



Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021



Saturday 5:00 pm	January 9 Regina Ann Sherer and Timothy Hurley
Sunday 7:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	January 10 Raymond Simon Margaret Babbitt, Marjory Donovan, Daniel Deicas and Martin King Italia Gallelli
Monday 8:00 am	January 11 Jane Thomas and Jack Murphy
Tuesday 8:00 am	January 12 Conor Gaul
Wednesday 8:00 am	January 13 MaryKay Dangerio
Thursday 8:00 am	January 14 Joseph Stockert
Friday 8:00 am	January 15 For the People of the Parish
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 16 Daniel Drew
Sunday 7:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	January 17 Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McGrath Richard McCabe, Harry Powers, and Patti Melnifsky For the People of the Parish

Weekday Mass Times

In the Church

Mondays through Fridays at 8 am

*With the exception of the First Friday each month when
Mass will be held at 12 noon instead of 8 am.*

Active † Enriching † Connected

<https://st-pats.org>

Follow Us on Social Media



Facebook : @stpatschatham



St. Patrick Parish Chatham



Instagram : @st.pats.chatham

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

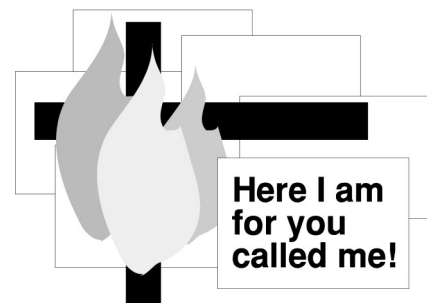
This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.



Weekly Memorials

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Carmela Cecere, Mike Mulane, Evey Staromano, Caroline Palluzzi, Mary Cecere, Josh Crucilla, Patrick Duffy, Erlinda Ruzol, Jack Meeks, Dinah Villanueva, Theresa Padula, Joseph Crucilla, Roe Pucci, Jim Kazenmayer, John Hefferon, George Morgan, Nicholas Baldwin, Donna Azzolino, Ethel Ulrich, Dave Melroy, Aggie Ryan, Sarah Sterns, Patrick O'Connor, Antoinette Cecere, Peter Paul Perla, Jr., Don Wittmer, Jim Johnson, Robbie Morton, Nick Castellano, Sarah Wilkens, George Gonsolves, Patti Melnitsky, Connie Franzoni, Travis Singleton, Daniel Capone, Luciana Santoriello and **for all our deceased** especially Cathy Auriemma, Dr. Jack Murphy, Mark Conwell Jr., Edward Gonzalez, Robert Eric Almgren, III, Eileen Hartigan, and Peter Gallagher.

The Church is open for private prayer. Please follow the directions on the posted signs and sit in the designated area only. Thank you!

Private Prayer in the Church

Mondays-Fridays 10 am - 1 pm

Sundays 11 am - 2 pm

Maintain social distancing and wear a mask during private prayer.

2021

As the world says “goodbye” to 2020, and welcomes in a New Year, it is evident that 2020 was an unstable year that led us to reevaluate routines, education, relationships, entertainment, socialization, and health. Never did I anticipate the conditions of life that 2020 would render. My prayer for 2021 is that the vaccine guides us to a safer existence so that we return to many of the activities that were part of our lives, which includes praying together as a community of faith. Many of you who celebrate mass through the livestream are missed at the church; I am always glad to run into you at the Post Office, Shop Rite or bank. We also learned a lot through the past year as most of us upgraded our level of technology usage due to Covid-19, and elevated health and hygiene procedures. Statistics indicate that 1.5 million people died worldwide in 2020 due to the pandemic with well over 300,000 in the United States. 2020 brought other concerns to us such as racial unrest, a presidential election, challenges to our democracy, and wild fires on the west coast.

This weekend the church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany; as the Magi search for the Christ-Child, 2021 engenders our search for Christ within some lifestyle adjustments. There is much to grasp from the Magi who follow a star to find the “newborn king” in that God calls us to follow a star with the irreplaceable gift of a new year, which reminds us that life is so precious and passes so quickly. In the United States, The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Family which is usually between January 2 and January 8. The word, Epiphany comes from the Greek *epiphanein* which means a “showing, appearance, or revelation.” The gospel story of the Magi is not meant to be read as a historical event, but yields a theological message that the Messiah came for all people, not just the Jews; therefore, it is a significant celebration on the church calendar since it highlights universal salvation. One of the major issues that faced the early Christians was the issue of inclusion. The significance of three Magi emerges from Matthew’s Gospel which speaks of three gifts. The physical appearance of the Magi springs forth from legends of the 9th century where the Magi are described as kings representing the three major races, and given the names, Melchior, an old white man with a long white beard, bearing the gift of gold, Caspar, young and of darker hue who carries incense, and Balthasar, a black man offering myrrh.

