



# *St. Patrick R.C. Church*

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*"Christ with us. Christ before us. Christ behind us."*

November 24, 2024—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Pictured are: St. Patrick School seventh grade students handing in their Confirmation Packets at the 9:00 AM Mass on Friday, November 15th, the school's Father-Son Basketball Night, and the Catholic Daughters Raffle Basket Fundraiser.

# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Thanksgiving is this Thursday, November 28th. I would like everyone to make an effort to come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day. **Mass will be at 10:00 AM.** While it is not a holy day, Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful opportunity as a parish family to come and thank God for all His tender mercies.

In addition, I would like to encourage people NOT to go shopping on Thanksgiving Day. I know a number of stores are now opening with sales, etc. I have two problems with stores opening on Thanksgiving Day. First, the employees at these stores are now required to be away from their families. They either arrive late or leave early from the family dinner to get to work. We owe it to them to allow them to have a peaceful Thanksgiving.

Secondly, as a society we need to have at least a day or two to simply be with our families. If you are 55 or older, you may recall that we had the "Blue Laws." The "Blue Laws" restricted what businesses could be open on Sunday. As a result, Sunday really was a family day. I see a correlation between the weakening of family life and the removal of the "Blue Laws." Keep Thanksgiving a family day; don't let Thanksgiving Day become another "big sale" shopping day!

While President George Washington proclaimed the first national day of Thanksgiving, it took some time before Thanksgiving became a national holiday. In September 1863, Sarah Joseph, a newspaper editor, wrote to President Abraham Lincoln imploring him to set aside a national day of Thanksgiving. Up to that time, various states celebrated a day of Thanksgiving at various dates. Ms. Hale had made this request of other Presidents prior to Lincoln, but President Lincoln responded immediately.

President George Washington proclaimed:

*It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will and to be grateful for all His benefits and humbly to implore His protection and favor.*

President Lincoln proclaimed:

*I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the heavens.*

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

*Magr. Brian McNamara*

Fr. Brian

***The Lord manifests Himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart. If you look in murky and turbulent waters, you cannot see the reflection of your face. If you want to see the face of Christ, stop and collect your thoughts in silence, and close the door of your soul to the noise of external things.***

**- St. Anthony of Padua**

# Masses for the Week

## Saturday, November 23rd:

5:00 PM Edward J. Sperzel  
8:00 PM Betty & Tony Cappa

## Sunday, November 24th:

7:30 AM Joseph Iafe  
9:00 AM Theresa Sagristano  
10:30 AM Ann Marie Robinson  
12:00 PM Ann P. O'Hara  
5:00 PM Vito Giovanniello

## Monday, November 25th:

6:45 AM Betty & Tony Cappa  
9:00 AM John Reeber  
12:10 AM John Michael Dellova  
7:30 PM Thomas Jennings

## Tuesday, November 26th:

6:45 AM Louise Catalano  
9:00 AM Michael Larkin  
12:10 PM Daniel Monaghan

## Wednesday, November 27th:

6:45 AM Dorothy Vanek  
9:00 AM Marius Tafuro  
12:10 PM Alice Petruny

## Thursday, November 28th:

10:00 AM Nocturnal Adoration Society

## Friday, November 29th:

6:45 AM Ann Hoffman  
9:00 AM Joseph Talierno  
12:10 PM Joanne & Bart Druery

## Saturday, November 30th:

9:00 AM \*Multiple Intentions  
5:00 PM Gerri Cowan  
8:00 PM Donald Woodford

## Sunday, December 1st:

7:30 AM Theresa Recce  
9:00 AM Joseph Rubino  
10:30 AM Mark Norris  
12:00 PM Dominic Marsicovetere  
5:00 PM Fanny & Genoveve Torres

*\*Ann C. O'Shea, Teresa Arrascue, Edward F. Dunne, Jr.,  
Marie Vene, Dorothy McMahon, For the People of the  
Parish*

# ST. PATRICK CHURCH

## Our Pastoral Team

Rev. Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor  
Rev. Louis Cona, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Abraham Thannickal, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Fred Hill, In Residence  
Rev. Charles Okoye, In Residence  
Deacon Jerry Reda  
Deacon Matthew Faughnan  
Mrs. Rebecca Darmanin, School Principal  
Ms. Emily Conboy, Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Peggy Soviero, Director of Religious Education  
Ms. Dianne Williams, Parish Social Minister  
Ms. Cindy Marsh, Youth Administrator

