



St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

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Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 23, 2022

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

SPIRIT



*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...*

LUKE 4:18

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

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Mass Intentions

Week of January 23, 2022

Saturday 22 Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

(SP) 9:00AM †Joseph Hickey, r/Sandy Silvia

(SP) 4:00PM †Donald Sirianni, r/Louise Cianci

Sunday 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(SP) 8:00 AM †Parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima Church

(SRL) 9:30 AM † Rose Marie Hysick, r/Bernadette Tuttle

(SP) 11:00 AM †Ray Cooper, r/Dan and Meg McGrath

Monday 24 Memorial of St. Francis DeSales

(SP) 9:00 AM † Roland March, r/The March Family

Tuesday 25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

(SP) 9:00 AM Intentions of Greg English, r/The English Family

Wednesday 26 Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus

(SP) 9:00 AM †Jack Kurzenknaber, r/Doris Cross

Thursday 27

(SP) 9:00 AM †Joseph Hickey, r/Doris Cross

Friday 28 Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas

(SP) 9:00 AM †Joseph Hickey, r/Barbara Calacibetta

Saturday 29

(SP) 9:00AM †Our Friend Annie, r/Ray Rohde

(SP) 4:00PM †Bernard Flaherty, r/his wife Theresa

Sunday 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(SP) 8:00 AM †Parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Rose of Lima Church

(SRL) 9:30 AM † Rose Marie Hysick, r/Michelle Armbrecht

(SP) 11:00 AM †Flo Mazurczyk, r/Bernie and Barbara Jeckyl

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Holy Hour

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



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Mass Celebrants for Sunday Masses

January 2022

Jan 2nd: 8:00am (SP) Father Michael
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

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

Jan 16th: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Charles
11:00am (SP) Father Michael

Jan 23rd: 8:00am (SP) Father Charles
9:30am (SRL) Father Michael
11:00am (SP) Father Charles

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

Stewardship of Treasure

January 16, 2022

St. Patrick: \$3,289

St. Rose: \$1,555

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Daily Rosary

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

St. Rose of Lima Church:
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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@gmail.com

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.

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday
9:30am-2:30pm
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St. Patrick Church

Coffee And...

Volunteer bakers are needed
and greatly appreciated.



Please contact
Terry Reczka
(908) 475-5492

Feb. 6th



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.

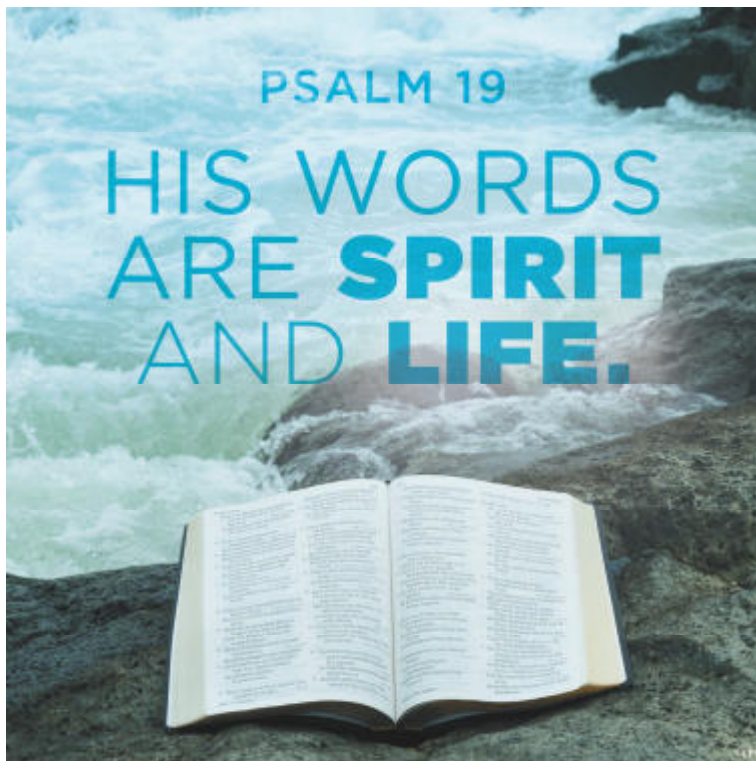


First Friday Adoration will take place Friday, February 4, 2022 at St. Patrick Church following 9:00am Mass until 5:30pm. All are Welcome and encouraged to come and spend an hour with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

We Can with "one Can" Campaign !

January 23– January 29:
Spaghetti/Pasta and Sauce

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Meditation from the Anawim Community
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On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the annual *Sunday of the Word of God*. As the mysterious ways of God have unfolded, we have found that during the very period since we began highlighting the Word of God in this way, we have simultaneously been navigating through the pandemic. What could this mean? Pope Francis suggests in his Apostolic Letter (*Aperuit Illis*) that we should allow the Word of God himself to “open our minds” to the meaning of the Scriptures.

In this spirit, let us allow today’s readings to shed light on our present situation.

Our first reading brings us to the time when the people of God had returned to Jerusalem from their Babylonian exile. They were slowly picking up the broken pieces of their lives and starting to rebuild their beloved city. God raised two leaders for this challenging task – Ezra, a religious reformer, the protagonist in today’s reading, and Nehemiah, a governor and man of action, after whom this Book of the Bible is named. And what a gargantuan task it was! In the chapters prior to today’s account, the returnees had to face one difficulty after another – the walls of Jerusalem were breached by their opponents, there were social and economic problems among the people, and there were evil plots against Nehemiah’s governance. There were many elements that sought to stall or disturb the great work of restoration that the people were called to accomplish. It is against this backdrop that Ezra opened the sacred book and read it to the people.

