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

JUNE 6, 2021

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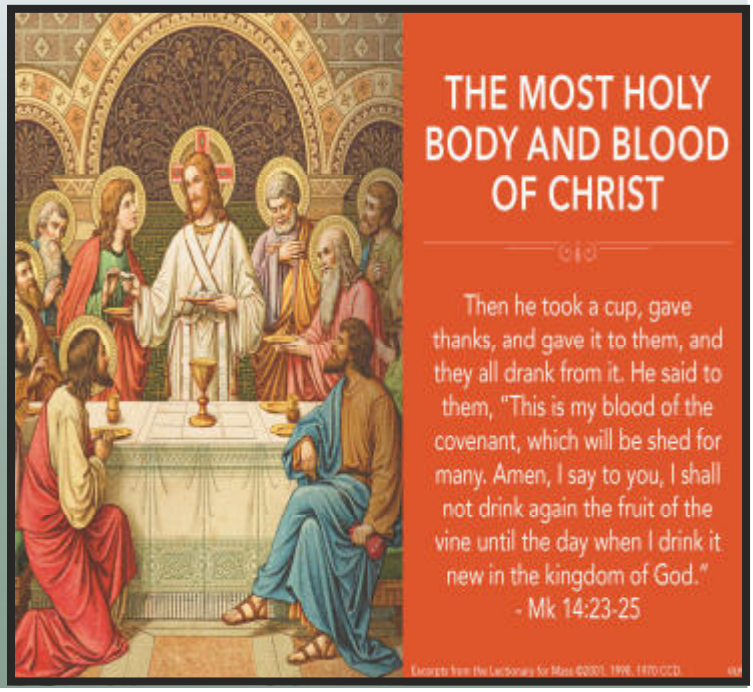


SATURDAY, JUNE 5
St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
8:00 a.m. ***Cenacle of the Imm. Heart, MMP***
4:00 p.m. Constance Archidiacono, 1st A., by her family

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
8:00 a.m. Frank & Theresa Langone, by their family
10:30 a.m. Paul & Joanne MacDonald, 60th wedding anniversary remembrance, by their children

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

MONDAY, JUNE 7
7:00 a.m. Chet , by Jean Vivenzio

TUESDAY, JUNE 8
7:00 a.m. Fernand Girard, by Gisele Girard

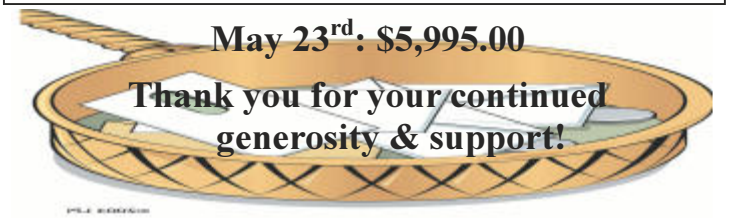
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9
St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick
5:30 p.m. Women's Club Mass

THURSDAY, JUNE 10
NO MASS OR ADORATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 11
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Hendrickson & MacKenzie families, by Mary Lou Hendrickson & family

SATURDAY, JUNE 12
The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. ***Cenacle of the Imm. Heart, MMP***
4:00 p.m. Jim Ruell, 1st A., by his family

SUNDAY, JUNE 13
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. James Celetti, by Carol Hausamann
10:30 a.m. Larry Hendrickson, by Mary Lou & family



Annual Mission Appeal

Our Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal will take place **this** weekend (**June 5th and 6th**). Msgr. Liston will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Congregation in India, in the form of a second collection, which will be taken at all Masses.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in East Africa and in Peru.

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational, and charitable activities. This year more than ever, they need our special financial support to respond the deadly Covid- 19 outbreak in India. The pandemic has taken a serious toll on their missions, impacting their overall health and well-being, financial stability, and entire way of life. This special second collection will help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. **Please visit their website, www.vincentians.in, to learn more about them.** We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Patron Saints

Question: Why are some saints honored as "patron saints"?

Answer: Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified.

Because we believe that the saints and blesseds are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We Can Prepare the Upper Room

We all know that person, don't we? Hey, maybe we've even been that person.

"I have a great relationship with God, but I don't go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own."

There isn't anything false in these statements. It's important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don't matter. Community worship doesn't matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other.

The Body and Blood of Christ — that's what it's all about. If it's not about that, it's not about anything. If we don't have the Eucharist, we're just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don't have the power to redeem anybody.

Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it's in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated.

The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two?

-Tracy Earl Welliver-MTS
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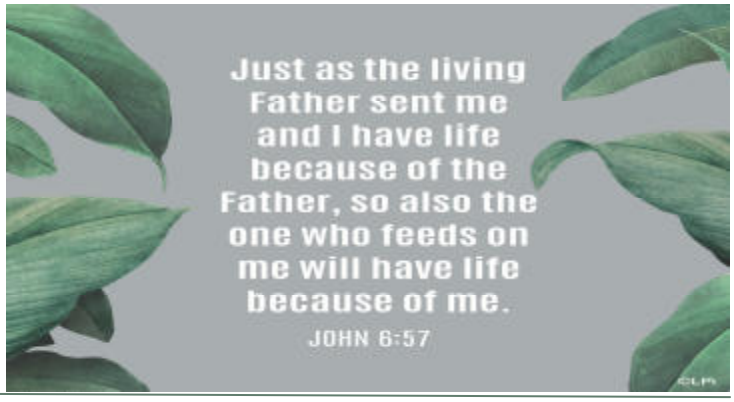
St. Patrick's ACA Update
(as of 5/20/21)

Total raised thus far	**$39,766.54**
Total number of donations	**212**
Total raised in 2020	**$41,332.04**

If you have not yet donated, consider giving whatever you can. You may contribute on line at **www.diospringfield.org/aca or call: 413-452-0670.** Every contribution makes a difference.

Many thanks to all who have donated!



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