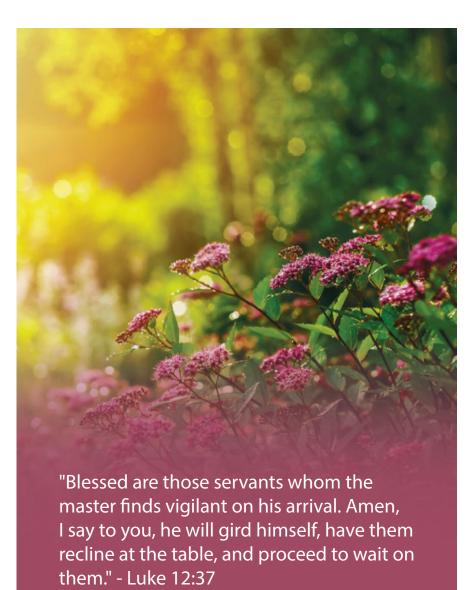
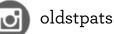
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he out to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with out Beloved. We clina to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The fruits of our labors are not always seen in our lifetimes. Faith is not conditional on seeing results. Faith is a radical trust in what is unseen. It requires vigilance and self-investment. It requires our attention even when our efforts don't bear fruit or are unappreciated or unrecognized. A person who is open to accepting God's presence, however it comes, and is willing to share the love received with others is a true inspiration. Good works will flow from this vigilant depth of faith. It will be directed where it is most needed and detached from the need for recognition or gratitude. Faith exercised in secret is the most profound expression of faith and a testament of true love for our Creator. No one needs to know the humility, generosity, and goodness of our hearts, only God. Standing erect and watchful, we are prepared to receive the gift of Divine Love and freely share it with others, without recognition or self-benefit.



SCAN CODE TO READ "Caught In The Rising Action" by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



bit.ly/CaughtInRisingAction





Reflection by Lena Valenti



The presence of God was extremely prominent throughout the New Orleans Worktour - from van dancing to washing dishes, and especially in the service we did and the connections we made with those we served. Before we even arrived in New Orleans, we were encouraged to focus on the thin places of Worktour - the places where the distance between you and God seems to disappear and where you see glimpses of what heaven is like to you.

For some, the thin places were the times where we, as the Foundations community were able to bond and form this community with one another. Whether having spontaneous dance parties in the kitchen, enjoying traditional New Orleans beignets, or sharing devotions, we had so much fun as a community while also having extremely meaningful conversations about what it means to be Catholic and where we see God in ourselves. Others saw the thin places in the progress we made. They saw God in how our hours of construction work in the hot Louisiana sun paid off in real results for families and how much a single group of people could accomplish in only a few hours.

Groups worked in New Orleans helping construct affordable homes and in Houma repairing homes from Hurricane Ida. We also had the opportunity to visit the Lower Ninth Ward which had been the hardest hit area by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. As we drove through the area, the destruction from so many years ago was still visible in that it was practically vacant. Destroyed houses were left untouched, surrounded with overgrown weeds and no one out enjoying the neighborhood. A place that was once a community filled with people was seemingly lifeless.

My thin place unexpectedly occurred in the Lower Ninth Ward where my group focused on repainting an old and damaged house. There, I was able to meet the people who were currently renting the old house that we were working on. They spoke only French, and my limited French experience allowed me to talk to them. We talked for the entirety of my break time and they were just as excited to hear about what Foundations was doing in New Orleans as I was to hear about their lives and what had brought them to New Orleans. We were able to form a connection that I will not forget. On our last day at the site, we said goodbye to them and they wished our group a good future and a good life. In that moment, I saw God clearly because although I will likely never see those people again, I felt a strong sense of kinship and companionship with them.

On our last day, during our nightly devotional, our Worktour group each had to share what part of heaven we were going to bring back to Chicago with us. Some chose peace, true friends, or love, but I chose the term "best self." On Worktour, I started to discover who I can become as a Catholic and also just as a teenager sharing my gifts with others. Through building community with the other teens, working as hard as possible on site, and building meaningful connections with God, we all have the freedom to become our best selves and be who God truly wants us to be.







IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE MINISTRY



For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. - Luke 12:34 Today's second reading calls us to focus upon the immigrant/ refugee experience. Sarah and Abraham are respected ancestors in three major faith traditions--Christian, Jewish and Muslim. Their experiences would certainly resonate with those seeking asylum in our country today. Consider the following about both Abraham and Sarah--they lived "as aliens in a foreign country, dwelling in tents." They acknowledged "themselves to be strangers and exiles on the earth, they showed that they were seeking a country of their own." They were "searching for a better country."

In the first reading "holy people share all things" and the Gospel goes even further (perhaps for emphasis?), encouraging us to "sell everything you have and give it to charity" for "wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be."

Our hearts cry out in response to the plight of all refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers such as Sarah and Abraham. If you are moved to help, consider Refugee One who will welcome over 850 families to Chicago this year alone. And, of course, the Immigrant and Refugee Ministry (IRM) of OSP always appreciates any help you give us.

Visit oldstpats.com, then click on GIVE TO OSP in the upper right- hand corner. Then click on GIVE ONLINE and select the IMMIGRANT & 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 immigration@oldstpats.org





Please join us for the Blessing of Adoption Mass

Sunday, September 18th, 2022 at 5 PM Reception in Hughes Hall to follow.

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



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Tuesday 9 August from 9am to12 noon Saturday 13 August from 8:30am to 11:15 am

For complete information, contact our coordinators. Please provide your email address and phone number(s)

Weekday: Jim Holbrook 773.237.2625 or 312.450.4291 jamesjholbrookjr@yahoo.com Saturday: Mary Beth Riley 630.460.7889 mbriley07@yahoo.com



OSP Friends of Children's Place

While summer is still in full swing, school is just around the corner. **Help us set our Children's Place Association kids up for success** this school year by providing them with the supplies they'll need to **thrive.**

Supplies Needed

Jumbo Crayons for toddlers (8 Ct box) Regular crayons Washable markers Colored pencils Erasers Glue Sticks Baby wipes Kids safety scissors Backpacks (15" - 17": avoid bold patterns/cartoons, simple is best) Spiral notebooks Composition books Travel hand sanitizers Facial tissue Diapers (pull ups)



DEADLINE is Sunday 08/14 for supplies as Chicago Public Schools start early this year.

I will have boxes in the Church Vestibule for donations both weekends. On behalf of the children we serve, I thank you. Any questions, please contact me. Beth Marek Director of Outreach 312.831.9361 elizabethm@oldstpats.org



FALL 2022 DIVORCE RECOVERY GROUP



Old St. Pat's **6** session Divorce Recovery Group is open for registration and begins virtually on Monday, September 12th, 6 pm to 7:30 pm. The divorce process often brings about unexpected and unimaginable heartache, questions, and challenges. Divorce Recovery was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Sessions include education, discussion, and prayer. Each meeting focuses on a different aspect of the divorce healing process such as grief, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness, family issues, forgiveness, and happiness.

Our mission is to help get you started and **keep you going on the path to rebuilding and renewal** by providing information, resources, and encouragement. It will help answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. More importantly, process groups offer a safe place where people can come together for mutual support and to learn their feelings are normal and they're not alone.

Divorced men and women are welcome to attend. You do not need to be a member of Old St. Pat's or live nearby to participate. It is for those recently divorced, as well as those still struggling with issues many years later. All ages and faiths are welcome. The support group is facilitated by a licensed therapist.

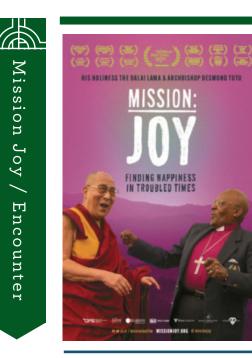
Dates September 12 September 19 September 26 October 10 October 17 October 24

Registration is \$70 which includes the 6 sessions and a workbook that will be mailed to you. Scholarships available for those in need. Upon registration, a Zoom invitation will be emailed to you.

