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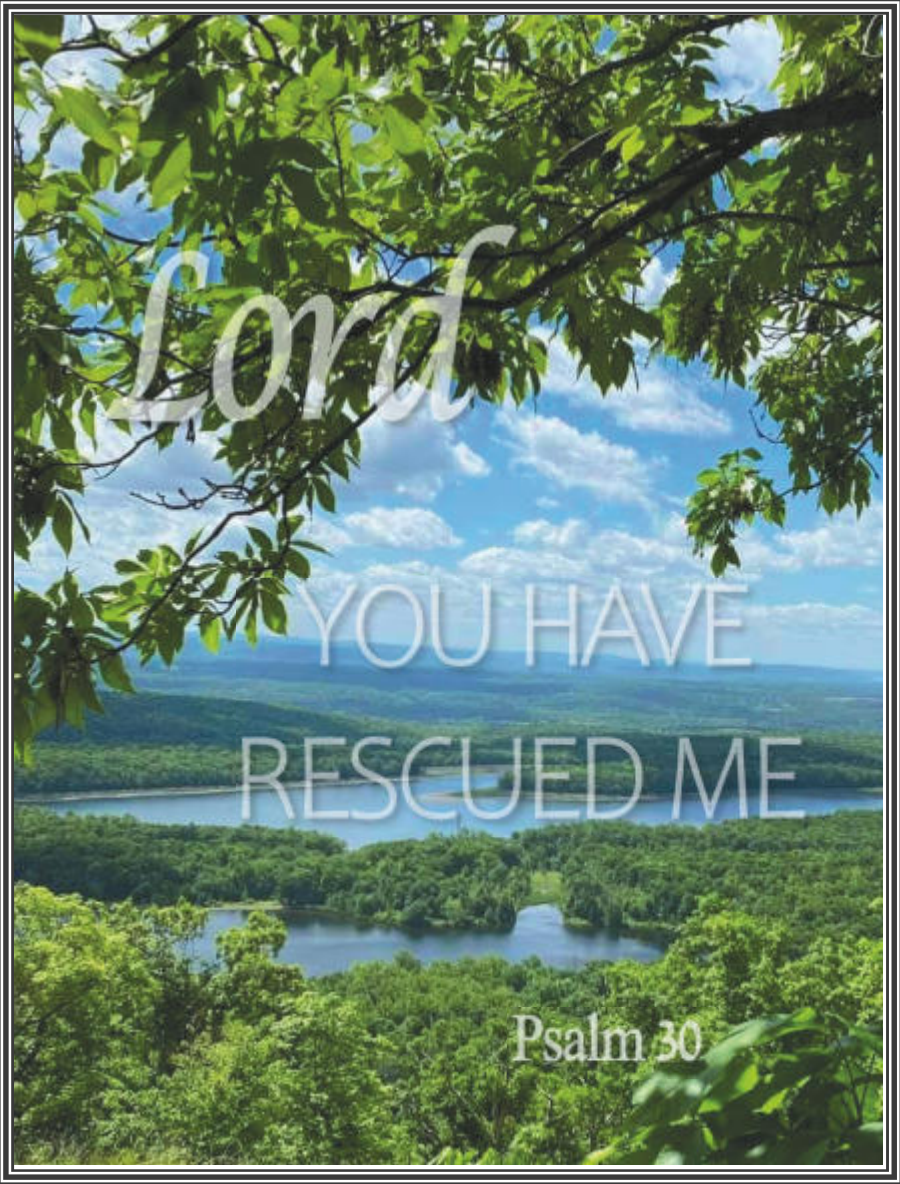
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 27, 2021



Reverend Charles A. Sabella, Pastor

Deacon Lawrence D'Andrea

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-Sat., Sun 7:20am
St. Rose of Lima Church: Sun 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays: 9:30am·5:30pm

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 June 27, 2021

Saturday 26
(SP) 9:00AM † Susan Lazzarotti
(SP) 4:00PM † Father's Day Novena
Sunday 27 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(SP) 8:00 AM †Joan Theisen Cronin
(SRL) 9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima Church
(SP) 11:00 AM †Father's Day Novena

Monday 28 Memorial of St. Irenaeus
(SP) 9:00 AM †Father's Day Novena
Tuesday 29 Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul
(SP) 9:00 AM † Helen Hoff, r/her husband John
Wednesday 30
(SP) 9:00 AM † Zig Borkowski, r/The March Family
Thursday 1
(SP) 9:00 AM †Elaine Conzemius, r/Sandra Silvia
Friday 2
(SP) 9:00 AM † Patricia Lettie, r/The English Family

