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CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK

319 MAHANTONGO STREET  POTTSVILLE, PA

Pastor..... Rev. Msgr. Edward J. O'Connor

Parochial Vicar/Hospital Chaplain..... Rev. Barnabas Shayo, A.J.

Permanent Deacons..... Mr. John E. Quirk
Mr. Lawrence J. Lonergan

Membership/Registration

All parishioners should be registered in our files. New parishioners are asked to register as soon as possible. When moving from the parish, notify the office. Please also report any address change.

St. Patrick Parish offers Online Giving

as an electronic tool for contributions so you can contribute via the Internet. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. Please go to our Parish website at www.stpatrickpottsville.org to get started.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 4:15 pm
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekdays Currently 8:00 am
Saturdays.. None at the present time

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 pm Wednesday..... 6:30 to 7:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE

Phone..... 570-622-1802 Email..... saintpatrickpottsville@gmail.com
Fax 570-622-2593 Web www.stpatrickpottsville.org
Business Manager..... Lisa Arant
Office Administrator Debbie Walker
Office Hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Thursday
8:30 am to 12:00 pm, Friday
Bulletin Deadline..... 9:00 am, Mondays
Monthly Parish Events Calendar Deadline..... First day of prior month

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents are required to register and attend a reparatory workshop before Baptism. Please call Deacon Jack Quirk at 570-622-1802, ext. 7, to register. Workshops are held bi-monthly. Parents wishing Baptism for their children must be practicing Catholics; meaning regular attendance at Mass, and supporting the Parish by the use of envelopes.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married must contact a parish priest at least six months prior to the desired date of the marriage.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PREP): Grades 1 - 8 • September thru May

Please follow schedule on calendar. When classes are held, please report after the 9:30 am Mass from 10:45 am to noon.

Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy, S.S.J., Director 570-544-2464 / smjaned@outlook.com

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST.

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ROSARY AND NOVENA: 7:00 pm, Wednesdays in Our Lady's Chapel

COMMUNION CALLS are made monthly. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be put on the Communion Call list, or would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME VISITS: The patient or a member of the immediate family must notify the Parish Office of a patient's admission so a visit can be made. This is in compliance with the Federal HIPAA Law.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process in which adults join the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office if interested.

ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE: Certificates to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation are available at the Parish Office. You must be a practicing Catholic, meaning regular attendance at Mass, and supporting the Parish by the use of envelopes.

ST. PATRICK POTTSVILLE AREA KITCHEN: Please call Terry Alexander at 570-617-2957 for hours and donations.

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service: If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

St. Patrick's Preschool at Assumption BVM

Director: Mrs. Sharon Rossi
570-622-0106

Assumption BVM Elementary School

Principal: Mrs. Teresa Keating
570-622-0106

Nativity BVM High School

Principal: Mrs. Lynn Sabol
570-622-8110

St. Joseph's Center for Special Learning

Program Director:
Mr. Robert Giba
570-622-4638

Local Safe Environment Coord.

Lisa Arant, 570-622-5566

Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
DIRECT LINE: 800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coord.

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

Diocesan Policies on the Protection of Youth can be found at:
<http://www.allentowndiocese.org/youth-protection>



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠ APRIL 18, 2021



Monday, April 19

8:00 am Catherine Markovich (Tom & MaryAnn Heenan)

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 am Dick Matthews (Wife, Annette)

Wednesday, April 21- St. Anselm, Bishop

8:00 am Theodore, Jr. & Mary Stock
(Mary Lou & Michael Prock)

Thursday, April 22

8:00 am Louis & Anna O'Connor (Clare Schneider)

Friday, April 23 – St. George, Martyr

8:00 am Shirley Goodman (Heckman Family)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 24

4:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. Cletus Conway (Maryanne & Jim)

Sunday, April 25

8:00 am Michael Buchinsky, Sr.
(Mr. & Mrs. Michael Buchinsky, Jr.)
10:00 am People of the Parish

READINGS OF THE DAY

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

Know Jesus

in the breaking
of the bread....



them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

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Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- the sick of the parish
- our many Benefactors
- those recently deceased –

If you are a visitor to the Church of St. Patrick, we want you to know that you are most welcome, whether you come from another State or from another Parish. Please feel comfortable in our beautiful house of the Father. Thank you for worshipping with us!

