

St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 6, 2022

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mission

We, the parish of St. Patrick Church, being one community growing in faith and proclaiming our belief in the message and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ, invite all to open their hearts, hear His call, and become one with the Body of Christ.

Masses

Weekday	Mon - Sat 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM 1:00 PM (Español)
Daily Rosary	7:40 AM
Divine Mercy	Mon, Tues, Fri after Rosary
Devotion to Our Lady	Wed. after Rosary
Liturgy of the Hours	Thurs. after Rosary

For anointing, hospital visits and communion visits, please call parish office.

Adoration

1st Thursday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Friday	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
1st Sunday	2:00 - 7:00 PM
3rd Sunday	2:00 - 6:00 PM

Confession

Tuesday	7:30 AM-8:15 AM
Friday	5:00 PM-6:00 PM
Saturday	3:00 PM-4:30 PM <i>or by appointment</i>

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Family.

This week marks Vocations Awareness Week, and, as the name suggests, to bring vocations to center stage. The Second Vatican Council so beautifully and eloquently returned to center stage the universal call to holiness. This is a common vocation we all share from the most recently baptized to the Pope. To respond to this vocation to holiness we are given a general vocation, or the state of life we are called to. The most common is matrimony. Some are called out of they lay state to either Holy Orders or Consecrated life, i.e. Religious life as a Brother, Sister or Nun. While we use Sister and Nun interchangeably, there is a difference. Technically a nun lives in a cloister, and we seldom see them outside of their cloister. The “nuns” who we see in schools or hospitals are actually Religious Sisters.

From this concept of general vocation, we then have a particular vocation. In my case my general vocation is to be a priest and to live it out particularly as a parish priest; pastor of a parish (or three parishes in my case!) This concept of particular vocation is where the word “vocation” becomes interchangeable with “occupation” or profession.” Being a parent or grandparent is part of that vocation as well. The good works we feel God calling us to do are part of that particular vocation. A vocation isn’t something we choose, rather it is given to us at our Baptism. When I baptize a person, I pray that they become the saints God wants them to be and respond to His call.

Vocations Awareness Week gives us an opportunity to not only focus on the general concept of vocations but to focus on the need to pray for priestly and religious vocations and to help make young people aware that God may be calling them to a different way of life than they are planning. It is often said that a young person needs to be invited to discern by 4 people before it takes root. I remember the mixed feelings of both encouragement and angst when a person asked if I was discerning or would tell me I should discern the priesthood. Encouraged because somebody saw in me what I was wrestling with, angst because there was a girl who caught my attention.

Fostering vocations is an important part of our priestly ministry. One Sunday during Adoration, I was praying for vocations, asking the Lord for the priests we need. I realized then our prayer for vocations is not about the burden we priests have; rather it is about ensuring the faithful are able to have sufficient pastoral care, especially the Sacraments. The promotion and fostering of vocations is actually a work of the whole Church. Is there someone you see at Mass who would make a good priest or Sister? Have you encouraged them? Are you praying for them specifically?

Let us pray that our Lord will bless our diocese with an abundance of priestly and religious vocations and that He calls the sons and daughters of our parish to a life dedicated to Him and the Church as priests and religious.

Your Father In Christ

Fr. Estrella

Adoration
this Sunday
2:00 – 7:00 PM





EVERYTHING IS A GIFT

“Why” do we practice stewardship? “Why” embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, and meet the demands of daily living?

The answer - we were made for eternal happiness with God. Today's gospel Jesus reminds us that our Hope is in both a resurrected Body and Soul in life after death. Although we all know that we cannot earn our way into Heaven, Disciples of Jesus believe that how we use our God given gifts has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to remain focused on our ultimate destination in heaven with God through making the right choices in every aspect of our daily lives.

The life of a Christian Steward is ultimately about the conviction that everything we have is a gift from our loving God whom we can never truly repay. Stewardship is about sharing our gifts with others so that God can share more of His Divine Life with us. It's about emptying ourselves in order to make more room for God's Love and Will. Living the Life of Stewardship entails prayerfully discerning the best use of God's gifts. Then, putting them down in writing, clarifies and strengthens our conviction to put God first everyday. ~Catholic Stewardship Consultants

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CULTURE OF LIFE

Next meeting November 7th 6:00 PM

Do the souls of aborted babies go to Heaven?

