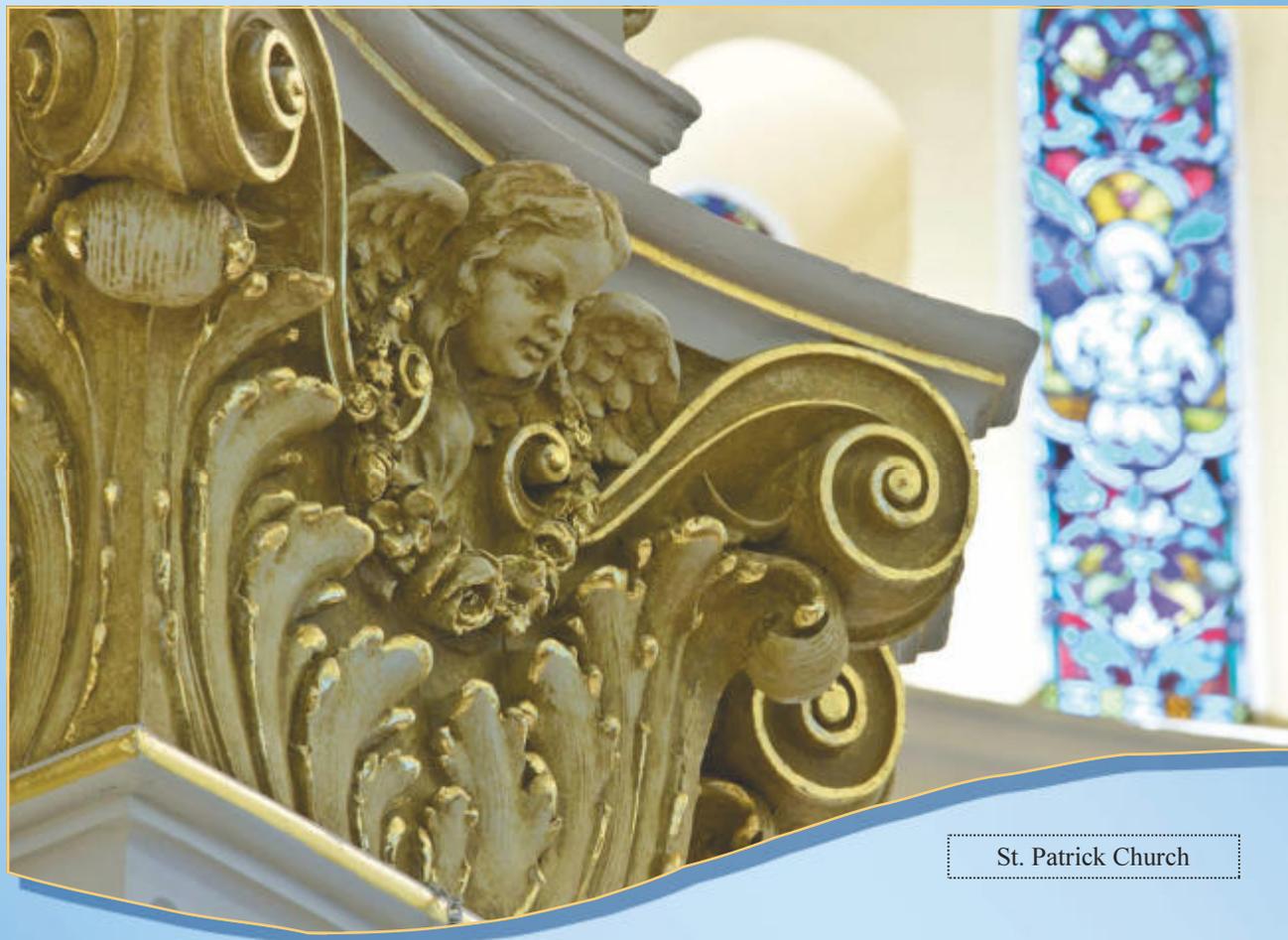


Third Sunday of Easter  
April 18, 2021



St. Patrick Church

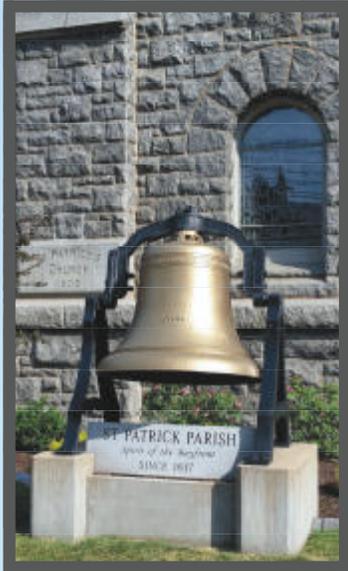
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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

### ***From the Pastor's Desk...***



Today is the third Sunday of Easter. Our first reading is part of a much longer speech attributed to Peter and delivered after he had cured a crippled man at the Temple. He then takes advantage of the situation to preach to a large number of Jews who are present and remind them that in their ignorance they denied Christ. Some evangelicals have interpreted this passage to mean that the Jews are responsible for the death of Christ. Actually, it is part of Luke's explanation of how the Jesus movement extended beyond the Jews to the Gentile world. Luke understood that the Jewish people were God's chosen ones. If the movement to the Gentile world, which Luke calls "The Way," he needs to explain it. We should also note that Luke counters this seemingly anti-Semitic rant by reminding his readers that it was always part of the divine plan that Christ would suffer.