To register visit: https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/664/responses/new

Contact information: Sarah Thompson, LCPC at saraht@oldstpats.org





MISSION: JOY | Finding Happiness in Troubled Times Documentary film viewing and discussion

Sunday, August 14th | 12:15 pm Fellowship Hall | 625 W. Adams Street

Free parking is available in the parking garage adjacent to the 625 W. Adams building. Entry to the parking garage is from Desplaines Street.

This program is presented free of charge. But please sign up using the link below so that we are prepared to provide you with our best hospitality. Thanks!

https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/653/responses/new



Encounter Faith Sharing

An Inclusive and affirming space to gather in community to wonder, pray, discern, and simply be together.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: July 13, August 10, and September 14 6-7:30 at 711 W. Monroe

Register: https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/578/responses/new



Join OSP Encounter as we say goodbye to summer and hello to autumn by gathering to enjoy live music, sparkling drinks, outdoor games, appetizers, and community!

Date: September 11 Following 5 pm Mass in the Courtyard





CATHOLIC SPORTS LEAGUES



Join OSP Encounter's Teams for a fun day on the beach for the Bags Tournament!

AUGUST 13, 2022 | 10 AM - 1 PM GILL PARK - 825 W. SHERIDAN RD

The summer fun with CSL continues with our annual bags tournament on August 13th with other YA Catholics in Chicago!

To register: https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/656/resp onses/new Next Refreat: August 20 9-11:30am

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Join us for 3 Saturday morning encounters to pause in the busyness of summer and simply "be" together in God.

Meditation, Prayer, and Discussion

June 18- Breathe in the Spirit - Horner Park Hilltop July 16 - Living Water - Promontory Point August 20- Sacred Ground - Humboldt Park Boathouse

To Register: https://osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/638/responses/new



Please join us on Sunday, August 7 from 2 PM to 5 PM for the Art and Faith: See the Sacred Art at Holy Name Cathedral. A courtyard reception will follow. Event details are below. Tickets of \$150 per person include parking and support the Illinois Patrons of the Arts' work in the Vatican Museums. It is also a chance to enjoy summer together!

Learn about the Cathedral's beauty that has been a source of joy for generations. Please RSVP today (*bit.ly/PAVM-ART-FAITH*) to not miss out on this unique and special program. Questions? Please reach us at Illinoispatrons@gmail.com or call 708-642-2511.

All the Best, Anne Shea Board President



The Family School, an interfaith community offering a religious education program for children of Jewish and Catholic families since 1993, hosted by Old St. Pat's, is open for registration. Classes for children in grades K-8, Worship Services, Adult Education and discussions meet approximately twice a month beginning September 18. Dating, engaged and married interfaith couples, including those with pre-schoolers, are also welcome to join the Family School community.

For more information please visit www.the-family-school.org or contact chicagointerfaithfamilyschool@gmail.com





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Anti-Racism Education in an Online Mindful Learning Community

"White Awareness: Relational Mindfulness and Race Equity" program integrates the spiritual practice of mindfulness and anti-racism education. Within a dedicated community, we explore what it is to be white, while learning to pay attention in the present without judgment. Through present moment awareness we may better understand the impact of racism and cultural conditioning. We cultivate respect and kindness towards all beings in order to live connected, compassionate, and wakeful lives.



WHEN: Weekly on Thursdays Eastern time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Central time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Mountain time: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Pacific time: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

2022 FALL DATES:

Orientation: Thursday, September 22 Session 1: Thursday, September 29 Session 2: Thursday, October 6 Session 3: Thursday, October 13 Session 4: Thursday, October 20 Session 5: Thursday, October 27 Session 6: Thursday, November 3 Thursday, November 10 Session 7: Session 8: Thursday, November 17

For more information, scan the OR code!



