

Old St. Patrick  
December 13, 2020

Gaudete Sunday

Advent

PREPARING THE WAY



*My Soul Rejoices in My God*



# Tradition and our Catholic Faith

## NOTES FROM FATHER TOM

There has been a movement in the Church for some years now that can be called a “return to Tradition.” In many ways, it is a reaction to the numerous excesses and failures following the Second Vatican Council, especially when it came to the liturgy and lack of teaching the faith in the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s. This movement, is a desire for a return to the “sacred” in liturgy, to be faithful to the Church’s teachings on marriage and family, especially when it comes to contraception and openness to life, and the other difficult Church teachings for our age, and to live the faith on a serious level. On the whole, the movement toward Tradition, is a beautiful and renewing force in the Church, and something that is bigger than any parish or person. We can see this in the kind of priests that are being ordained nowadays: young priests who love the sacred, and often learn how to celebrate the Tridentine Mass. The priests ordained over the last 10 years (of whom I am one), overwhelmingly support and desire a return to the “sacral” elements of the Faith.

Nowadays there are many stories of churches being beautifully restored to their former glory, with sacred art, often an altar rail, statues etc... This is happening in parishes where a more recently ordained priest has become a pastor and decided to focus on bringing the beauty back! The homeschool movement has been another great contributor to the return to Tradition: Catholic parents choosing to teach their children Latin, philosophy, the great Western literary heritage rather than risking sending them to parochial or worse public schools. Homeschooling has taken off in popularity, and now is on its second or third generation of faithful families. We have been blessed with St. Augustine’s at our parish, a strong academic program supporting homeschoolers. In the Ann Arbor area we also have independent Catholic schools, like Spiritus Sanctus associated with the Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, which are faithful to Tradition and teach the Faith. There is a lot to be thankful for in the direction in which the Church is going, and it is mostly happening from the ground up!



As a pastor of our traditional parish, I have been delighted with the opportunity to celebrate the Mass as devoutly as possible: ad orientem, with Latin chants of the ordinary, and utilizing the altar rail for Holy Communion. In addition, I have made many of the shorter rites available in the Extraordinary Form: such as Baptism, blessing of woman after giving birth (“Churching”), blessing of holy water with salt, Epiphany blessing of homes etc.. It has been a joy to use the Church’s time honored texts for these blessings, which often entail minor exorcism prayers and strong words against evil not found in the newer texts. One of the more beautiful moments of my discernment, was when I found myself at a more traditional parish and saw Catholic women wearing veils at Mass for the first time. The beauty of that experience helped move me a step closer toward God and discernment.

Having been pastor for several years now, at our parish, I’ve had the chance to observe the movement toward Tradition, from the inside. One of the things that I have found, is that the desire for Catholic Tradition, often leads our faithful to educate and form themselves through strong Traditional teaching from various sources. This in itself is a very commendable thing: the desire to know God, the Church and its teachings, the Traditions of the Church on an ever deeper level. It happens through the homeschool curriculum, through book study groups, through many sources outside the parish: religious orders such as Miles Christi, and through listening to traditional Catholic voices in the Church. Many families and lay faithful have benefited greatly (myself included) from such teaching. However, in the last several years,

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I have also observed voices in the Church, which have become increasingly critical and harsh and hurtful to the Church and those who listen to them. What kind of voices are these? They are both priests and lay “ministries” including Catholic media, which declare themselves “Traditional” and “defenders of the True Church” but do so in a way that is violent and hostile in tone, and sometimes at odds with the Church. You could call them “extreme” voices, and you would recognize them by constant negativity of their teaching or news coverage. These voices love to bash the Holy Father, to constantly search out what is “wrong” with the Church, to call out bishops in a disrespectful voice, and loudly proclaim themselves the keepers of the true faith. Unfortunately, some of them started out as good, solid, traditional priests and laymen who helped the Church move toward Tradition and the sacred. But now they have degenerated into speculation, insinuation, and at times outright defiance of the Church.

