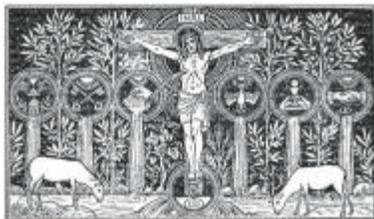


# Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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### Think of Sacraments. Think of Divine Life.

#### Sacrament of Baptism.

The sacrament through which God, in Jesus Christ, makes us His sons and daughters. To prepare for

reception, call Father Edison @ 924-7111.

**Sacrament of the Eucharist.** The sacrament through which God, like a responsible parent, feeds us, with food from heaven: His Word, and the Body and Blood of Jesus.

- **Weekend Masses:** Saturday at 4:30 PM, Sunday at 8:30, 10:30 AM and 5 PM. **Important Note: The Sunday Obligation resumed on June 5-6, 2021.**
- **Weekday Masses:** Monday-Wednesday, Friday at 8:30 AM.
- For First Holy Communion, call Donna DeJooode at 924-2800 for more info.
- Family members may bring Holy Communion to other family members who are sick and homebound.

**Sacrament of Confirmation.** The sacrament through which God by the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens us to give faithful witness to our Catholic Faith. To prepare for reception, call Elizabeth Johnston @ 924-2800.

- Children, older than 7 y/o, and adults who needs to be baptized, receive Communion and/or be Confirmed, call Deacon John @ 924-7111.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation.** The sacrament through which God's mercy and love, justice and truth heals the wound of human sin. *Generally offered an hour before each Mass.* Please give the priest fifteen minutes before Mass to prepare for Mass.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.** The sacrament through which Jesus continues to heal the sick among us. Anointing is offered at each Mass on the first weekend of the month. Or call Fr. Edison @ 924-7111 to schedule an anointing.

**Sacrament of Marriage.** The sacrament through which God calls a man and woman to become visible signs of His Love. Call Fr. Edison or Deacon John @ 924-7111 for more info.

**Sacrament of Holy Orders.** The sacrament through which the mission Jesus entrusted to the apostles is continued in the Church. To learn more about vocations to the ordained ministry, please call Fr. Edison or Deacon John @ 924-7111.

*Never miss an opportunity to celebrate a sacrament.*



### “They shall be taught by God.”

If you were one of the first disciples whom Jesus called to follow Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and therefore, you were able to know Him personally like

the Beloved Disciple, would you find yourself surprised, when at the Last Supper, he commanded you to “do the Last Supper” as the way to remember Him? Do you see the Mass as the school of Christian discipleship? At Mass, do you see yourself as a disciple being taught and perfected by Christ?

**The Introductory Rites.** Do you hear Jesus calling you during the weekend? Do you drop everything behind to follow Him? At the church parking lot, are you happy to see other disciples who respond to His call? Does the Penitential Rite point you the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation? Do you include your intentions in the Collect? Do you see in your gestures and responses and in those of others a community united in Christ?

**The Liturgy of the Word.** What do you hear God telling you? Are you intentional about putting His words to action? Is your faith aligned with the faith of Jesus and His Church? Do you seek to bring the prayer intentions to fulfillment?

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist.** What do you bring to God as offering - your joys, sorrows, adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, supplication, your material blessings, yourself? Do you marvel at what God can do with your offerings? Do you marvel at what Jesus offers you in return? What is your response to His sacrifice and sacrament? More than receiving His gifts, do you find yourself imitating what Jesus does in the Upper Room and at Calvary? Having received Him at Holy Communion, do you fall on your knees in profound gratitude for the gift of Himself to you?

**The Concluding Rites.** Are you reminded during this part of the Mass of those time when Jesus sent disciples to town and villages to be his representatives, to do His work, to teach, to heal, to sanctify, to feed, to call and make other disciples? What parish ministry are you involved in? Where is your mission territory? Is your ministry well received? Is your ministry ignored and rejected? Do you find peace and joy in simply doing the work of Jesus?

Live today called by Jesus, instructed by Jesus, fed by Jesus, and sent to mission by Jesus.