The tone of the First Letter of John suggests a Christian community that had recently experienced a schism over doctrine and practice and that the feelings in the community are still raw. Some in the community who oppose John say that they know God, have union with him and have no sin. John is fierce and is calling them liars. Today he directs his words to the remaining community reminding them that they have an Advocate in Christ because he is the expiation for our sins. Historically, expiation referred to a blood sacrifice offered in the temple for peoples' sins. For Christians, then, Jesus' crucifixion is the most perfect expiation because his death was for the atonement of sin. Note that here John uses Advocate to represent Jesus whereas in his gospel he will use Advocate to refer to the Holy Spirit.

Today's gospel is connected to last week's from John. Both tell the story of the risen Jesus' appearance to his disciples. Both John and Luke mention their fright at seeing him and the message of peace he brings. In both he gives evidence of his physical resurrection. But there are important differences. In Luke, the disciples' fright is fear they are seeing a ghost. In John, it is fear that the Jews will seek them out and kill them.

*From the Pastor's Desk continued...*

Luke tells us that Jesus will be experienced in the breaking of the bread, i.e., the Eucharist. We have to remember the crisis of faith that the Messiah was not who they had envisioned. Luke reminds them that he had told them of his impending death before it happened and that the scriptures would testify to this. Once again, the people had another image in their mind, and it was very difficult for them to let go of it. He then tells them they are to testify about the good news to all nations.

The Provincial of the worldwide Jesuit Order announced recently that they have established a commission composed of some Jesuits, lay people (men and women) to study the role of women in the Jesuits. Membership in the Jesuits has been limited strictly to men since St. Ignatius of Loyola founded the order. Slowly and gradually we are moving toward a more inclusive role for women in church leadership.

Pope Francis has indicated that he is distancing himself from a recent publication out of the Vatican which said that priests can no longer bless same sex unions. I honestly think that many times he finds himself surrounded by a bureaucracy that runs on its own initiative, and, as much as he tries to steer it in a new direction, it gets away from him. He's surrounded by people who have always done things one way and as he tries to introduce new ways of thinking, they seem to subvert him and continue as they always have been.

We're doing some plumbing work in my apartment on the third floor of the rectory. Perhaps the biggest problem in this 106 year old house is with the plumbing. The pipes are old, and they burst, they simply aren't able to continue. I remember one Sunday morning coming down for the early Mass and looking in the living room to see a quarter of the ceiling on the floor and water dripping from the opening above it. When they traced the source of the water, it went all the way to pipes on the third floor and had burst in the wall which meant two floors of repairs.

Forget the dumb blonde woman jokes and remember this one. A blonde man shouts into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the doctor. "No," he shouts, "this is her husband."



## Saint Patrick News



*The Sanctuary Lamp*  
burns in loving memory of  
*Mary J. Messina*  
from family

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

- April 17** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter*  
5:00 PM BOB SAUERS, ANNIVERSARY (KAY SAUERS)
- April 18** *Third Sunday of Easter*  
8:00 AM CONNIE CHIANG & ISA HORVATH (MILI HANES)  
10:30 AM MARY PONTORIERO (JOSEPHINE & EUGENE JASINSKI)
- April 19** *Monday, Easter Weekday*  
8:00 AM DANIEL RODENO (BJ & BARB LECHNER)
- April 20** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*  
8:00 AM WILDA PETERSON (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)
- April 21** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*  
8:00 AM KATHLEEN DOYLE (SYLVESTER CARLOW FAMILY)
- April 22** *Thursday, Easter Weekday*  
8:00 AM MITCHELL MACK (NANCY MACK)
- April 23** *Friday, Easter Weekday*  
8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 24** *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
5:00 PM PETER CIPRIANI (DARIO & DONNA CIPRIANI)
- April 25** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
8:00 AM KEN & DOROTHY SMITH, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
(FRED & KATHRYN OLDS)  
10:30 AM GAIL JAKOBOWSKI (MIKE & KATHY CRANE)

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Minister: Ray Fiorelli, Kathy Sertz

**Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Lisa Straub

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Straub, Noelle Colpoys

**Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 10:30 am**

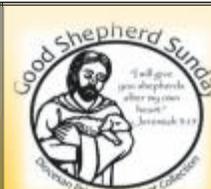
Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Smith, Mary Kearney

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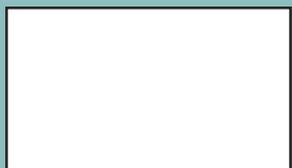
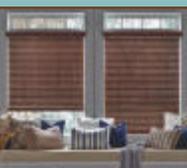


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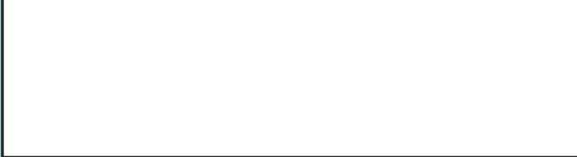
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