



# St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

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Christmas and Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 25th and 26th, 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 email: [thelisms@gmail.com](mailto:thelisms@gmail.com)

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**Mass Intentions      Week of December 26, 2021**

**Saturday 25 Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas**

(SP) 8:00AM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA  
(SRL) 9:30AM †Michael & Mary Russick, r/Marla Young & Russick Family  
(SP) 11:00AM †The deceased from St. Patrick Church

**Sunday 26 Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

(SP) 8:00 AM †Vincent, Brian and Michelle, r/Nancy Tarazona  
(SRL) 9:30 AM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA  
(SP) 11:00 AM †The Parishioners of St. Patrick / St Rose of Lima Church

**Monday 27 Feast of St. John**

(SP) 9:00 AM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA

**Tuesday 28 Feast of The Holy Innocents**

(SP) 9:00 AM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA

**Wednesday 29**

(SP) 9:00 AM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA

**Thursday 30**

(SP) 9:00 AM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA

**Friday 31**

(SP) 9:00 AM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA  
(SP) 4:00pm †Michelle James, r/her mother Nancy

**Saturday 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

(SRL) 9:30AM †Ralph Tuttle, r/The Schmitt Family  
(SP) 11:00AM †Linda Fregans, r/her children Lisa Chris and Jason  
(SP) 4:00PM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA

**Sunday 2 Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord**

(SP) 8:00 AM †CHRISTMAS NOVENA  
(SRL) 9:30 AM †Ralph Tuttle, r/The Lare Family  
(SP) 11:00 AM †Raymond Romanczuk, r/his wife Genevieve

Office Closed for  
Christmas...  
but Kathleen can  
still be reached  
by phone

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hesitate to call.

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**Mass Celebrants for Sunday Masses**

**December 2021**

Dec. 5th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles  
9:30am (SRL) Father Michael  
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Dec. 12th: 8:00am (SP) Father Michael  
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles  
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Dec. 19th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles  
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles  
11:00am (SP) Father Michael

Dec. 24th: 2:00pm (SRL) Father Michael  
4:00pm (SP) Father Charles  
8:00pm (SP) Father Charles

Dec. 25th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles  
9:30am (SRL) Father Michael  
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

Dec. 26th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles  
9:30am (SRL) Father Michael  
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

*Holy Hour*

St. Patrick Church  
every Thursday evening from  
7:00pm-8:00pm  
There will be a Reflection  
by Father Charles  
as well as an opportunity  
for confession



**Stewardship of Treasure**

Bulletin published early... information for  
Dec. 19th will be in our next bulletin.

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## 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**

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[thelisms@gmail.com](mailto:thelisms@gmail.com)

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[www.stpatrickrose.org](http://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.

## Office Hours

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

St. Patrick Church  
Coffee And...

Volunteer bakers are needed  
and greatly appreciated.



Please contact  
Terry Reczka  
(908) 475-5492



**Next Week**



## 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.



First Friday Adoration will take place Friday, January 7, 2022 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.

We Can with "one Can" Campaign!

**December 26– January 1:  
Cereal Hot/Cold**

All non-perishable food items are also joyfully accepted and can be at the parish office or on the back porch of Foley House

# Gospel Meditation



Christmas and Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 25 and 26, 2021  
Meditation from the Anawim Community  
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Today we celebrate the birth of the true Light of the World, “the splendor of the light of Christ, which breaks into our Advent darkness” (cf. Introduction to the Christmas Season). With the grace of this day, we can ‘see directly, before our eyes’ – the eyes of faith – “the LORD restoring Zion,” as the reading from Isaiah states. In the humble manger lies the newborn babe whose tiny feet will “bring glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation.”

Though we live in times when we see a distressing new decline into darkness, we are not discouraged, for we also have the blessing of over two thousand years of Church history and teaching, so we can appreciate the enormous impact of this birthday on the world. Today’s readings reveal how God’s plan for the salvation of the world has unfolded in history and is still coming to its fulfillment. We can truly celebrate that the Savior has come and reconciled us with the Father, that he continues his work in the world today. His birth is a factual, historical reality, which at the same time is a revelation of something that transcends all time and space. That he who is ‘the very imprint of the Father’s being,’ the One who “sustains all things by his mighty word,” descended from Heaven, descending lower than the angels, to unite his divinity with our lowly humanity, is astounding and humbling! Indeed, today is a celebration, a great solemnity!

The Gospel of John tells us that this tiny babe lying in a manger before Mary and Joseph is the Word of God, who “became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”

Now that he is here with us, what can we in turn do to honor his extraordinary act of humility and mercy? The Gospel gives us clear instructions. “His own people did not accept him,” but we can accept him. We truly celebrate Christmas by *accepting the gift of God*, by accepting him, accepting the truth of who he is, accepting his word to us – accepting in faith the wonder that is revealed so simply on this holy day.