Having just commemorated All Saints and All Souls Days, let us also remember to pray for the souls of the hundreds of millions of babies worldwide who have died as a preborn or infant without receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. Many of those children are blessed with having loving, yet grieving, parents who pray for them. But the vast majority are without family to grieve and pray, for they are nothing more than the collateral damage of a 'woman's right to choose'. It is quite common for us to pray that a child be spared from abortion, to pray for the end of abortion or the closure of an abortion clinic yet it is of utmost importance that we pray for the souls of those children who have not been spared. Why? Because there is no definitive answer to that question, Do the souls of aborted babies go to Heaven?

The Catechism 1261 states: As regards *children who have died without Baptism*, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus' tenderness toward children which caused him to say: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism.....

Gracious and merciful Jesus, we pray for the souls of the little ones who have died without the blessings and graces of Baptism. We ask that through your mercy and love you will again call these children to you and declare that "the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." In your name we pray, Amen.

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

2 Thes 2:16-3:5

The first reading demonstrates that belief in the resurrection has existed since the time of Moses. "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, / but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying." This idea of salvation after mortal life is not new in the time of Jesus, but has been included in the belief of the Israelites since the formation of the Torah.

If no one had ever introduced the idea of resurrection to you, would you believe we live after death? Resurrection is one of the most shocking and necessary beliefs of a Christian. The whole system hinges on this idea that we are worth more than this life, that there is an eternal joy, for which we condition ourselves here. We train ourselves for resurrection by loving others, putting others first, and seeking goodness in all things. Does the notion of life after death ever shock you or surprise you? Do you ever struggle to believe it?

Lk 20: 27-38

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."

Part of the basic beliefs of the Sadducees is that there is no such thing as resurrection. They are a Jewish sect active at the time of Jesus, but they differ from the Pharisees because they are solely focused on the physical reality of life right now. Aspects of the spiritual realm—angels, demons, the afterlife—are not entertained by Sadducees. When they approach Jesus to challenge him with a hypothetical question, they know it's silly, and they want to point out how ridiculous Jesus is. Jesus, of course, sees right through their motives and responds by leaning into the very things the Sadducees don't accept: an afterlife that is not governed by the rules of this world.

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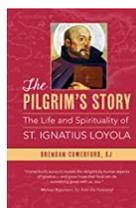
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And all of their families

Please contact the office for additions to the list. Requests will be included for 8 weeks automatically, but for an extension, just let us know.

BOOK CLUB GATHERING



All parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, January 9 at 1:30 P.M. in the Angel's Nest. We will be discussing *The Pilgrim's Story: The life and Spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola* by Brendan Comerford, SJ. The discussion, which will

last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea and cookies will be served. Please bring a friend to the meeting and a suggestion for our next book.

Coming Up This Week

Day	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Intention
Mon 11/7	Saint Didacus	Ti 1:1-9	Lk 17:1-6	8:30 Dorothy Joyce (d)
Tues 11/8	Blessed John Duns Scotus	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14	Lk 17:7-10	8:30 Maria Floresca & family (si)
Wed 11/9	Dedication of Saint John Lateran Basilica	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1Cor 3:9-11, 16-17	Jn 2:13-22	8:30 Frank & Sarah Reader & family (d)
Thur 11/10	Saint Leo the Great	PHMN 7-20	LK 17:20-25	8:30 Robert Allison (d)
Fri 11/11	Saint Martin of Tours	2 JN 4-9	LK 17:26-37	8:30 Sister Wendy (d)
Sat 11/12	Saint Josaphat	3 JN 5-8	LK 18:1-8	8:30 Pascal & Maria Castorene (d) 5:00 Dionysia Castorene (d)
Sun 11/13	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mal 3:19-20 2 Thes 3:7-12	Lk 21:5-19	7:30 Thomas Burnett (d) 9:00 Janice O'Brien (si) 11:00 For the People





DEACON'S CORNER



Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

Jesus said to them, "..... and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.

