



Church of St. Patrick

Staten Island, New York

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Founded 1862

*You Are Invited To Celebrate Your Faith
Within Our Parish Community*

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evenings: Worship Center 4:00pm
Sundays Church: 8:00, 9:30am (children)
10:45 (choir), 12:00, 1:15, & 6:00pm
Weekdays Church: 9:00am
Vigil of Holy Days Church: 7:30pm
Holy Days Church: 9:00am & 7:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - (Worship Center) from 3:00 to 3:45pm; also by appointment with one of the priests.

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK, MARRIAGE — information about these Sacraments is printed in the PARISH BULLETIN regularly. Please refer to it each week.

HEALING MASS once a month Tuesday, 8pm Worship Center - date to be announced.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

SERVED BY:

Pastor: Msgr. Jeffrey P. Conway
Parochial Vicar: Rev. J. Victor Maynigo-Arenas
Pastor Emeritus: Msgr. John M. McCarthy
School Principal: Vincent Sadowski
Religious Ed. Coord.: Maria Giura, PhD
Parish Admin. Asst.: Suzanne Bruno
Parish Financial Officer: Judith Barravecchio
Director of Music: Glenn Kaiser
Superintendent: Thomas Murphy
Parish Trustees: Robert Higgins, James Pocchia
Parish Council Pres.: James Pocchia
Director of Athletics: Keith Wren

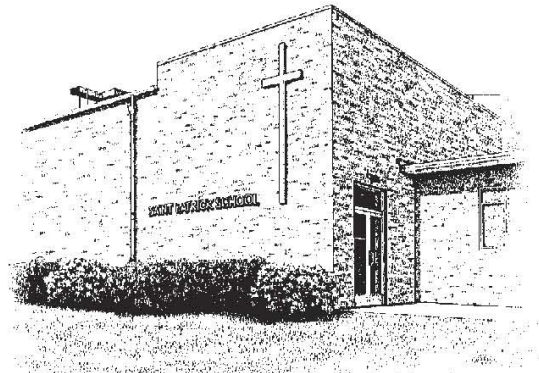
Rectory

53 St. Patrick's Place
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
351-0044☎; 351-0824☎

Parish Office

3560 Richmond Road
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
979-4227☎; 979-7637☎
parishadmin@stpatrickssi.org✉

NEW PARISHIONERS are invited to register at the Parish Office or online and to participate in our life of Prayer and Service.



St. Patrick School

School

3560 Richmond Road
Staten Island, N.Y. 10306
979-8815☎; 979-4984☎
schooloffice@stpatrickssi.org✉

Religious Education

3560 Richmond Road
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

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First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
 2nd Sunday of Advent
 6 Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

9:00am Frank Fiumefreddo Vincent & Susan Bosa
 4:00pm Giovanni & Filomena Licata Joe & Ann Licata

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am All Parishioners
 9:30am Dominic DeLeo Dina & Dominique Fanizza
 10:45am Fr. John Boyle Ustler Family
 12:00pm Robert & Carol Cavanaugh Glenn Kaiser & Cheryl Gucwa
 1:15pm Madonna Fanciullo Joe & Theresa Pane
 6:00pm Rose Fazio Coscia Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018 St. Francis Xavier

9:00am Dominick Esposito Angie Esposito

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018 St. John Damascene

9:00am Lynn Meyer Mom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

9:00am Robert & Stephen McFeeley McFeeley Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018 St. Nicholas

9:00am Frank Cizin, 15th Anniversary Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018 St. Ambrose

9:00am Joseph & Anna Viviani Mary, Brittany & Barbi
 7:30pm (Vigil) All Parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018 The Immaculate Conception of

..... **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
 9:00am Aurelio Roldan Mr. & Mrs. James Cummings
 12:00pm James Meehan Barbara & Patricia McGowan
 4:00pm Joseph Autovino Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am All Parishioners
 9:30am MaryAnn Sera Tricia Accardi
 10:45am Martha Leiner Ustler Family
 12:00pm Charles Romano Barbara & Carolyn Volpicello
 1:15pm Victor Lamberti Bruno & Balzofiore Families
 6:00pm Theresa Trapani Konert Family

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a **Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th at 7:30pm** in the Church and Mass on **Saturday, December 8th will be 9:00am and 12:00pm** in the Church.

