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Gaudete Sunday

Joy

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday Morning 8:30 am & 11:30 am
Holy Day Special Schedule TBA
Legal Holiday Special Schedule TBA
Monday & Wednesday 5:30 pm (*in Church*)

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Monday 4:30 pm - 5:20 pm (*in Church*)

BAPTISM

Contact: Kathy Wadovick at 216-631-6872 ext. 107

MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation is required. Contact the Rectory at least six months in advance. No date may be reserved until after an appointment.

ANOINTING THE SICK

In case of an emergency, please call the Rectory immediately at [216-631-6872](tel:216-631-6872). Please notify the rectory for Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins or visits to the hospital.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Spirit of God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Luke: 4:18, 19

LITURGY/SACRAMENTS

12 SAT. USA: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

5:00pm: Denise Pierce (dec)

13 SUN. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

8:30am: Neil Raleigh (dec)

11:30am: For Our Parishioners

14 MON. Saint John of the Cross

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

5:30pm: Creadon/McDonough Fam. (dec)

15 TUE. Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

16 WED. Advent Weekday

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

5:30pm: Bernard & Catherine Weir (dec)

17 THURS. Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

18 FRI. Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

19 SAT. VIGIL

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

5:00pm: Bernard E. Weir Jr. (dec)

20 SUN. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

8:30am: For Our Parishioners

11:30am: Pat Murphy (dec)

PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS ?

Scheduled as follows for Christmas Eve/Day and the Solemnity of Mary.

• Christmas Eve

4:30pm - Church

(livestreamed)

4:30pm - Lower Hall

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS YEAR

• Christmas Morning

10:00am - Church

(livestreamed)

• December 31st

4:30pm - Church

• January 1st

10:00am - Church

(livestreamed)

RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT

St. Patrick: Monday & Wednesday
4:50pm - 5:20pm

St. Malachi: Tuesday & Friday
12:30pm - 1:00pm

PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Friends and Parishioners,

In recent months, mental and behavioral health professionals expressed concern about how Covid-19 is impacting everybody, especially as the holidays approach and millions spending more time indoors due to the weather. One of the primary stressors is the need to keep our distance in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

However, professionals are making the observation that many suffer "social" isolation due to their separation from loved ones and friends. And it's more than simply physical isolation. For many, it's the mental and spiritual loneliness that folks are experiencing.

For others, stress is connected to the radical change in routine patterns and even finances. Family members have been unable to visit their loved ones in hospitals and other health facilities or nursing homes. Loved ones have not physically visited their vulnerable parents or other relatives for fear of exposing them to Covid. Those working in the health community refrain from much of a life outside their immediate environment so as not to bring "their work home" with them. People are becoming more anxious as their financial resources dwindle or the future of their current job is jeopardized. Bills need to be paid and groceries obtained. Already-strained marriages are at their breaking point. Substance abuse is on the rise for weathered addicts and new recruits. Domestic violence is a growing issue. For many of our children, the classroom has been their dining room table or some corner of the house. Masks continue to be worn, distancing remains the norm, and our chapped hands continue to be sanitized everywhere we go.

And here we are, called to celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, this third Sunday of Advent. In the midst of a pandemic, we're called to *rejoice*. Why? Because in the midst of all of this – every bit of pain, every shadow of darkness, every grieving moment, and with each moment of temptation to despair – we truly believe that Go is in our midst. We can rejoice because there is hope.

Like the Baptist crying out in the wilderness, we're called to proclaim the Christ. Hopeful, joyful expectation. Our Advent, both liturgically and in our current *sitz im leben* (setting in life), calls us to a joy not fully recognized. Like Saint John who spent his life

pointing to Christ, we're called to do the same. Point to Christ! Help others see the Good News in and through all of these things. Trust others who are doing the same as they point to Christ. Continue to be creative. Rejoice! Advent blessings,
Fr. Gurnick

FAITH FORMATION

A GIFT FOR YOU

St. Patrick & St. Malachi have purchased a subscription to FORMED.org. All content on this extensive Catholic Faith Formation platform is free. Just create an account by clicking "Sign Up" and locate Near West Partners as your Parish Name. You will receive an email with a link to the website, which, when you click on it, tells you to "Start Watching." Enjoy Studies, Movies, Audio Talks, e-books, and Children & Youth selections. FORMED offers Pick of the Week options based on current events and / or feast days. Seasonal programs are available during Advent and Christmas.

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Pray for Brian Gill, nephew of parishioner Jane Braun, who died Dec. 5, and Edward Dragony, brother of parishioner Dan Dragony, who died Dec. 7. May they be blessed with God's abundant care.

ROSARY FOR PEACE & LIFE

Sun.: 5pm, at St. Patrick

LITANY OF LORETO ADDITION

On June 20, 2020, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a circular letter to the Presidents of the world's Conferences of Bishops (Prot. n. 296/20), communicating the decision of Pope Francis to insert three new invocations into the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the Litany of Loreto. The invocations "Mother of mercy," "Mother of hope," and "Solace of migrants" (or "Comfort of migrants") are inserted after "Mother of the Church," "Mother of divine grace," and "Refuge of sinners," respectively.

