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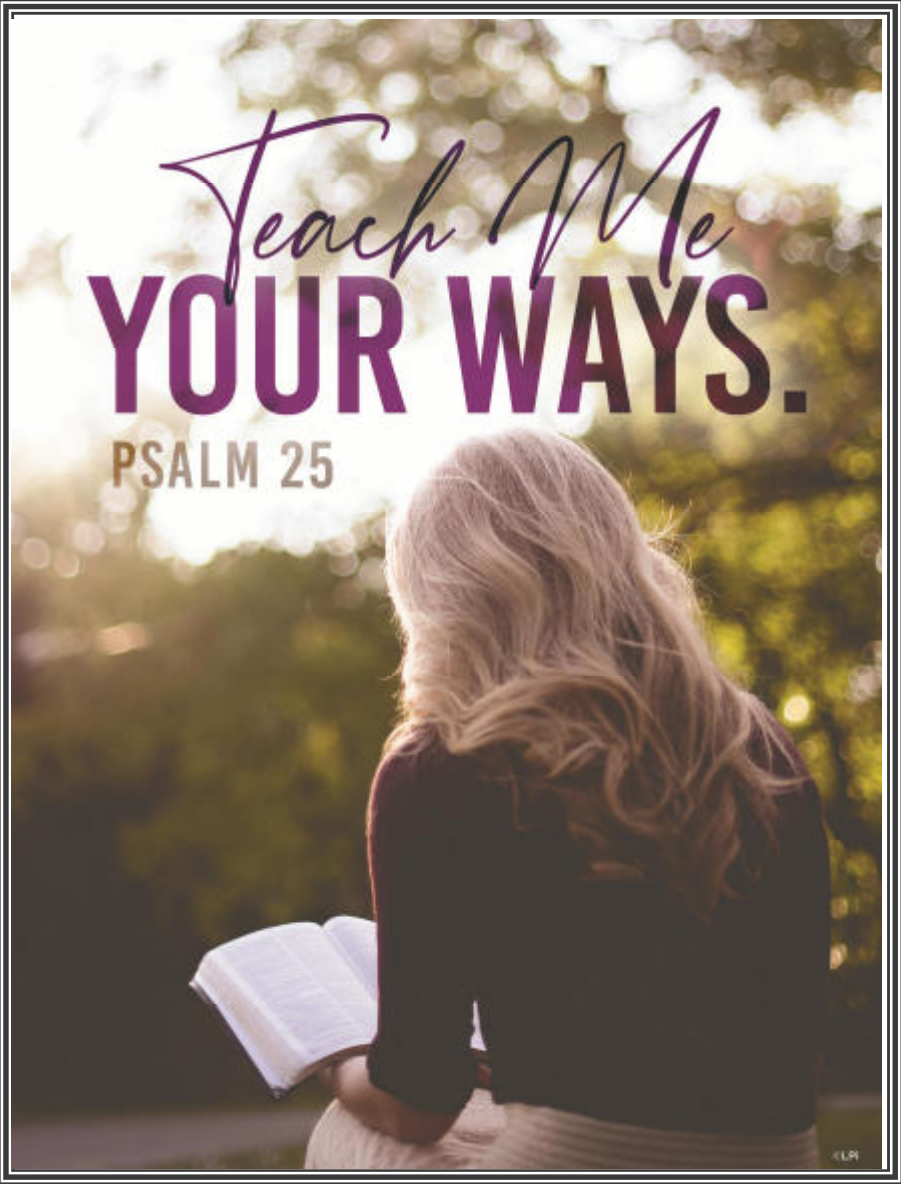
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021



Reverend Charles A. Sabella, Pastor

Deacon Lawrence D'Andrea
Deacon John F. Dumschat, Emeritus

St. Rose of Lima Mass Schedule
85 Academy St. Oxford, NJ
Sunday: 9:30am

St. Patrick Mass Schedule
327 Greenwich St. Belvidere, NJ
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am and 11:00am
Weekday: Mon-Sat. 9:00am
Confessions: Saturday from 3:00-3:30pm

Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday
9:30am-2:30pm
Thursdays from 9:30am– 12:30pm
(908) 475-2559

Adoration and Devotions

Daily Rosary:
St. Patrick Church: 8:15 am Mon-Fri, Sun 7:30am
St. Rose of Lima Church: Sun 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays:
St. Patrick Church: 9:30-10:30am following Mass First Friday: 9:30am·8:30pm

First Friday Purgatorial Masses: St. Patrick Church
You may enroll at any time during the year. Masses will run for one year from the date of enrollment. Donation is $25 for 12 Masses

