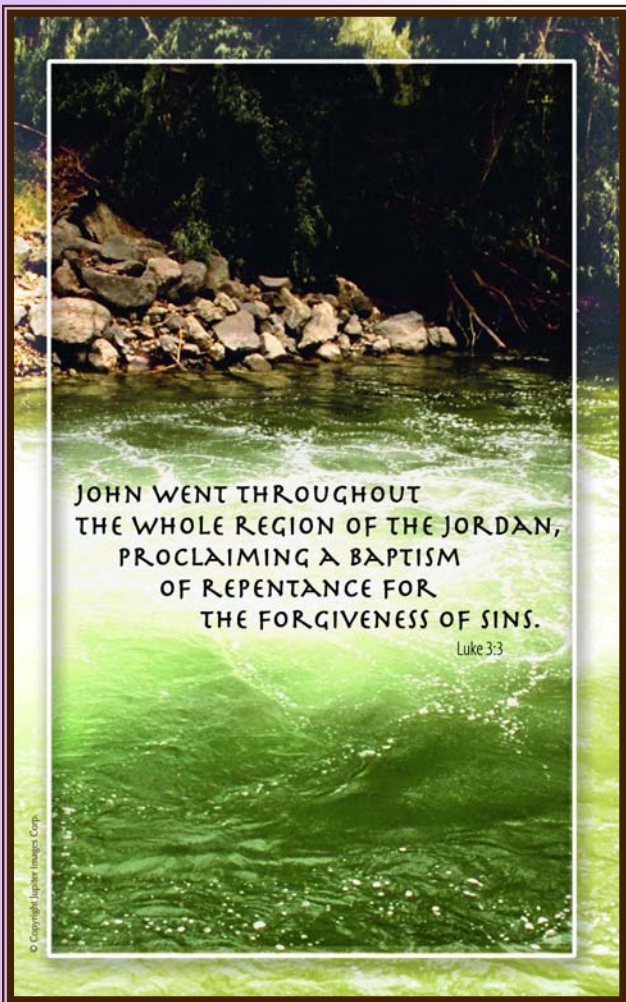


St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2012



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 7:30 am and 5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 and 10:00 am, 12:00 noon & 5:00 pm
Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 8:30 am
Wednesday: 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and by request

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Tuesday of each month
Exposition at 12:00 noon
Benediction at 7:00 pm

COMMUNION CALLS

Any homebound member or shut-in may receive Holy Communion in their home. A Eucharistic Minister, Deacon or Priest will visit.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

It is necessary to contact a priest 6 months before intended date of marriage. Pre-marriage preparation is also required for the Sacrament of Marriage.

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24 at 4:00 pm
 Monday, December 24 at 9:00 pm

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25 at 12:00 Midnight
 Tuesday, December 25 at 7:30 am
 Tuesday, December 25 at 10:00 am
 Tuesday, December 25 at 12:00 noon

There will be no 5:00 pm mass on Christmas Day

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

As the holidays approach, please take a moment to review our early transmission deadlines. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated!

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Article Reception Deadline</u>
December 25, 2012	Wednesday, December 12, 2012
January 1, 2013	Monday, December 18, 2012

ANGEL TREE

Please bring the gifts back to the church unwrapped (with the Angel on it to identify the person receiving it) this Sunday, December 9th for timely distribution to those in need. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity

OPLATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)

OPLATKI are now available at the rectory office during office hours: Monday–Thursday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

FEAST OF ST. LUCY- CHRISTMAS WHEAT

A beautiful custom on the feast of St. Lucy is to plant the "Christmas wheat." Pressed gently into a pot of garden soil, watered, and kept in a moderately warm room, the wheat will be sprouted soft green by Christmas. Then the children may carry it to the creche as a gift for the Child Jesus, symbolic of the Eucharistic bread by which He feeds our souls at the altar as well as of the staff of life by which His Father keeps life in our bodies. Thanks to the students at St. Patrick’s School, Christmas Wheat is available at the church exits this weekend.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Catholic Charities	724-228-7722
Crisis Pregnancy	1-888-543-3243
Option Line	1.800.395.HELP
The National Life Center	1.800.848.LOVE

