St. Pat's. KEEP IT GOING!!!!!! Put your arms firmly around Pat and the staff!!!! But remember: it takes ALL OF US!!!!



🥀 A Final Thought

If you've been away from Old St. Pat's, COME BACK and KEEP THIS MISSION STRONG. I pray we are on the back end of this awful pandemic. It's caused a lot of pain and suffering in countless ways, as we all know. The City and the Church of Chicago needs Old St. Pat's to keep setting the example of what church life can and should be like. Don't just maintain this place. Keep it bold, energetic, and exemplary! Please, my prayer for Old St. Pat's is that this Mission will keep strengthening and getting better at what we're good at: Outreach, Liturgy & Music, our relationship and support of the best grammar school around, Frances Xavier Warde, the Kinship Initiative, Family life, Teen life, Young adults, Social Justice, the wisdom figures of Encore, hospitality, provocative adult formation, preaching, special events that bring people together, and our significant role of leadership in the city.

One last thing I need to share: I'm sorry. Though I tried to do my best, no one ever achieves it. I know I've messed up several times with staff and with the people. I was never trained as a manager and quite often it showed. I vividly remember times during my years here when I was not at my best. I said things from the altar that I regret to this day and I know there were occasions when my words hurt people. I'm really sorry for any of those times when our theologies, politics, or attempts at humor didn't line up.

Thank you for having me back here today. Old St. Pat's will forever be one of the most sacred places my life has ever encountered.

As for what's next with me..... I'm going to be at Marist High School (my alma mater) full-time, serving as the Vice President for Advancement and Ministry, doing some fundraising and celebrating masses, etc... Now I get to be like Novak and McGrath! I'll help out at some church on weekends, just not sure where yet. My email is **Hurley.Tom@Marist.net** 

Blessings to you all,

Fn. Tom Huley

Father Tom Hurley 17th Pastor of Old St. Patrick's (2007-2021)







Awakenings / Adoption

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Everyone wants to experience peace. When we look to the world to provide this for us, we can easily get disappointed. We associate peace with an absence of war and conflict, good relationships between neighbors and coworkers, the achievement of success and even the absence of noise! While all of these are worthy endeavors, pursuing them exclusively as a path to experiencing peace sets us up for failure. When we look for peace outside of ourselves, it will never be found. True and lasting peace is something that comes from within and not something we can produce on our own or receive from others. Peace is discovered when we experience an inner wholeness and harmony. It is born of a sense of connectedness with a God who is larger and greater than ourselves, gifting us with His presence. It is only the peace offered by the Risen Christ that can settle our hearts and calm our fears. Regardless of the degree of turmoil around us, this sense of completeness that Jesus gives anchors our boats and prevents us from sinking.

# INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: "May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones!

It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.





Please join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> gathering of the OSP Adoption Group's Adoption Connections!

Adoption Connections is a forum for families to connect, share stories, and support each other who are experiencing the adoption journey.

Get to know others and build relationships through a common bond!

## May 25, 2022 8:00pm - 9:00pm

We hope you can join us!

RSVP Theresa Valach, Co-chair <u>tvalach11@gmail.com</u> (a link will be sent out after you RSVP)

#### The Adoption Creed

Not flesh of my flesh nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own. Never forget for a single minute, you didn't grow under my heart, but in it. ~ Author unknown





# Faith Sharing

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An inclusive and affirming faith sharing space for members of OSP Encounter.

> For more details and to register, please visit bit.ly/encounter\_faithsharing

Join us Wednesdays from G-7:30 at Old St. Pats in our Rectory for a time to pray, talk, listen, and build community together. All are welcome

# Encounter Book Club

When: Monday, May 23, 7PM

Book: The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates by Wes Moore

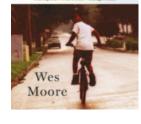
## Where:

In Person - for information on where the meeting will occur please contact Rachelle; information provided below.