To arrange for; Baptism, Marriage or R.C.I.A. Please call (908) 475-2559 ext. 0
Religious Education Office please call (908) 453-2636

Mass Intentions Week of January 24, 2021

Saturday 23
(SP) 9:00 AM †Margaret English, r/The English Family
(SP) 4:00 PM †Roland March, r/The March Family

Sunday 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(SP) 8:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima Church
(SRL) 9:30 AM †Mary Ann Reese, r/Margaret Omachel
(SP) 11:00 AM †Jean Basel, r/her husband Edward

Monday 25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle
(SP) 9:00 AM †Leo Becker, r/The Dumschat Family

Tuesday 26 Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus
(SP) 9:00 AM †Leo Becker, r/ Theresa Zeczka

Wednesday 27
(SP) 9:00 AM †Bernard Flaherty, r/his wife Theresa

Thursday 28 Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas
(SP) 9:00 AM †Henry "Skip" Smith, r/Nellie Rinehart

Friday 29
(SP) 9:00 AM †Wanda and Chester Mielczarski, r/Caryl Lally

Saturday 30
(SP) 9:00 AM The Intentions of Greg English
(SP) 4:00 PM †Leo Becker, r/The Lare Family

Sunday 31 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(SP) 8:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima Church
(SRL) 9:30 AM †John C. Frisbie, Jr., r/ The Frisbie Family
(SP) 11:00 AM †Michael Griffin, r/Sheila and Mark McAndrew

Stewardship of Treasure

January 17, 2021

St. Patrick: $3,397 St. Rose: $1,085

Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish

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Mass Celebrants for Sunday Masses January 2021

Jan 3rd: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father James Walling
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Jan 10th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Jan 17th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Jan 24th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Jan 31st: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

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Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays

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9:30-10:30am following daily Mass every Friday

First the Friday of every Month:
Eucharistic Adoration from: 9:30am·8:30pm

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
This process leads one, who chooses to become Catholic, into full membership in the Church.
Contact the Parish Office at 908-475-2559

For Religious Education

please email Michele Beha at
thelisms@gmaill.com

Faith Formation

Father Charles' **FIRST LOOK**
Thursday evenings 7-8:00pm
St. Patrick's Driscoll Hall

Sunday Mass has not yet been restored to an obligation for the Faithful.
If for any reason you do not feel comfortable coming to Mass in the church, or if the church is filled to the allowed capacity and you did not get to attend, **you may view any Mass for Sunday on-line or on television and receive the Eucharist in the church parking lots** following mass at the church.
(masks are required)

Never hesitate to contact the parish office with any questions or concerns.
(908) 475-2559

The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the parish office to make arrangements to meet with our pastor, Father Charles.

Either the bride or the groom should be registered at either St. Patrick or St. Rose of Lima Church. If you live in our area and have not yet registered, you may call and register with Kathleen.

Please reach out to the parish office if you have any questions.
(908) 475-2559

The Sacrament of Baptism

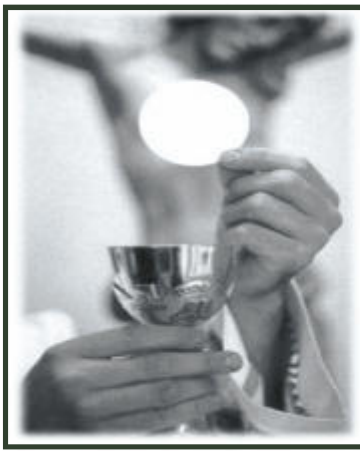
Please call (908) 475-2559 ext. 0 to make arrangements for the sacrament of baptism.
Baptisms usually take place on Saturday morning
Please see our website for diocesan requirements regarding the choosing of Godparents.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Patrick Church
on Saturday evenings at 3:00pm
or by calling
parish office to arrange a time.
*masks / social distancing required

Eucharistic Adoration

every Wednesday 4 pm - 8 pm
at the Anawim Community Center
354 Jonestown Rd., Oxford, NJ
All are welcome.
Questions, please call (908) 453-3886 or (908) 453-3561



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Most people believe that there is a purpose for our being in this world. We may even ask, at times, "What on earth am I here for?" We know that the answer to this question is what gives meaning to our difficult sojourn in this valley of tears. For us Christians, the meaning of our life is centered on God. "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength" (*CCC* 1).

