# 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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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Wednesday 9am-4pm

Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays



### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	
Weekdays	

### 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.

## **Masses For The Week**

Saturday, April 27: Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter 5:00pm—Joseph and Minnie Curran—Estate

Sunday, April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:30am—Ron and Rita Seybert—Ted and Kitty Miller

Tuesday, April 30: Saint Pius V. 8:30am—Pyllis Miller—Family

Wednesday, May 1: Saint Joseph the Worker 8:30am—Valjean MacKrell—Rose

Thursday, May 2: Saint Athanasius 8:30am—Viola King—Dan and Anne Harmon

Friday, May 3: Saint Philip and James 8:30am—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick

Saturday, May 4: Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter 5:00pm—Barbara Henderson—Dan and Anne Harmon

Sunday, May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:30am—Grace Pederzolli—St. Paddy's Ladies



The DLA runs through May 10. Please send your pledge or donation directly to the Diocese (using the envelope provided), pledge online using the QR code below, or give your pledge/ donation to St. Patrick via offertory, mail, or drop off at the office. You may also use the black mailbox outside the front door

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front door of the Check church for our DLA progress.

Thank you to everyone who have given to the appeal.

April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32

# <u>1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8</u> OUR UNION WITH THE LORD IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE CHURCH

By the ministry of the Holy Spirit, God has granted His children the power to bear the abundant fruit of good deeds. He has grafted us onto the True Vine (Jesus Christ), so we can bring forth "the fruit of the Spirit" that is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal 5:22-23). We live by the Spirit the more we renounce self-interest and the more we "walk by the Spirit" (Gal 5:25).

In the First Reading, we hear about St. Paul's introduction to the Jerusalem Church. Earlier, on a journey to Damascus, Paul encountered the resurrected Jesus, who transformed his life. He came to believe Jesus was the promised Messiah and submitted to Him in the Sacrament of Baptism. However, Paul understood that he needed to become part of the united Church family founded by his Lord and Savior and instructed by the Apostles' authority if he genuinely wanted to serve Jesus Christ in spreading the Gospel of salvation. The Responsorial Psalm vividly describes the crucifixion of Jesus centuries before the Persians invented crucifixion as a form of capital punishment. Jesus quoted the first line of Psalm 22 as He hung on the Cross: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Ps 22:1; Mt 27:46; Mk 15:34). Parts of Psalm 22 are the most frequently quoted of the psalms in the New Testament. It is one of several psalms that Jewish scholars call a toda/todah psalm, a Hebrew word that means "thanksgiving." A toda psalm begins as a heart-wrenching lament but concludes in a song of praise for the mercy of God and the psalmist's confidence in God's deliverance.

In the Second Reading, St. John wrote in his first letter to the Church's different faith communities that true love is more than words. Jesus showed His love when he laid down his life for us, and so we ought to lay down our lives for our brother (1 Jn 3:16). The Apostle reassured the readers of his letter in every generation that God knows everything: He knows our sins, the secrets in our hearts, our repentance, and our desire to do good deeds. John's message is that the love of God and His mercy are greater than our sins. This knowledge should cause us to be overwhelmed with gratitude and love for God, and we should express that gratitude by sharing His love with others. In today's Gospel Reading, at Jesus' Last Supper discourse, He identified Himself to His disciples as the "True Vine," and all who believed in Him as the "branches" united to Him. Jesus used the metaphor of the vine and its branches to emphasize the importance of divine grace in joining the lives of Christians to the glorified life of God the Son, the Redeemer-Messiah, who is the source of divine life and wisdom. For those of us who believe in Him as our Lord and Savior, He unites us to Him in the same way the branches of a plant are connected to the main stem or trunk. If we have faith in Him, we abide/remain in Him, and He abides/remains in us. We become reborn sons and daughters of God by the power of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Christian Baptism, who are united to Christ and each other. As branches draw life and grow from the parent stalk, so too do our souls receive life from Christ as we grow, spiritually nourished by His word and by the Eucharist in the arms of Mother Church. In the assembly of the faithful, we share our love and sing hymns to praise God who abides in us, as in today's Responsorial Psalm, we sing: "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."

(Taken from Agape Bible Study.com)

# Liturgical Ministers for May 4,5Mass TimeSaturdaySundayLectorJudy C.Kitty M.EMoCKaren T.Peggy W.Cross Bearer<br/>Book HolderCheryl P.Joey O.<br/>Jackson B.



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

### **Stewardship of Treasure** Year-To-Date **April 13,14** Adult Offertory \$2,773.75 \$125,634.50 Children Offertory Loose \$377.00 \$6,021.19 Total \$3,150.75 \$131,655.69 Budget \$3,600.00 \$151,200.00 Difference \$-449.25 \$-19,544.31 Easter \$150.00

Upcoming Events	
May 5	May Crowing
May 8	8:30 am Daily Mass Vigil: Ascension of the Lord 6:00pm
May 9	Holy Day of Obligation Ascension of the Lord 8:30am

Mother's Day and Father's Day Candles will be \$5.00 per candle. Candles this year will be a 6" flameless battery operated candle with your memory request printed on them.

Requests for Mothers Day candles are due by April 29th and June 3rd for Fathers Day candles.

(Extra forms are available in the Narthex)

### Sunshine Corner

Humility is a characteristic that allows individuals to recognize their limitations and acknowledge the role of external factors in their successes. It is the understanding that life's blessings are not solely the result of personal merit but the result of a power greater than us. The power of God. When we combine humility and gratitude, we develop a powerful perspective that allows us to navigate life's ups and downs with grace, resilience and unconditional trust in His Path.

# **Faith Formation News**

<u>For Preschool through Grade 5:</u> Faith Formation will meet this Sunday, April 28th after Mass.

<u>Grade Confirmation Prep.</u> Will NOT meet this week.

St. Paddy's Ladies Group

Designer Purses & More Party

Sunday, May 19, 2024
Designer Purse Raffle Begins at 1:00pm

Doors Open at Noon.

St. Patrick's Church, 915 State Rte 68

East Brady PA 16028

Entry in the 14 Designer Purse Raffle

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2 Door Prizes and Food
\$30.00 Donation
Extra Raffles Available at Event

Please see Jan Bishop or Donna Sheakley for tickets.



Congratulations to our students who received the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation on April 16, 2024, at Christ Prince of Peace Parish

Pictured above:

Back row: Dudley Borja ((Alexander)
Evelyn Maharg (Blaise)
Front Row: Ty McFarland (Padre Pio)
Gage Magnani (Hubert)
Reagan Aigner (Catherine)
Dmitri Weckerly (Carlos)

Bishop Larry J. Kulick Father Arnel Tadeo