



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

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Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
January 30, 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

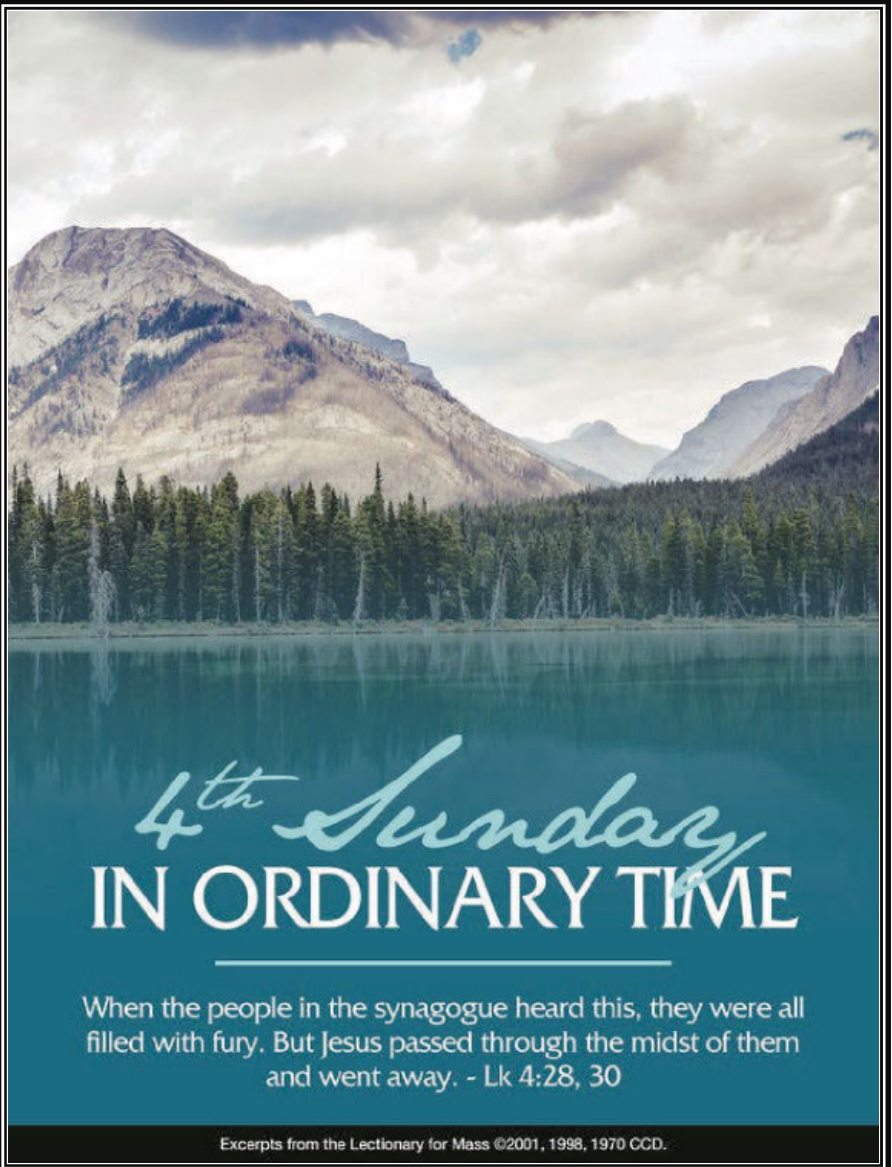
Weekday: Mon-Sat. 9:00am

Confessions: Saturday from 3:00-3:30pm

**Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday  
9:30am-2:30pm

Thursdays from 9:30am- 12:30pm  
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**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

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**Mass Intentions**

**Week of January 30, 2022**

**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 Armbrrecht

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

**Monday 31 Memorial of St. John Bosco**

(SP) 9:00 AM † Mary Van Horn, r/The O'Connor Family

**Tuesday 1**

(SP) 9:00 AM † Bernard Dean, r/Nellie Rinehart

**Wednesday 2 Feast of The Presentation of The Lord**

(SP) 9:00 AM †Ken Etchison, r/Barbara and Pete Trethaway

**Thursday 3**

(SP) 9:00 AM †Bernard Dean, r/The Lare Family

**Friday 4**

(SP) 9:00 AM †Purgatorial Mass/Tony Fernandes, r/Bob Ligowski

**Saturday 5 Memorial of St. Agatha**

(SP) 9:00AM †Tony and Mary Fernandes, r/Ann Scarince

(SP)4:00PM †Mary Van Horn, r/Mary Becker

**Sunday 6 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

(SRL) 9:30 AM † Ralph Tuttle, r/his wife Bernadette

(SP) 11:00 AM †Etel and Laszlo Latkoczy, r/their children

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dlazarte@comcast.net or (908) 475-2559 ext 4  
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2021 Statement of Contributions  
for your taxes.

*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



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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 23, 2022

St. Patrick: \$3,640

St. Rose: \$3,195

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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**

please email Michele Beha at  
[thelisms@gmail.com](mailto:thelisms@gmail.com)

Please visit our website  
[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



## 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 afternoons 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


No First Friday this month

We Can with "one Can" Campaign!

January 30– February 5:  
Chili/Beans and Stew

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





The Lord sent me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives.

## Gospel Meditation

The Gospel today picks up where we left off last Sunday. Jesus is in the synagogue of his native town of Nazareth, where he has read a passage from the scroll of Isaiah. After the reading, he sits down and makes an astounding claim: that this very passage, a prophecy of the Messiah, “is fulfilled in your hearing.” At first, his neighbors respond positively: “all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.” But soon their reaction turns from amazement to resentment. By the end of today’s Gospel, they swing to the opposite extreme: “they were all filled with fury... and led him to the brow of the hill... to hurl him down headlong.” What could possibly cause such a violent reaction?