MASS CELEBRANTS	
SAT. DEC. 1st	SAT. DEC. 8th
4:00pm Msgr. Jeff	4:00pm Msgr. Jeff
SUN. DEC. 2nd	SUN. DEC. 9th
8:00am Fr. Victor	8:00am Msgr. Jeff
9:30am Fr. Victor	9:30am Msgr. Jeff
10:45am Msgr. Jeff	10:45am Fr. Victor
12:00pm Msgr. Jeff	12:00pm Fr. Victor
1:15pm Msgr. Jeff	1:15pm Msgr. Jeff
6:00pm Msgr. Jeff	6:00pm Msgr. Jeff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
SAT. DEC. 1st	SAT. DEC. 8th
4:00pm G. Angilletta, S. Roseo, M. Martinelli	4:00pm H. Adams, T. Golden, M. Murphy
SUN. DEC. 2nd	SUN. DEC. 9th
8:00am M. Digilio, G. Paulsen, L. Russo	8:00am C. Mariano, C. McDermott, L. Paglio
9:30am D. Haddad, T. Norris, L. Taugher	9:30am T. Pane, R. Scalia, M. Trapani
10:45am C. Buckley, K&H Gioia	10:45am E. & N. Angeles, L. Lopez
12:00pm N. Ciaccio, M. Wallace, A. McComiskey	12:00pm L. Campione, J. Collini, P. Maffeo
1:15pm R. DeGregorio, C. Fanelli, R. Scalia	1:15pm D. Bernstein, C. Capistrano, J. Strenta
6:00pm I. Iorio, J. Nell, M. Pellechia	6:00pm T. Cafiero

LECTORS	
SAT. DEC. 1st	SAT. DEC. 8th
4:00pm Sharyn Roseo	4:00pm Helen Adams
SUN. DEC. 2nd	SUN. DEC. 9th
8:00am Bernadette Amato	8:00am Joe Peppe
9:30am Bill Haddad	9:30am Maria Giura
10:45am Michael Mistretta	10:45am John Ladley
12:00pm Carl Ciaccio	12:00pm Toni Maffeo
1:15pm Angelo Tomasetti	1:15pm Ananias Capistrano
6:00pm Theresa Cafiero	6:00pm Theresa Cafiero

ALTAR SERVERS	
SAT. DEC. 1st	SAT. DEC. 8th
4:00pm Isabella Roseo	4:00pm Lauren Scimeca
SUN. DEC. 2nd	SUN. DEC. 9th
8:00am Justin Guzman	8:00am
9:30am Andrew Haddad	9:30am Marco & Julia Aguirre
10:45am M. Mistretta/S. Siracusa	10:45am Thomas Burgos
12:00pm Carmine Cancro	12:00pm Christopher Baldwin
1:15pm	1:15pm Jake Salome
6:00pm Dominick Garcia	6:00pm Marcus Rosario

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sadie Antoci, Vera Biondo, Barbara Boscia, Rose Bruno, Linda Cangelosi, Maria Cardella, James & Kathy Chorman, Frances Codispodo, Josephine Corcoran; Mario Corso, Al & Joan Davidson, Edward Falcone, Anthony & Josephine Fioravante, Danny Fortunato, Phyllis Fortune, Lucette Gault, Herbert Gruberger, Mary Hanrahan, Jennifer Johnson, MaryJane Kitover, David Larkin, Michael Marano, Tom Matteo, Stephen Mendlovitz, Steven Morvello, Kristin O'Connor, John Palac, Lenny Paglio, Martha Pellechia, Avery Regan, Joel Rivera, AnnMarie Rovegno, Philip Savatter, Sr., Ciro & Rose Saverino, Guido Scalia, Madeline Struthers, Mary Sweeney and Anthony Terra. If you or a relative or anyone you know in your neighborhood is sick, or elderly and homebound, and needs a visit from a Priest, please call the Parish Office 718-979-4227.

SEVEN DAY VOTIVE CANDLES

In Honor Of	Intended For	Requested By
ST. PATRICK	Fr. John Boyle	Ustler Family
ST. ANTHONY	Macchiarola & LaCava	LaCava Family

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN SERVICE

Spec. Edward Murphy, US Army

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church approximately every third Sunday at 2:15pm **OR** any Sunday during Mass. Once you have chosen a date and contacted the Parish Office, parents are **REQUIRED** to attend a Baptism Class in the Church held the first Monday every other month at 7:30pm. All necessary paperwork is available online with instructions and must be returned to the Parish Office **BEFORE** you attend the Baptism Class. The next **Baptism Class** is **Jan. 7th** and upcoming **Ceremonies** are **Dec. 16th – Jan. 13th – Feb. 17th – Mar. 17th – Apr. 28th – May 19th**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE

To arrange for a wedding at St. Patrick, you must call the Parish Office at 718-979-4227 for an appointment with one of our priests at least 3 months before the date. Marriages are celebrated on Fridays at 3 & 4:30pm, Saturdays at 11am, 1 & 2:15pm, and Sundays at 3 & 4pm. There are no Nuptial Masses on Sundays.