## Contact Us

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Office Hours: Rectory 9 AM to 8 PM, Mon.—Thurs.  
Friday 9 AM to 7 PM  
9 AM to 5 PM Sat., 10 AM to 1 PM, Sun.  
Parish Outreach: 9:15 AM to 3:00 PM, Mon.-Fri.  
Youth Community: 9 AM to 3 PM, Mon.- Fri.  
Religious Formation: 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Mon.- Thurs.

## Parish Organizations

Bereavement Support: Call Outreach at 265-2668  
Catholic Daughters: 1st Thursday, 6:30 PM, Parish Center  
[cdsmithtown@gmail.com](mailto:cdsmithtown@gmail.com)  
Choir: Thurs. evening, 7:30 PM  
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Tues., 8PM  
Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary:  
2nd Sat. 10:30 AM–12PM, 631-960-1721  
Legion of Mary: Tues. mornings at 9:30 AM  
Nocturnal Adoration Society: 3rd Sat. from 9 PM–7AM  
Pro Life Family: Last Thursday, 12:30 PM, Parish Center  
O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults); 265-2271  
Something for Seniors; 2nd Wed., 1 PM, 631-241-3415

*In all created things discern the providence  
and wisdom of God, and in all things give  
Him thanks.*

*- St. Teresa of Avila*

*Remember the past with gratitude. Live the  
present with enthusiasm. Look forward to  
the future with confidence.*

*- St. John Paul II*





## St. Patrick Parish Social Ministry

As the holiday season approaches, let us consider the many blessings God has given us and seek ways to share our riches with our less fortunate sisters and brothers. **One Way** we can help to alleviate the human suffering around us is to make sure our pantry is always well stocked. Nonperishables...cereal, tuna fish, canned meats, pudding, Parmalat milk, tomatoes & tomato sauce, canned fruits & vegetables, chunky soups, canned stew, canned pasta, detergents & soaps are always needed. Let our food barrels in the lobby overflow to show our thanks for all the Lord has given us.

**A Second Way** is to "Reach for a Star"! Our star filled Christmas trees will be on display this year so that we, as a parish family, may engage in meaningful gift-giving. Please see the flyer in this week's bulletin and offer your own gift to Jesus through this heartwarming community project. May the Christ Child give you His special blessing.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**



### Happy Anniversary!

Next Sunday at the 12 Noon Mass, we will honor all couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary during the month of December. Couples will be invited to come forward and receive a special blessing. We encourage all to participate in this special tribute.

**Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you the strength.**

**- St. Philip Neri**

The Altar Bread and Wine is dedicated this week in loving memory of **Edward J. Sperzel.**



This week's Pro-Life Rose is dedicated this week in loving memory of **my beautiful gift from God.**  
Love, Mom

## ST. PATRICK CHURCH

### Mass Times

**Weekdays:** 6:45 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 12:10 PM

**Saturday:** 9:00 AM, 5 and 8 PM

**Novena Mass** (Miraculous Medal): Monday, 7:30 PM

**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, 5 PM

### Reconciliation

**Saturday:** from 3:45 to 4:45 PM

**Sunday:** from 8:15 to 8:45 AM

**Monday:** 6:45 to 7:15 P.M. before the Novena Mass  
Anytime by appointment in the Rectory

### Marriage

Couples should make arrangements at the Rectory at least six months before the desired wedding date.

### Baptisms

For information, go to  
[www.stpatricksmithtown.org](http://www.stpatricksmithtown.org) > Sacraments > Baptism

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Every Thursday

For one hour following 12:10 PM Mass

#### Nocturnal Adoration

Third Saturday of the month  
starting after the 8 PM Mass

#### Prayers for the Nation

First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM

#### Pro-Life Holy Hour

Third Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM

#### Candlelight Rosary & Adoration

First Wednesday of the month  
7:00 PM Rosary, 7:30 PM Adoration  
in Parish Center Chapel

#### Friday Exposition

Parish Center Chapel 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM



### Pro-Life Rose

St. Patrick's Pro-Life Family invites you to dedicate a Pro-Life Rose for any intention by contacting Linda at [giftaproliferose@gmail.com](mailto:giftaproliferose@gmail.com) or call 631-521-1496.