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Sunday, August 7, 2022

Readings: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Dusty Hartigan Hamby (†), Gary Mares (†) 9am: Thomas Moriarty (†), Brendan Byrne (†) 11am: Patricia Leach, Doug Wilkins 5pm: Brigid Cashman Nouri, Eloise Suzanne Havey (†)

Book of Patrick: Danny Goedken, James Cantwell, John Joseph Quigley, John M. Smyth III, Joseph Bernstein, Theodore C. Pawlikowski, Richard Reichle, Mary Barrett, Cannon-Rieger Family, Maeve E. Riley, Donna Doyle O'Doherty, Lance Corporal Jonathan W. Collins of the United States Marine Corp., Marilyn & Joe Antonik

Monday, August 8, 2022

Readings: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Mt 17:22-27

Book of Patrick: Amelia Wosuleski, Marybelle O'Leary, Peter & Clelia Bagnuolo, Louise B. Oelerich, Ida Graney, Patrick J. Tobin, Elizabeth Weinman, Elizabeth S. Danis, Marguerite Plummer, Marine Lance Corporal Jonathan W. Collins, U.S.M.C., Rose Vermiglio, William Benjamin Francik, Peggy Stratton, Ana Maria Avila, Mary Ellen Archer, Mary Jane Carter, Georgia Donnersberger Cretors, Gina Page, Ernest F Kolb, John & Joan Kaltsas, Collin Michael O'Brien

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Readings: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/ Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Book of Patrick: Anthony William Russo, Ed Krzeczowski, James Sullivan, John H. Baumann, Jane & Frank Tighe, Margaret Mary (Peggy) O'Connell Munin, Kevin McNicholas, Sharon Gay Schneider, Bill Conaghan

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Mass Remembrances: 12:10 pm: Sylvia Ceballos, Barbara Cornell (†)

Book of Patrick: Bridget & Thomas Dermody, Marie and Alex Marini, Cornelia De LiBerto, Dr. James and Margaret Bocks, Ana Maria Avila, Vera Stefani, John Chadwell "Chad" Tennant, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Gertrud Vesper Seebock, Elizabeth Gorczowski, John Arthur McDonald, Donna Ziolko

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Readings: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/ Mt 18:21—19:1

Book of Patrick: Mary G. & John T. Durkin, Claire Elizabeth Mooney, Heather Nold, John M. O'Meara, John Conrecode, Byron Ray Hadley, William and Teresa Montague, Paula K. Jaudes, Joan Locke

Friday, August 12, 2022

Readings: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/ Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Book of Patrick: Philip Corboy, Lawrence E. Curtin, Bernadette Regan Curtin, Francis G. Higgins, Marie & Frank Sepanski, Claudia J. Flynn, Mary Louise Helderle, Mary Kelly, Gloria Schiffler, Agnes Clancy Barron, Tara Katherine Bassi, Mary Daddona

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Readings: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18- 19/ Mt 19:13-15

Book of Patrick: Fr. David Murphy, Sinead Evan Buchanan Hanlon, Elizabeth V. Bailey, Elizabeth Pascale, John Robert Wrobel, James T. Ryan, John W. Casey, Terry Hepp

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/ Heb 12:1- 4/Lk 12:49-53

Mass Remembrances: 7am: Rich Grafrath (†), Patrick Doherty (†) 9am: Lillian M. Ryan (†), Lisa Ryan (†) 11am: John F. D'Angelo (†), Debbie Shaughnessy (†) 5pm: William Edward Leber (†), Jon Broers (†) 8pm: AnnMarie Keenan (†)

Book of Patrick: Mary Buckley, Winnie Leber,

Elma A. Fallon, John & Margaret Lynch, Aurash Michael Razafsha, Thomas W. Watkins, Kam Grant & Alexia Vanek, Catherine M. DiSanto, Henry K. Piekutowski, Alice Skilling, Viola Kustrich, The Thomas and Barbara Murphy Family, John and Kathy Cressman, Sally Ostrego, Esther Schriver McKenna, Maureen Anne Conroy-Donnelly, Earvin Johnson Jr.

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Sick

Pat Zolotar, Mary Gubbe Lee, Daniel Canada, Jim Holbrook, Chris Pellettiere, Michele Dolet, Ginnie Dalton

For Those Who Have Died Kevin Brown, Ed Busca

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

Creator God, create in me a new heart. Help me to receive Your transforming, renewing power in my life today. I am a child of God! Lord you make all things new. You are the Creator who is continually nurturing, renewing, and developing every aspect of our remarkable universe. Lord you make all things new. We rest in your creative arms, we dwell in the hope of this renewal, we hope in the strength of your mighty hand. Amen.