For more information/location please contact Rachell Lindo at rachelle.lindo@gmail.com

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The Other Wes Moore One Name, Two Fates

Encounter





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# Monday, May 23 6:15-8:45pm

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

CHICAGO

Mass at Old St. Patrick's **Reception to follow** at 625 W Adams

Register: bit.ly/ycpchi6





# Giving to Old Saint Patrick's Church

"As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord." - U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops

Your generosity to Old St. Pat's is a resounding yes to God's call to faith-filled stewardship! Guided by the Holy Spirit, we continue to strive to lead a movement of change for good in our church and world. You are true collaborators in the work of sharing the loving mercy of Jesus.

Gifts to old St. Pat's help fund the myriad ministries and initiatives here at Old St. Pat's, from hosting Sunday masses to weddings and baptisms, to prayer and retreat experiences, to catechesis and sacramental preparation, to lectures, classes and workshops. Your support helps ensure we can continue to be the vibrant, welcoming, justice-minded Catholic community we strive to be.



Scan this QR code and follow the prompts



Mail a check, made payable to: Old St. Pat's, 711 W. Monroe St. Chicago, IL 60661



Drop a check in the Sunday collection basket



Text OLDSTPATS to (833) 245-7641, and follow the prompts



Select Old Saint Pat's shopping on Amazon or visit careasy.org.



To make a gift of stock, please contact: Molly Galo at (312) 798-2355 or mollyg@oldstpats.org

Visit pushpay.com/g/oldstpats to give online.

# Thank you for your generosity!

Old St. Patrick's Church is a tax-exempt charitable organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowable by law. Our tax i.d. number is 36-2171102.



# **IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: A Faith Journey**

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - John 14:27





Everyone deserves to live in peace, especially immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. Now is a critical time to hold the administration accountable to strengthening the U.S. resettlement program and improving our humanitarian response to emerging and protracted displacement crises around the world.

Join us in calling on Congress to hold President Biden accountable to set a refugee admissions goal of 200,000 in FY 2023 and to commit to a robust investment in the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). An admissions goal of 200,000 will signal to the world that the United States is serious about restoring moral leadership.

URGENT ACTION: Tell Congress to Protect Refugees and Urge Administration to Set Refugee Admissions Goal at 200,000 for FY 2023 - CWS (<u>cwsglobal.org</u>)

bit.ly/ChurchWorldServiceACTION



# THURSDAY, JUNE 16 | 6:30PM- 8:30PM

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 where we will unpack the historical and contemporary significance of Juneteenth.

Details and registration coming soon.

CONTACT KAYLA JACKSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: KAYLAJ@OLDSTPATS.ORG



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# We Celebrate Old St. Patrick's Church's Kinship with North Lawndale Neighbors



Clockwise from top left:

Kinship

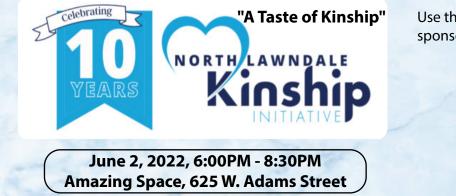
- North Lawndale College Prep Teacher Appreciation
- Hope House Meals on 2nd Saturdays
- The Learning Center Adult Literacy
- Boxing Out Negativity
- The Family School (Joint Jewish and Catholic Education) at Stone Temple Baptist Church
- North Lawndale Employment Network
- 1000 Man March
- Bread of Life Breakfast at YMEN on 4th Saturdays

## Join in the celebration of these and our many other endeavors.









Use the following QR code to register, sponsor the event or volunteer.



KINSHIP MISSION:

Through the Kinship Initiative, people of North Lawndale and Old St. Patrick's Church walk alongside one another in friendship sharing our talents, and resources to secure justice, opportunity and the transformation of our communities.





# Green Notes from OSP Green Team: Sustainable Gardening with Native Plants

"The more different types of plants we can restore, the more different kinds of birds, butterflies, and small mammals can live on the land. And the more different kinds of lifeforms we can keep with us on this planet, the better the chance that we, our children, and their children, will not only survive, but thrive in a balanced and beautiful world."

