Russian Painted Icon

Painting of the Paschal Candle by Hand

Art is many things to me, and one of the things closest to my heart. It is one of the most meaningful ways I can show my love to others. Art also is a form of prayer, and a connection to my family that helps me grow nearer to them. When Fr. Tom asked me if I would paint the Paschal Candle for this Easter, I was both overjoyed and terrified. This was something that would stand in the front of the church for an entire year, to be looked at day in and day out by hundreds of eyes. I have never done anything of the kind, never put my art up before God and so many people! Here was an opportunity to pour a piece of myself into a work that I would give back to God.

Art as a form of prayer is something that is relatively new to me, only practiced in the last few years. When it was first introduced to me by my (then) boyfriend, I was hesitant at the idea that this hobby, something I did for fun, could be a prayer. I didn't really like the idea of using my talent to paint religious artwork. Painting did not seem to be the place for prayer, but I decided to try it anyway. Now, a mere three years later, I create almost more religious art than secular. I've come to realize that anything we do, the hobbies we entertain, the work we do, can be elevated and brought to God, the little everyday things can be taken and lifted to Him. As a mother, it can be hard to find more than a few minutes at a time to focus on prayer, so connecting myself to God with my hands and my mind is often the most meaningful way I can pray.

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I welcomed the challenge of creating the candle gladly! It came with its anxieties, but also a kind of peace and the knowledge that I could only put the work of my hands into the hands of God. When the particular material I needed proved to be out of stock everywhere on the internet except for a singular two ounce bottle, I could only leave it to God and press on. I was not certain of any substitutes, and without it, the paint would simply flake off the exterior of the candle. I had to make it last. It felts something like the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, for in the end, there was plenty to be had! Everything seemed to fall into place, despite my mistakes; God worked everything out in the end.

Carving and painting the candle helped me separate this Lent from the rest of the liturgical seasons in a fantastic way. I have not been able to fast in some five years, due to illness and then pregnancy and postpartum. I still apply the proper penance to the season, but it can often become swallowed in the chaos of homelife with three small children. So this year, I had something to cling to, even when I fell short, or when adding another penance felt too overwhelming. I was able to use the candle to ground my Lent and make it meaningful.

The experience has also given me the opportunity to learn a new skill. At the beginning of Lent, I began my first test candle, which proved to be useful as a baptismal candle for a friend. It was over a week into candle carving that it struck me this meant even more than I initially realized. Besides a form of prayer, painting candles is something my grandfather did for us as children. All my siblings and I were given his decorated candles at baptism. This work with my hands brought me closer to him, especially since I have not had the opportunity to see him much since the pandemic began. Working with that same niche medium he used, made me feel grounded in my roots and connected to my family in a way the pandemic cannot overcome. I have become a candle painter like Granddad. I cannot think of a greater gift!

Thank you for letting me serve our church this way. I never would have found this special form of art on my own. Creating the Paschal Candle made my Lent meaningful and allowed me to use my gifts for God!

Monica Chenet

Treasures of the Church–This Week!

This Thursday, **April 8th**, we welcome Fr. Carlos Martins CC to Old St. Pat's for a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics twice at **11am** and again at **7pm**. Father Carlos will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Thomas Aquinas. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will first hear a presentation in the Church then go over to the parish hall for a time of prayer with the relics. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and many have been come about through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

Thank You Triduum Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who made our Holy Week liturgies beautiful: Jun and Ernesto our musicians, the choir and cantors, Nicholas Holody and Dominic Galbraith leading our altar servers, Worship Committee members who decorated, set up and prepared the liturgies and altar of repose, our Easter Vigil lectors, folks who cleaned the Church! Our wonderful OSP staff: Debbie, Kari, Ron who spent so much time supporting all the behind the scenes stuff to make this happen. God is pleased with all your service! Alleluia! -Fr Tom

Do You Love Books?

The Old St. Pat's Parish Library is looking for a new librarian. The right person would catalog and shelf new books and check in and reshelve returned books. Our parish library is located in the basement of the parish hall. If you are interested in volunteering to be our parish librarian, please contact Debbie in the parish office at (734) 662-8141.