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 2, 2012 - First Sunday of Advent

Envelopes	\$13,922.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$25.97
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,021.10
St. Patrick School.....	\$370.45
Parish Total	\$15,339.52
<i>Weekly Budgeted Expenses</i>	<i>\$16,225.75</i>
St. Vincent de Paul	\$159.87
Religious Retirement	\$120.00

2012 Parish Share

Assessment for 2012.....	\$134,230.00
Amount paid to date	\$88,560.50
Balance	\$45,669.50

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating our church for the Christmas season on Saturday, December 22 following the 7:30 am mass and continuing throughout that day until 4:00 pm. We will finish the decorations on Sunday afternoon after the 12:00 noon mass. Please call the parish rectory (724.745.6560) to let us know if you will be available to help on either day, so we know how to plan. We are looking forward to this time together!

HOME WITH CHRIST



Remember and welcome into your Kingdom O Lord, **Geraldine Ward-Statler, Lucille Luba,** and all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they rest in Your peace.

CHRISTMAS TREES

While we traditionally take donations for Christmas flowers, this year we are also again giving you the opportunity to remember your deceased loved ones with a donation towards a Christmas Tree that will be placed in our Sanctuary and noted in our bulletin. If you are interested, please call the parish rectory at 724.745.6560 by December 19, 2012.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Our Advent Wreath was donated in loving memory of **Ralph & Kitty Guyton** by Daughter, **Rene & Family.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
 Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-
 47, any readings from the Common of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
 Lk 3:10-18

Riches

are the instrument of all vices, because they render us
 capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.

—St. Ambrose

MINISTER SCHEDULE

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2012

12.8/12.9	Sat 5:00 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 10 AM	Sun Noon	Sun 5:00 PM
Lector	C Sherwin	B Bender	M Mullig	R Gaydos	M Balestrieri
Euch. Min.	T Kline	P Sollon	K Wissinger	J Brandel	T Diehl
	D Affinito	J Hofrichter	J Miller	M Lickert	J Dristas
	G Illig	S Hofrichter	M Corwin	P Barshick	J Kusic
	R Illig	J Duval	E Bruno	C Bevec	B Svitek
	D McEnteer	A Healy	J Bruno	E LoGreco	
Altar Server	B Illig	J Zukowski	S Corwin	L Brandel	S Coury
	J Illig	T Zukowski	P Corwin	C Hyde	K Burns
	C Helinski	X Flaherty	M Corwin	E Lickert	K Burns

The Third Sunday of Advent, December 16, 2012

12.15/12.16	Sat 5:00 PM	Sun 7:30 AM	Sun 10 AM	Sun Noon	Sun 5:00 PM
Lector	J O'Neill	J Cushma	M Law	E Patrick	J Galanko
Euch. Min.	A Harton	M Dombrowsli	J Blumen	M Badia	B Podobnik
	R Harton	J Bell	L Thompson	N Buttlar	S Podobnik
	D Angelone	B Herron	J Franko	T Diehl	N Brooks
	P Stabile	M Martorano	J Morton	T Geho	P Brooks
	N Galizia	P Martorano	M Morton	C Smith	
Altar Server	E Frohnapfel	M Cushma	J Cavallo	A Drain	R Cochenour
	B Lochran	A Boni	K Adreon	S Drain	A Starcevic
	N Lochran	Z Boni	R Rozak	M Costantino	L Starcevic

ST. PATRICK MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Advent – December 9

5:00 (PM-VIGIL) Daniel & Donna Lee DeVitis & Panelli
 Family by Mary DeVitis

MONTHS MIND: RALPH CHIAVERINI

7:30 For the People
 10:00 Edward & Virginia Yorke by Gloria & Dick Yorke Sarlo
 12:00 Clement DaPra by Wife, Toni & Family
 5:00 Jane Lusic King by Bill & Linda Fetcko

