St. Patrick Catholic Church

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November 1, 2026 · Solemnity of All Saints



To be a welcoming Eucharistic community by providing resources for spiritual growth and faith development, and encouraging service and discipleship to spread the good news of God's Kingdom.

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Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours in our life. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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St. Philip Neri

By: John D'Anca



When you strip away the pomp of 16th-century Rome, you're left with Philip Neri: a man who looked at a solemn religious establishment and decided sanctity desperately needed a sense of humor — and he certainly provided one!

Born in Florence in 1515, Philip walked away from a lucrative family business to arrive in Rome penniless. During an all-night vigil inside the dark Catacombs of St. Sebastian, his life was forever changed. A sudden surge of heat, perhaps a form of love, hit his chest so violently that his heart physically expanded, snapping two ribs — a physical reality doctors confirmed during his autopsy decades later.

Following that extraordinary experience he didn't retreat into a quiet monastery. Instead, Philip took to the cobblestones. He spent years roaming public squares, striking up casual conversations with bankers, vendors, and bored teenagers. He skipped weighty theology, using instead quick wit and warmth to coax people into caring for the sick. By his 1551 ordination, his casual gatherings had evolved into the Congregation of the Oratory. The polyphonic music featured in these unstructured meetings proved so influential it birthed the musical genre we know as the oratorio.

What kept Philip grounded was his absolute fear of pride. Whenever crowds treated him like a living saint, he deployed weaponized absurdities: walking around in inside-out clothes, shaving off half his beard for formal cardinal meetings, or bursting into silly street dances in front of praising dignitaries. He knew self-deprecating laughter was the ultimate shield against vanity.

By his death on May 26, 1595, this somewhat eccentric priest had quietly transformed Rome. Canonized in 1622, Philip Neri remains proof that true holiness isn't a weight, but a lightness of spirit. Today we celebrate St. Philip Neri as the patron saint of joy, humor, laughter and Rome.

St. Philip Neri's Feast Day is May 26

St. Philip Neri…Pray for us.

St. Patrick's Patrick

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day: Our Call to Holiness

The Catholic Church celebrates All Saints' Day on November 1 and All Souls' Day on November 2. These two celebrations remind us that our earthly life is a journey toward eternal life with God. On All Saints' Day, we honor all the saints, including those officially recognized by the Church and the countless holy men and women known only to God. On All Souls' Day, we remember our departed loved ones and pray for those who are being purified on their journey toward the fullness of heaven.

In the Gospel of Matthew 5:1–12, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, a beautiful roadmap to holiness. He teaches us that holiness is not measured by wealth, power, popularity, or worldly success, but by the condition of our hearts. "Blessed are the merciful," reminds us to forgive others; "Blessed are the peacemakers" calls us to bring reconciliation into our families and communities; and "Blessed are the clean of heart" invites us to live with honesty, purity, and sincerity.

What can we do to become saints? We begin by loving God and our neighbors in ordinary, everyday situations. We can become saints by being patient with difficult people, forgiving those who hurt us, caring for the poor, visiting the sick, comforting the grieving, and standing up for what is right. A parent caring for a child, a student speaking up for someone who is bullied, or a parishioner quietly helping a neighbor can all become beautiful expressions of holiness. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux reminds us through her spirituality of the "Little Way," we can grow in holiness by doing small things with great love.

All Saints' Day inspires us to follow the example of those who have gone before us in faith, while All Souls' Day reminds us to pray for our departed brothers and sisters. Through the communion of saints, we recognize that the Church embraces the faithful on earth, the souls being purified, and the saints in heaven. Let us therefore live each day with faith, hope, and charity, trusting in God's mercy. We do not become saints overnight; we become saints with one loving act, one sincere prayer, and one faithful choice at a time. Our ultimate calling is to become holy and one day share in the eternal joy of God's kingdom. Amen.



