

# ST. PATRICK PARISH

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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is Wednesday at 12 Noon.

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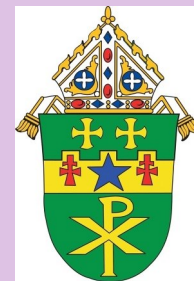


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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday 9am-4pm

Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays,  
and Fridays



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm  
Sunday.....9:30 am  
Weekdays.....see schedule

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays—4:15 pm to 4:45 pm  
Sundays—8:45 am to 9:15 am

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Normally celebrated on Sunday and are encouraged at a Sunday Eucharist. Baptism preparation is required.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made one year in advance.  
Marriage preparation is required.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A family member must notify the parish office if a parishioner is hospitalized or confined to home.  
Eucharist is brought to the homebound on the third Sunday of each month.

**Second Sunday in Advent December 10, 2023**

**Masses For The Week****Saturday, December 9: Vigil: Second Sunday in Advent**

5:00pm— Glenn Maley—Janice and Bob Bishop

**Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday in Advent**9:30am—The Health and Welfare of Marc Fogel—  
Aunt Helen**Monday, December 11: Penance Service**

6:30pm

**Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

9:00am—Mickey Steiner—Vicki and Family

**Wednesday, December 13: Saint Lucy**

9:00am—Joseph Bratkovich—Family

**Thursday, December 14: Saint John of the Cross**9:00am—For the Health and Well Being of our  
Keeping in Touch List—Rose**Friday, December 15: Advent Weekday**9:00am—Living and Deceased Members of  
St. Patrick**Saturday, December 16: Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00pm—Connie Campbell—Donna Sheakley

**Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30am—Joseph O'Donnell— Mary Ann and Family



Choir Practice for preparation for the Christmas season will be Sunday mornings at 8:30am.

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-14

2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

**ALL HUMANITY SHALL SEE THE  
SALVATION OF GOD**

*Today's readings focus on release from captivity and restoration.* In the second week of Advent, we continue to turn our thoughts to the "comings" of God the Son in the past and the future. We look forward to celebrating the Messiah's First Coming when all creation rejoiced at His Incarnation, and we also think about His promised return. In His Second Coming, Christ will return to claim His Kingdom of the Church from its earthly exile, fulfilling God's promise of universal salvation. He will also bring about the Final Judgment for men and women of all nations when He separates the faithful and obedient sheep from the sinful and unworthy goats of humanity's flock.

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*God instructed the 8th century BC prophet Isaiah to prophesy to the covenant people concerning their future exile in Babylon.* Their exile judgment was divine punishment for their many sins and their apostasy from the Sinai Covenant. In today's First Reading, after the harsh oracle of the exile, God instructs Isaiah to console the people by assuring them, that while they are making atonement for their sins in exile, He will not abandon or forget them. He reminds them that God is Israel's Divine Shepherd who cares for the sheep of His flock. He will forgive their sins and bring about the release of His people from their captivity. God will prepare the way for their return to their homes in the Promised Land, gently leading them like a shepherd leads his flock. He will not only restore them to the land, but He will restore the peace of His covenant relationship with them.

*In our Second Reading from Saint Peter's second letter to the universal Church, he warns us that the promised sudden return of Jesus Christ can happen at any moment.* The Second Coming of Christ only seems delayed because God, in His mercy, allows time for the entire earth to hear the Gospel message of salvation. Using the imagery of a roaring fire and a cosmic meltdown, the inspired writer describes the Second Coming of Christ when He will return as humanity's divine Judge and inaugurate a new creation. The old world will pass away, and God will create a new Heaven and earth in which every living thing will flourish in righteousness in the Presence of the Almighty. The knowledge that Christ could come in judgment at any moment should instill in each of us a desire to repent our sins and to persevere in holiness so that He will find us in a state of grace at the moment of His inevitable coming.

*In today's Gospel Reading, Saint Mark tells us that Israel's historic deliverance from the Babylonian exile prefigures an even greater act of God.* It is the promise of redemption made possible for humanity by the Redeemer Messiah, announced by the prophetic voice of John the Baptist. Quoting from the Isaiah passage in our First Reading, Saint Mark assures us that God the Son came to fulfill the promises of the Old Testament prophets. Jesus came to set Israel and the men and women of all nations free from bondage to sin and death. In the Age of Jesus' Kingdom of the Church, His mission continues in saving the faithful living in this earthly exile. The Church gathers them into a full restoration of fellowship with God and the hope of a future life in the Promised Land of Heaven. It is a restoration that Christ will complete in His Second Coming, and we need to continually keep our souls in a state of grace in preparation for the glorious event of His return.

## Liturgical Ministers for December 16,17

Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
<u>Lector</u>	Chris H.	Scott A.
<u>EMoC</u>	Jan B.	Bernie M.
<u>Cross Bearer</u> <u>Book Holder</u>	Peggy W.	Wyatt M. Ty M.

### Stewardship of Treasure

	Nov 25,26	Year-To-Date
Adult Offertory	\$3,094.75	\$63,779.75
Children Offertory		
Loose	\$112.75	\$2,337.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,207.50</b>	<b>\$66,117.69</b>
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$79,200.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$-392.50</b>	<b>\$-13,082.31</b>
Poverty relief—\$10. Thanksgiving \$328. EOY giving \$550.00		



To sign up for online giving, please use the QR code on the bulletin board or contact Barb in the office on Monday evenings.

### Upcoming Events

Dec 11	Penance Services 6:30pm

### Advent Penance Services

December 11	Brady's Bend	6:30pm
December 14	Cadogan	6:30pm
December 16	Kittanning	12:00pm
December 18	Freeport	6:30pm

### Calendars for 2024



The 2024 Calendars have been donated by Buechele Funeral Home and are available in the Narthex.

Please feel free to take one.

## Faith Formation News

**For Preschool through Grade 5:** Faith Formation will meet this Sunday after Mass.

**6th, 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Prep.** Classes will meet **next** Sunday, December 17, from 6:00pm until 7:30pm in the hall.

In the event that Faith Formation class must be cancelled due to inclement weather, the cancellation will be posted on WPXI (Channel 11 News) and on WPXI.com.



### Advent and Christmas 2023

#### Confessions during Advent

Saturdays—4:15pm-4:45pm  
Sundays—8:45am to 9:15am

#### Advent Penance Service at St. Patrick

Monday, December 11 at 6:30pm

#### Christmas (The Nativity of the Lord)

Vigil: (Christmas Eve) Dec 24—5:00pm  
Vigil: (Christmas Eve) Dec 24—10:00pm  
Christmas Day—Monday, Dec 25—10:00am

#### Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1, 2023—10:00am

\*\*There will be NO Mass December 26 through December 29, 2023



#### Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Give me the grace, dear Lord, to turn away from the many noises of the world that compete for my attention and to turn only to You and to all You wish to say. Come, Lord Jesus, come into my life more deeply during this Advent season. Jesus, I trust in You.

### Take a Moment.....

—”Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go”  
-Joshua 1:9

**Life question:** Think of a time in your life that you have been afraid and think of how you conquered that fear and how you can share what you learned with others that are fearing something.



#### Sunshine Corner

Obstacles are the frightening things we see when we take our eyes off of God.