Freedom and Friendship: Ancient Insights for the Modern Man

Fr. Tom was very gracious to invite me to offer another series of talks this summer which I have entitled: “Freedom and Friendship: Ancient Insights for the Modern Man.” I am excited to present these talks because I believe that the substance is relevant and applicable today. In the first talk, I will explore Freedom as a central value for each and every person and even for our nation. Everybody wants liberty, but few people know how to be truly free. Aristotle and Aquinas provide insights into our freedom and our fulfillment through freedom. They remind us that our relationships with others, our nation, and God do not limit our liberties, but rather, realize our freedom and actualize our nature. After discussing the nature of freedom in the first talk, the subsequent talks will examine the various types of friendships and relationships in which our liberty is actualized.

The second talk will concern the various types of personal friendships outlined in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*. In particular, this talk will address Aristotle’s true friendship of virtue. This subject is near and dear to my heart because it first sparked my interest in philosophy. I realized that philosophy can be highly pertinent to my life and can introduce significant changes into how I look at my experiences. After studying Aristotle’s theory of friendship, I found that I had a greater appreciation for the companionship of my peripheral friends and I placed an even greater importance on my stable friendships of virtue. I learned how to be a better friend and how to have realistic expectations for other people. This talk clarifies the relevant types and levels of friendship, the limitations of certain relationships, and the requirements for virtuous friendship.

The third talk entitled “Civic Friendship: The Government-Its Origin and Purpose” is actually the subject of my master’s thesis which I just completed under the guidance of Msgr. Sokolowski at CUA. Through my research, I learned that a nation comes to be organically and naturally—like a family or a language. A nation arises through mutual needs, shared inclinations, and common ends. Ultimately, a nation is held together by civic friendship and a government that offers certain laws and regulations. The government and our fellow citizens are not obstacles to our freedom, but actually the fulfillment of our nature and liberty. We are *more free* when we work together for the common good, and the government ought to foster our fulfillment by promoting virtuous living. This talk might be the more controversial one in the series, but I hope we can discuss these claims in more detail during the question and answer period.

After addressing the (1) foundation of friendship, (2) personal friendship, and (3) civic friendship, the last talk will address our friendship with God through a life of virtue. In this talk, I will turn to the angelic doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas, and offer a sketch of his theory of virtue. In particular, I will address both acquired and infused virtue, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, our natural and supernatural end, as well as pagan virtue. I recently took a class on this topic, and it literally blew my mind! I had a whole new appreciation for the sacraments, the love of God, and His intricate work in our lives. I learned how to cultivate virtue in my life and how critical it is to remain constantly in the state of grace. I hope that in this last talk I can pass on Aquinas’s understanding of virtue and an awe for God’s wisdom and love for us.

I hope to see you all at these talks. Not only do these insights address many of the culture ills of our time, but they are also relevant to our everyday lives. My hope is that the wisdom of Aristotle and Aquinas will foster a greater understanding of freedom and friendship, as well as cultivate a more radical conversion within each one of us.
Old Saint Patrick
Vacation Bible School 2019
Angels of God
August 5-9, 2019
9:00am-Noon

Children’s Concert and Ice Cream Social, August 8, 2019 at 7:00pm

To register call 734-662-8141 or visit us at stpatricka2.org. The cost is $25 per child—$15 for each additional child in the family. Financial aid is available; call the office for more information. Kids also need a plain white t-shirt for their iron-on.

First Friday Adoration

July 5th
starting at 7pm.
Please sign up for a holy hour of Adoration at
bit.ly/OSPAdoration

Your Child will Learn:

- God in His infinite love assigned every person a Guardian Angel.
- Our Guardian Angels comforts, strengthens, and guides us to know, serve, and love God.
- How God utilized Angels throughout Salvation History.

Please pray for those in need, including:


Please pray for those in the military, including:

Adam Draves, Nathan Baker, Garette Moore, Larry Workman, Daniel Scott Brown, Mark Richard, Philip Maxwell, Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Noah Kranz, Chas & Holly Carter,

Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Michael Kunitz: Byzantine Catholic
Dcn. David Pellican: AOD

Mass Intentions

TUE 700: Ruth Tabeling
WED 830: Rebecca Martino
THU 900: Our Country
FRI 830: Fr. Don Brick, OCD
SAT 900: Florence Remski ✡
400: Parishioners
SUN 800: Tina Brighton ✡
1030: Nelly Valero ✡
How come there's no Knock Knock joke about America?

Because freedom rings.