Saturday 3 Feast of St. Thomas
(SP) 9:00AM †Deacon John Dumschat, r/The Oldknow Family
(SP) 4:00PM † Leo Becker, r/The Fehrenbach and Eckard Family
Sunday 4 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(SP) 8:00 AM †Elaine Conzemius, r/Barbara and Lenny Wasniewski
(SRL) 9:30 AM †Jim and Ann Quinn, r/The Dumschat Family
(SP) 11:00 AM †John Diana, Jr., r/his parents

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Mass Celebrants for Sunday Masses June 2021

June 6th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Michael
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

June 13th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Michael
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

June20th: 8:00am (SP) Father Michael
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

June27th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Michael

Stewardship of Treasure
June 20, 2021

St. Patrick: $4,546.75 St. Rose: $1,428

Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish

We Can with "one Can" Canpaign !
June 27– July 3:
Fourth of July Foods
and Treats such as Potato Chips/Pretzels
All non-perishable food items are also joyfully accepted and can be at the parish office or on the back porch of Foley House

Daily Rosary

St. Patrick Church:
Monday-Saturday at 8:15am
Sunday at 7:20am

St. Rose of Lima Church:
Sunday at 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Patrick Church:

First the Friday of every Month:
Eucharistic Adoration from: 9:30am-5:30pm

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

First Look

with Father Charles

Father Charles is taking a short sabbatical for a few months.
We will announce HERE when Father will resume teaching.

Bishop Checchio has resumed the obligation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sunday.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were exposed to the coronavirus or other illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or a nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions.

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

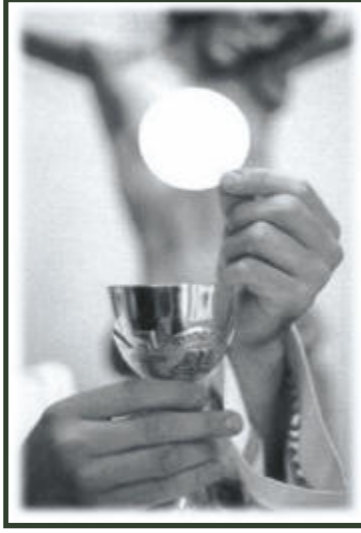
Please call (908) 475-2559 ext. 0 to make arrangements for the sacrament of baptism.
Baptisms usually take place on Saturday morning
Please see our website for diocesan requirements regarding the choosing of Godparents.

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

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday
9:30am-2:30pm
Thursdays from 9:30am– 12:30pm



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.

Death. Who wants even to think about it? And yet we must. We would like to avoid it, but we cannot. Even if we might live for a while as if it does not exist, or as if "it will never happen to me," eventually, we must all face death. It is an inescapable fact of human life. Death is also an inescapable element of our faith. At the very center of what we believe is not only the problem of our death, but also its solution, another death, that of Jesus Christ.

Today's readings invite us to ponder the mystery of death in light of Jesus' power to overcome it. The Book of Wisdom reminds us that "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living… For God formed man to be imperishable..." If death was not part of God's plan, where did it come from, and why must we suffer it? The reading identifies its roots: "By the envy of the devil, death entered the world." The devil tempts us to sin, and sin produces the evil fruit of death. Once sin has infected the human family, we find ourselves in this dilemma: God has created us for life, "imperishable," and yet we die. It looks to us like death is stronger than God! We know this cannot be so, for "justice is undying," but the Wisdom reading can take us no further.

In the fullness of time, Jesus comes. He alone can take us further, beyond the impasse of death. He confronts death directly. We see this in his miraculous raising of the dead daughter of Jairus. Jesus could have cured her from a distance before she died, without even going to the house, just as he cured the young servant of the centurion (cf. Mt 8:13), but this time he wants to show that his divine power over death is at work among us. He had been staying by the shore of the sea to avoid the press of the crowd, but when he hears the humble plea of Jairus, he plunges into the midst of suffering humanity. As he walks with Jairus through the streets of Capernaum, the crowd follows, pushing up against him, grabbing him, touching him. In this way, he reveals the presence of God in our midst. Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us." He has made God accessible to us, "touchable."

The young girl dies before they arrive. It looks like there is no more hope of her being cured. While the others are grieving, Jesus is at peace. He tells them, "The child is not dead but asleep." His words show us the vast difference between our view of death and his. For us, death seems to be a hopeless tragedy and a definitive conclusion. But for Jesus, it is merely "sleep," a state from which he can raise us to fuller life. He takes the girl's hand and with a simple command raises her from death to life. It is easy for him to give life, for he is the Lord of life. To touch him and to be touched by him is to receive new life from him.

How do we touch him? By our decisions of faith. Faith is a gift we have received but it is also an interior decision that we must make. As Jairus begins to sink into grief at the news of his daughter's death, Jesus gives him a word of wisdom that remains just as powerful for us today: "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Fear and faith have opposite effects on us. When we give in to fear, we draw away from God, which leads to loss of hope. When we make acts of faith, even if they are as small as a mustard seed, we draw close to God – we touch him, and he gives us new life.