To *seek God* means to learn to recognize him, not only in extraordinary events, but in ordinary day-to-day life. The call of God to the Apostles in today's Gospel came while they were attending to their daily work as fishermen. To *know God* means to establish a personal relationship, which requires communication with him in prayer. One of the most important ways in which God communicates with us is through his word, the Holy Scriptures. The Church reminds us of this precious treasure in today's observance of the "Sunday of the Word of God." Reading and meditating on the Scriptures deepens our knowledge of God and allows us to ponder his love, justice, and mercy. As followers of Christ, we should frequently turn to the word of God to foster our knowledge of him – for as St. Jerome said: "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

Simply knowing facts about the Lord is not enough. As our relationship with the Lord deepens, we also recognize more and more his love for us, and the only appropriate response to the love of God is to love him in return. The Lord gives us a way to show our love for him when he calls us to serve. "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." This is the Lord's invitation to all of us. Following the Lord means doing what he does: serving the least, the lost and the last, giving himself to others.

We can only live in this selfless, self-giving way if we are open to God's will and detached from worldly possessions. If we are not free from attachments to comfort and security, we cannot readily follow the Lord when he calls us. This freedom is the attitude St. Paul is urging us to embrace in today's second reading, which is at first so puzzling: "Let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away." Detachment from the world is not ingratitude or neglect; it is readiness to make whatever God wills our highest priority.

Paul also tells us why this readiness is so important: because "the time is running out." In our response to the call of God, we must not delay. Sts. Peter, Andrew, James and John immediately left their boats, nets and families to follow the Lord. We must not allow anything to hinder us from immediately following the Lord, not even our family and career.

What do we receive if we radically 'abandon everything' to follow the Lord? The experience of Jonah gives us some insights. Jonah was at first hesitant to accept his vocation; in fact, he refused to do as God asked. But when he finally did obey, not only did he discover and fulfill his own purpose in life, but he was also an instrument of God for the conversion and salvation of the people of Nineveh. Faithfulness to God and serving as "fishers of men" benefits us and others.

As baptized Christians, we are all prophets and "fishers of men" in the modern world. Whatever God asks of us, we can be sure that prompt obedience is the most fruitful and fulfilling response. Those who are called to marriage are "fishermen" to their spouses as they help each other in the journey to holiness. Parents and grandparents are "fishermen" to their children and grandchildren, forming them in holiness from the moment they are born. All of us have a mission from God; all of us draw others to him by our witness of faith, repentance and selfless service.

We learn from today's Psalm to pray, "Teach me your ways, O Lord." We ask the Lord who calls us to guide us throughout our mission, so that we may discover in his will the fullness of the purpose of our life. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the model of obedience to the will of God, who readily and with great faith proclaimed her "fiat," pray for us and be with us in our journey to the fulfilment of God's will.

Do I recognize God in my ordinary day-to-day life?
Am I following the Lord by serving the least, the lost and the last, and giving myself to others?
Are attachments to comfort and security a stumbling block to my following the Lord freely?

Mary, model of obedience, pray for me and journey with me to the fulfillment of God's will.

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Come pray a rosary for life

In solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC, and all who are praying for life in a special way on that day, Bishop James F. Checchio will pray a rosary for life on Main Street in Woodbridge on Friday, January 29 at 1 p.m. All are invited to attend, though face coverings and social distancing will be required. Those planning to attend are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish, 369 Amboy Ave., Woodbridge, parking lot at 12:45 p.m.

We will then process to the Main Street location. The rosary will be prayed in English and Spanish. There is a 12:10 p.m. daily Mass at St. James for those interested in attending before the rosary.

For more information, contact: amarshall@diometuchen.org.

NJ Catholic Bishops Issue Call for Prayer & Fasting to End Abortion

"We, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, ask Catholics and people of good will to join us on Friday, January 22, 2021, the 48th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, in a Day of Prayer and Fasting to end abortion.

"As we mark this tragic event in our nation's history, we remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and pray for the mothers and fathers left to suffer the tragic effects.

"The Catholic Church is committed to protecting all life from conception to natural death. We will work vigorously to ensure the laws of our state and country protect and defend the intrinsic dignity of all people.

"We humbly implore our Blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Protectress of the Unborn, to intercede on our behalf that these efforts to end abortion are guided by mercy, compassion, and above all charity."

Parish Tag Sale

St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima Church

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 5, 2021

St. Patrick Church parking lot during Town Wide Yard Sale Day

Hot Dogs - Bake Sale - Tag Sale - 50/50

Months for Tag Sale Donations: January-June

Drop off at Parish Office: 327 Greenwich St. Belvidere, NJ

During Office Hours: M,T,W and F from 9:00am– 2:30pm

*WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT ACCEPT: ENCYCLOPEDIAS, CLOTHING, SHOES, ELECTRONICS, APPLIANCES OR MATTRESSES. IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT AN ITEM WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2021. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

First Look

with Father Charles

This Thursday, January 28, 2021

Understanding the Old Testament

Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Parish Center

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January 24—January 30:

Chili and Baked Beans

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