When we accept him, when we “believe in his name,” he gives us “power to become children of God.” The relationship with God that has been opened for us is that of children with our Father, through the glory of “the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” As in every relationship, there is both *receiving* and *giving*. How can we measure what we receive from God? There is no end to it! We can receive the Sacraments, we can receive Truth, we can receive Divine Mercy. “From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace.” And from the abundant grace which we have received, we can give: we can give God praise, glory, and thanksgiving. We can “sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds!” Finally, we can love – love God more, love one another more, and allow God’s love to make us more fully who he created us to be.

By his birth, which we celebrate on this Christmas Day, we are given hope. God has not abandoned the world. He has not abandoned us in the darkness of sin and death. Rather, he himself came in person, in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, to unite our humanity with his divinity, to reconcile us with the Father, and to give us the ultimate gift of eternal life. What a blessed Christmas gift! “*A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!*”

*What are the dark areas of my life that long for the light of Christ?  
How have I been preparing my heart to receive peace with God and with one another?  
In what ways do I allow God’s love to make me more fully who he created me to be?*

*Mary, may I find solace and relief in the coming of your Son Jesus.*





## THE HOLY FAMILY

Today we celebrate the wonderful Feast of the Holy Family. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus provide us with a model of authentic family life, from which every human family can take inspiration and guidance. But, while we can certainly gain much benefit from contemplating Jesus' immediate family, the readings today also give us a much wider perspective. They speak to us about the family of God – the vast community of people whom he calls to himself to be one in mind and heart with him, to share in the very life of the Trinity. St. John teaches us about this in the alternative second reading: "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.... Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

We are members of God's family – the family of the Holy Ones whom God has reconciled to himself through the Death and Resurrection of his Son! In this sense, we are all invited to be part of the Holy Family of God. However, John explains that our membership in God's family gives us a responsibility to "keep his commandments." What commandments must we keep? John tells us, "His commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us." .....

In the Spiritual Reflection Pope Francis tells us, "This is why the family of Nazareth is holy: because it was *centered on Jesus*; all of Mary and Joseph's attention and concerns were directed toward him." He also says that the Holy Family was "united by an immense love." This is authentic family life, through which God draws us into his own family – a life centered on Jesus and on love for the other. ...

....If we keep ourselves centered on Christ and strive to love each other, then by God's grace we can experience in our families more of the blessed relationships which St. Paul describes in the reading from Colossians, where each person treats the other with "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience," forgiving each other, filled with gratitude, and living in the peace of Christ. This is the life of the Holy Family of Nazareth, and the Holy Family of God, into which we are invited as God's beloved children!

*What prevents me from making Jesus the center of my life?*

*From loving my brothers and sisters in Christ?*

*Like Mary and Joseph, do I experience anxieties and fears during those times when I discovered that I have "lost" Jesus in my life?*

The Mass Readings and Meditation have been used with the permission of the Anawim Community.

You may contact The Anawim Community at (908) 453-3886 or email them at [oxford@anawim.com](mailto:oxford@anawim.com)

to receive a subscription to: "THE ANAWIM WAY" which contains Mass readings, psalms and daily meditations.

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## Eucharistic Adoration

**every Wednesday 3 pm - 8 pm**

at the Anawim Community Center

354 Jonestown Rd., Oxford, NJ



*All are welcome*

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

## The Sanctuary Candle

on the Altar for the Week:  
ST. PATRICK CHURCH

*In Loving Memory of  
Bud Hungarter  
r/ his wife Lucie*



Christ said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12) Jesus Christ is that light. He is the light that shines for us in the midst this world of darkness. And anyone who follows Him needs not fear that darkness because we know that Christ will always shine for us, leading us in the Way to the Father. Each time we light a candle, we are called to remember that it is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is the True Light and that He and only He will grant us True Life.

## St. Patrick Church

Candles on the Altar for the Week:

*In loving memory of  
Linda Fregans  
r/ her children Lisa,  
Chris, Jason and her husband Dan*



## St. Patrick Church

Wine on the Altar for the Week:

*In loving memory of  
Vincent, Brian and Michelle  
r/ Nancy Tarazona*



## Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God



**Friday, December 31, 2021**  
4:00pm St. Patrick Church

**Saturday, JANUARY 1, 2022**  
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God  
9:30am St. Rose of Lima Church  
11:00am St. Patrick Church  
4:00pm St. Patrick Church

### 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.



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