

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Sat. 4:00 PM

Sun. 8:00 AM and
10:30 AM

ROSARY

Weekdays at 6:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday
7:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

On the Day 5:30 PM

(some exceptions apply)

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St. Patrick's Church

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. To become a member visit the parish office located behind the church. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am - 1:30pm. You may prefer to contact us by phone, e-mail or through our webpage. These have been listed below for your convenience.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are scheduled on alternate months beginning in January after the 10:30am Sunday Mass. We look forward to welcoming your child into our parish family. Please call the parish office for program details.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

We are happy to assist you as you plan your church wedding. Please call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the priest, to obtain information on needed documents, and to check on date availability.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND CONFINED:

If you are in the hospital, nursing home or confined at home, please contact the parish office and we will be happy to bring the Eucharist to you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR: **Monsignor Daniel P. Liston**

DEACON: **George Kozach**

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: **Sr. Paula Robillard, SSJ**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: **Kerry Dowd**

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**6TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
- Mk 1:44-45b

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 a.m. *Cenacle of the Imm. Heart, MMP*
 4:00 p.m. Henry Sullivan, by Michael, Kerry, Patrick, & Connor Dowd

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Valentine's Day & World Marriage Day

8:00 a.m. In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by E.T.
 10:30 a.m. Joanne MacDonald, 3rd A., & birthday remembrance, by her children

Weekday Masses: Rosary at 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

President's Day

7:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00 a.m. Ralph & Pierina D'Agostino, by Mary Lou Hendrickson



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Magnani family, by their family
 5:30 p.m. Celebrant's intention

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

NO MORNING MASS -NO ADORATION

5:30 p.m. Thomas Kienzler, 10th A., by his family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:00 a.m. Souls in purgatory, by E.T.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 a.m. *Cenacle of the Imm. Heart, MMP*
 4:00 p.m. Eleanor Czupryna, 20th A., by the Czupryna family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Richard Parent, by E.T.
 10:30 a.m. Cathleen Moriarty, 6th A., by her sisters



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 Seminarian Fund: \$454.00

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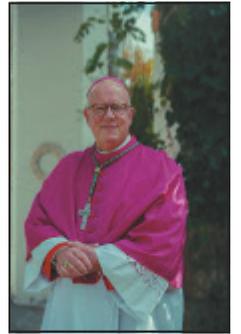


2020 Contribution statements

Please call (783-6201) or email the office (stpatspringfield@gmail.com) (& mention your envelope number) if you would like to receive a statement. The statements will either be emailed or mailed according to preference.



We look forward to welcoming Bishop Byrne as he celebrates Mass here at St. Patrick's on Sunday, February 21st at 8:00 a.m.



"Vatican modifies distribution of ashes for Ash Wednesday"

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments published a set of instructions as to how Catholic priests are to distribute ashes.

"After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once, the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The priest then "cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places."

"He then **sprinkles the ashes on each person's head** without saying anything."

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.





GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice.

Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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Although COVID-19 has kept our volunteers in the St. Patrick's Loaves & Fishes Ministry from giving of their time & talent, this ministry is still providing meals for those in need. Jeff still purchases the food & goes to the S. Congregational Church the 2nd Tues. of each month & prepares the meals while practicing social distancing & wearing a mask. Food costs have risen considerably & they are now purchasing small packaged desserts instead of making them at home as they did prior to the pandemic. The staff at Loaves & Fishes places the food in to-go containers & takes them out to the parking lot for people to come & pick up.

So, please keep your donations coming (as they are greatly appreciated and needed) & contact Jeff Chapell at (413)782-3693 if you have any questions. **THANK YOU!**

A special thank you to those of you who donate on a monthly basis. Please know that your kindness will not be forgotten!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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