Fr. Patrick Kizza

PASTOR

Sunday, November 1

Sharing Tree - GA

8:00am – Mass – Msgr. Dempsey · *Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory, req. Therese Ruedig*

8:30am – Religious Ed Classes - PC

10:00am – Mass – Fr. Patrick

Intentions:

† Jose Gomez, Jr., req. Theresa Gomez

† Tadeusz & Felicja Styka, req. Anna Teifeld

† David Gewalt, req. Barbara Gewalt

Special intention for Jeremy Sikes, req. Walt & Peg Wade

11:45am – Mass – Fr. McMahon · *Intention: People of St. Patrick Church*

5:00pm – Mass · *Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Monday, November 2 · All Souls Day

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Deceased priests of St. Patrick Church, req. Katie Anderson*

4:30pm – Religious Ed Grades 1-7 - PC

4:30pm – OCIA - YR

Tuesday, November 3

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Special intention for 1st Lt. Emilia Puszynski, req. her grandparents*

8:45am – Immaculate Heart Leaders Meeting - CR

Wednesday, November 4

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: For a special intention, req. Peg Scichili*

8:30am – Adoration - OC

10:30am – Immaculate Heart Bible Study - PC

6:15pm – Benediction - OC

7:00pm – Wednesday Bible Study - YR

7:00pm – OCIA - CR

Thursday, November 5

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Elaine Fleury Brandt & Bernard H Sullivan, req. Ted & Liz Brandt*

9:30am – Adult Scripture - PC

5:45pm – Children's Choir Rehearsal - MC

Friday, November 6

6:30am – Men's Group Mass · *Intention: † Ken Schmidt, req. Paul Lipka & the men's group*

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Nancy Buschmann, req. Raymond Buschmann*

6:00pm – Angelus/Adv. Prayer - MC

Saturday, November 7

Sharing Tree - GA

5:00pm – Mass – Fr. Patrick

Intentions:

† Fred & Phyllis Bertucci, req. The McCoy family

† Msgr. Frank Cimarrusti, req. David & Marianna Cimarrusti

† Bob Bartlett, req. Thursday morning scripture group

† Jose Gomez, Jr., req. Ken & Mary Billings

Sunday, November 8

Sharing Tree - GA

8:00am – Mass – Msgr. Dempsey · *Intention: † Bertha D'Souza, req. Menuhin D'Souza*

8:30am – Religious Ed Classes - PC

10:00am – Mass – Fr. Franzman · *Intention: † Bob Bartlett, req. The Barrett & Weier family*

11:45am – Mass – Fr. Sean · *Intention: People of St. Patrick Church*

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers …

The healing and restoration of the sick of our parish and the needs & intentions inscribed in our Parish Book of Prayer & Prayer Wall.

Scan To Sign Up For Adoration

Give Online

Support St. Patrick through online giving. Scan the QR code to visit our GiveCentral page.

give central

Finances

Sunday Collection for the Weekend of October 24-25, 2026

Actual	$13,314
Budget	$17,650
Surplus/(**Deficit**)	**($4,336)**

Fiscal Year to Date

Ordinary Income	$442,885
Ordinary Expense	$533,437
Surplus/(**Deficit**)	**($90,552)**

Building on Faith, Serving the Future Campaign Update

Thanks to the generosity of our parish families, we have fulfilled our $747,000 commitment to the Archdiocese and secured support for several projects under our Renew Our Church and Revitalize Our Ministries priorities. Every dollar raised going forward will remain at St. Patrick.

With your continued generosity, we hope to raise **$1 million** more to address additional parish projects and needs. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and return your completed pledge card to the parish office before Leadership Weekend on November 7–8. Pledges may be fulfilled over five years.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: To help contact fellow parishioners and support campaign activities. To join our team, please call the parish office at (847) 234-1401.

Updated on October 23, 2026

Total dollar raised: **$2,604,100**
Percent Pledged to Parish Goal: **87%**
Number of households that have contributed: **72**
Percentage of participation: **3%**

Additional Projects

ADA Accessibility: Making our campus more accessible for all.

Campus Safety & Security: Enhancing safety across parish facilities.

Ministry Office Renovation: Updating flooring and layout to better support parish needs.

Sacred Art: Enhancing our worship spaces through sacred art.

New Stretch Goal: $3.6 million to support additional parish projects.

Religious Education News

Faith Formation for Grades 1–8

Religious Education

Classes: November 1 & 2, November 8 & 9, and November 15 & 16 (Advent event)
6th Grade Mass: November 15, 10:00am Mass

Confirmation

Class: November 1 and November 15

Youth Group

November 1 at St. Patrick, focusing on All Souls Day and pumpkin decorating

Save the Date

Family Movie Night: December 13 at 5:00pm



Football Watch Party

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

November 2, 2026

O'Gara Center

Doors open at 6:30 PM • Game starts at 7:15 PM

Open to All Men, Women, and Children!