--Joyce Powers, Wild Ones Handbook: Landscaping with Native Plants



There's a growing movement in this country toward more sustainable gardens. People are looking for eco-friendly practices that reduce pollution, save time and money, and create beautiful home spaces. Decreasing the size of your lawn is an effective first step in creating a more sustainable yard. Extensive areas of mowed grass have no food for pollinators. Rainwater runoff from lawns treated with herbicides and synthetic fertilizers can adversely impact aquatic life in our streams, rivers, and lakes. A lawnmower driven for an hour puts out as much pollution as a car driven for 350 miles; lawn equipment is responsible for 10% of all smog producing pollution.

Replacing lawns with native wildflowers, grasses & shrubs is an important step in making a more sustainable yard. Native wildflowers and shrubs with a mix of plant heights and flowering times attract pollinators, provide food for birds, and add color throughout the growing season. Native ground covers and perennials are key players in a sustainable garden.





Learn from experts as you begin your journey toward a more sustainable garden. OSP Green Team is sponsoring a Webinar with Master Gardener Cindy Crosby called "Add a Little Prairie to Your Garden" on May 26, 2022 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. *See page 12 of the bulletin for more details on how to register for this free event.* 

## Guide to Sustainable Work at Home Practices

With the COVID pandemic, many workers found themselves working at home and liking it. It is estimated that currently more than 20% of American workers are capable of working at home.

Now Adobe has come out with a Sustainability Guide for Work at Home. This Guide has tips on a number of topics, from ways to opt out of junk mail, to information sources for employees and business owners on everything going on in the world of business sustainability, to strategies for engaging employees in embracing green practices. To learn more, check out this link, also available on the OSP Green Team web page: *tinyurl.com/bdfzrb5v* 

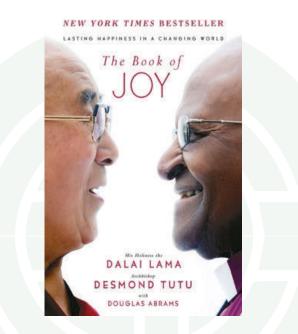
## OSP Creation Care Team Welcomes You!

Are you inspired by the message of Laudato Si? Want to be a faithful steward of our common home, and practice sustainability at home, in the office, and in every aspect of your life? OSP Green Team shares your goals. To learn more, contact Kayla Jackson at (312) 798-2399 or at kaylaj@oldstpats.org



The Book of Joy

Online Chapel's Easter Book Discussion: The Book of Joy Saturday, June 4, 10am - 11:30am or Tuesday, June 7, 7:30pm – 9:00pm Facilitator: Al Gustafson Register here: <u>bit.ly/TheBookOfJoy</u>



Paul asks in his letter to the Galatians, "What has happened to all your joy?"

Happiness and well-being among Americans have reached a 50-year low. A common refrain of the times we live in is, "If you're not outraged, you're not paying attention." Joy is in short supply and perhaps even seen as a character flaw — evidence of not paying attention.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people to ever walk the planet.

In this Easter season, a season of joy, we invite you to read <u>The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in</u> <u>a Changing World</u> which chronicles the week they spent together on the occasion of the Dalai Lama's eightieth birthday. They spent their time together looking back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?

There is no fee, but please register to receive the details on how to participate: bit.ly/TheBookOfJoy



# PALLIATIVE CARE & THE CHURCH

What is 'palliative care' and what does our Catholic faith say about how we care for those who are seriously ill or near the end-of-life?

# Join Dr. Chris Lawton, Paulist Seminarian

# Sat, June 4th @ 3:00PM Old St. Mary's Catholic Church

1500 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60605 Petermann Parish Center room #202

QUESTIONS - contact <a href="mailto:clawton@oldstmarys.com">clawton@oldstmarys.com</a>



Old St. Mary's Catholic Church A Ministry of the Paulist Fathers



# Add a Little Prairie to Your Garden | Native Plants Webinar May 26, 2022 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm



Green

Team

Join the Old St. Patrick's Church Green Team for a virtual event exploring native plants with our guest speaker Cindy Crosby. Native plants are a beautiful addition to every garden and, in addition to being aesthetically appealing, can provide a number of benefits to you, your garden and the environment.