# Liturgy & Sacramental Life

because Jesus taught us to pray

## HOLY MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday Aug 7 - St. Sixtus**  
4:30pm - Eva M. Day by Alice Rizzo
- Sunday Aug 8 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30am - Bud Peglow by Peglow family  
10:30a - Ronald Gouldrick by Dave & Angie Chamberlain  
5:00pm - Dianne & Howard Rothweiler by Stephenie McCormick
- Monday Aug 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta**  
8:30am - Lewis Martz by Helen Sherman
- Tuesday Aug 10 - St. Lawrence**  
8:30am - Julianna Chung by Ena Gill
- Wednesday Aug 11 - St. Claire**  
8:30am - Bud Peglow by Family
- Thursday Aug 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal**  
8:30am - No Mass
- Friday Aug 13 - Saints Pontian and Hippolytus**  
8:30am - Claire Miller & Margaret Salamon by Rita Martens
- Saturday Aug 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
4:30pm - Baby Vincent by Uncle Chris and Aunt Rita
- Sunday Aug 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:30am - Maria by Rose Vu  
10:30a - Sue Stehling  
5:00pm - Amy Demoras by Sokolowski Family

**We Lift Each Other in Prayer**

Joseph Felice, Jerry Martin, Dick Ashlaw, Michael Keane, Martin Neenan, Ann Spadaro, Jim McMahon, Caroline Gillen, John Becker, Christine Palmer, Bev Henehan, Stephen & Marian Melenric, Karen Wicks, Linda Gensiejewski, Duane Pancoast, Pat Cargnoni, Vickie Petilli, Alice Rizzo, Stephen Vacanti, Charles Callari, June Cotter, Bob Foster, Mary Miller, Clare Miller, Margaret Salamone, Lois Ernst, Michael Hebert, Stephen Meloni, Ann Amico, Marie Greenbush, Bob Monaghan, Joe Mecurio. Note: This list of parishioners who are ill appears once a month in the bulletin. Please help keep this list up-to-date by informing the Parish Office at the end of the month if you want your name to be kept.

### Daily 3 PM Prayer Intentions

Please include any of these intentions at your daily 3 PM prayer:

- For our recognition of our hunger for God and our willingness to be fed and nourished in Jesus.
- For our parish vocation awareness team,
- For lapsed parishioners,
- For our ongoing church and cemetery building projects,
- For new liturgical ministers—children, teens and adults,
- For those working to combat COVID, scientists, healthcare workers, the people who maintain good hygienic practices,
- For the souls in purgatory.

*Let us be known by our praying for each other.*



For Mass Intentions or the Sanctuary Candle, contact us thru [catherine.fafone@dor.org](mailto:catherine.fafone@dor.org).



### Young Church

A family who recently celebrated First Communion found out that sitting in the front pews brought their children to focus more at Mass - only because they children were able to see for themselves what was happening in the Sanctuary.



Here is another way to have our children and teens involved in the liturgy: serve as liturgical ministers.

Those who received First Communion may consider altar serving and lecturing (if at ease with public speaking). Those who are gifted musically be it with singing or playing instruments, please consider joining the choirs and ensembles. Parents, you may consider serving with your children as lectors or ushers. See the list of coordinators on page 5 of the bulletin.

### Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of August 14 - 15

Ministry	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:00 PM
Sacristan (1)	Teresa Sheffer	Nancy Kolb	Teresita Pasion	Lei Dalupang
Lector (1-2)	Sarah Parsons	Thom Rafferty	Cheryl Avery	Rob Sokolowski
Communion Minister (1)		Deacon John, Margie Rafferty	Deacon John, Marge Jacobs	
Ushers (2)	Pat Bolger, Mike Manikowski,	Dan Weigert, Mark Weigert, Dennis O'Dea, Ken Reasoner	Dave O'Hare, Joe Lemark, Gene Petilli	Phim Dalupang, Jack Miller
Cantor (1)	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	Last Chance Choir

If interested in serving as liturgical minister during the weekend Masses, please give the coordinators a call.  
See page 5 for contact info.



**Visiting Priest**

Fr. Barthromew Amobi, of the Awka Diocesan Mission, will be celebrating the Masses on the weekend of August 28-29. Kindly support his diocesan mission appeal.

Please call the Parish Office if you can host breakfast, lunch or dinner for Father Amobi. Thank you.

**Membership & Parish Life**  
because Jesus called a community



**Feasibility Study on the Church Interior Work**

On the weekend of August 14-15, representatives from the McPherson, Simmons Bros and Sons (MPSB), an architectural design firm specializing on churches, will be conducting a feasibility study. During this week, they will be observing our use of the church space during the Sunday liturgies. From their observations and interactions with you, they will make proposals for the interior work of the church.

