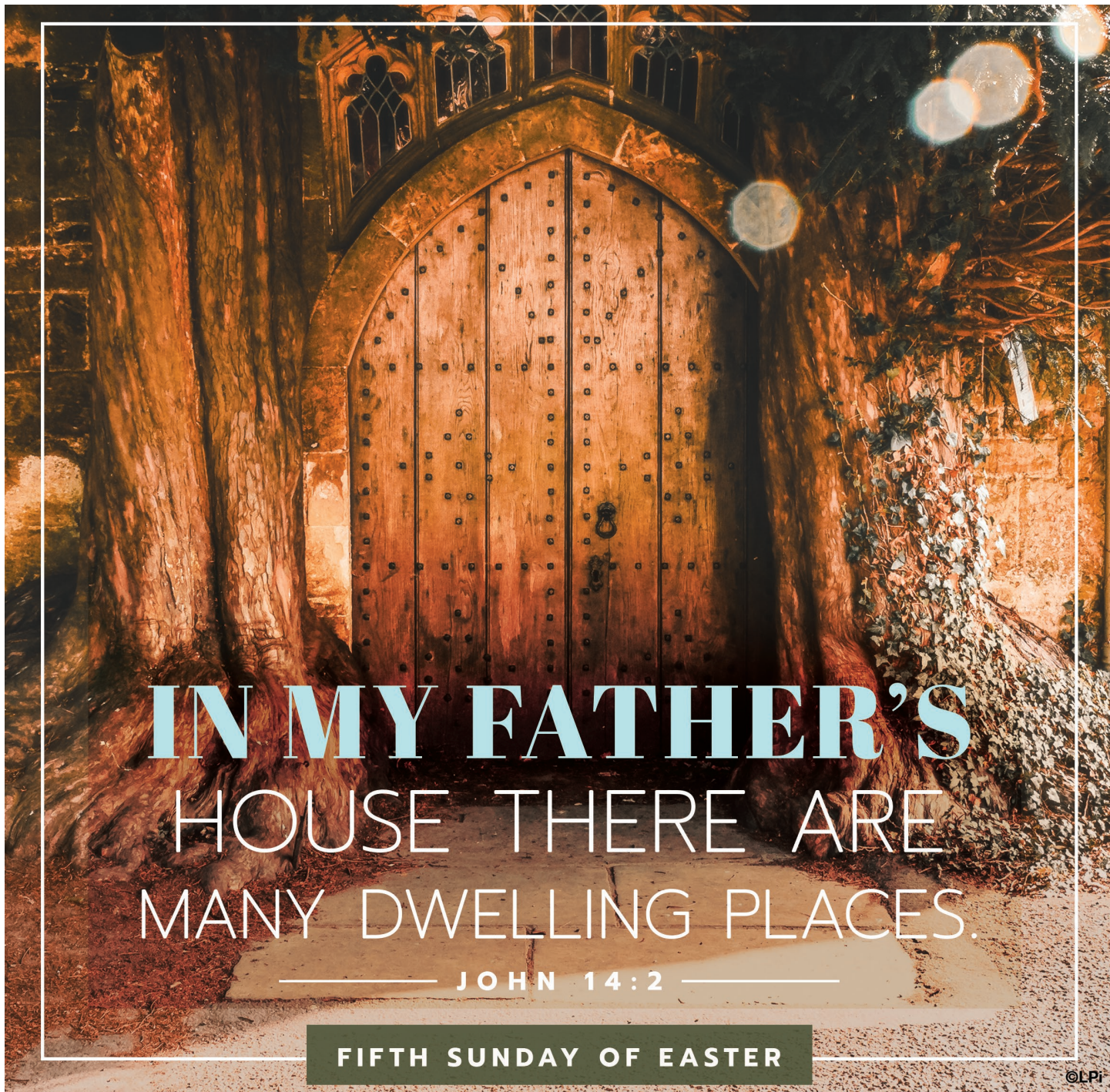




May 3, 2026 • 5th Sunday of Easter



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am in the Main Church

Daily Masses:

Monday through Friday 8:00 am in the Little Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm in the Main Church or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays: 1:00 pm

Arrangements must be made in advance of the date.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must to be made at least six to eight months prior to wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick

Contact Fr. Patrick Kizza at 847-234-1401

Holy Communion for the Homebound

Please call the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Children's Religious Education and Formation

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:45pm

Contact Religious Education Office at 847-234-2179

Sacraments, Visiting of the Sick, & New Parishioner Registration

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Sacrament of Confirmation

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Bulletin Deadlines

All articles must be submitted by noon of the deadline date. Please contact the parish Ministry Office.