You may say: but father, we need voices like this. Yes, sometimes we do. But historically all authentic renewal of the Church has occurred through voices and people who have done so from within the Church. Even if this meant doing something they didn’t want to, they were obedient and maintained their union with the Holy Father and Mother Church. St. Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Dominic, St. Francis, all brought tremendous renewal to the Church just when it was needed most. They did not break faith with the Holy Father or with their bishop, even when they were being persecuted. And they lived at a time when the Church was often in much greater trouble and more corrupt than it is today. This is why we call them saints! Our modern heroes trod a similar path: St. John Paul II and his stance against Communism, St. Padre Pio, Bl. Pier Frassati, all brought renewal and were faithful sons of the Church.

### **How do we know when a traditional voice is in trouble and may lead us astray?**

#### **Several ways:**

- 1) Is the voice we’re listening to consistently bashing and negating the Holy Father (it’s one thing to disagree from time to time, but completely another to break faith with, or to dishonor
- 2) Is the voice we’re listening to consistently and overwhelmingly negative about the Church and its leaders (focused on scandals, corruption, sins of hierarchy)
- 3) Is the voice we’re listening to becoming more and more political, speculative, looking for conspiracies within and without the Church...(does it equate being Catholic with supporting a particular political candidate at all cost...)
- 4) Finally, is the voice we’re listening to been rebuked or censured by the rightful authority of the Church: the Holy See or its bishop

Some of you have asked me: Father, then who should we listen to? These are troubling times, and it is not always easy to find voices of reason and orthodoxy. We have to use discernment, but I believe the criteria above is very helpful. I can tell you that voices such as retired Abp Vigano (in hiding) and Michael Voris (from Detroit’s “Vortex”) fall under all 4 of the criteria above. They have been either censured by the Church, or asked to return to fraternal communion with the Church and refused to do so. On the other hand, there are plenty of faithful priests, bishops, lay educated faithful, who advocate for Tradition and the Sacred while living in communion with the Church. Many of them quietly go about fulfilling their duties, serving the Church and their families, or their ministries, and bringing about a renewal of faith from the inside. Some of them, like retired Arbp Chaput for example, speak out publicly and respectfully against the evils of our age, while maintaining absolute communion with the Church and the Holy See. Let us follow their lead, stay steady in Faith, smart about who we allow to inform our minds and consciences, and never forget who it is who is really present in His Church.



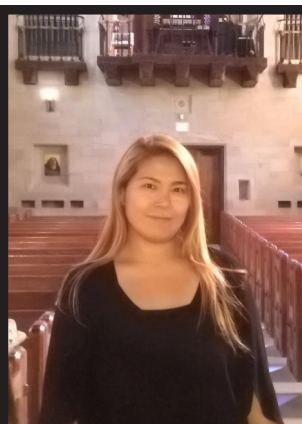
Old St. Patrick Choir

# Advent Concert



Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm

The choir invites you to an evening of Advent Chant, featuring 17th cen. Italian composer Antonio Lotti, and his beautiful Missa Brevis "Primo Tuono," a baroque carol, as well as traditional Advent chants and hymns by 20th cen. composers Javier Busto and the Italian priest-composer Marco Frisina. Come see what the choir has been working on all year, and support their mission pilgrimage to Poland!



## Welcome Jun Bernier

My name is Jun Bernier. I am very happy to serve as the new organist at Old St. Patrick. I'm originally from South Korea, where I graduated as a pipe organ major from a music university in

South Korea. I have been living in Michigan for 9 years. I have 2 kids, who already love coming to church with me! My favorite things are sewing, crafts, cooking, travel, motorcycles and music. My favorite foods are anything spicy, pizza, polish food, fish and chip, and so much more. I look forward to meeting you soon and seeing you at Mass.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>TUE 7:00</b>	<b>Roxanne Dulecki</b> ✝
<b>WED 8:15</b>	<b>Charles E. Green</b> ✝
<b>THU 8:30</b>	<b>Clementine Baker</b>
<b>FRI 8:15</b>	<b>Faithful Bishops</b>
<b>SAT 4:00</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>SUN 8:00</b>	<b>Cathy Pepera</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Mary Grace Keenan</b>

## TO PRAY IS TO LOVE

### • Please pray for those in need, including:

Patricia Fuller, Lisa Ann Kozakowski, John LaRock Sr., Phil Rutledge, Kathy Cooley, Robin Fahmie, Karen Prins, Sandra Adams, Richard Pelkey, Pete Siebertz, Nicole Brcic, Jim Stephensen, Mason Rutledge, Ron Fuller, Wayne DeForest, Ann Mary "Nancy" Phillips, Katie Hutton, Betsy & Charlie Rodgers, Pam Wiitala, Emma Thompson,