Your participation helps bring a greater awareness of the sacredness of all human life, especially the unborn. The cost is \$10.

### Bread & Wine Memorial

To arrange a memorial for Altar Bread and Wine, please call Diane Sperzel at 265-3307. Donation for the week is \$50. Cards will be sent to the family.





Join With Members  
of Your Parish Family  
**Thanksgiving Day**

Thursday, November 28th  
at 10:00 AM in our church  
(This will be the only Mass of the day.)



*You are invited to gather with your parish family on Thanksgiving Day. Please bring a non-perishable food item to share with those in need. **Items will be brought up during the offertory procession as a sign of our gratitude for our blessings.** Families are also invited to bring bread and wine which will be served on their Thanksgiving tables for a special blessing.*

*The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.” – St. Gianna Beretta Molla*



Fr. Abraham Thannickal's  
**Farewell Mass**

Sunday, December 15th at 10:30 AM  
Reception to follow in Canning Hall

*Fr. Abraham became our associate pastor in 2018. Since then we have come to know him for his goodness, wisdom and great humility. Please join us on December 15th as we gather to thank Fr. Abraham for his service to our parish and wish him all the best as the new associate pastor of St. Patrick Church in Southold.*



**Are You On Our Parish Email List?**

Our parish stays in touch with parishioners via email concerning important announcements, our Christmas, Easter and holy day schedules, reflections from our priests and more. Learn more about what is going on in our parish by joining our parish email list. If you would like to join, just email us at:

**[rectory@stpatricksmithtown.org](mailto:rectory@stpatricksmithtown.org)**



Knights of Columbus  
Holy Mother Mary Council 3958  
**Christmas Holiday Fundraiser**



Thank you for always supporting the Knights of Columbus. Our hearts are always supporting and helping our local community. We are always there to help anyone in need of our assistance. We supply turkeys for Thanksgiving. We have toy drives for local families, and we try to do the best we can for anyone in need. This is our first Christmas Holiday Fundraiser. Below are the items you can purchase and pick up at our Knights of Columbus at 199 Smithtown Blvd., Nesconset on December 8, 2024. If you would like to see pictures of some of the items, please go to the website - [borellanursey.com](http://borellanursey.com) - and click on gallery, then click on holiday.

Below please write the number of items that you would like to purchase, accompanied by your check make out to Knights of Columbus Council 3958. **The Knights will be taking orders this weekend in the church lobby or drop your order form and check off at the rectory by 12 Noon on Monday, November 25th.**

### **Christmas Holiday Fundraiser Order Form**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **6" Poinsettia \$10.00**

Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Marble \_\_\_\_\_ Jingle Bells \_\_\_\_\_ Ice Punch \_\_\_\_\_

#### **22" Wide double-sided Balsam Wreath (Perfect for Front Door)**

Decorated \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Undecorated wreath \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Red velvet bow only on wreath \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans wreath decorated (red/white/blue) \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Grave Blanket (24" X 45")**

Decorated \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Undecorated \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran Blanket Decorated (red/white/blue) \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Basket of Joy** (Filled with greens/bows/ holiday pick) \$22.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Happy Snow Man Tin** (Filled with greens/bows/ holiday pick) \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

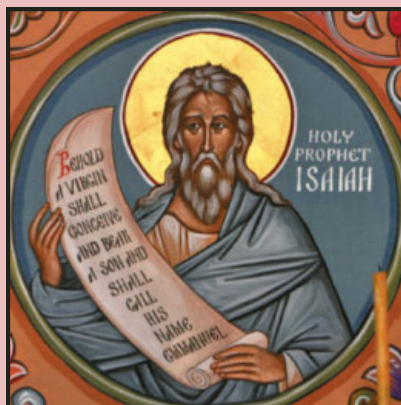


## A Study of the Key Figures of Advent

On Three Consecutive Thursdays in December  
at 6:00 PM in our church

### **The Prophet Isaiah**

Thursday, December 5th  
Msgr. Brian McNamara



### **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thursday, December 12th  
Fr. Louis Cona



### **John the Baptist**

Thursday, December 19th  
with Fr. Peter Srsich, STL



## ***Buy a Bouquet, Help those in Need***

### ***Stop & Shop's Bloomin' 4 Good Program***

The Smithtown Stop & Shop will be helping our Parish Outreach ministry during the month of November by donating one dollar for every "Bloomin' 4 Good" Bouquet purchased during the month of November. Please take this opportunity to spread some seasonal joy with the purchase of a bouquet and support the many families assisted by Parish Outreach at the same time.