CANDLE INTENTIONS

April 18 to April 24

Sanctuary –

Sacred Heart – IMO Alice & Thomas Murphy
(Alice Henry)

Pieta – IMO Dick Matthews (Wife, Annette)

Pope St. John Paul II – IMO Salvatore & Mary Modesto

St. Patrick - IMO Lois & Vince Gargano

(Charles & Elizabeth Dries & Family)

Sanctuary – Our Lady's Chapel -

Blessed Virgin Mary – Our Lady's Chapel -



LOTTERY CALENDARS - RECENT OUTCOMES

Tues., April 6	#174	Mary Beth M. (\$50)
Wed., April 7	#462	Ann F. (\$50)
Thurs., April 8	#093	No Winner
Fri., April 9	#580	No Winner
Sat., April 10	#612	No Winner
Sun., April 11	#806	Suzanne K. (\$150)
Mon., April 12	#584	No Winner

Our monthly lottery calendars are a great fundraiser for our Parish! They make great gifts! Please consider being a seller, or buying one by calling the Parish Office!

FOR SECURITY REASONS, AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE LOWER CHAPEL IS CLOSED!

Debbie will not be available at the Parish Office on Thursday, May 13, for the Feast of the Ascension!



Some parishioners contacted us saying that Monsignor contacted them to purchase gift cards for him. These are not legitimate requests and are not from a Diocesan priest. No Diocesan priest will ever solicit funds by text message and/or email. If you are concerned about a text message or email you receive, always verify it before you take any action!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Fiscal Year 2020-2021		
April 4, 2021 (Week 39)		
Budgeted Weekly Sunday Offering	\$ 9,110	
Last Sunday's Offering/% of Budget	\$10,286	113%
Sunday Offerings To Date	\$314,616	
Deficit to Date	(\$ 40,659)	-13%
322 Envelopes used out of a possible 903		
55 Online Giving Contributions		

Fiscal Year 2020-2021		
April 11, 2021 (Week 40)		
Budgeted Weekly Sunday Offering	\$ 9,110	
Last Sunday's Offering/% of Budget	\$ 7,344	81%
Sunday Offerings To Date	\$321,960	
Deficit to Date	(\$ 42,425)	-13%
262 Envelopes used out of a possible 903		
51 Online Giving Contributions		

The Second Collection on the weekend of April 25 will be for Parish Maintenance. Please be generous!

THE NEXT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20, AT 6 PM, IN THE PARISH CENTER. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. PLEASE WEAR A MASK!

PREP Classes for **ALL STUDENTS** receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held in the Rectory on April 25, May 9, and May 20. Classes begin after the 10 am Mass from 11:15 am until 12:30 pm. **ALL PREP students receiving these sacraments MUST ATTEND.**



ALL PREP Parents/Guardians of students NOT receiving sacraments will continue to meet on the second Sunday of each month in the Parish Center from 11:15 am until 12:30 pm. The next Parent session will be held on May 9.

Intercessor's Corner St. Mark the Evangelist

St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark travelled with SS. Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria. He is the Patron of Venice and Barristers. His Feast Day is April 25.



Simple ways to live a better life



One consequence of a protracted pandemic is that we are almost forced to rethink the way we go about our daily lives. It's a good time to think about simplifying the way we live:

Live in the moment. We can't change the past and dwelling on the future is unproductive. The choices we make right now are all that count.

Avoid drama. There will always be someone whose situation is worse than our own. If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get drawn in by those who do – try substituting activities you find positive and interesting instead. Prayer helps.

Talk less. Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening.

Spend time with happy people. Connect in safe and healthy ways with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy.

Work happy. No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns any job into a blessing.