Recognizing the nature of the church interior work, it is wise to seek professional help. Four architectural firms made an initial visit (all have done work with churches in the diocese) and three submitted proposals for the work. Last July 2, the Buildings and Grounds Committee chose the MPSB firm to conduct the feasibility study.

MPSB was chosen because of their specialization work on churches. Of the local works that they have done is the renovation work at Saint Mary's Church in Canandaigua.

The photograph was taken at the wedding of Ken and Anne Weigert.

*Prayer Shawl Ministry*  
YOU GAVE ME COMFORT



Join us! We meet this Tuesday, August 10, 10:30 AM in the Alcove.

**Ongoing Christian Formation**  
because Jesus taught us his way of life



Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?  
Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you constantly fighting...or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille, a lifeline for married couples has helped tens of thousands of couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information on how to heal and renew your marriage or to sign up for the next program beginning with a weekend on August 13th or Sept 17th, please call (585) 293-1552 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

**Notre Dame Fall Retreat Weekends**

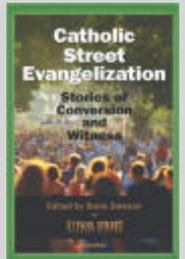
“Finding God in Life’s Transitions”



Come and explore how to find God in the midst of life’s graces and challenges. We all experience transitions throughout our lives. Especially within this past year and a half. How we cope with the unexpected; how we discern ‘what next’ and how we draw strength and wisdom from others will be the focus of the talks and prayer experiences throughout the retreat weekend. Give yourself the gift of retreat this year. To learn more, visit our website at [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org) or call us at (585) 394-5700.

**Adult Formation Resource**

*Catholic Street Evangelization.* This book begins with the inspiring & dramatic conversion to Catholicism of Steve Dawson and his founding of St. Paul Street Evangelization. The authors are ordinary Catholics who have come to love Christ so much that they now talk about Him with total strangers in public places—street corners, parks, and shopping areas. They aren't theologians, nor are they highly trained apologists with Ambrosian rhetorical skills or Dale Carnegie slickness, yet their simple missionary efforts have yielded amazing results. The book's style is readable, accessible, and conversational. It illustrates the missionary calling of all baptized Christians, including Catholics. It reveals the joy and fulfillment that comes to those who humbly yet boldly share the gospel of God's mercy with others.



Looking for resources on prayer and spiritual life? Check out the Youtube Channel: [Discerning Hearts](#) for a treasury of resources on prayer in the Catholic Tradition.

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Featured Resource

**Formed Book Club.** Join Catholic experts and book lovers with decades of experience in publishing for in-depth weekly discussions of relevant Catholic texts.



Hosted by Fr. Joseph Fessio, SJ (Founder of Ignatius Press), Vivian Dudro (Senior Editor at Ignatius Press), and Joseph Pearce (Director of Book Publishing at Augustine Institute). These discussions are part of an online community that reads and discusses a different book each month. Go to [formedbookclub.ignatius.com](http://formedbookclub.ignatius.com) to sign up for free Books discussed: Chance or the Dance by Thomas Howard, and Real Philosophy for Real People by Fr. Robert McTeigue .S.J.



**Christian Formation Registration**

Registration for Christian Formation & Sacrament Preparation is now open! Options have changed! Please review programs through the website and register online!

**Social Ministry & Outreach**  
because Jesus called us to serve

Deposit items in the collection bins by the church entrances. Thank you for your help.



**Preschool Open Slots!**

St. Patrick's 2021-2022 Preschool is filling up fast! We have a few places left in our 3s programs and our waitlist for 4/5s is very short! Don't miss out on a stellar PreK education for your children! See website for more information and online registration. A virtual tour is also available on our website.



**Vegetable Garden**

Our vegetable garden produces thousand of pounds of produce annually, donated to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard. Volunteers manage the entire process. Now that gardening season is soon upon us, we are planning to get the garden in shape next month. If you are interested in joining us to prep, plant, weed or harvest, please email Dan and Karen Lynch at [linky49@mac.com](mailto:linky49@mac.com)

**St. Patrick's Playground!**

St. Patrick's Church & Preschool, a non-profit organization, is planning a playground! The playground will look similar to the one pictured here and will include fencing along with poured rubber flooring for extra cushion. We will begin fundraising once bishop approval is received. For additional information, please contact Donna DeJoodde at [donna.dejoodde@dor.org](mailto:donna.dejoodde@dor.org) or 585-924-2800.