# *Christmas Night of Magic*

*Please join us following the 5:00 PM  
Mass on Saturday, December 7th  
for the Lighting of our  
Nativity Scene and more!*



## **Give the Gift of Life this Christmas!**



St. Patrick's will be holding a

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Thursday, December 12th  
from 1:30 to 7:30 PM**

**in St. Patrick School's Canning Hall**



*During this season of gift-giving, please consider giving the ultimate gift of lifesaving blood. Invite friends family to our St. Patrick's Blood drive and start a new tradition of saving lives by participating in our Blood Drive. Your donation may help patients feel well enough to enjoy their own holiday traditions. What could be a better gift than that?*

## St. Patrick's Religious Formation

**There will be no Religious Formation classes on Wednesday, November 27th through Sunday, December 1st. Classes resume on Monday, December 2nd.**

**Level 4**—There will be a Level 4 Liturgy on Sunday, November 24th at the 9:00 AM Mass

**Level 7**—There will be a Level 7 Sponsor Meetings on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:30 PM and on Saturday, December 14th at 9:00 AM. Both meetings will take place in the Parish Center Large Meeting Room.

**Level 8**—The Level 8 Recommitment Liturgy originally scheduled for Monday, November 25th has been changed to **Monday, December 9th at the 7:30 PM Mass.**

**For information on our Religious Formation program, email [rfc@stpatricksmithtown.org](mailto:rfc@stpatricksmithtown.org) or call 631-724-7454.**



## A Way to Help Families in Need

A host of economic factors have led to an increasing number of requests for help from our Parish Outreach office. We thank you for your generous donations to our food pantry which have helped us to keep pace. Another easy way to help struggling families is to contribute to our Poor Boxes, located at the exits of our

church. All donations, small and large, will be a big help to families in need.

*The needy will never be lacking in the land; that is why I command you to open your hand to the poor and needy kinsman in your country.— Deuteronomy 15:11*



## Cub Scout Christmas Wreath Sale!

Members of Cub Scout Troop 163 will be selling Christmas wreaths after Masses on Saturday, December 7th after the 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday, December 8th after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses.

**Let's support our scouts!**

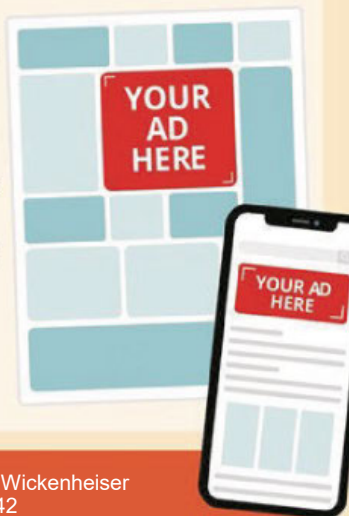
## AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

### The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Al Wickenheiser from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

**Church bulletin advertising** is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

**Digital advertising** allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



For Ads Contact: Al Wickenheiser  
mobile: 917-439-5342  
office: 216-325-6825 x6409  
email: [awickenheiser@4lpi.com](mailto:awickenheiser@4lpi.com)



**Catholic Faith Network (CFN)** broadcasts live religious services, talk shows, devotional programs, educational programming, entertainment, and children's programs. It also presents coverage of special events at the Vatican and of papal journeys. CFN is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon Fios TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 in our area, as well as select cable and satellite systems nationwide. CFN offers an on-demand library of original programming and a 24/7 live stream. The Catholic Faith Network app is available on Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV and Roku.



## ***Let's Share Our Christmas Joy!***

As we prepare for Thanksgiving and begin gearing up for the Christmas, it is a happy, hectic time for most. But for those struggling financially, it can be a stark reminder of the heavy burden of economic hardship. It brings additional stress and feelings of deprivation. Thankfully, it is also a time when the generosity of St. Patrick parishioners is quite evident.