This week is the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Times and in 2 weeks our liturgical year will draw to a close. This week and next week, the Church will draw our attention to what is to come - to the ultimate reality of why we exist, the coming of God's kingdom. This week, the Sadducees challenge Jesus by giving Him a hypothetical question centered around their misconception of what eternity is. Jesus answers their question both for our understanding and theirs. In and through God we have life, a life promised by the prophet Isaiah when he talks about a new heaven and a new earth in both Chapters 35 and 65. What that will be like, we will not be able to understand but because of Jesus' Resurrection we can trust that we will experience "a new heaven and a new earth. The former things shall not be remembered nor come to mind. Instead, shout for joy and be glad forever in what I am creating. Indeed I am creating Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight; I will rejoice in Jerusalem and rejoice in my people. No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there, or the sound of crying."

I think I have shared this story before, but I think it so wonderfully fits our need to trust in Jesus, the meaning of His Life, Death and Resurrection and eternal life in heaven. Without His Resurrection heaven would just be an unattainable dream. Jeremy was a 12 yr-old second grade boy, who had a terminal illness. Although there were times when he spoke clearly and distinctly, most of the time Jeremy just irritated his teacher Doris, as he squirmed in his seat, drooled and made grunting noises which would interrupt the class. One day, she called his parents and asked them to come to the school. In as understanding a way as possible, she asked them to consider sending Jeremy to a special school with children his own age. Jeremy's mom cried softly into a tissue while her husband answered her. "Miss Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock for Jeremy if we had to take him out of this school. We know that he really likes it here. "From that day on, she tried hard to ignore Jeremy's noises and his blank stares.

Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each child a large plastic egg. "Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?" "Yes, Miss Miller!" the children responded enthusiastically--all except for Jeremy. He just listened intently, his eyes never leaving her face. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? The next morning, nineteen children came to school, and placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. When it was time to open the eggs. In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground, we know that spring is here." The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that is new life, too". Then Doris opened the third egg. She gasped. The egg was empty! Surely it must be Jeremy's, she thought. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another. Suddenly Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" Flustered, Doris replied, "But Jeremy--your egg is empty!" He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty too!"

Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?" "Oh, yes!" Jeremy exclaimed. "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then his Father raised him up!" The recess bell rang. While the children ran out to play, Doris sat at her desk and cried. The cold inside her melted away.

Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see nineteen plastic eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty. As St. Paul's shares in his letter to the Corinthians:

"What eyes have not seen, and ears has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love Him."



SOCK DRIVE

Sierra Roots reports that they are in need of socks. You have been so very generous in the past years and we are asking for your support once again. Please place socks in the box provided in the vestibule of the church and accept our sincere gratitude for your kindness. If you have any questions, please feel call Mercy Associate member Carlie Foote @ 305-3150. Thank you!



WITH OUR CONDOLENCES

St. Patrick Parish community extends our deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of **Patrick Michael** who passed away on Oct. 29 and **Veronica Molloy** who passed away Nov 2. Please remember them and all the Faithful Departed in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



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SISTERS OF MERCY

Come, we invite you to join us and explore the many faces of ministry in Mercy. Our next meeting is **Nov 12th @ 11:00 in the Hall.** For further information, please call Maria Dilts at 530-273-4290. See you then!

40 Hours of Adoration

WILL YOU SIT WITH OUR LORD?

In preparation for the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we will have 40 hours of adoration beginning with Mass on Friday, Nov. 18th at 6:00 pm and concluding with Mass on Sunday Nov. 20 at 11:00 am.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Begins | Friday, Nov. 18 7:00 pm
Concludes | Sunday, Nov. 20 11:00 am

sign up on our website

sign-ups are not necessary, but will help us plan



DO YOU DARE TO LOVE FOREVER?

VOCATION MINISTRY

This week, November 5th through the 11th, is Vocation Awareness Week. Where is God calling you?

“Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord’s unmerited call” Pope Francis, August 4th 2019



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Students

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50 Ministries


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increase in
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