Monday, December 10

7:00 Frank K. Cox by Wife & Sons
 2:30 (PM-Consulate Upper) William Galanko by Mr. & Mrs.
 David Onuscheck

Tuesday, December 11 - St. Damascus I, Pope

7:00 Eric Cohill by Aunt Esther & Uncle Joe Kusic
 8:30 Roy Sr., Roy Jr. & Robert Finney by the Finney Family
 10:00 (AHEPA) Tony Aquilino by Becky & Dom Altieri Family

MONTHS MIND: CHARLES CARNAHAN

Wednesday, December 12 -

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 Andrew Drilak by Dorothy & Gerald
 Havelka
 9:00 Kathleen Dapkiewicz by Barbara &
 Larry Sandy
 2:00 (PM-Greenery) Helen Fisher by
 Barbara & John Solensky



Thursday, December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 Henry Dietz by Patricia Fink
 8:30 James Spiller by William Sullivan
 10:30 (TownView) Peggie Koblarchick by Vicki Del Bene

Friday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 Edith Cheverine Hartley by Family
 8:30 Irene Bench by Grandmother of Katie & Colleen Bench

Saturday, December 15

7:30 Peter Cocco by Wife & Children
 11:30 Reconciliation
 5:00 (PM-VIGIL) Giovanna Bruno by Angelo & Eileen
 Cianelli

Third Sunday of Advent – December 16

7:30 John A. Pape by Mr. & Mrs. David Seamon
 10:00 Victor Ogradowski by Joe & Norm Ogradowski
 12:00 Dominick Calabro, Jr. By Zolton & Jean Popp
 5:00 Richard Fabian by Joanne & Richard Ziak

MONTHS MIND: JOSEPH TROVATO

ANNUAL FUDGE FUNDRAISER



The Knights of Columbus have begun their annual fundraiser "Fudge Program". They would like to provide a little more details on the fudge, which they will be selling on the following dates at all masses:

- ◆ Saturday , December 8th & Sunday, Dec. 9th
- ◆ Saturday , December 15th & Sunday, Dec. 16th
- ◆ Saturday , December 22nd & Sunday, Dec. 23rd

The fudge is sold in one pound gift boxes for \$13.00 a box. The following flavors are available:

- ◆ Chocolate Cheesecake
- ◆ Belgian Chocolate
- ◆ Belgian Chocolate Walnut
- ◆ Chocolate Peanut Butter
- ◆ Peanut Butter Fudge
- ◆ Pecan Turtle

The Knights truly appreciate all the kindness and support that you provide to the Knights of Columbus and their projects, considering themselves to be truly blessed by your help. Please look for them in the vestibules of the church after mass.

~ St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus

LADIES OF CHARITY WRAPPING GIFTS



Ladies of Charity will be wrapping gifts on Wednesday, December 12 at 9:00 am in St. Patrick Center. Please bring wrapping paper, tape and scissors.

Please meet in the Center on Wednesday, December 19th, as the Christmas Bags will be delivered on this day.

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Welcome to St. Patrick Church! Please complete a Parish Registration Form, which can be found at the exits of the church or on the parish website, www.stpatrickparish.net. Completed registration forms may be submitted via the mail, email: rita.meyer@verizon.net, or the Sunday collection basket.

Advertiser of the Week

Country Meadows Retirement Communities
412.257.4566 or 412.257.2474
www.countrymeadows.com



Dec. 9 & 16
8:30 to 9:45 am

TOY & PAPER DRIVE

The Faith Formation (Religious Education) classes, preschool through 8th grade will be collecting items for the Women's Shelter for abused women and children, Catholic Charities, needy families of our Parish, and Toys for Tots. Students are asked to bring in NEW items of clothing for infants to teens, diapers, paper products (plates, napkins, cups, towels, etc.), and NEW toys. Items DO NOT need to be gift-wrapped. If you would like to make a monetary donation it will be collected and sent to Pittsburgh Diocesan Mission in Chimbote, Peru. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education office at 724.745.3787.