Our Parish Outreach Office coordinates three major projects to help those in need this time of year. The first is our Thanksgiving Basket program, where the makings of a Thanksgiving meal are prepared and delivered to those unable to afford a holiday meal. Second is our Reach for a Star program where parishioners take stars with gift requests written on them off Christmas trees placed in the church, purchase the gifts, and return them to the church. The gifts are then delivered to families in need just before Christmas. And finally, our Christmas Basket program provides the makings of a Christmas dinner to struggling families. It is all an enormous undertaking, but a much needed one.

Parish Outreach Director Dianne Williams and scores of volunteers help pull everything together, but Dianne is quick to send the credit back to St. Patrick parishioners.

"Our parishioners, enable us to assist many people who live within our parish boundaries and who have come upon difficult times for a variety of reasons. Unemployment, health issues, single parenthood, mental illness, aging issues, etc. can quickly send any family into a financial tailspin," Dianne said. "All those who enter our Outreach office are treated with dignity, respect, and most importantly, the assurance of their confidentiality. It is our privilege to serve the parishioners of St. Patrick's and experience the love of Christ in action."

The generosity of our parishioners also reaches beyond our parish boundaries. "There are many parishes within our diocese that have great needs and are not as blessed as we are in terms of donations," Dianne said. "Our resources are such that we are able to regularly share our bounty with other Outreach offices. Every food item, monetary gift or Christmas gift donated to our Parish Outreach will find its way to a family who needs it, even if it is a family outside of our parish."

This year Parish Outreach will be providing Thanksgiving baskets to approximately 80 families. Christmas Baskets are provided to approximately 90 families each year. Our Reach for a Star program has provided more than 2,500 gifts to those in need annually. As Dianne explains, "people try to manage on their own, but as the holiday approaches, they realize that they cannot provide a holiday meal for their family. It is then they will come to us seeking assistance. We are blessed to be able to provide for these families even at the last minute."

Next weekend our Reach for a Star program begins. Often the gift requests on the stars are very basic items such as clothing or even diapers. Many families with teenagers request gifts cards to facilitate clothing size issues and the specific tastes of their child. "I think we all know how difficult it can be to shop for a teen," Dianne said. Outreach also encourages families with children to request "fun items" or toys.

So to all those who have the resources to help again this year, please do so. And to all those who need a helping hand, please do not hesitate to contact our Parish Outreach office. We are, after all, your parish family.

### **How you can help:**

- ***Donate non-perishable food items to the Parish Outreach bins in the church or directly to the Outreach Pantry (between the hours of 9:15 AM and 3:00 PM on weekdays). Donations of supermarket gift cards are also quite helpful.***
- ***Participate in our Reach for a Star Program (details on the previous page)***
- ***Donate financially to Reach for a Star (envelopes included in the monthly envelope packet)***
- ***Pray! - Many families in our parish could use your prayers.***







## ***St. Patrick Parish Outreach Invites You to Give Jesus Your Gift of Love!***

*Christmas is a time for gifts of love and gifts of sharing. When we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, we can envision his delight as we offer our gifts of love. That vision can come to life through our **REACH FOR A STAR** project as we offer our joyous gifts to the Christ in a needy child.*

*The underprivileged children of Bay Shore, Brentwood, Central Islip, Coram, Mastic Beach, Patchogue, Huntington Station, Life Center of LI, LifeNet, Brookside Pediatrics, Options for Community Living, St. Catherine's Nursing Home and our own hurting Parish families will be the center of our Parish Outreach gift giving this year. On the weekends of November 30th & December 1st and December 7th & 8th, Christmas trees will be present inside the church. These trees will hold stars specifying gifts to be purchased. You are asked to choose one of the designated items and to purchase it for the child or adult indicated.*

### **You are asked to:**

1. Pick a star of your choice and remove it from the tree.
2. Buy the gift. Wrap the gift and tape the star on top of it. Gift receipts are appreciated. **New gifts only please.**
3. Place the gift on the altar when you attend Mass on December 7th & 8th or December 14th & 15th

**Please return all gifts by December 15th to allow ample time for distribution.**

*Monetary donations are gladly accepted. Envelopes are provided in the weekly offering packet.*

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity. Be assured that the face of many a child will be brightened if you . . . .