The turn in his neighbors’ attitude starts when they comment that Jesus is merely the son of Joseph, a carpenter from their village. It is a case of familiarity: Jesus grew up with them and lived among them; therefore he cannot be anything special. This thought process is an example of the popular saying, *familiarity breeds contempt*. Jesus anticipates what his neighbors are likely to say next. Because he is so familiar to them, they will expect him to do what they want. Contemptuous familiarity is inclined to become imposing.

Jesus goes on to tell the people that “no prophet is accepted in his own native place.” In saying this, he is identifying himself as a *prophet*, thus revealing that he will not subject himself to their expectations. A prophet does not answer to popular demands; rather, he answers to God, the one who sends him. A prophet is not accepted, even by the very people to whom he is sent, precisely because he speaks in the name of God, not in the name of the king or the culture or the clan. Jesus is building on the tradition of the great prophets Elijah and Elisha, who did what God sent them to do, and brought divine aid even to foreigners.

Today’s first reading recounts the call of another man who was not accepted in his native place, the great prophet Jeremiah, whom God appointed “a prophet to the nations.” God warned Jeremiah from the very beginning that he would face opposition as he prophesied “against Judah’s kings and princes, against its priests and people.” The prophet’s strength to fulfill his difficult mission comes from the Lord, not from human approval. It is the Lord who will make Jeremiah “a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass.”

The violent reaction of the people of Nazareth shows us why a prophet needs such powerful fortification from the Lord. When they hear Jesus imply that their ideas about their exclusive rank before God are too narrow and selfish, their fury boils over. It is one thing for a carpenter to take on airs, it is another for him to question their religious superiority. God gives Jesus the same consolation that he provided for Jeremiah. He does not leave his prophet “crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them.” Instead, “Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.”

The appalling example of the seemingly faithful, religious Jews of Nazareth gives us an opportunity to ponder the danger that *familiarity breeds contempt* in our hearts – not only contempt for a prophet, but even for God himself. **Might we be growing so “familiar” with God that we start to impose our expectations on him? Because I am a Christian, I deserve to be saved. Because I pray, I deserve to be heard. Because I go to Mass, I deserve all the best blessings....** The danger is a kind of familiarity that is focused on the self – on what we can get, on what we want to do.

St. Paul in today’s second reading teaches us what genuine familiarity with God brings about in us, a transformation of our life through *love*. He says that he used to “talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child” – here he is referring to his former way of life, when he was like the self-righteous Nazarenes. But when he met Jesus Christ, he met Love incarnate, and he realized he had to put childish self-centeredness aside. Love chooses what is good for the other. Love is not primarily focused on the grand things we can do, such as speaking in human and angelic tongues, uttering prophecies, or moving mountains. These are good, but if in doing them we are focused on ourselves rather than on others, then they are without true value. Paul says, **“If I do not have love, I am nothing.... I gain nothing.”**

St. Paul’s famous hymn to love, then, gives a precious instruction to anyone who is serious about the life of faith, anyone who is dedicated to growing ever more familiar with God. We can do many good religious things – including reading meditations in *The Anawim Way*. We may be intent on spending quality time pondering the word of God and entering daily into the liturgical life of the Church. This is all good. But we need to examine deeply whether this familiarity with the Lord is just making us more self-centered and self-righteous. The familiarity that the Lord desires with us is not only about us. It must make us more other-centered. The evidence of genuine maturity is the growth of faith, hope, and love – and, as St. Paul says, **“the greatest of these is love.”**

Today’s Gospel Acclamation reminds us that the mission of Jesus Christ, which he announced last Sunday, is **“to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.”** This is the mission he shares with us as we draw closer to him. His love for others, especially the poor and the oppressed, becomes our love for them. As we become more familiar with the Lord, we learn to follow his way of loving kindness, allowing ourselves to become instruments of his salvation for all.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Meditation from the Anawim Community  
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*How do I react when I hear others speak the truth?  
When do I become too familiar with God that I start to  
impose my expectations on him?  
As I come to know the Lord more, how am I becoming  
more other-centered?*

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**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**every Wednesday 3 pm - 8 pm**  
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354 Jonestown Rd., Oxford, NJ



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

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### Prayer in Time of Suffering

Behold me, my beloved Jesus, weighed down under the burden of my trials and sufferings, I cast myself at Your feet, that You may renew my strength and my courage, while I rest here in Your Presence. Permit me to lay down my cross in Your Sacred Heart, for only Your infinite goodness can sustain me; only Your love can help me bear my cross; only Your powerful hand can lighten its weight. O Divine King, Jesus, whose heart is so compassionate to the afflicted, I wish to live in You; be my hope and my refuge. *Amen.*

MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES A Mass for Engaged Couples will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi at 4pm. Fr. Timothy Christy will be the celebrant. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. To register, please visit: [diometuchen.org/engaged-couples-mass](http://diometuchen.org/engaged-couples-mass). If you have any questions, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org).

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Each month many of our parishioners give electronically with the On-line Giving program. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving please contact: Daphne Lazarte at 908-475-2559 ext. 4

Simply go on our website: [www.stpatrickrose.org](http://www.stpatrickrose.org) and click on the **On-line Giving Icon**. You will see prompts to help you with set-up. Daphne will be happy to assist you if you have any questions.



Thank you very much for supporting the many needs of our parish as it serves it's parishioners and the needs of our community .

### The Sanctuary Candle

on the Altar for the Week:  
ST. PATRICK CHURCH

*In Loving Memory of  
Tony Fernandes  
r/ Bob Ligowski*



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



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