Bryan Eaton, Phillip Campbell Sr., Paul Massimilla, Magdalene Trabanino, Lois Roth, Clara Peterson, Teri Kuzniar, Lynn Matta, John LaRock Jr., Glenn Klecker, Alice Walsh, Henrik Wayne Sidwell

### • Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

### • Please pray for those in the military, including:

Mark Richard, Philip Maxwell, Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Mike Porter, James Kummet



# ST. PATRICK PARISH CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, December 13**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

No Youth Group

**MONDAY, December 14**

5:30 Confessions

6:30 RCIA Meeting

**TUESDAY, December 15**

5:30 Confessions and Adoration

**WEDNESDAY, December 16**

9:00 Church Cleaning

5:30 Confessions

**THURSDAY, December 17**

5:30 Confessions (Men)

7:00 Choir Practice

**FRIDAY, December 18**

7:00 Chants of Advent Choir Concert

**SATURDAY, December 19**

2:30 Confessions

**SUNDAY, December 20**

**Forth Sunday of Advent**

6:30 Youth Group

Religious Education on Break

# OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH DIRECTORY

## Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM

Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; Don't hesitate to call for an appointment!

## Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

## EF/TLM Latin Mass

2nd Sunday of Month 12:30pm

## Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass

Tuesday 7:00PM

Wed. & Fri. 8:15AM School Year, 8:30AM Summer

Thur. 8:30AM

First Saturdays 9:00AM

## Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:45PM

First Friday 7:00PM - Saturday 8:45AM

## Baptisms

Contact Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email [fjapp@umich.edu](mailto:fjapp@umich.edu) to arrange a preparation class and Baptism date.

## Marriages

Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

## Funerals

Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

## Parish Registration

Contact the office for a registration form.

## Office hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

**Office: 734-662-8141**

**Emergency: 734-663-1851**

**Address:** 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd, Ann Arbor, 48105

**Website:** [www.stpatricka2.org](http://www.stpatricka2.org)

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## Pastor

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Dcn. Gary Perrydore, [gperrydore@comcast.net](mailto:gperrydore@comcast.net)

## Parish Secretary

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**Dog In Residence:** Chesterton AKA "Chester"

## Knights of Columbus Council 10963

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## OSP Library

[osplibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:osplibrarian@gmail.com)

## Prayer Requests

[ospintentions@gmail.com](mailto:ospintentions@gmail.com)

Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing to [bulletin@stpatricka2.org](mailto:bulletin@stpatricka2.org) by Monday at noon and will be edited at the discretion of the editor or pastor.

# ALTAR SERVERS

**SATURDAY 4:00/Dec 19**

J.P. Deemer

B. Deemer

F. Deemer

**SUNDAY 8:00/Dec 20**

J. Hayes

**SUNDAY 10:30/Dec 20**

J. Wild

C. Wild

A. Russell



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## Knight of the Month



**Ron Fuller** is our Knight of the Month for December. Ron is the Facilities and Maintenance Manager here at OSP. He is an active member of the production team that provided set up

for the outdoor Mass and live streamed Masses during the quarantine. Congratulations Ron and thank you for all the time and effort you devote to keeping our parish and the campus sanitized and beautiful! May our Lord bless you.

## Family of the Month

Our Family of the Month for December is the **Patrick Schloss Family**. The Schloss family have been Old St. Patrick parishioners for nine years and love our parish community. Pat is a Microbiology professor at the University of Michigan and Sarah homeschools their nine children. Pat and Sarah and their

children, Mary (19), Patrick (17), Joe (15), John (13), Ruth (11), Jacob (9), Peter (7), Martha (5), and Simon (3), are involved with many aspects of parish life. Some of their favorite activities are serving at the altar with Fr. Tom, cleaning up the cemetery, and arranging flowers for the altar. Outside of OSP, the family runs a 25 acre farm where they raise livestock, are involved with the movement to feed communities with local food, and participate in Washtenaw County 4-H. Mary, the eldest child, is a sophomore at Michigan Technological University, where she is very active with the campus parish, St. Albert the Great. The Schloss family is grateful to the OSP Knights of Columbus council for their generosity and care shown to our community.