Bulletin Date

May 17

May 24

May 31

Due Date

May 7

May 14

May 21



From the Desk of Fr. Patrick

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel this week (John 14:1–12), Jesus speaks words that bring comfort and direction to every heart: *“Do not let your hearts be troubled... I am the way and the truth and the life.”*

These words were spoken to disciples who were confused and afraid, unsure of what was coming next. In many ways, they speak directly to us today. In a world filled with uncertainty, challenges, and questions, Jesus does not simply give us answers, He gives us Himself. He assures us that He is the way that leads us to the Father, the truth that grounds our lives, and the life that fulfills our deepest longing.

This Gospel reminds us that our faith is not just about knowing ideas, but about knowing a person—Jesus Christ. When we walk with Him, we are never lost. When we trust Him, our fears begin to fade. And when we remain close to Him, especially through the Eucharist, we experience the presence of God in a real and powerful way. This is beautifully witnessed in the lives of our children who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. For them, Jesus is no longer just someone they hear about. He now comes to them in the Eucharist. As a parish family, we rejoice with them and pray that they will always remain close to Christ, who is their way, their truth, and their life.

In a special way, I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to our second-grade catechist Chris Puszynski for her dedication, patience, and love in preparing our children for this important moment. Her commitment reflects the very mission of the Church, to lead others to Christ. To our beloved parents, thank you for entrusting your children to Saint Patrick Church Religious Education Program. Your support, faith, and encouragement are essential in helping these young ones grow in their relationship with God. Please continue to pray with them and guide them, so that the grace they received may continue to bear fruit in their lives.

I am also deeply grateful to all the volunteers who assisted the Knights of Columbus in setting up and taking down the exhibition of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary from around the world. Your generosity and service made it possible for many to encounter the beauty of our faith and to grow closer to God through the example of Our Lady. Like Mary, who always leads us to her Son, your efforts have helped point others to Christ, who alone is the way to the Father.

As we reflect on this Gospel, may we hold on to Jesus’ promise: He has prepared a place for us, and He walks with us each day. Let us not be troubled but instead deepen our trust in Him. And like those who serve faithfully in our parish, staff, catechists, parents, and volunteers, may we also become witnesses who lead others to Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

-Fr. Patrick

This Week

Sunday, May 3

8:00am Mass - Fr. Fred
 10:00am Mass - Fr. Fred
 11:45am Mass - Fr. Patrick
 6:00pm Youth Group - YR

Monday, May 4

Tuesday, May 5

Wednesday, May 6

8:30am Prayer Group - CR
 8:30am Adoration - OC
 6:15pm Benediction - OC
 7:00pm OCIA - YR

Thursday, May 7

9:00am Scripture Group - PC

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Patrick

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

8:00am Mass - Fr. Fred
 10:00am Mass - Fr. Fred
 11:45am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

Monday, May 11

6:30pm MG Meeting - PC
 7:00pm PPC Meeting - CR

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

We hear how the Apostles selected men filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to help serve the widows in the growing Jerusalem Church. *IOs there a family member or friend you could help this week?*

Second Reading:

Peter speaks of the resurrected Jesus as a "living Stone." *How do you sense that Jesus is alive in your life?*

Gospel:

Jesus is patient with Thomas and Philip when they are slow to understand him. *Who or what challenges your patience?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/
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As you know, Sunday collections are vital to the health and sustainability of SPLF. We are always so thankful for the generosity of our parishioners.