### ***Reach for a Star!***

Dianne Williams  
Director, Parish Social Ministry

St. Patrick Parish Outreach  
Smithtown, NY 11787  
631-265-2668



## In the Neighborhood . . . .

**Advent & Christmas Concert**—Presented by St. Joseph's Seminary Schola Cantorum, Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 PM at the seminary located at 201 Seminary Avenue in Yonkers. Adults: \$20, Children: \$15, general seating. VIP Seating: \$100. Ticket holders are invited to a hot buffet reception following the concert. For tickets and more information, please visit [SJS2024Concert.eventbrite.com](https://SJS2024Concert.eventbrite.com)

**Advent Night Prayer**—Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th, & 18th from 8:00 to 8:30 PM via Zoom. Join in prayer as we bless the darkness and pray that the Prince of Peace will once again bring his light in our lives and in the world. Presenter: Lori Andrews, Dominican Associate. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3NabOhb>

**Black Catholic History Month Mass**—Sunday, November 24th at 12:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Agnes, 29 Quealy Place in Rockville Centre. Homilist: Fr. Pierre Toussaint, CFR. Celebrant: Bishop John O. Barres. Light reception to follow in the Msgr. Kelly Parish Center.

**Car Raffle**—To benefit St. Joseph Seminary and College. Your chance to win a 2025 Toyota Camry SE AWD Hybrid or a \$20,000 cash prize. 1,000 tickets will be sold. \$100 each. Drawings will be held at the Annual Advent and Christmas Concert on Sunday December 8th. Winner need not be present. For information, visit:



<https://dunwoodie.edu/2024-car-raffle>  
or use the QR Code.

**Christmas Festival**—at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manor Road in Manorville, Saturday, December 14th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Christmas carols, hot cocoa & cookies, and door prizes.

**Lessons & Carols**—Sunday, December 8th from 3:00 to 4:00 PM at the Sisters of St. Dominic Motherhouse, 555 Albany Avenue in Amityville. As we prepare for Christmas, join with us for this traditional celebration of sacred readings and songs. Bring bells! Please send an email to [reservations@wmft.org](mailto:reservations@wmft.org) with your name, email and cell number (so we can text you if we must cancel due to weather).

*The Lord our King will hold the door of His heart open for anyone who wants to enter for an audience at any time.*

- Padre Pio

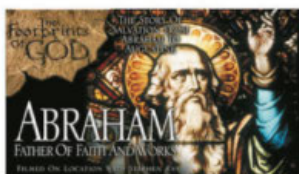
## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 24, 2024



### St. Andrew the Apostle | Catholic Saints

All of the saints had a story before they met Christ. For St. Andrew, he was a fisherman. Hearing the call of Christ, Andrew and his brother Peter left everything behind to follow Jesus. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss St. Andrew, his life, and the example he provides to all Christians.



### Abraham: Father of Faith

He left his home, the bones of his ancestors, and the false gods of his fathers to follow the God of glory. Excruciating trials, weary miles of desert travel, and even the command to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice did not deter him. Mount your camels and ride back in time to discover Abraham, the only man called the "Friend of God."



### The Perpetual Virgin | Lectio: Mary | Episode 5

Why do Catholics believe that Mary remained a virgin her whole life? Dr. Brant Pitre unpacks this much debated topic in this engaging presentation.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SPECIALLY PRICED



SAVE  
THE  
DATE

MARCH  
FOR  
LIFE

FRIDAY  
JANUARY  
24

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25



All are encouraged to attend the annual March for Life in Washington DC.

Following the march, pilgrims from the Diocese of Rockville Centre are invited to gather at Saint Joseph Church on Capitol Hill for refreshments and prayer with Bishop Barres.

313 Second Street NE  
Washington, D.C. 20002





## ***Around the Parish***

Pictured are: St. Patrick School seventh grade students handing in their Confirmation Packets at the 9:00 AM Mass on Friday, November 15th, the school's Father-Son Basketball Night, and the Catholic Daughters Raffle Basket Fundraiser.