New Altar Server Training

Training for new altar servers will be held April 18th between the Sunday Masses. If you are 10 years or older and would like to serve at Mass? Contact Jennifer Holody at: ospaltarservers@gmail.com.

Welcome to our Parish

Welcome! If you are new to the parish or have been regularly attend Old St. Patrick, please consider filling out a parish registration form, if you haven't already. Registration forms are available on our parish website. If you are already a member, but do not get Fr. Tom's weekly emails please let Debbie Welch know and we will add you to his mailing list, email Debbie at Debbie@stpatricka2.org

Mass Intentions

TUE 7:00	**Tom & Teresa DeLellis & Family**
WED 8:15	**Doris Gillis** ✞
THU 8:30	**Marian Anderson** ✞
FRI 8:15	**Jennie Deplounty** ✞
SAT 4:00	**The Bingham Family**
SUN 8:00	**Pariahioners**
10:30	**Easter Flower Intentions**
12:30	**Micah Dinverno** ✞

To Pray is to Love

• **Please pray for those in need, including:** Patricia Fuller, John LaRock Sr., Phil Rutledge, Sandra Adams, Pete Siebertz, 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, John LaRock Jr., Glenn Klecker, Alice Walsh, Henrik Wayne Sidwell, Ginny Kolander, Theresa Kunitz, Carla Pariseau

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

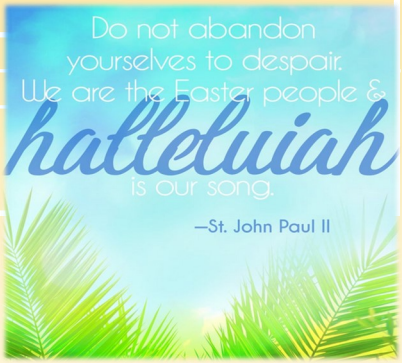
• **Please pray for those in the military, including:** Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Mike Porter, James Kummet, Aerik LaFave

St. Patrick Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, April 4
Easter Sunday
8:00am & 10:30am Mass

MONDAY, April 5
Parish Office Closed

THURSDAY, April 8
11am & 7pm *Treasures of the Church* Relic Talk and Display



Q: How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?

A: Eggs-ercise!

Q: Why shouldn't you tell jokes to Easter eggs?

A: They might crack up!

Q: What did the Easter egg say to the other Easter egg?

A: Have you heard any good yokes today!

Altar Servers

SATURDAY 4:00/Apr 10
P. Schloss
J. Schloss
J. Schloss

SUNDAY 8:00/Apr 11
W. Kummet

SUNDAY 10:30/Apr 11
N. Holody
J. Holody
J. Shurtliff
R.J.Skrobola

He is Risen!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

April News

Thanks to all who donated so generously to our annual Palm Sunday Tootsie Roll Drive. All donations will go to support our brothers and sisters with intellectual disabilities. Thanks to these brother Knights who volunteered: Eugene Wierzgac, Paul Malocha, Andrew Fox, Adam Prucka, Alexander Wardle, Michael Laird, Kevin Galbraith, John LaRock Sr., Joseph Dixon, Robert Palazzolo, Brian Heldt and Gregory Kapolnek.

Every man and woman in the parish is invited to a free Knight sponsored online seminar with popular financial expert Tom Hegna. April 28 at 7:00PM-8:00PM EST. Topic: Retirement solutions. Register at http://bit.ly/KOFCApril2021 .

Thanks also for the generous support everyone gave to our 40 Cans for Lent food drive to assist families in need. And thanks to all the Knights who joined with fellow parishioners to make this year's drive through Fish Fry a success.

All are welcome to our first Beads and Brew of this year at the fire pit beginning at 7:00 PM on Friday April 30.