The best way to do so right now is to donate through our Give Central Portal. Please scan the QR code to go directly to our SPLF Give Central Homepage.



Finances

Sunday Collection for the
Weekend of April 18 - 19

Actual

\$12,058

Budget

\$15,118

Surplus/Deficit

(\$3,060)

Ordinary Income

Ordinary Expense

Surplus/Deficit

Fiscal Year to Date

\$1,216,780

\$1,181,841

\$34,939

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 3

8:00 am

† David Gewalt, req. Jaime & Gus Pipenhagen

10:00 am

† Beth Barger, req. Julie Conway

† Norberta Perez Orgaya, req. Pat & Vicky Correa

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, May 4

8:00 am

† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 am

† Jane S Baylor, req. Ted & Liz Brandt

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 am

The People of St. Patrick Church

Thursday, May 7

8:00 am

† Bizzy McCarte, req. Molly Browe

Friday, May 8

8:00 am

† William Chan, req. Frederick & Lucia Chan

Saturday, May 9

5:00 pm

† Regina Sabalasky, req. John & Mary Jo Sabalasky

† Mary Ellen Kadleck, req. John & Mary Jo Sabalasky

† Robert Gorman, req. Mary Beth Hand

† Ann Cimarrusti, req. David & Marianna Cimarrusti

Sunday, May 10

8:00 am

Special intention for Mary Heinz, req. Jane Sullivan

10:00 am

† Krystyna Borecka, req. Violette Kolcan

† Kathy Knapik, req. Mark & Peggy Gaier

† Margie Collins, req. Mark & Peggy Gaier

† Bernadette Gaier, req. Mark & Peggy Gaier

† Beth Barger, req. Pat Sullivan

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Those Serving Our Country

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Son of Tom and Marilyn Fahey

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Cadet Reid Walsh, United States Military Academy,

Son of Allison & Brian Walsh

Lt. JG Matthew Croisant, US Navy

Son of Tom & Kim Croisant

Midshipman Joseph Remus, US Naval Academy

Son of Laura and Mark Remus

Midshipman Hugh Wilson Ludington, US Merchant Marine Academy

Son of Sarah and Steven Ludington

Lt. Emily E. Phelps, M.D. Medical Corps, US Navy

Daughter of Tom & Kim Phelps

Spc. Daniel Masnik, US Army

Son of Zofia & Chet Masnik

Emilia Puszynski, 2nd Lieutenant United States Air Force

Granddaughter of Ron and Chris Puszynski

Our Sick

Fr. Ronnie Calkins

Joseph Zittnan

Nicole Tallarico

Carolyn Welby

Jennifer Mikell

Gianfranco Isaia

Carolyn Cimarrusti Erickson

David Kozak

Patricia Tivnan

George Kouba

Darrel Folkerts

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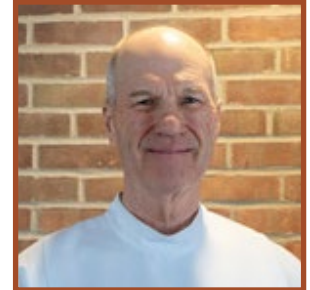
George Jackson, Jr.

Names added to the prayer requests will remain for 1 month. To add or re-add a person please email jmanarik@stpatrick-lakeforest.org or call the ministry office at 847-234-1401.

Our Deceased

Deacon Brad Morris

Please join us in warmly welcoming our newly appointed Deacon, Brad Morris, as he celebrates his 1st Mass on Sunday, May 17th at 11:45 AM.



This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to gather in fellowship, offer congratulations, and extend our prayers and support as he begins his ministry among us. Light refreshments will be served.

All are invited—we hope to see you there!



Congratulations!

Please join us in welcoming into our parish family those newly baptized in April

Klara Isabela Derezinski, daughter of Peter and Nicole

Vincent Obi, son of Victor and Kay

Giuliana Jennifer Lida Biondolillo, daughter of Giuseppe & Tara



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Friday, May 15, 2026

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Cost is \$50 per person through May 1.

May 2-12 the cost is \$60 per person.

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code.