Come and spend some time with our Lord in

## A Quiet Place

(The chapel located in the  
Msgr. Walden Parish Center)

Every Friday we offer 12 hours of Adoration in the  
“A Quiet Place” Chapel from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
(Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 3 PM)

In order to convert America and save the World what we need is for every parish to  
come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer.

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

# ST. PATRICK YOUTH HOOPS FOR HARVEST

**Sunday, November 24th**

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST**

**GRADES 4-8**

**ENTRY FEE: FOOD DONATION TO OUR PARISH  
OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE IN NEED  
DURING THE HOLIDAYS.**

**Watch the bulletin or our youth website -  
[stpatsyouth.com](http://stpatsyouth.com) - for details**



## Work Out With Us! *Faith & Fitness Class*

Saturdays from 9:00 to 9:45 AM in  
the St. Patrick School Gym

The fitness class includes  
Zumba and exercise

Fee is \$8 per person

You may bring a mat,  
water bottle and towel.

In Faith and Health,  
Cindy and Veronica  
631-360-0185  
[spyouth21@gmail.com](mailto:spyouth21@gmail.com)

*\*Please email ahead  
if you plan to attend.*

# St. Patrick Youth

Spring Into Fitness Challenge - Fun Run

More Details to Follow Soon



**2024**  
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## *Reflections on the Sunday Scriptures*

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16;

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4; 2: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

### **Focus Questions:**

1. Describe a time in your life when you felt anxious. How did your faith in God help you to trust that all would be well?
2. There are four weeks of Advent that help us to prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. How is Christ leading you to embrace Advent in a new way?
3. How ready are you for the coming of the Son of Man? Does that thought frighten you or give you hope?

### **Children and Family Reflection:**

Talk about a time when you were worried. Who or what helped you?

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"Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer ...

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this country... for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; ... and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

...and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed...To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, —and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

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# St. Patrick Youth

**St. Patrick's Youth web address is:**

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**All forms and registrations are available on our website. Youth Office email is [CMarsh@stpatricksmithtown.org](mailto:CMarsh@stpatricksmithtown.org) Our phone is 631-360-0185**

## **VIRTUS Training**

All volunteers/coaches are required to attend a VIRTUS class if they have not done so. On-line registration must be completed before you attend. See [VIRTUS.org](http://VIRTUS.org) for information and registration.

## **CPR/First Aide**

Training courses are available and will be available throughout the year. Call 631-360-0185.

## **Read the Bible in a year challenge!**

St. Patrick's Youth challenges you to read the Bible in a year! Just go to the website and you will find the link with daily readings

## **Enrichment/Before and Aftercare Program**

**Before Care** – Our program is offered Monday through Friday following the St. Patrick School schedule. It begins at 7:15 until 8:20 AM

**After Care** - Our program is offered Monday through Friday following the St. Patrick School schedule, from 2:20 to 5:45 PM

You must register in advance.

You may download forms from our website

## **3,4,5 year old Enrichment Program –**

Our program offers NY State guided curriculum along with daily religion, music, arts and crafts and gross motor play.

## **Separation Class**

Children ages 2 to 3 years old

Circle time, music, playing and sharing  
Small group instruction, crafts and snack time

## **Music Ministry**

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Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)

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## **SPORTS PROGRAMS**

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(More information on page 14.)

***Holiness grows so fast where there is kindness. The world is lost for want of sweetness and kindness. Do not forget we need each other.***

**—St. Teresa of Calcutta**

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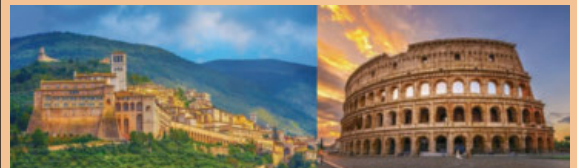
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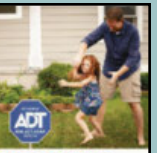
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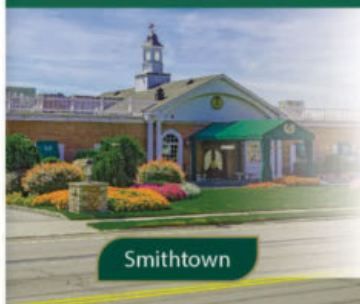
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