

Saint Aidan ☩ Saint Patrick Parish

December 27, 2020



THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26, St. Stephen, First Martyr
4:00 PM - James Porter by wife Madeleine

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
9:00 AM - Rev. Ralph Hogan
11:00 AM - Jacques Pare by mother and father

Monday, December 28, The Holy Innocents
8:00 AM - Bishop Robert Mulvee

Tuesday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 AM - Rick LaRue (birthday remembrance) by mother

Wednesday, December 30
8:00 AM— Joe Garceau

Thursday, December 31, St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
8:00 AM - Rev. David Piacecatini
6:00 PM -All people of the parish

Friday, January 1, Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
8:00 AM - All people of the parish

Saturday, January 2
4:00 PM - All people of the parish

Sunday, 9:00 AM - Tracey Ann Soares Pytko by family
11:00 AM - Evelyn & Arthur Foisey by daughter and family

Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

The Holy Family

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Next Sunday: 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
The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

Income Report

Because of the holidays, we have had to submit a few of our bulletins early to our publisher. As a result, we have not had a prepared income report produced for the previous week. After the new year, we will produce a report for the month of December. Thank you for your patience!

Christmas Donations

We wish to thank all those who donated to this year's Christmas Giving Tree this year. We actually exceeded the amount of gifts and gift cards that we were expecting. The additional gifts have all be assigned and the gift cards are now part of our supply of cards that we distribute throughout the year. As much as people may complain about the year 2020 we can all give thanks that from the events and issues of 2020 the level of charitable giving in the whole country increased in response to those in need. May God bless you all for your charity.



Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from our staff at St. Aidan—St. Patrick Parish! New Year's Eve, we will have an 8:00am and 6:00pm mass. New Year's Day will have a 8:00am mass only!



New Chalice?

Several people have commented on the chalice that was used for the Masses on Christmas Day and wondered if it was newly donated or purchased. Actually, the chalice was recently refinished but it actually dates back to 1908. The chalice was presented to Rev. Thomas Fitzpatrick by the Bristol Council Knights of Columbus (No. 379) on the occasion of Fr. Fitzpatrick's reassignment from the pastorate of St. Mary of the Bay in Warren to the parish of St. Patrick in Cumberland. Father Fitzpatrick was the sixth pastor of St. Patrick and served from 1908 to 1945—the longest serving of St. Patrick's twelve pastors. His chalice is one of the oldest chalices of St. Patrick parish and is a tangible part of our history. We can never forget, that while St. Aidan parish was established in 1962, for 101 years before the area encompassing St. Aidan Parish was all part of St. Patrick parish. We all share in this history of the priests and people of both parishes that have brought us to this point. Therefore, as a precious part of our history, we will continue to use this chalice for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and for other solemn feasts of the Liturgical Year.



Pastor's Column

This weekend, I continue with a reprinting of the outline of Pope Francis' Social Encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti" written by Isabella Piro. The original text was which was published in an online Newsletter: Vatican News.

Chapter Six: dialogue and friendship

From the sixth chapter, "Dialogue and friendship in society", further emerges the concept of life as the "art of encounter" with everyone, even with the world's peripheries and with original peoples, because "each of us can learn something from others. No one is useless and no one is expendable" (see Par 215). Then, of particular note, is the Pope's reference to the miracle of "kindness", an attitude to be recovered because it is a star "shining in the midst of darkness" and "frees us from the cruelty ... the anxiety ... the frantic flurry of activity" that prevail in the contemporary era (see Par 222-224).

Chapter Seven: renewed encounter

The value and promotion of peace is reflected on in the seventh chapter, "Paths of renewed encounter", in which the Pope underlines that peace is connected to truth, justice and mercy. Far from the desire for vengeance, it is "proactive" and aims at forming a society based on service to others and on the pursuit of reconciliation and mutual development (see Par 227-229). Thus, peace is an "art" that involves and regards everyone and in which each one must do his or her part in "a never-ending task" (see Par 227-232). Forgiveness is linked to peace: we must love everyone, without exception – the Encyclical reads – but loving an oppressor means helping him to change and not allowing him to continue oppressing his neighbour (see Par 241-242). Forgiveness does not mean impunity, but rather, justice and remembrance, because to forgive does not mean to forget, but to renounce the destructive power of evil and the desire for revenge. Never forget "horrors" like the Shoah, the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, persecutions and ethnic massacres – exhorts the Pope. They must be remembered always, anew, so as not to become anaesthetized and to keep the flame of collective conscience alive. It is just as important to remember the good (see Par 246-252).

Part of the seventh chapter, then, focuses on war: "a constant threat", that represents "the negation of all rights", "a failure of politics and of humanity", and "a stinging defeat before the forces of evil". Moreover, due to nuclear chemical and biological weapons that strike many innocent civilians, today we can no longer think, as in the past, of the possibility of a "just war", but we must vehemently reaffirm:

"Never again war!" The total elimination of nuclear arms is "a moral and humanitarian imperative". With the money invested in weapons, the Pope suggests instead the establishment of a global fund for the elimination of hunger (see Par 255-262).

Francis expresses just as clearly a position with regard to the death penalty: it is inadmissible and must be abolished worldwide. Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity" – the Pope writes – "and God himself pledges to guarantee this" (Par 263-269). There is emphasis on the necessity to respect "the sacredness of life" (Par 283) where today "some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed", such as the unborn, the poor, the disabled and the elderly (Par 18).

Chapter Eight: religion and fraternity

In the eighth and final chapter, the Pontiff focuses on "Religions at the service of fraternity in our world" and emphasizes that terrorism is not due to religion but to erroneous interpretations of religious texts, as well as "policies linked to hunger, poverty, injustice, oppression" (Par 282-283). a journey of peace among religions is possible and that it is therefore necessary to guarantee religious freedom, a fundamental human right for all believers (see Par 279).

The Encyclical reflects, in particular, on the role of the Church: she does not "restrict her mission to the private sphere", it states. While not engaging in politics she does not, however, renounce the political dimension of life itself, attention to the common good and concern for integral human development, according to evangelical principals (see Par 276-278).

Lastly, Francis quotes the "Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together", which he signed on 4 February 2019 in Abu Dhabi, along with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyib: from that milestone of interreligious dialogue, the Pontiff returns to the appeal that, in the name of human fraternity, dialogue be adopted as the way, common cooperation as conduct, and mutual knowledge as method and standard (see Par 285).

This outline of the Pope's Social Encyclical was excerpted from the online Newsletter, Vatican News, a free, online service. You can register for the Vatican News Newsletter at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>. Vatican News allows for reprints of its articles for non-profit purposes.

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Faith Formation Corner

During the month of December, faith formation will be virtual. Please check your emails for information from your catechists.

Faith Formation classes will resume January 6th.

There is still time to register! Please call our office at 401-333-5897 or email faithformation@aidan-patrick.org for more information.





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Liturgical Schedule

Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00AM (livestream only), 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM (Monday - Friday)

Holy Days: 8:00 AM, 6:00 PM



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