**Growing Up: A Lifelong Journey for Adults**



*Growing Up: A Lifelong Journey* is an 8-week program designed to help adults discover or rediscover who God is, who you are, and what God wants to do through you. This course incorporates prayer, scripture reading, weekly studies, and outside reading to foster deeper relationships between participants and with God while developing a better understanding of basic leadership principles not addressed in corporate training. Please register and pay online. Contact Donna DeJoodde with any questions at 924-2800 or [donna.dejoodde@dor.org](mailto:donna.dejoodde@dor.org).

**Stewardship**

because Jesus gave us gifts to share

**Sunday Collection Revenue**

July 2020 - June 2021

We are grateful for your financial generosity to our parish.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Regular Envelopes	\$ 257,640	\$ 277,000	\$ (19,360)
Loose Plate	\$ 12,748	\$ 50,000	\$ (37,252)
Electronic (EFT)	\$ 222,840	\$ 207,000	\$ 15,840
Holy Days	\$ 4,791	\$ 6,000	\$ (1,209)
Christmas	\$ 14,898	\$ 14,000	\$ 898
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 512,917</b>	<b>\$ 554,000</b>	<b>\$ (41,083)</b>



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**In Gratitude**



- To Darlene Butler, Ena Gill, Patty Hart, Joan Morrissey, and Betty Przepiora for assisting at the Funeral Mass for Delores DaSilva.

- To the Averill's, Mary Moore, and Donna Walkley for their work on the church gardens, Marian grotto and the Hogan House garden.
- To Aimee and Onnie Pasion, new sacristans.
- To Teresa Sheffer for the flower arrangements in the Sanctuary.
- To Betty Przepiora, Helen Barnes, Ena Gill and daily Mass goers who pray for vocations.
- To our money counters.

**2021 Church Building Projects**



Last June 30, Wednesday, RE Kelley began the work on the exterior of the church. They estimated that the work may get completed between one to two months.

The 2021 Church Projects focus on the repair of the exterior

walls, front steps, church and parish office chimneys, and the replacement of the plexy glass covers on the stained glass windows.



When work starts on the front steps of the church, the front entrance will be closed during the weekdays. During the weekend, expect some limited use of the front steps for safety reason.

Thank you for your support!

**Our Parish Ministries: Serving God and Neighbor**

*Call. Ask. Discern. Serve like Jesus.*

**I. Liturgy and Sacramental Life**

Altar Linen	Sue Stehling / 924-3409
Altar Servers	Pat Bolger / 857-3201
Baptism Preparation Team	Judy & James Miller / 924-8158
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Beth Lombard / 430-5372
Church Cleaners	Lei Dalupang / 224-6091
Communion Ministers (EMHC)	Amanda Didas / (508) 981-6668
Funeral Liturgy Team	<b>Coordinator Needed</b>
Lectors	Sandy Brannigan / 645-7904
Liturgy Committee	Nerina Bellinger / 742-8023
Marriage Preparation Team	Gayle & Brian Reh / 924-4804
Music Ministry (choirs, cantors)	Carl Galland / 924-7111
Sacristans	Ena Gill / 733-6650
Ushers & Greeters	Dave O'Hare / 924-5816
Visitation Ministry	Helen Barnes / 298-2247

**II. Membership and Parish Life**

Funeral Brunch Team	Kelly Mason / 924-3532
Knights of Columbus	Wayne Brotsch / 924-3855
Membership Team	<b>Coordinator Needed</b>
Parish Life Committee	<b>Coordinator Needed</b>
Women's Group	Judy Klein / 924-7022

**III. Ongoing Faith Formation**

Adult Faith Formation	Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
Catechists	Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Carolyn Robinson / 924-2800
Confirmation Coordinator	Elizabeth Johnston / 924-2800
Parent-led Catechesis	Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
Preschool	Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
RCIA Team	Deacon John Payne / 924-7111
Youth Ministry	Elizabeth Johnston / 924-2800

**IV. Social Ministry and Outreach**

Assisi Ministry	Marcie Hamilton / 924-1528
Community Dinner	Jean Acquilano / 645-7998
Vegetable Garden	Dan & Karen Lynch / 314-5098
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary E 742-2949/Mary S 924-7724
Prison Ministry	Helen Barnes / 298-2247
Social Ministry Committee	Joan Muto / 924-2501
Family Promise of Ontario County	Joan Trost / 924-3092

