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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

Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Sacrament of Confirmation

Contact Dianne Marshall at 847-234-1401

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

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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

June 7

June 14

June 21

Due Date

May 28

June 4

June 11



From the Desk of Fr. Patrick

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pentecost Sunday is often called the “birthday of the Church” because it marks the moment when the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, were sent out courageously to proclaim the Gospel to the world. In Gospel from John 20:19-23, we find the disciples gathered behind locked doors, filled with fear and uncertainty after the death of Jesus. They were afraid, confused, and unsure of the future. Yet into that fear, the risen Jesus appears and speaks words of peace: “Peace be with you.” Then He breathes on them and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” In one moment, fearful disciples begin to become courageous witnesses.

This Gospel speaks powerfully to our world today because many people still live behind “locked doors” of fear, anxiety, discouragement, loneliness, or doubt. Some fear the future, others struggle with family problems, illness, financial burdens, or broken relationships. Yet Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit still enters our lives bringing peace, courage, wisdom, and hope. The Holy Spirit strengthens ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We see this every day in parents sacrificing for their children, nurses caring for the sick with compassion, teachers patiently guiding students, volunteers serving quietly in the parish, and people who continue praying even during difficult times. These simple acts of love are signs that the Holy Spirit is alive and active.

Jesus not only gives peace to the disciples; He also gives them a mission: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Pentecost is not only about receiving the Spirit; it is about becoming witnesses of Christ in the world. The Holy Spirit pushes the Church outward — beyond fear, comfort, and silence. Teresa of Calcutta once said, “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” The Holy Spirit works through small acts of kindness, forgiveness, and faithfulness that can transform lives. A kind word to someone struggling, a visit to the lonely, forgiving someone who hurt us, or praying with our family can become powerful moments of grace.

One of the most beautiful gifts of Pentecost is the gift of forgiveness. Jesus tells the apostles, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.” Through this gift, Christ established the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where the Holy Spirit continues to heal hearts today. Many people carry guilt, anger, or wounds for years. Pentecost reminds us that God does not want us trapped in shame or bitterness. The Holy Spirit renews us and gives us a fresh beginning. C. S. Lewis wrote, “There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.” That is the promise of the Holy Spirit, God is always working to renew and restore us.

Pentecost also teaches us that the Church is united through the Holy Spirit despite differences in language, culture, and background. The Spirit creates unity, not division. In a world often divided by politics, race, conflict, and hatred, Christians are called to become instruments of peace and reconciliation. Pope Francis Pentecost Mass (May 28, 2023) reminded the Church that the Holy Spirit creates harmony and leads us away from selfishness and fear. A Spirit-filled Christian is someone who brings peace into conversations, healing into relationships, and hope into difficult situations. As we celebrate Pentecost, we should ask ourselves: what locked doors in my life need the Holy Spirit to enter? Perhaps it is fear, resentment, discouragement, or spiritual weakness. Jesus still comes to us saying, “Peace be with you.” He still breathes His Spirit upon His Church. May we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit so that we may live with courage, joy, forgiveness, and faith. And may the Spirit help us become disciples who bring the love of Christ to a world deeply in need of hope.

-Fr. Patrick

This Week

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost

8:00am Mass - Fr. Patrick

10:00am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

11:45am Mass - Fr. Sean

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 26

Wednesday, May 27

8:30am Prayer Group - CR

8:30am Adoration - OC

6:15pm Benediction - OC

Thursday, May 28

6:00pm MG Sausage Making - PC

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

5:00pm Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

Sunday, May 31

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00am Mass - TBD

10:00am Mass - Fr. Patrick

11:45am Mass - Fr. McMahon

Monday, June 1

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

We see how the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles, and they were able to proclaim a message that unified the large crowds in Jerusalem. *Have you ever felt united in purpose with a large group of people?*

Second Reading:

Paul teaches that each of us receives the manifestation of the Holy Spirit for some benefit. *What gift of the Holy Spirit would friends or family say you possess?*

Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus sends the disciples forth equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit to forgive or retain sins. *Does forgiving others come easily to you?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) Day: Acts 2:1-11/ Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/ Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18

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 May 16 - 17

Actual

\$14,189

Budget

\$15,118

Surplus/Deficit

(\$929)