Great Food From Rosati's Bannockburn
Pizza, italian beef, chicken wings, salad, plus assorted accoutrements and deserts.

Squares: $10.00 each
Payout is $100 for Q1, Q2, and Q3. $200 for the final score.

RSVP

50/50 Raffle
1 for $10 and 3 for $20

Suggested Donation
$20 per Person ($25 at the door).
Kids 12 and under $10.

Silent Auction
Bears Memorabilia

All proceeds benefit Most Blessed Trinity Academy
RSVP and make a donation at www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/football

The Women's Group of Saint Patrick Church

Sip, Savor & *Set the Table*

Looking for inspiration to make your holiday table extra special this year?

Join the Women's Group for a festive evening of wine, cheese, and beautiful holiday inspiration! A floral designer will share six unique holiday tablescapes, filled with ideas to help you create a stunning table for your own holiday gatherings.

Plus, six lucky attendees will win a freshly made floral centerpiece!

Thursday, November 19
7:00 PM

O'Gara Center

Wine, cheese & holiday inspiration
$20 per person

Come enjoy a fun evening with friends and leave with fresh ideas for your holiday entertaining!

Scan code to reserve your spot!

Please RSVP by Sunday, November 15.



2026 SHARING TREE

Help make the holidays brighter for local families!

St. Patrick families have two ways to participate in this year's Sharing Tree program:

OPTION 1: Choose an Ornament

Select an ornament from the Sharing Trees in the back of the church the weekends of October 31/November 1 or November 7/8. Purchase the requested gifts and return them to the O'Gara Center **by Sunday, December 6.**
Gifts will benefit children in families referred through Catholic Charities.

OPTION 2: Give a Gift Card

Donate a $50 Walmart or Target gift card to support children and families served by the Most Blessed Trinity food pantry.

Gift cards and monetary donations must be received by **Monday, November 30.**
You can contribute in any of these ways:

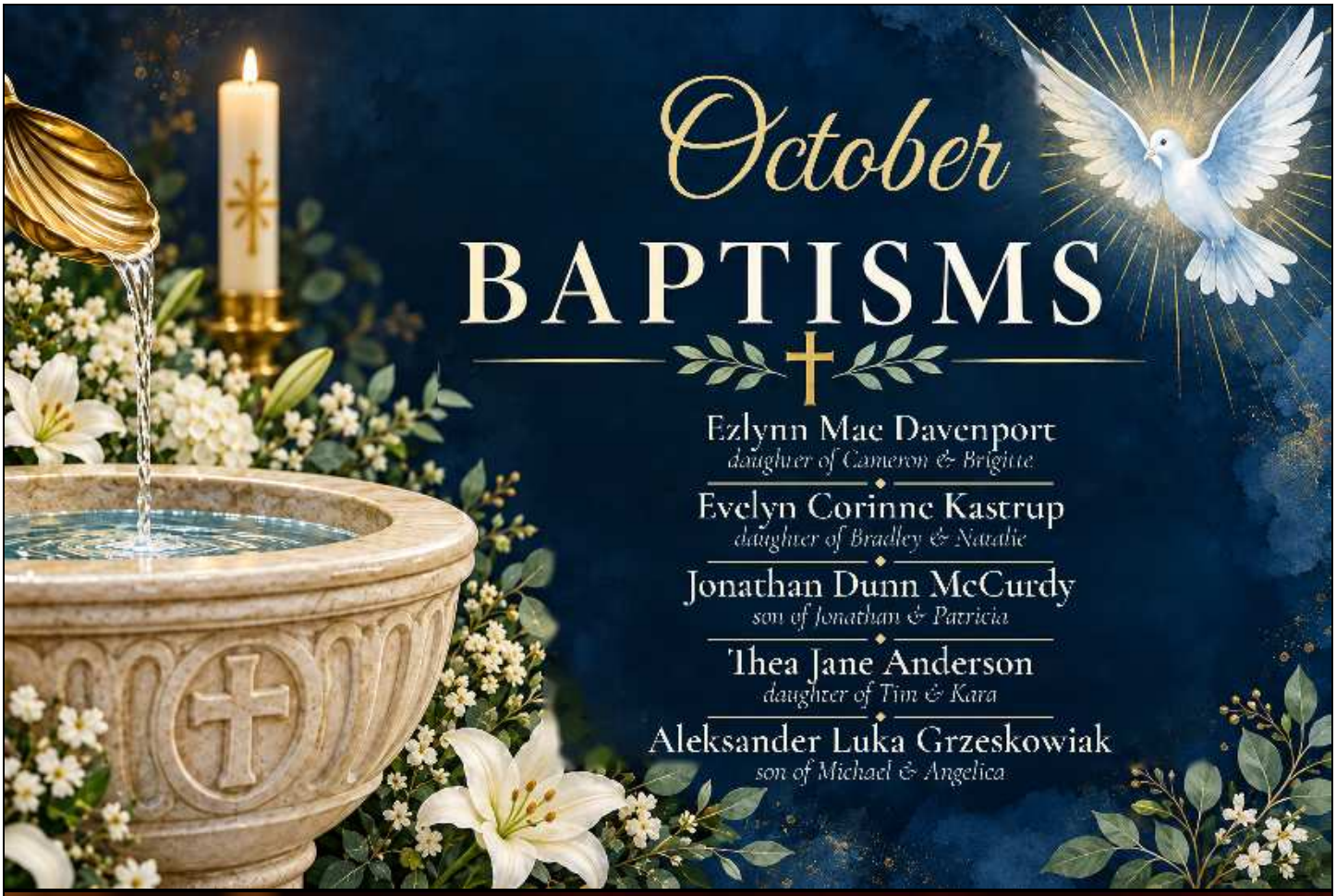
- **Drop off:** Place gift cards or checks payable to St. Patrick Women's Group in the locked offertory boxes labeled "Offertory St. Patrick's Parish" in the church gathering area. The church is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Mail:** Send checks payable to St. Patrick Women's Group to the parish office at 991 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.
- **Give online:** Donate by credit card at **www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/sharingtree** or through Give Central. Donations will be used to purchase gift cards.