ADVENT CELEBRATION

An Advent celebration will be held on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 pm in the church for all Religious Education students in grades 3 to 8, as well as their parents and other family members. We will be celebrating God's forgiveness and peace with a social to follow in the cafeteria.

We hope you will make every effort to join us.

LADIES OF CHARITY FLOWER SALE

The Ladies of Charity will be selling Christmas flowers after all Masses this weekend, December 8 & 9 in the Cafeteria. Please stop by and purchase a flower or two. Proceeds will benefit the shut-ins of St. Patrick Parish and those in nursing homes. Any Ladies of Charity who have not signed up to help with the flower sale, please call Barb Svitek or Pat Waskowiak as soon as possible.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 9 - Christian Mothers' Christmas Banquet:** 2 pm (Ramada Inn)
- Dec. 12 - Ladies of Charity Gift Wrapping:** 9:00 am (Center)
- Dec. 12 - Pray the Rosary:** 6:30 pm (Church)
- Dec. 13 - Advent Celebration:** 7:00 pm (Church)
- Dec. 16 - Catholic Men's Club:** 7:00 pm (Center)
- Dec. 19 - St. Patrick School Reconciliation:** after 9 am Mass
- Dec. 19 - Parish Advent Reconciliation Service:** 7 pm (Church)
- Dec. 20 - St. Vincent de Paul Mtg:** 7:00 pm (Center)
- Dec. 22 - Decorate Church:** after 7:30 am Mass (Church)
- Dec. 24 - Youth Group making Luminaries:** 2:00 pm (Center)
- Dec. 27 - Parish Christmas Open House:** 6:00 pm (Rectory)

Youth Ministry



High School Youth Group (Grades 9 - 12)

High School Youth Group tonight, December 9th from 6:30-8:00 in The Center. No Youth Group on December 16.

Caroling at Manor Care Nursing Home on December 17.

The Youth Group will be making Luminaries for the church on Monday, December 24. Meet in The Center at 2:00 pm.



Middle School Youth Group (Grades 7- 8)

The next Middle School Youth Group EDGE night is December 19th, 6:30-8:00 in The Center.



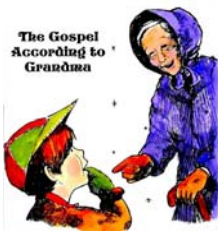
Youth Rally & Mass for Life Washington, DC January 25, 2012

The Youth Bus will leave at 12:30 am and return at 11:30 pm on Friday, January 25th. **All 8 – 12 graders, and 7th graders with a parent, are encouraged to attend.** We have a limited number of tickets for the Youth Rally at the Verizon Center and there are many other Youth Groups on the wait list for tickets. Each person on our bus must have a ticket for the Verizon Center. Therefore, please return your permission form ASAP so we can plan well and not turn anyone away. Permission forms are in the church vestibules or email Nicole at youth@stpatrikparish.net to get one. Parents should call Nicole in the Youth Ministry Office (724.745.4130) if you would like to chaperone.

Stories For Children Of All Ages

“The Gospel According to Grandma” - the third collection of Stories for ‘Children of All Ages’ by Fr. Jack Nanz. Copies are available at the Parish Office for a offering of \$10.

The other two collections — “Songs of a Troubadour” & “Rainbows on the Wall” are also available for the same amount. Thank you ~ Fr. Jack Nanz ☺



ST. PATRICK FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

WINNER	TICKET #	SELLER	WINNINGS
R Gazarik	3662	J Gazarik	\$200.00
S Borella	4278	Borella	\$63.34
G Hodor	3891	B Hageman	\$63.33
A Wolanin	3491	L Binotto	\$63.33
R Mejia	3604	~	\$15.00
K McFetridges	3684	~	\$15.00
B Dolan	3803	F Scott	\$15.00
R Gazarik	3663	J Gazarik	\$15.00
R Griffith	3500	Hardy	\$40.00
C Lippwe	4698	L Binotto	\$10.00