Ordinary Income

Ordinary Expense

Surplus/Deficit

Fiscal Year to Date

\$1,283,790

\$1,265,373

\$18,417

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 24

8:00 am

† Nancy Buschmann, req. Raymond Buschmann

10:00 am

† Robert Gorman, req. Tim & Bea Murphy

† Rick Priss, req. The Olson family

† Connie Damico, req. The Freedman family

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, May 25

8:00 am

† Raymond & Bertha D'Souza, req. Menuhin D'Souza

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 am

† Mike Neumayer, req. Judy Kozak

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 am

† Dorothy D'Souza, req. Menuhin D'Souza

Thursday, May 28

8:00 am

† Janet M Jaekel, req. Ted & Liz Brandt

Friday, May 29

8:00 am

Special intention for Jane Alfe, req. Walt & Pat Falkowski

Saturday, May 30

5:00 pm

† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan

† Victor Lam, req. Frederick & Lucia Chan

† Mary Jane McAndrew, req. Colony Square neighbors

† Rene Thouillot, req. Anne Weiler

Sunday, May 31

8:00 am

† David Gewalt, req. Theese Ruedig

10:00 am

† Joann Nelson, req. Ellen Peter

† Michael J Gleason, req. Peg Wade

† Ed & Mary Bernardi, req. Brian & Nina Saliba

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Those Serving Our Country

Lt. Col. Patrick Burke, Jr., US Air Force

Son of Patrick and Patty Burke

Col. Patrick J. Fahey, USMC

Son of Tom and Marilyn Fahey

Lt. Col. Michael J. Koob US Air Force

Son of Mike and Donna Koob

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Son of Ana and Carl Marcyan

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Son of Roger and Liz Platt

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

Darrel Folkerts

Martin Henson

Jeff Neumayer

Deb Boyter

Judy Thomson

Colin Osborne

Terry Clarke

Wojciech Slodowy

Michael Scichili

George Jackson, Jr.

James Coath

Ken Jacobsen

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



Catholicism's Impact on America: Two Perspectives

A Two-Part Lecture Series

Join us for an engaging two-part lecture series exploring the enduring influence of Catholicism on American life—through both the lens of law and the shaping of culture and thought.

Lecture 1

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | 6:00–8:00 PM | O’Gara Center

Catholic Influence on Religious Liberty in America

Thomas Olp, Executive Vice President, the Thomas More Society, Chicago

Lecture 2

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

Celebrating Catholicism in America

Presented by Daniel I. Wasserman-Soler, Executive Director of the Lumen Christi Institute, Chicago

Whether you attend one session or both, this series offers a meaningful opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Catholic Church’s lasting contributions to our nation.

Register to attend these free events on our website:

www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/catholicism-in-america



Everyone is invited to join in our 6th annual

Procession as we Honor our

Eucharistic Lord

The Feast of Corpus Christi Sunday, June 7

The procession will begin immediately following the
11:45am Mass

*Those not attending the Mass should begin to assemble in the front courtyard
between 12:00pm and 12:15pm.*

The procession will end with Benediction in the Main Church.

This will be followed by a light lunch in the O'Gara Center.

All are encouraged and welcome to attend!

Please RSVP on our website at:

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As part of our ongoing commitment to the future of St. Patrick Catholic Church, the parish is conducting a planning and feasibility study in partnership with CCS Fundraising. We warmly invite all parishioners to participate in a brief online survey by May 22nd and share their feedback.

The survey takes less than five minutes to complete, and your input is incredibly valuable as we explore priorities for the future of our parish community. Areas being considered include:

- Caring for and maintaining our parish campus
- Improving spaces that support worship and community life
- Strengthening parish ministries and programs
- Investing in the long-term future of St. Patrick Catholic Church

An email invitation with the survey link was sent via Qualtrics, please check your spam folders. You can also use the QR code here to the survey. For assistance, please contact the ministry office.



Thank you for helping shape the future of our parish!

Flowers for Jesus

Help us keep the altar in our Main Church beautiful with fresh flowers each week as a visible sign of our love, gratitude, and devotion to Jesus. Your gift to the “Flowers for Jesus Fund” will ensure that our parish continues this tradition of reverence and beauty, lifting hearts in prayer and drawing our eyes toward Christ. Please prayerfully consider making a donation today. Together, we can keep our worship space adorned with fresh blooms that honor Him who gives us new life.

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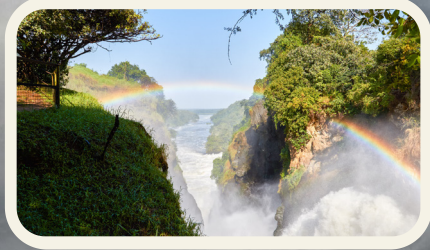


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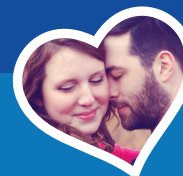
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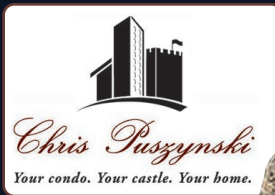
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