Jairus's daughter was raised to life, but in time she will die again. This miracle, great as it is, does not yet reveal Jesus' ultimate victory over death. He has come, not simply to restore us to earthly life, but to give us a much greater gift, eternal life after death. When we know this in faith, we are freed from the fear of death that keeps us enslaved. We are not condemned to death; we have received abundant life. This is what St. Paul means in saying that we "excel in every respect." Christ became poor, though he was rich, so that we might become rich through his poverty. Christ became so poor that he took on the crushing burden of death. He has made us so rich that we will live forever in glory.

One result of seeing death through eyes of faith is that we are set free to be generous in abundant works of charity. The freedom that comes with faith naturally makes us willing to become poor, in order to make others rich, just as Jesus has done for us. We can afford to be generous because we do ot need to fear the future. Death is no longer the worst thing that can happen to us. If we die in grace, death becomes a way to union with God. "Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning: 'For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain'" (*CCC* 1010; Phil 1:21).

Do I ever ponder on my own death or do I avoid even to think about it?
Do I make small acts of faith which enables me to touch God as he gives me new life?
Do I experience God as "touchable"?

Mary, help me to meditate on the words of St. Paul, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

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Eucharistic Adoration

every Wednesday 3 pm - 8 pm
at the Anawim Community Center
354 Jonestown Rd., Oxford, NJ

Questions, please call (908) 453-3886 or (908) 453-3561

St. Patrick Church

Candles on the Altar

In loving memory of
Frank Fehrenbach
r / The Eckard Family

Bereavement Group
If you have any questions or would like to participate please contact Peter Lombardi
973-722-2611 or plombardijeweler@gmail.com.

First Friday Adoration will take place Friday, July 2, 2021
at St. Patrick Church following
9:00am Mass until 5:30pm
All are Welcome
and encouraged to come and spend an hour with our Lord
in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please visit our website
www.stpatrickrose.org
for additional information about events, teachings, social ministry, prayer groups, etc. Announcements from our bishop, Bishop James Checchio and from the diocese.

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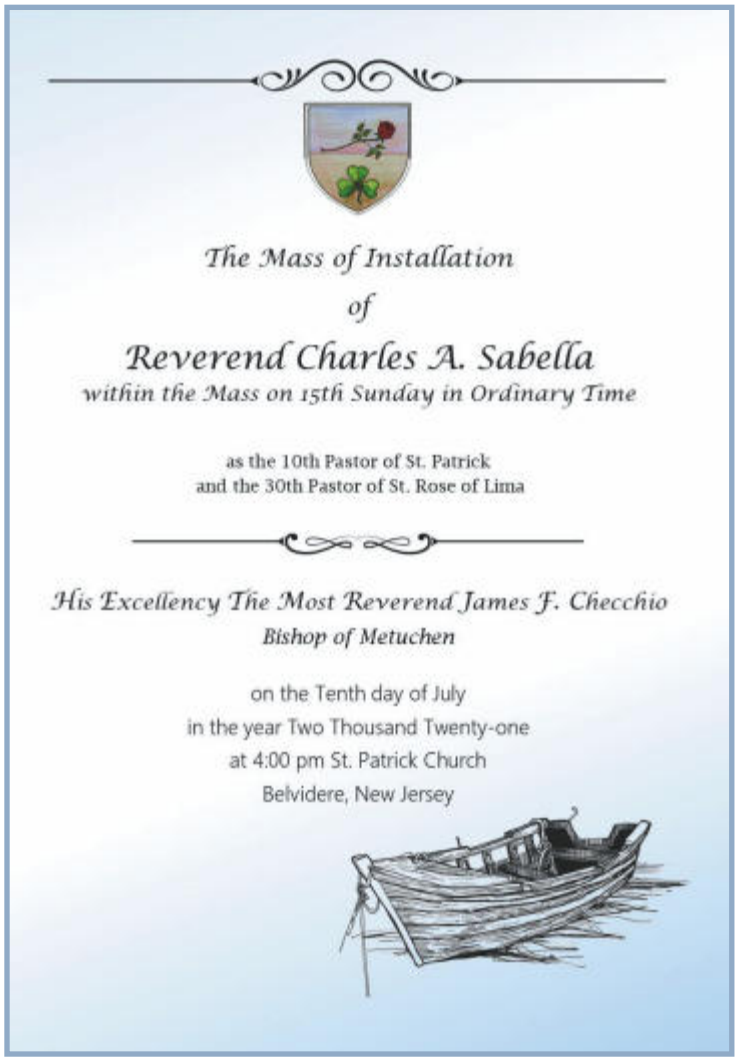

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https://
lightingheartsonfire.org

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It is a series of talks that will begin this month
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There will be many speakers and a variety of topics.

When you arrive at the website you sign up and you will be notified as the particular talks are posted over the next six months.

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