## Extended Advent Confession Times!



Because of the pandemic Ann Arbor parishes will not hold their Advent Penance Services this year. However, Fr. Tom is offering **Extended Confession Times** Monday through Thursday on the week of Dec 14-Dec 17 from **5:30pm until 7pm**, each evening in the Parish Hall. Prepare your soul for Christmas by availing yourself of the Sacrament of Confession!

## Help Get our Church Ready for Christmas



Calling all parishioners who are available to help clean and get our beautiful church ready for the Christmas season. Join us Wednesday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9am.**

## ✝ Prayers for our Faithful Departed

Pray for the repose of the soul of: **Wesley Bernier** (Father in law of Jun Bernier, OSP Organist). *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## Year End Tax Considerations

As we rapidly approach the end of the calendar year, we thought it would be a good time for a quick refresher on IRS tax rules with regards to recording charitable contributions.

Contributions must be mailed prior to year end. This means,

that the donor needs to mail checks by December 31st and that the envelope with the postmark is a very important piece of information. If a check is received in early January that is dated in December but the postmark is January 3rd, the donation would be recorded in 2021. Conversely, if the check is dated December 31, the envelope is postmarked December 31, and its still not received until January 3rd, the contribution would be recorded in 2020.

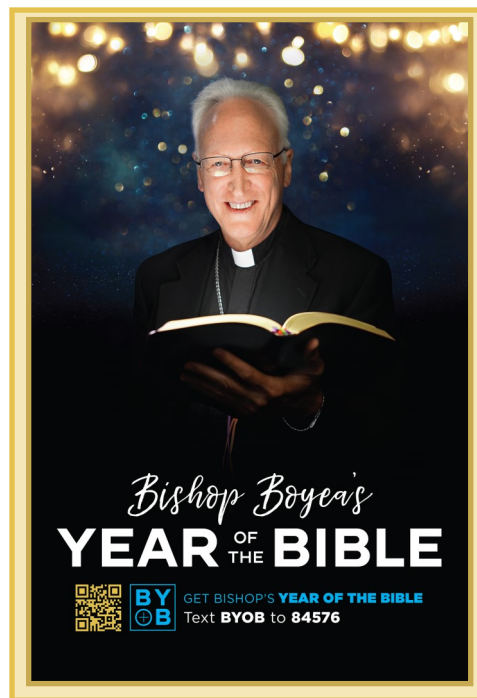
## Have you lost anything?

Our lost and found is overflowing! Clothing, books, water bottles, boots, and jewelry! Stop by the parish hall and claim your items!



## Gaudete

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## Diocese of Lansing

## Seminarians & Women in Religious Life Formation



Diocese of Lansing  
Seminarian  
Jack Jobst

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men and women to minister as priests and become Brides of Christ and serve Your people. Lord, we pray that Your grace and love encourage and support these men and woman in discernment of the priesthood and consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Franciscan Sisters of the  
Eucharist  
Sr. Amaris Salata

**Remember to keep these men & women  
in your prayers this week**





# Christmas Mass Schedule

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

Children's Mass 4:00pm

Mass at 11:00PM; Carols begin at 10:30pm

**Friday, December 25, Christmas Morning**

Mass at 10:00am

**New Year's Eve, December 31**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass 4:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration 11pm – Midnight

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Friday, January 1**

Mass at 10:00am



***Help us Decorate the Church  
for Christmas!***



At Christmas, flowers are abundant in the Church as a sign of the miracle of Christmas, as well as our offerings to the Christ Child. Their beauty is a comfort. There are special envelopes in your donation-packet to donate for flowers. If you put the donation in the name of someone living or deceased, **there is a special Mass by which their souls may receive the graces** from that infinite sacrifice.

If you do not have a donation packet with the special envelope, just place at least \$10 in an envelope and mention the name of the person you want remembered, and we'll mention them in the bulletin.

The special Mass for your intentions will be on January 10, 10:30am. Please consider providing for these flowers at this special time in the name of a loved one and attending the Mass too!



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If you or anyone you know has been the victim of child sexual abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, contact appropriate law enforcement. You may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. We will listen to your needs and support you. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing.

**Diocese of Lansing Victim Assistance Coordinator Cheryl Williams-Hecksel, LMSW**  
1-888-308-6252, or via email: [cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org)