Attention Men of OSP: Answer the call! Join our Kinghts Council 10963 at www.kofc.org today. Get one year free online membership with promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

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 fjpapp@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
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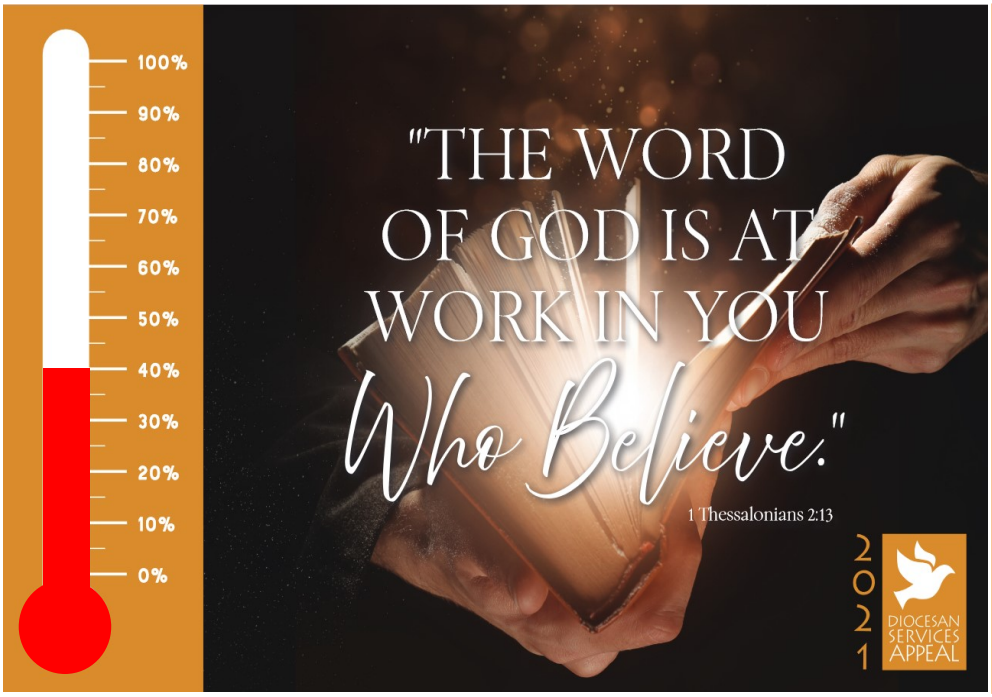
Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing to **bulletin@stpatricka2.org** by Monday at noon and will be edited at the discretion of the editor or pastor.

Old St. Patrick Youth

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday, no youth group

Sunday, April 11– To be announced



Diocesan Service Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. We have reached 40% of our $34,000 goal. White DSA gift envelopes are available in the back of the church, and you can also make a donation online at: **dioceseoflansing.org/dsa** Just be sure to choose "St Patrick - Ann Arbor" from the parish list.

Diocese of Lansing

Seminarians & Women in Religious Life Formation

Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Christine Stiles

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.

Remember to keep these men & women in your prayers

Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist
Sr. Faith Marie Woolsey

PROMISE TO PROTECT
PLEDGE TO HEAL

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

Special Mass for Easter Flower Donations

Thank you to those who donated to help us buy Easter flowers! The church is beautiful and a fitting tribute to the joy and solemnity of the Risen Christ. There will be a special Mass offered for all of those named In Memory/Honor by which they may receive the graces from that infinite sacrifice. The Mass will be Sunday, April 11, 1030am. *Alleluia! He is risen!*

In Memory/Honor Of	Donors
Clarence & Nancy Burnett	Mrs. Nancy Keough
Robert Grostick Sr.	Zelma Grostick
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Johnny Williams	Mr. & Mrs. Josiah Shurtliff
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Poor Souls in Purgatory	Carole Breslin
Parents/brother	Ms. Shirley Walker
John Keiffer	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Keiffer
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Deceased family members	Mr. & Mrs. John Jeter
Frederick Strauss	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Strauss
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In Memory/Honor Of	Donors
Children & Grandchildren	Mary Ann Beebe
Deceased members of the Kendzicky, Kurolak & Beebe Families	Mary Ann Beebe
Florence Remski	Mr. William Remski
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Jim Kummet	Kummet Family
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Stanley & Stella Gott	Debbie Welch
Anna Komisar	Debbie Welch
Cecil & Betty Welch	Debbie Welch
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Hiester Family	Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Hiester

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