**V. Stewardship**

Buildings and Grounds Committee	Joan Oliphant / 742-3452
Cemetery Board	John Butler / 924-7111
CASE Review Board	Cathy Fafone / 924-7111
Finance Council	Richard VanKuren / 742-2317
Parish Gardens	Becky Fountain / 281-8004
Parish Magazine	Father Edison / 924-7111
Pastoral Council	Paul Then / 742-2965
Money Counters	Marge Gawronski / 398-7802
Stewardship Committee	<b>Coordinator Needed</b>

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Your Gift of Presence

- July 31 - Aug 1
- Sat 4:30: 102
- Sun 8:30: 153
- Sun 10:30: 136
- Sun 5:00: 100

Your Gift of Treasure

July 31- Aug 1: \$8,856.00

Budgeted, without EFT: \$3,980.00

Second Collection: September 19

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

*Thank you for your presence and generosity.*



## Let there be light...

### To know and to live like Jesus

*Brothers and sisters:*

*Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,  
with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

- Ephesians 4:30

As one becomes familiar with the letters of Saint Paul, one notices that they express his deep personal connection to the early Christian churches and his understanding of the Christian way of discipleship, as rooted both in doctrine and practice.

And so we find in his letters specific names of people while at the same time Saint Paul addresses the entire community. For this, note the beginning and the ending of his letters. And for the body of his letter, they usually begin with an exposition of the Christian doctrine and lead to an application of the teaching in the daily way of life.

In the letter to the Ephesians, the doctrinal section is concluded in 4:17-24, with the theme of "renewal in Christ." And 4:25 begins the application by daily practice. Note that 4:25 begins with "therefore" not only to signal the connection between the sections but also to alert the logical consequence from belief and understanding to concrete action.

*Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak the truth,  
each one to his neighbor, for we are members one of another.*

- Ephesians 4:25

What we can truly appreciate in Saint Paul is that he provides us grounds for our actions, for our way of living: Christians disciples form the One Body of Christ, and the Holy Spirit Himself animates this One Body, and that this is the case, then, the Holy Spirit must animate every member.

The Christian way of life is eschatological - "sealed for the day of redemption," meaning, we look to the Day of Judgment and conduct ourselves accordingly. Knowing that each of us will stand before God for judgment, even now we strive to be worthily judged.

*All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling  
must be removed from you, along with all malice.*

*And be kind to one another, compassionate,  
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.*

- Ephesians 4:31-32

Because Saint Paul knew the members and the daily struggles of the community, he too can be very specific, honest, and direct with his corrections. He did not do this to embarrass members but to point out their foolishness that they themselves see their foolishness and lead them to seek forgiveness and reconciliation - gifts that have been made available to them by the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

In honesty, we need to admit the messiness and chaos that come with living in family and in community. However, we need not helplessly succumb to such messiness and chaos. This is where the doctrinal understanding of the faith can help to safeguard not only the unity of the community but also in providing a plan of action for conversion or renewal. One can say that the sacraments are powerful tools for Christian disciples for our ongoing transformation. And when the relationships are strained because of sin, sin must lead to the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

## Parish Office & Preschool Information

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

(lunch time: 12:30 PM - 1 PM)

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Parish Office Phone: (585) 924-7111

Parish Office Fax: (585) 742-3296

Faith Formation & Preschool: (585) 924-2800

### Stay Connected

- Parish Website: [www.stpatricksvictor.org](http://www.stpatricksvictor.org)
- Parish Facebook Pages:  
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- Parish Youtube Channel:  
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- Parish App: Text 'App' to 88202



### Our Parish Staff

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<b>Facilities Manager</b>	

Keep your parish staff in your daily prayers.

*So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,  
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us  
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.*

- Ephesians 5:1-2

A Christian disciples is never satisfied about being just himself or herself. Made in the image and likeness of God, a Christian disciples strives to understand who God is, and to be like God. A Christian is one who seeks to leave behind himself or herself in order to become like God, to be more specific, to become like Jesus.

Another important concept that we encounter in these verses is "sacrifice." Sacrifice is that which is offered to God, as Jesus offered Himself to God the Father. Sacrifice is offered for others, as the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross on behalf of all men and women. Sacrifice also entails the conscious and often painful giving of one's life for the good of others whether they deserve it or not, remember Jesus asking God the Father to take away the cup of suffering from Him? The best image for sacrifice is Jesus Christ on the Cross.

As Christians, it is both our business to know Jesus and to live our lives like Jesus.

- Father Edison

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