



**"Forever I will sing the goodness
of the Lord" - Psalm 89**

[Register for Public Mass here!](#)



Wow! Wow! Wow! I want to take a moment to share with you my deepest thanks for all of the hard work that went into creating our beautiful Lessons and Carols production on Zoom. What a proud moment for our combined communities, showcasing the many talents found at St. Patrick and Christ Our Hope. The evening was flawless, memorable and uplifting. In the midst of the pandemic, our light shined brightly. Bravo! Brava! Take a bow, you all!

- Dcn. Dennis Kelly

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

This weekend Mary hears about God's plan for her life from the Angel Gabriel. For Mary, this was not a demand from God as much as it was a choice. The name Gabriel means "God is my strength." Mary relied on God as her strength for her entire life. God guided her family to Joseph's hometown of Bethlehem to give birth to Jesus. And into exile in Egypt to avoid the infant Jesus' death at the hands of a bloodthirsty Herod. God gave her strength when she lost her young son for three days in the

Temple in Jerusalem. And God was her strength as she endured his death on the cross. She heard the good news of his Resurrection and God was her strength as the Church grew as Jesus departed into heaven. Mary brought salvation to the world. And God was her strength. But salvation depends on our free will and cooperation with God. God's plan for salvation is not forced on us. We must say yes to God's designs in our lives. Just as Mary did. May we always be ready for the annunciations of God in our lives and eager to say yes.

Peace...



Dcn. Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator

For a link to our annual report, [CLICK HERE](#).

Sunday Online Mass Schedule

Mass will be hosted LIVE at 10:30 AM online
via [Facebook](#) *

* As an alternative to Facebook, you NOW can also attend Mass by joining the Hospitality Zoom meeting [here](#). Join at 10:30 AM for Mass and then enjoy Hospitality immediately following Mass!

Or find the Mass via [YouTube](#)
(Masses posted within 24 hrs.)

ZOOM LINKS CAN BE FOUND BY CLICKING ON [WORDZOOM](#) TO OPEN

Lessons and Carols

Lessons and Carols was a tremendous success. **Thank you to all our readers, musicians and support team members that made this wonderful night happen!** Over 100 people from our shared communities were witness to such great talent, as we celebrated Lessons & Carols with scripture and poetry, song and dance, instruments and videography.



Thank you Readers-- Paul Sampson, Dixie Strunk, Nicholas Mescher, Eileen Murphy, George Murphy. Musicians -- Laura and David Ash; and The St. Patrick Choir. Dancer and host Betsey Beckman and Sharie Bowman for your technical support. Thank you for participating in the Lighting of the Tree at the Josephinum also.

Blessing of the Christmas Crèche

As we continue to prepare for the Coming of the Savior, you can find information about The Blessing of the Christmas Crèche here. As you continue to decorate your homes and set up your Christmas Crèche you are also welcome to pray:



God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives, he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Grief Support Group

St. Pat's Grief Support Group will meet on Zoom this Sunday, December 20 at 2 PM. We are an informal group who offer each other support through listening, conversation and prayer.

Please contact Eileen Murphy at eileenmacmurphy@gmail.com if you would like the Zoom link to attend the meeting. All are welcome.

Advent Small Groups

Small Advent groups will meet throughout December. Join Tuesday evening [Zoom](#) small group from 6:30 PM - 7:30 and a Wednesday morning [Zoom](#) small group from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM.

Kindly consider giving a \$7 donation to cover the cost of the book, [Awaiting the Already](#). For questions or if you are interested in joining, please [email](#) Deanna.



Wednesday Movie Night:



Send in your Candle

The Nativity Story

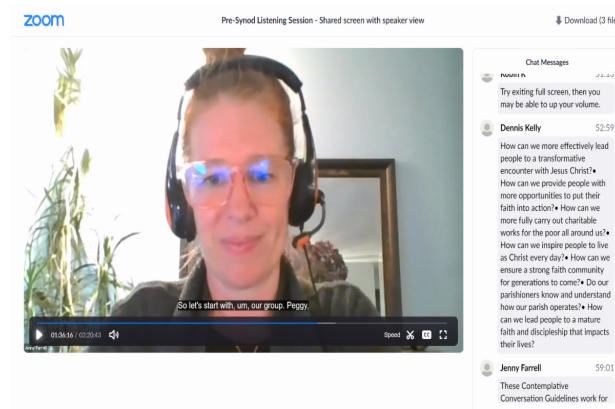
Just two days before Christmas we will be streaming the perfect movie for this season: The Nativity Story. It was the first movie to hold its premiere in Vatican City (November, 2006). And the well-known screenwriter is a good personal friend of Dcn Dennis!

Join us on **Zoom** on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd at 7 PM and enjoy this well-received dramatization.

Photographs today!

The Liturgy Committee is requesting photographs for Christmas Eve.

To assist in a Christmas Eve video production, we invite people to send photos of themselves holding a lit candle. Or an electric candle will do! Send photos to Betsey Beckman via email bbeckdance@gmail.com by December 18!



Parish Mission Discernment Synod UPDATE

We are interested in receiving feedback from those who attended our Synod. Please fill out the survey using the link below. Also, we would like to know who was unable to attend which also can be entered via the survey.

You are also welcome to send an email with any feedback to John Hale (john@callofcompassion.com).

[Fill Out - Synod Follow-Up Survey \(Click HERE\)](#)

Continuing Engagement Opportunities

We encourage you to attend Sunday hospitality immediately after St. Patrick Mass at 10:30 AM. Hospitality will be hosted by Betsey Beckman and Sandy Tennyson via **Zoom** around 11:30 AM.

Join Fr. Hersey and me for **Coffee and Conversation** on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM.

Dr. David and Ruth Ard host a weekly scripture study group, **Breaking Open The Word** on Wednesday afternoons at 5 PM.

Alternatively, join a virtual small Women's group, [Encountering God](#), who gather online on Thursdays at 11 AM. This is a sixty minute women's reflection group led by Lisa Dennison and Deanna Tighe.

Please email [Deanna Tighe](#) if you have questions about these events or ideas on other ways you would like to engage.

Click Here To Give
Online