Cindy Crosby is the author, compiler, or contributor to more than 20 books. She teaches prairie ecology, nature writing, and natural history at the Morton Arboretum, and frequently leads wildflower walks there. Cindy is a Master Gardener and teaches in the Master Naturalist program. She is an avid home gardener, growing a variety of native plants, mixed with some favorite non-natives (including edible plants), in her yard in the western suburbs. For the past 10 years, she has managed and coordinated the work of volunteers at the fourth oldest prairie restoration in the country. She blogs once a week at "Tuesdays in the Tallgrass," where she explores interior and exterior landscapes through the lens of Illinois' tall grass prairies.

Join in and learn about the many benefits of adding a little prairie to your home garden.



REGISTER HERE: https://tinyurl.com/2p8m6399





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#### Sunday, May 22, 2022

Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Anita Caputo (†), Patrick Ryczek 8am: Edward Wm. Freedman (†), Susan Siragusa (†) 10am: Cecelia Brinkman (†), Frances Giunta Green (†) 5pm: Frank Cunniff (†), Howard Jones (†) 8pm: James A. Murphy, Jr. (†), Bartholomew Davis (†)

Book of Patrick: George Ekstein, Florence & Frank Siuda, Eileen Rita Brennan, Geraldine Ryan Palmer, Rosemary Harney, Debbie & Mike Marchese, Patricia Brennan Zuba, Lisa Callahan-Kay, Samuel Iorfida, Alfred Pizzato, Kenneth J. Calhoun, Lisa Callahan Kay, Noreen Loan, Barbara Ross, Rev. Thomas J. Hurley, Mary Jane McFarland Maley, Riley Hoff-Larocca, Edward Kenny, Zach McLean, Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger, Bishop Michael Saporito

#### Monday, May 23, 2022

Readings: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15:26—16:4a

Book of Patrick: Thomas Novotny Sr., Rev. David Murphy, Florence Cusick, Maura E. Hughes, Helen Carroll, Patrick J. McCarthy, Josephine C. Rosenkranz, Lenore Mellin, Francesca Borella Erricolo, Mrs. Sharon Wrzosek, Ann Hobbs, Harry Eschel

#### Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Readings: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16:5-11

Book of Patrick: Tom & Rebecca Doody, Mary Storey, Robert & Lucia Dunn, Tom & Liz Borger, Kelly Mara Cooney Dutra, Elizabeth Vuckovic, Dorothy T. Zurek, Sinclair Lodge Sore', Monsignor Andrzej Kuflikowski, Father Dawid Sychowski, Rick Spatafora

#### Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15

Mass Remembrances: 7am: James Vincent Courtney (†), Roger Francis Courtney (†) 12:10 pm: Joseph Patrick Courtney, Sr. (†), Joseph Patrick Courtney, Jr. (†), Giuliana Iacullo (†)

Book of Patrick: Sheila Hulseman, Burke Family, Monsignor James Hishen, Richard H. Kiley, Sister Fidelis Malloy, Nuccio Stramaglia, Ray and Geri Brennock, Jim Finnegan, Thomas Cusack Cronin Jr., Peter Fedinets, Amanda Runke, Art Atienza Villas

#### Thursday, May 26, 2022

Readings: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Book of Patrick: Dorothy Brubaker, Lee Miglin, Pamela Green Postillion, Billy Ross, Stephen Kulpa, Mary Polich, Tim & Mary Freeman, Nora Hynes, Mary Conroy, Shirley B. Lynch, Philip Clancy, Thomas Mulcahy, Hope Phillips, Monica Gilmartin, Kuflikowski, Szadkowski, Calia and Norton families

#### Friday, May 27, 2022

Readings: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Book of Patrick: Bridget & Matt Evers, Jimmie and Charles Spears, Ruth S. & Peter J. Marschall, Harold Richard DeVries, Rev. Stephen J. O'Donnell, Hugo & Madge Schulze, Dolores Hope, Christopher Nicholas Hill, Margaret M. McKeon, Nancy Tuohy, Colleen Burns, Bridget Nash Riordan, Smith and Girardi Families, Joseph John Connolly

#### Saturday, May 28, 2022

Readings: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Book of Patrick: Thomas C. MacAvoy, Ray Wicklander, Karlie Vanek, Fenwick High School, Fred B. Guth, Caitlin Kelly Conlon, Walter A. Sturmer, Katie Welsh Terrien, Rik Wey