Questions?

Contact Kate Harper at **5harpers2009@gmail.com** or (703) 819-7880.

Scan here to donate

Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas and bringing joy to families in our community!



October BAPTISMS

Ezlynn Mae Davenport
daughter of Cameron & Brigitte

Evelyn Corinne Kastrup
daughter of Bradley & Natalie

Jonathan Dunn McCurdy
son of Jonathan & Patricia

Thea Jane Anderson
daughter of Tim & Kara

Aleksander Luka Grzeskowiak
son of Michael & Angelica



ALL SOULS DAY

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Thomas Ahern
Beth Barger
John F. Belter
Mary Silvia Bernardi Biederman
Kristin Wildman Brennan Burns
Joseph V. Caponigri
Robert Daily
Father Laurence Dunn
Gayle Franzen
Florence Gatti
Jose Gomez, Jr
Maria Eugenia Jorfald
Raymond Kalebic
Amanda Kilroy
Joan Lucas
Kevin O'Connor
Nicholas Raino
Mary Ritacca
Gordon Sheahan

Kyle Albrecht
Robert Bartlett
Edward Bernardi
Ralph
Brian
Margaret (Peggy) Corr
Janice Elaine Dittmer
Susan Ewert
Susie (Sue Ann) Frelk
David Gewalt
Eleanor Honan
Anthony Juliano
Janice Kiddle
Gary Knochel
Richard Molokie
Patrick Patterson
Roger Risher
William Rockelman



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, November 11

Pre-K 3 through 8th Grade

8:20 AM

Mass & Blessing for Veterans
& Active-Duty Military

9:30 AM

Open House & Campus Tours

Celebrating 25 Years of Academic Excellence

East Lake Academy

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SCAN TO RSVP

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

All are invited to be part of the Synodal Process in the Archdiocese of Chicago



This is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and listen to one another. **Synodal listening sessions** will take place from:

October 2026 through February 2027, culminating in an ecclesial assembly on **June 12, 2027**.

For more information, visit: **archchicago.org/synodality** or scan the QR code.

Check back often as listening sessions will be added throughout this process.

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SACRAMENTS AND RESOURCES

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 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

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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