PARISH LIFE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kevin Horvath (12/13), Denise Rowland, Brian Hudson, Bridget Danko (12/14), Michele Tomazic, Joan McAuliffe, Dennis Sadowski, David Haberman, Pat Markham, Shane Patrick Racine (12/15), Teresa Winans, John T. Spearry, Meghan Jacobs, Marybeth Napolitano, Rachel Napolitano, Alexander Perez, Nicole Piscitello, Mathias Wilson (12/16), Marka Spencer, Diana Lynn Theis, Mendo Veloff, Racquel Matthews (12/17), Thomas Ward, Michelle Masterson, Norah Grevey, Nicholas Weeden, Edward Napolitano, Sara Kandare (12/18), Andrzej Kazek, Kelle Anne Powalie, Therese Claxton, Logan Thomas, Dinah Rose Rastetter, Micah Traud (12/19).

COLLECTION

Sunday offertory for December 6. \$8,945. Thank You!

DECEMBER 50/50

December tickets are available in the rectory and after Sunday Masses. If you would like tickets mailed to you contact Nancy at 216-856-1357.

VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

During the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas, we've utilized the book "Waiting in Joyful Hope" to prompt daily preparation and reflection for many of our parishioners as a small, simple way to move closer to God in the weeks leading up to the solemn and joyful celebration of his nativity. In this year of social distancing, masks and homebound isolation, we invite you to move closer to God by engaging with members of your parish family. Find out more about how you can obtain your copy and join in the discussion at <http://stpatrickbridge.org/reflect-with-us-this-advent/>.

Would you like to share holiday greetings with a lot of folks at once? Just scan or snap a photo of your family Christmas card, annual holiday newsletter, child's Christmas drawing, or a quick note, and we'll add it to the gallery of images at <https://stpatrickbridge.org/christmas-cards-from-parishioners-friends/>. Submissions can be mailed to webmaster@stpatrickbridge.org by Dec. 23.

OUTREACH

SVDP SOCIETY IS HERE TO HELP

For folks in our neighborhood who may need assistance to meet their daily needs, we invite them to contact our parish Saint Vincent dePaul Society. Again, through the donations of our parishioners and friends of Saint Patrick, we're able to help those in need throughout the year. Thanks for your continued support to SVdPaul.

PCAP IS AVAILABLE

The Parishioner Crisis Assistance Program (PCAP) is available for parishioners who may find themselves struggling due to Covid-19. Thanks to so many generous individuals who have contributed, and with an additional \$5000 grant offered by our diocesan Catholic Community Foundation, Saint Patrick Parish is able to offer this assistance. This particular program has been established so that an individual's name and particular need remains confidential with the Pastor. We realize that many of those who are the first to think of helping others may be in a challenging position, especially as the pandemic continues. However, bills and other expenses may be adding up and can become overwhelming for some households. The process for making this confidential request is simple: any parishioner may contact Fr. Gurnick at the rectory to share your need. With the assistance of a couple of caring and trusting individuals, we'll be honored to assist.

A BIG THANK YOU - WeGiveCatholic

A very grateful thank you to all the parishioners and friends of St. Patrick Parish for showing your support of the parish on WeGiveCatholic / Giving Tuesday. We were able to raise \$4,855. These funds will be used for our parish communications work and community outreach services in an effort to keep everyone engaged during these pandemic times.

FROM THE EDITOR

Due to LPi holiday deadlines, all bulletin submissions for the weeks of December 20, December 27, and January 3, must be in no later than December 14. For any developments or information during the holidays please refer to your e-mail or look us up on our website stpatrickbridge.org.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious donation and collection will be on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13, 2020. Funding to support aging religious communities this year is critical, as donations go directly for medications, nursing care and other cost of living needs. The season of giving is unique this year and in addition to in pew or weekend collections, parishes are encouraged to promote mailing donations to the diocese office of Clergy and Religious at Cathedral Square Plaza (attention: Fr. Dan Schlegel).

"We don't know what the future holds, but it's all God's work," says Sister Theresa McGrath, 86, a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio. In good times and bad, the religious devoted themselves to God's work. They are among nearly 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Donate today at: dioceseofcleveland.org/retiredreligious. Or mail your contribution to: Office for Religious 1404 East 9th Street, 6th Floor Cleveland OH 44114 Make check payable to Diocese of Cleveland/RF.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS

Monday, December 14 – 7:00pm VIA Zoom – Fr. Mark Hollis, retired Spiritual Director at St. Mary Seminary, Topic: Intercessory Prayer & the Role of the Saints. At baptism we are christened, named after a saint, and when we are troubled, we pray to our patron saint to intercede on our behalf. Join us as Fr. Mark Hollis will dive a little deeper into the prayer connection we have with all the saints and their role in our relationship with God. Limited to 90 Computer Audience. Register in advance www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/we

COVER PHOTOS

(1) St. Patrick Christmas Eve and Christmas Day schedule. (2) Artists of the day, The Shakarian—Kvidera family paint the 3rd Day of Christmas for the parish exhibit.

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