Like the Magi, we have a star to follow in our journey through life, yet like these individuals it is essential to know that we often are not aware of where the star will lead us. The Magi possessed abundant faith that directed them to Christ. This Solemnity comes to play in our church community in the manner that we reach out to those of different faith traditions and different nationalities. The Gospel about the Magi invites us to take notice that the Magi are the first formal visitors who Jesus receives outside the land of Israel, which summoned a challenge of the early Christians to navigate a path for Gentile and Jews to be one in Christ.

Today it is evident that as believers there are paths to follow in the manner that we interact with others since so many hold different theological and political viewpoints. This sets a tone to review encounters with Christ within our faith community as well as make Christian connections with immigrants and those labeled outsiders. Like King Herod in this weekend’s Gospel, many go through the motions pretending to be interested in doing the right thing, but struggle to attain lifestyle adjustments to correct particular behaviors. Like the Magi, 2020 detoured our lives with the coronavirus, hostility and politics, and upset many of our well planned tomorrows. Our faith journey navigates us through festive days and uneventful ones, through joys and sorrows, through truth and dishonesty, through success and failure. In your celebration of the Epiphany, work to make the light of 2021 visible in places and people you encounter. It will shape 2021 as a delightful year and render much fulfillment to your life.

*In Christ's Love,
Fr. Bob*

BAPTISM: Arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling Diane Wallace at 973-635-0625 or emailing her at dwallace@st-pats.org. Parents are expected to attend an instructional session with the Baptism Team.

RCIA-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The R.C.I.A. invites non-baptized persons and those baptized into another faith to participate in a faith journey in preparation for becoming a Catholic. If you are interested in any aspect of R.C.I.A., please email Deb at Dkuzma@st-pats.org or call her at the parish office at ext. 153.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Congratulations! In order that we can together plan for your big day, couples should notify the Church and begin to prepare at least one year in advance of the date. Please email Fr. Bob at Fr.Bob@st-pats.org or call Fr. Bob at the parish office ext. 152.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOME BOUND: If a family member or someone you know is recuperating from a hospital stay or is homebound for any length of time and would like to receive Holy Communion, please let us know. It is a priority for the parish community to support and be present to those who cannot be with us for the celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like a priest or deacon to visit a family member who is hospitalized, contact the parish office at 973-635-0625.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the parish office at 973-635-0625 to arrange for a priest.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST: Children preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist begin preparation in first grade. To register, visit our website at www.st-pats.org.



Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021

AROUND THE PARISH

Mass Celebrants

Saturday, January 9 at 5 pm with Fr. Bob
Mass will be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 10 at 7:30 am with Fr. Bob
Mass will NOT be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 10 at 10 am with Fr. Artur
Mass will be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 10 at 5 pm with Fr. Artur
Mass will NOT be Live Streamed

Saturday, January 2 at 5 pm with Fr. Artur
Mass will be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 3 at 7:30 am with Fr. Artur
Mass will NOT be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 3 at 10 am with Fr. Bob
Mass will be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 3 at 5 pm with Fr. Bob
Mass will NOT be Live Streamed

Communion after the 10:00 am Live Stream



If you view the liturgy via livestream at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, or 10:00 a.m. Sunday and wish to receive Eucharist, communion is available at the entranceway to the parish center in the parking lot between 11:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday morning. Please drive up to the entrance doors, remain in your vehicle, lower your windows, keep your masks on, and a priest will provide you with Eucharist. Please enter the parking lot through Chatham Street

and exit through Oliver Street.



Thank you for supporting St. Patrick Parish!
Your financial support enables us to continue to thrive!

Demanding schedules, travel, trying to get to mass on time and now, maintaining social distancing and following covid mandates make it challenging to donate to our parish on a regular basis as God calls us to do. Many people don't carry checkbooks or cash. For these reasons, St. Patrick Parish is pleased to offer several options for our parishioners and guests to choose from when making a donation to our parish.

The first way is to sign up for **Online Giving**. An account will be created and reoccurring or one-time donations can be made at any time. Look for the green Online Giving button on our HOME page for the link to sign up for an account.

To donate *without* creating an account, visit our website and click on the **GIVING** tab, the last tab on the right-hand side of our HOME page. This can be done with a cell phone, tablet or computer. It is simple and easy! It can even be done during the livestreamed mass by using a device not currently running the livestream and it's all done right on our website! No redirection to another URL! We accept credit card, debit card and electronic check (ACH) donations on our website!