ST. PATRICK PARISH CALENDAR

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OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH DIRECTORY

Reconciliation
Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM
Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; Don’t hesitate to call for an appointment!

Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass
Saturday 4:00PM
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

EF/TLM Latin Mass
2nd Sunday of Month 12:30pm

Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass
First Saturday of the month 9:00AM
Tuesday 7:00PM
Wed. & Fri. 8:15AM School Year, 8:30AM Summer
Thur. 8:30AM

Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord
Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:45PM
First Friday 7:00PM - Saturday 8:45AM

Baptisms
Baptism Preparation classes as required by the Diocese of Lansing may be scheduled to accommodate your family’s needs. Contact Dcn. Frank Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email fjapp@umich.edu to arrange date, time and location.

Marriages
Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

Funerals
Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

Parish Registration
Contact the office for a registration form.

Office hours
Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Office: 734-662-8141
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Director of Music
music@stpatricka2.org

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Parishioner of the Month:
The Knights would like to recognize and thank Nancy Keough for all of her hard work at our parish. Nancy became a parishioner at Old St. Patrick’s in 2012. Soon after joining, she started attending meetings of the Ladies Society, helped with food prep at the Lenten Fish Fries, and worked at the church’s annual Rummage Sale. For the last few years she have coordinated the annual Family Life Services Baby Bottle Drive at OSP. Nancy also helps at the monthly Bingo games held at the Regency Seniors Residence in Whitmore Lake. At this time she is leading our Ladies of St. Brigid Group and coordinates the OSP’s Library. Nancy stated - As my “sisters in faith”, I am blessed beyond words to be a member of our wonderful parish community. Thank you Nancy and God Bless You for all the time and effort you devote to Old St. Patrick’s.

Altar Servers

SATURDAY 4:00/July 6
R.J. Skrobola
W. Kummet

SUNDAY 8:00/July 7
K. Brcic
J.P. DeJak

SUNDAY 10:30/July 7
T. Fox
D. Franzonello
D. Galbraith
N. Palazzolo
J. Shurtliff

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Rachel’s Vineyard
Rachel’s Vineyard is a place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing.

Upcoming weekends are: July 12-14, 2019 Contact - Beth Bauer 734-879-0427 Email: toheal4give@outlook.com or August 9-11, 2019 Contact - New Life Center/Della 517-993-0291 nlcrachelsvineyard@gmail.com rachelsvineyard.org

Jail Ministry
Catholic Religious Services of Washtenaw County are in need of volunteers to visit with both men and women in the jail. An orientation will be held July 27. Visit: stfrancisa2.com/jail or contact Scott Wright (734-821-2121) swright@stfrancisa2.org or Dennis Lipski, Huron Valley Women’s Correctional Facility, Ypsilanti, Bemis Road, east of Platt Road. Volunteer coordinator (248-935-2197) dmlipski@gmail.com

Related Items
Traveling Icon of St. Patrick
Have you signed up to bring home our traveling icon of St. Patrick? The icon was written by Donna Nelson, parishioner. It represents a younger St. Patrick, one children and youth can look up to in discerning their vocation. Praying with an original and blessed artwork in your home can be an occasion for special graces! You don’t have to be a family with kids to check the icon out, singles are encouraged to take St. Patrick home for a week as well!

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
Attention OSP Parishioners, RCIA is starting this September! This year we will be using Credo an RCIA program created by the Dominican Fathers at the Thomistic Institute in Washington D.C. If you know of anyone who is thinking of converting to the Catholic Faith or simply interested in learning more about the Church, please have them contact Tom Merlo at tmerlo@stpatricka2.org or 734-662-8141 ext. 30.

Baptism Preparation Class
Please contact Deacon Papp by phone 734-426-1070 or by email (fjpapp@umich.edu) to arrange a Baptism Preparation Class for your infant or child six years of age or younger. The date, time, and location can then be set to best serve your families needs, There is no fee for the class. Godparents are very welcome and encouraged to attend the class with you. This class fulfills the Diocese requirement for preparation prior to Baptism.

ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS!
Join thousands of others at Cooley Law School Stadium in Lansing for the annual Vocations Baseball Night on Friday, August 9. Bishop Boyea will throw out the first pitch, there will be inflatables for the kids, Catholic Information Fair, and post-game LAFCU Fireworks! This is the 20th year! Tickets for the game can be purchased by calling Eric Pionk, Lugnut Group Sales 517-485-4500, let them know that, if possible, you would like sit with other parishioners from Old St. Patrick-Ann Arbor.
Corpus Christi Procession 2019