Women and Men of Faith



Saint Cajetan Saint of the Day for August 7, 2022

Saint Cajetan's Story

Like most of us, Cajetan seemed headed for an "ordinary" life—first as a lawyer, then as a priest engaged in the work of the Roman Curia.

His life took a characteristic turn when he joined the Oratory of Divine Love in Rome, a group devoted to piety and charity, shortly after his ordination at 36. When he was 42 he founded a hospital for incurables at Venice. At Vicenza, he joined a "disreputable" religious community that consisted only of men of the lowest stations of life—and was roundly censured by his friends, who thought his action was a reflection on his family. He sought out the sick and poor of the town and served them.

The greatest need of the time was the reformation of a Church that was "sick in head and members." Cajetan and three friends decided that the best road to reformation lay in reviving the spirit and zeal of the clergy. Together they founded a congregation known as the Theatines—from Teate [Chieti] where their first superior-bishop had his see. One of the friends later became Pope Paul IV.

They managed to escape to Venice after their house in Rome was wrecked when Emperor Charles V's troops sacked Rome in 1527. The Theatines were outstanding among the Catholic reform movements that took shape before the Protestant Reformation. Cajetan founded a monte de pieta—"mountain or fund of piety"—in Naples, one of many charitable, nonprofit credit organizations that lent money on the security of pawned objects. The purpose was to help the poor and protect them against usurers. Cajetan's little organization ultimately became the Bank of Naples, with great changes in policy.

Reflection

If Vatican II had been summarily stopped after its first session in 1962, many Catholics would have felt that a great blow had been dealt to the growth of the Church. Cajetan had the same feeling about the Council of Trent, held from 1545 to 1563. But as he said, God is the same in Naples as in Venice, with or without Trent or Vatican II. We open ourselves to God's power in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, and God's will is done. God's standards of success differ from ours.

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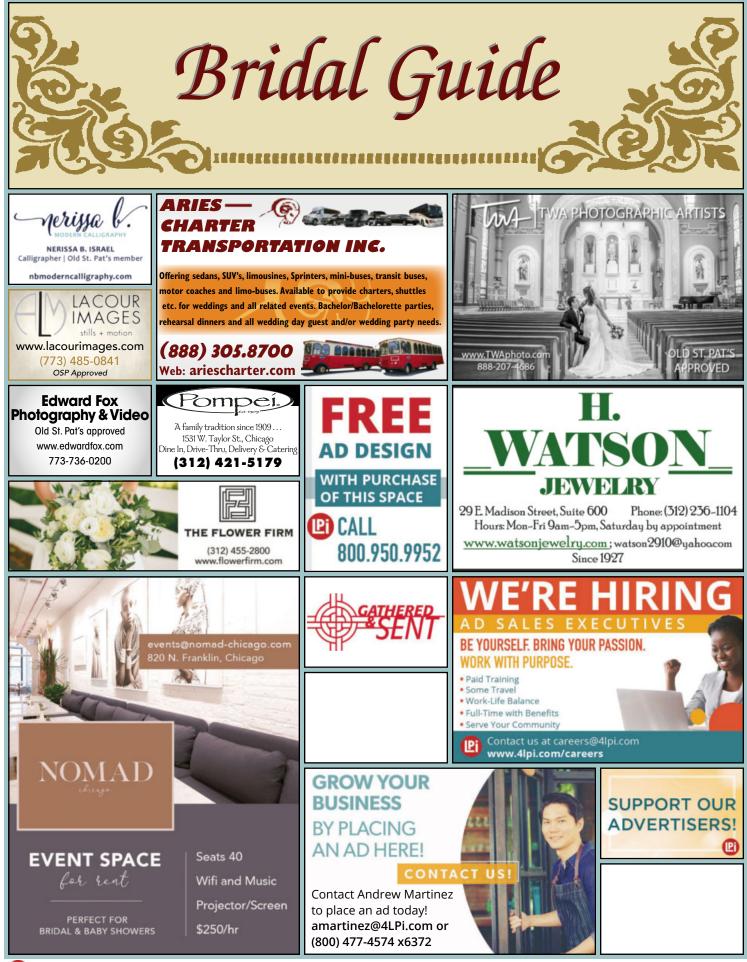
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