The experience of the Israelites should sound familiar to us. We are reeling from the havoc that the pandemic brought upon us, and we are slowly picking up the pieces. Healthcare systems were breached. There are many social and economic problems that need to be fixed. The competence of our leaders is in question. Confusion and paranoia abound. It is in this very situation that we must open the Book of God’s word and read from it, like Ezra did. **We need to stand up for the word, and persist in doing so, “from daybreak till midday.” We need to place the word “higher up than any of the people” and showcase it for all to see, setting it up as a light for our path.**

The reading describes a series of actions that the people perform in response to the gift of the word. When Ezra opens the book, the people rise. When he blesses the Lord, the people raise their hands high and answer, “Amen, amen!” Then they bow down, prostrate themselves and weep. Nehemiah and Ezra, however, instruct the people not to stop at sorrowful repentance, but rather to take the next step and rejoice, “for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!” **What this tells us is that the word of God has power to move us deeply. It is not a mere recounting of ancient platitudes. While we are picking up the broken pieces of our sin-damaged lives, the word moves us to repentance and gives us new hope and joy, joy that is the spiritual strength to continue our mission.** (Note: for further reflection on this passage from Nehemiah 8, cf. *Aperuit Illis*, 4.)

From Jerusalem in the first reading we are taken to Corinth in the second. St. Paul, the founder of the church community in Corinth, wrote a Letter to them in response to the news that the Corinthians were divided into hardened factions. In his fatherly concern for them, he addresses this disorder by teaching them that all ...

.....the members of the Church are parts of the One Body of Christ. According to the analogy of the body, the Church is one whole person, made up of many different body parts. And each part serves a function that is specifically needed by the whole.

The disorders and fears stirred up by the pandemic have also led to divisions and hardened factions. Among nations, within countries, and even in the Church, opinions and positions have grown ever more divergent, even about what is considered reliable news. The word of God in Paul's Letter instructs us who believe to **work for genuine unity. It is a 'unity in diversity,' with many different body parts working together harmoniously.** The gargantuan task of rebuilding from the devastation of the pandemic needs everyone's cooperation. This is a time for setting aside superficial differences and for forging bonds of communion with our fellow believers, led by the word of God in the way of truth and love, the way of faith.

From Jerusalem and Corinth, the Gospel takes us to Nazareth, where Jesus grew up. He goes to the synagogue with his childhood neighbors and stands up to read from the Scriptures – much like Ezra did. But this time, it is the Word of God reading the word of God! In this action of Jesus, we see the unity of the Old and New Testaments. In the Person of Christ, Jewish and Christian Scriptures converge. Pope Francis similarly exhorts us to make this *Sunday of the Word of God* "a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity" (*Aperuit Illis*, 3). We are brought back to the lesson we learned from Paul's words to the divided Corinthians: the word of God ought to unite us.

Jesus receives the scroll of Isaiah and reads a passage that summarizes his whole mission. He has been *anointed and sent to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to give recovery of sight to the blind, to free the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* The Word has come to fulfill the word, to insert into the midst of these negative situations – poverty, captivity, blindness, and oppression – the grace of salvation. And the way that the word saves is first revealed when it is proclaimed.

We, pandemic survivors, are indeed saved. As we remember our loved ones who have succumbed to COVID-19, we ponder what may be God's reasons for allowing us to go through all this and survive. We are drawn to the last element of the prophetic program of action which Jesus read: *proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* This is not the time to stir up doubt or to foster contempt towards others. We should not follow the example of the people of Nazareth who rejected Jesus as the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Rather, this is a time to be grateful and to acknowledge the deliverance that God has powerfully given us. This is the time to boldly share the word of God! And as we do so, we prepare others to be similarly moved, gathered in communion, to become God's instruments of salvation.

How do I place the word of God higher up than anything else as a light to my path?

What are some of the fears and disorders that I have experienced in this pandemic?

How has my faith in God helped me overcome these fears?

As a survivor of the pandemic, how am I boldly sharing the word of God that has spared me?

Mary, open my mind and heart to the beauty of the word of God.

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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 entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops!

The upcoming Synod is entitled: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.” Synod is a greek word (synodos) meaning a meeting or assembly. The two Greek words that make up Synod are syn meaning together and hodos meaning way or journey. Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together!

This Synod is not just another meeting with oral presentations and written reports. This Synod is a process of journeying together. As the Church, we will listen to each other, dialogue with each other, pray together, discern together and make decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world! Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather together-clergy, religious and laity-to first listen to each other’s joys and hopes, and griefs and anxieties (c.f. Gaudium et Spes no. 1). After we listen to each other, we are called to dialogue together on ways we can accompany each other as we seek to grow in holiness. Listening and speaking within the Church always involves prayer. We are listening, dialoguing and praying together so that we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. The “goal” of this journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen, and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church. Visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/synod2023>, for more information.

For our area: Sts. Philip and James Church 430 South Main St. Phillipsburg, NJ
Eucharistic Forty Hours beginning Sunday, January 23, after the 5:30pm Mass
Benediction 6:30pm on January 25th

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