Finally, donations can be dropped off in the locked mailbox located outside of the parish office building front door or mailed to our parish office: 41 Oliver St., Chatham, NJ 07928.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish!

Not receiving the Saint Patrick Parish emails? Want to join our distribution list? Text PATS to 84576 from your mobile phone or visit our website at st-pats.org and click on the *Join Our Mailing List* link located in the left-hand column on the website home page. Having trouble or want more information? Email Vonnie at vgibbons@st-pats.org for information on how to join the parish or if you are not a registered parishioner, have her add your contact information to our mailing list.

Did you know? You can purchase mass cards, memorial candles, altar candles, altar flowers and memorial lamp intentions online through our website? While the parish office has limited hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are still able to fulfill many requests. Visit our website at st-pats.org to purchase any of these memorials or contact Diane at dwallace@st-pats.org or Holly at hgilligan@st-pats.org for more information. You can now pay for these services right on our website using a credit card, debit card or electronic check when you use the online form to request mass cards, candles or altar flowers! Of course, checks may still be mailed to the office.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you have a New Year's resolution to bring Christ's light to others? Music Ministry will start a new group of bell and chime ringers to play once a month at the Sunday 5pm mass. Rehearsal will be at 3:45 prior to the mass. Busy young adults and teenagers who would like to participate in this **once-per-month ministry** are invited to play in this group. Prior experience with bells is not required, although some experience with music notation is helpful. Masks will be worn during rehearsal, and players will be 6-feet apart at rehearsals and mass.

Please send an email to Maggie Hanson at maggiehansonmusic@gmail.com to express interest.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Save the Dates

Sunday, January 10, 2021 - Winter Antioch Retreat

Monday, January 11, 2021 - Sophomore Gathering
7 - 8 pm, Parish Center

Sunday, January 24, 2021 - Sophomore Mass Reflection
3:30 - 6 pm, Parish Center - TEENS ONLY

Monday, January 25, 2021 - Sophomore Gathering
7 - 8 pm, Parish Center

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for grades 1 through 8 will continue to be held in a remote learning format. Our Faith Formation Coordinator, Karen Hoerrner, will provide guided through weekly emails, supplemented with videos and other media.

If you have questions, please contact Karen Hoerrner, our Religious Education Coordinator at khoerrner@st-pats.org.

PARISH NURSES

Aging in Your Own Space: Tips for Seniors in Your Home

Monday, January 18, 10:00am

Aging-in-place involves being able to remain in the home of your choice, even as your needs may change. However, the decision to stay in your home requires advanced planning and not all seniors have a plan in place. Join the virtual presentation to learn about common areas of consideration when formulating an aging-in-place plan, including home modifications, assistive technology, health care services, community resources, financial concerns and legal preparations. Presented by Rebecca Abenante, MA, MSW, LSW, ASW-G

**To register for program, visit
atlanticealth.org/events or call
1-800-247-9580.**

**For more information, call
1-844-472-8499.**



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future*



St. Patrick School Accepting Applications For The 2021-2022 School Year!

Applications for all grades – Pre-K3 through Grade 8 – at St. Patrick School are being accepted now. Join the National Blue Ribbon and AdvancED Stem Certified school where your child can #BeTheFuture! For more information, log on to www.st-pats-school.org or contact the Admissions Office at admissions@st-pats.org or at 973-635-4623, extension 3.

St. Patrick School To Host Series of Virtual Open House Events During Week of January 31-February 6

Mark your calendars now to join St. Patrick School for National Catholic Schools Week, January 31-February 6! Virtually visit the school for several Virtual Open House events, beginning on Sunday, January 31 with a Virtual Open House event from 11AM EST. Following, St. Patrick School will host another Virtual Open House on Tuesday February 2 at 12:30PM EST and Thursday, February 4 at 7PM EST. More details can be found at www.st-pats-school.org/csw or call 973-635-4623, ext. 3.

Join St. Patrick School at Special Catholic Schools Week Mass

Join St. Patrick School and St. Patrick Parish for a special Mass celebrating Catholic Schools Week! The Mass will be led by Grade 8B and livestreamed on Monday, February 1 at 11AM EST. The view the Mass livestream, visit <https://youtu.be/aU3MLwcneEs>

New Year, New School? Transfer Grants Offered at St. Patrick School

Considering a change for your child's educational experience? St. Patrick School invites families with children currently enrolled in non-Catholic schools to consider the benefits of our safe, caring school environment where a values-based education is combined with National Blue Ribbon and STEM certified academics every day. Tuition Transfer Grants are available to new students entering in grades 1 through 7, coming from public, charter or home schools. Curious? Email admissions@st-pats.org or call 973-635-4623 to learn more or to schedule a virtual tour!