Congratulations to the winners of Week 5 - 11.25.12

WINNER	TICKET #	SELLER	WINNINGS
L Gaines	3678	J Gaines	\$200.00
M Mahoney	4231	R Wichard	\$100.00
B Gaines	3672	J Gaines	\$50.00
T & J Morascyzk	3101	D Srsic	\$30.00
L Grenci	4093	R Coole	\$30.00
R Lindley	4453	Mr. Mozina	\$30.00
S Borella	4273	Borella	\$5.00
R Gazarik	3662	J Gazarik	\$5.00
M Garboski	4057	E Gump	\$40.00
D Gump	4055	E Gump	\$10.00

Congratulations to the winners of Week 6 - 12.2.12

BAPTISM

First time parents should contact the parish office (ext. 11) well in advance of an expected Baptism, before birth when possible, to prepare for and to schedule both the Baptism and to register for Baptism Instruction. Baptisms during Mass are held the 1st Sunday of the month and Baptisms after Mass at 1:15 pm are typically held the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. The next instruction will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

“Love is work. It’s good work, if you can get it. But it’s work, nevertheless.” (Benjamin Cheever) What’s the first work project that you and your spouse took on together—painting a room, washing the car, repairing a window, learning better communication skills? What’s difficult about working together?

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW

Diocesan Webpage www.diopitt.org
Abuse Hotline 1-800.932.0313
Children & Youth Service 1-412.473.2000 or 1.724.228.6884

If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse, please call **911 immediately.**



THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN



“Texting, Talking, Technology and Tacos”

Dr. Anthony F. Merante

Technology is a wonderful thing. I love it. Day or night, weekdays or weekends, I can immediately send someone a message, whether they want to receive one from me or not! We can work from home, the coffee shop, and we can look up information immediately. We can answer questions, find prices on clothes, the Mass times of churches, what the weather will be, and what our favorite sports team just did! Technology is a wonderful thing!

When my own children were growing up, my wife and I were amazed at how our daughter would tell us things we didn't even ask and our son couldn't OR wouldn't even give us an idea if anyone was alive in his class! It was a trying time, especially through the teenage years. As our children got older, our daughter had a social group 23 female friends who only went places in packs. My son became a bit more talkative, especially if he wanted the car. My wife and I often say we are glad that our kids are raised. We can only imagine trying to compete with cell phones and texting.

I make it a point of sitting and eating lunch with our students every day. Children are truly a gift from God. But guess what, I don't have to compete with technology in the lunchroom! The kids talk, I talk, it is quite interesting. Children really haven't changed that much in terms of worries, cares, fears, and interests. But you know what has changed? Technology. When we eat together there is no texting, no phones, only talking. We might talk about technology, we aren't using it. We all just sit there, eating our tacos or whatever is served (by the way, the food in the cafeteria is awesome) and interact. However, I am seeing more and more of something I can only describe as sad!

When I was out to lunch with my son one day, there was a dad and his daughter sitting near us. There was absolutely NO conversation between dad and his daughter. He sat there eating and she had her head down and was texting the entire time! My wife and I went out to dinner recently and near us was a couple with their two boys, probably both under 12. Their food wasn't there yet, but none-the-less, the mom and dad were talking and the boys were sitting and playing their video games for at least twenty minutes.

Yep, technology is a wonderful thing, but when we let it overtake the time spent with our families, it becomes a negative part of family life.

“At St. Patrick School, We Educate the Whole Child”

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the people of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish, with a strong tradition of sacramental life guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist & strengthened by God's Word, commit ourselves to build strong families, foster Christian values and support all persons on their spiritual journey."

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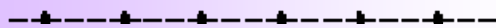
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Mrs. Barbara Cianelli (724.745.4913)

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Mrs. Lucy Hosni (724.745.6560, leave a message)

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Please call the parish office

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