DONATIONS TO THE ST. PATRICK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Aleece Hanlon
by: Evelyn McGuire

St. Patrick Parish Applauds!!

Congratulations to our St. Patrick Pottsville Area Kitchen who won the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce 2021 Annual Awards as the Non-Profit of the Year! Serving over thousands of meals over the years, we are so happy that their hard work and dedication was recognized! Their extraordinary act of charity has shown our community that they have listened to the words of Jesus by carrying on His Mission! We commend Terry Alexander and Rosemary Cairns for their leadership and commitment over these many years, and we thank all of the teams of volunteers who have selflessly shown the importance of this ministry in every single act of love that they give to others! We are proud of all of you!! Thank you!!

Commercial:

*Mahanoy City St. Teresa Golden Age Trip to Charleston, SC, and Savannah, GA - June 13-18 - Magnolia Tram Tour and more. Call Elizabeth at 570-773-1753 for more details.

GET PERSONAL WITH JESUS

The Easter season is a perfect time to develop, strengthen and deepen our friendship with Jesus. During this time of celebration, we can set goals that aim to deepen our knowledge and love of our Lord.

The Eucharist is the source. The best way to get close to Jesus is in the Holy Mass and by receiving Holy Communion. It is God's way of bringing us into communion with him.

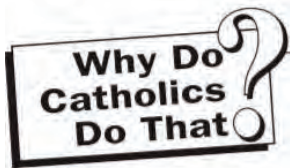


Visit the confessional.

Confession is a Sacrament that encourages us to take an honest look at the way we are living.

Even Catholics who have been away from Confession will find that the best way to get a new beginning with Jesus off to a great start is to visit the confessional. Clean that slate! Begin anew.

Spend time with him. We can spend time reading inspirational books and blogs, and chatting on Catholic sites, but to develop a relationship with Jesus, we need face time with him. Adoration is one of the best ways to keep him company.



Why do Catholic Churches have stained glass windows?



In the days of the early Church, most church goers couldn't read, so the images were teaching tools. They told stories of Christ's life or of the saints. Today, these beautiful windows inspire us to reflect on our own faith.

Stained glass windows also remind us that we are in no ordinary building. Here, "the truth and the harmony of the signs ... should show Christ to be present and active in this place" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1181).

Alone with God

We live our lives in God's presence whether we are aware of Him or not. Take advantage of it and be alone with Him as often as possible. Soon you will see Him everywhere you are.



Heavenly Humor

Q: How do angels greet each other?

A: They say, "Halo".

Q: What do you get when you cross a vulture with a praying mantis?

A: A bird that will eat you and pray for your soul.

Q: How do you grow Heavenly grapes?

A: Di-vine-ly!

Q: What do you call a religious fish?

A: Holy Mackerel



Q: Why couldn't Noah catch a lot of fish on the ark?

A: Because he only had two worms

Q: Why did Moses cross the Red Sea?

A: To get to the other side

Q: What do you call a sleep-walking nun?

A: A Roamin' Catholic

Q: What was the first sport mentioned in the Bible?

A: Baseball... The Book of Genesis opens, "In the big inning..."



Q: Why couldn't the church steeple keep a secret?

A: Because the bell always tolled

St. Patrick Church Spaghetti to Go!!!



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**MAY 22, 2021 8:00 AM
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**Shotgun Start – Scramble Format
First Place Prize - \$300
Second Place Prize - \$160
Hole in One Prizes – Longest Drive –
Closest to the Pin
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**For more information,
please contact
St. Patrick Parish Office
at 570-622-1802, ext. 1 or
Golf Outing Coordinators:
Tony Pilo at 570-617-6393
Helen Weiss at 570-527-4895
Charlie Taronis at 570-294-8865**

**\$85 Adult Golfer; \$50 Student Golfer (17 years and younger)
Register by May 7 for Early Bird Drawing!**

Golf – Cart – Dinner – Beverages on the Course – Hotdogs at the Gazebo

Not a Golfer? Join us for lunch at 1 pm - \$20 (Call the Parish Office)

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