#### Sunday, May 29, 2022

Readings: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Mass Remembrances: 7am: Colleen Fagan (†), Dennis DuBois (†) 8am: Timothy Ford (†), John Pichietti (†) 10am: Thomas Moriarty (†), Annie P. Cummings (†) 5pm: Karen Kabellis-Shiltz (†), Adhemar Cavalieri Junior (†) 8pm: Marian Cioe (†), Erick Alfaro (†)

Book of Patrick: Marilyn Melin, Jack Doyle, William Shepard, Mary Kilroy, Mrs. Thomas J. Roche, John J. Boyd, Mary Retis, Mary C. Lynch, Marie Scolaro, Peter J. Hogan, Nathaniel Francis Walton, Mary and Jack Hughes, Christine Reid, Janet Harrison, Madison Gaughan, William Cooke, Annie P. Cummings, Ms. Billie L. Limacher, Joan Arlene Creedon

#### **Prayer Requests**

#### For Those Who Are Sick

John Cranley, Dolores Marek, Theresa Kearns, Isaac Berghoff, Diana Burns, Carmel Rita & Ed Moore, Katie Kearns

#### For Those Who Have Died

Mary Barrett, Vivian Mullan, Infant Camden Moore, Juan Puente

Please contact Bernadette Moore Gibson at 312-798-2389 for Pastoral Care Services.

Life is not always revealed in the way we anticipate it will be or even think it should be. We have to be attentive and listen for our name, which may well be spoken in a wordless way. If we are open to allowing God to expose the places in our hearts that suffer from the illusion that we are separate from God.

## Women and Men of Faith



**Saint Rita of Cascia** Saint of the Day for May 22, 2022

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

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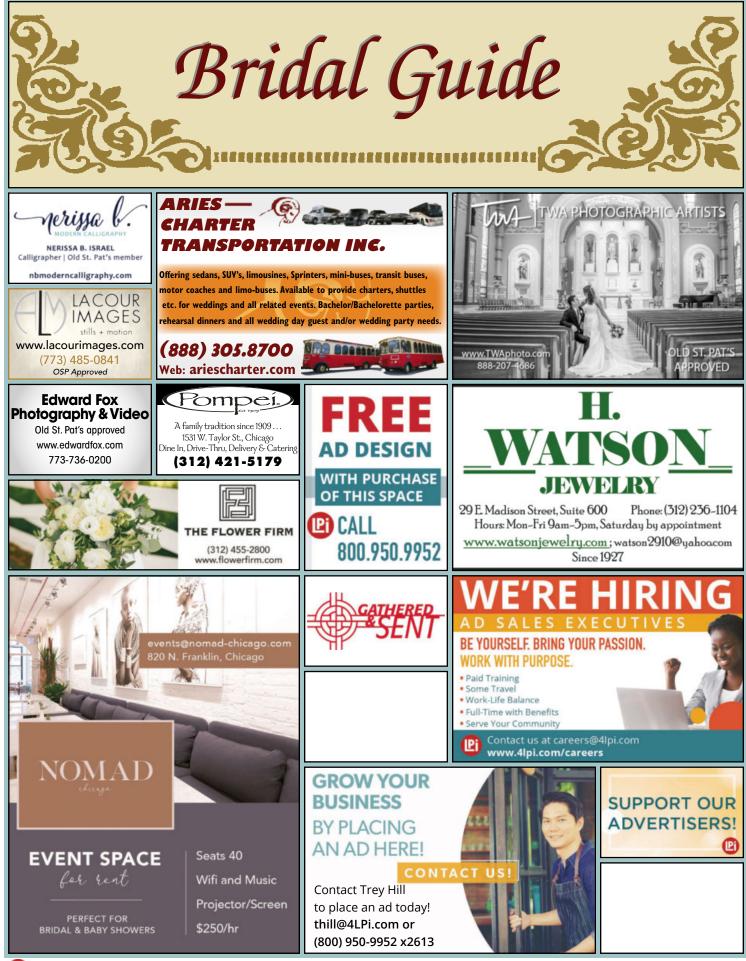
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