Questions: peggy.gaier@outlook.com

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Lecture 2

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 | 6:00–8:00 PM | O’Gara Center

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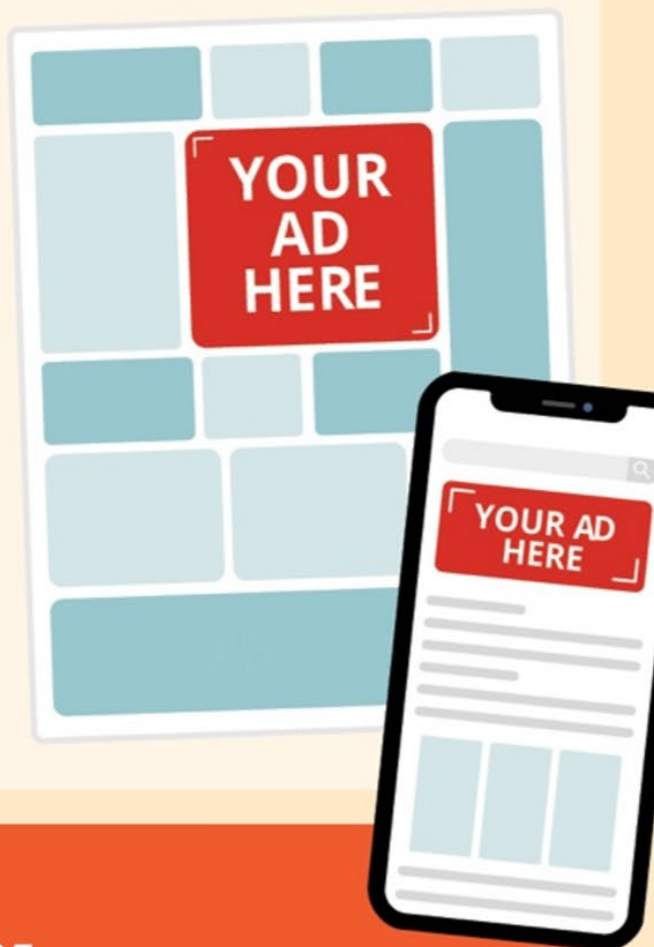
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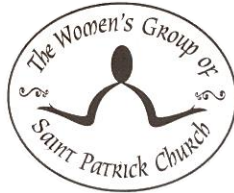
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TRIVIA NIGHT

2026 Fundraising Results

What a success! Trivia Night raised \$5,100 for the Chikwa School Scholarship program. Thank you to all who attended – your enthusiasm and energy make the event fun which makes people want to return next year, giving us another opportunity to help others in need. Thank you to Fr. Jerry, Fr. Patrick, Msgr. Dempsey and Fr. Sean for joining us – you add importance to the event, and we love having you there. Thank you to those who could not attend but donated in support. And thanks to our “promotions department” for the great tag line – it was the hottest ticket in town!



See Fr. Jerry's article below for details on the impact of this donation.

School Scholarship Program

Inspired by Fr Wilfred's longing to enable young people to attain some helpful education, Friends of Chikwa Parish have empowered him for some years now to invest in the education of some vulnerable youth. These students demonstrate great potential. They are sponsored in secondary school, college, or skills training schools. At present there are seven students in this Chikwa parish scholarship program. Four are at Chama South Secondary Boarding School. Two are at universities; one becoming a teacher and the other a female nurse. Still one other is being trained in Food Production at Chikwa Youth Development Center. Chikwa Parish alumni of the program at Chikwa are now gainfully employed as mechanics. In addition to providing the school with the required tuition and fees for these students, the students sometimes require additional funds for groceries, transport, and for personal effects. While the family tries to provide funds, they are not always able because of the extreme poverty of the area.



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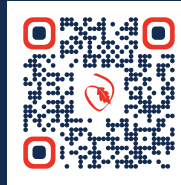
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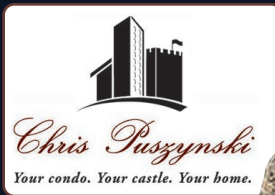
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