PLEASE HELP US HELP THE POOR

Last Sunday the parishioners donated a total of **\$65.00** for the poor.

INTERVENTION

If one of your relatives or friends has a problem with alcohol or drugs, you can call Msgr. Jeff.

12 STEP MEETINGS

- Overeaters Anonymous—**Wednesdays** from **7-8pm** in Conference Room.
- AA—**Thursdays** from **7-8pm** & **Sundays** from **11am-12:15pm** in Cafeteria.
- Al-Anon—**Thursdays** from **5:30-6:30pm** in Room 1-1.
- Couples AA—**Thursdays** from **8:30-9:30pm** in the Convent.
- Gambler's Anonymous—**Thursdays** from **8-9:30pm** in Room 1-1.
- Gam-Anon—**Thursdays** from **8-9:30pm** in Conference Room.
- Pills Anonymous—**Saturdays** from **6:30-7:30pm** in Room 1-1.

Cafeteria & Conference Room, enter through the main parking lot on Richmond Road & Kensico Street. Room 1-1, enter through the door on Richmond Road & McKinley Avenue.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

St. Patrick's Parish "New Day-Bereavement Group" meets every **Tuesday** in the Rectory at **10am**.

WOULD YOU MAKE A SIMPLE PRAYER COMMITMENT FOR A 1ST HOLY COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE?

St. Patrick's has 113 children who are candidates to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the Spring of 2019. We're asking interested parishioners to take the name of a 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation candidate from the basket in the back of the church and to keep that child and the child's family in your prayers for the next six months. Your prayers can make a difference in the life of this child and their family as they prepare to receive their sacrament. For those willing to make this commitment, your prayers are all that are needed. Thank you!

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL - TOURING TUESDAY

If you are considering a Catholic Elementary School for your child, please schedule an appointment to visit St. Patrick's School on **Touring Tuesday, December 4th** from **8:15 to 9:30am**. Touring Tuesdays are universal open houses scheduled throughout the school year at Catholic elementary schools across the Archdiocese of New York. Please call the School Office at 718-979-8815 to schedule an appointment.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

December 8th

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the eleventh century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the eighteenth century it became a feast of the universal Church.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They point out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

Comment: In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" (or "highly favored"). In that context this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life. The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

Quote: "[Mary] gave to the world the Life that renews all things, and she was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role.

"It is no wonder, then, that the usage prevailed among the holy Fathers whereby they called the mother of God entirely holy and free from all stain of sin, fashioned by the Holy Spirit into a kind of new substance and new creature. Adorned from the first instant of her conception with the splendors of an entirely unique holiness, the Virgin of Nazareth is, on God's command, greeted by an angel messenger as 'full of grace' (cf. Luke 1:28). To the heavenly messenger she replies: 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word' (Luke 1:38)" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 56).

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

St. Patrick Parishioners generously donated over 60 large contractor bags of winter coats and baby items on **Saturday, November 17th**. The coats were delivered to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel+St. Benedicta's+St. Mary of the Assumption on Castleton Ave. The baby/children's clothing and other items were delivered to the Mother's Support Group at the Alba House on Victory Blvd. Both groups were extremely grateful! Thanks to the delivery teams of Annette Battista, Roseann Vernazza, Pat McDermott, Tara, James and Patrick Kelly and Kate and Messiah Crowell.

The **Giving Tree** will be in the rear of the church and school lobby and will remain up until all of the tags are taken. The Giving Tree will allow three charities on Staten Island to make some of our less fortunate neighbors have a merrier Christmas! Thank you in advance for your generosity! Please return all gifts to the Parish Office by **December 18th**.

A COFFEE A DAY FOR OUR PARISH

Our parish's campaign to increase our offertory collection is still ongoing. So far, we have increased our offertory by 31% which brought in an extra \$1,000 for our parish's needs. We need everyone to participate in this important effort. By participating in **A Coffee a Day for our Parish**, you will help us continue providing the services and ministries that make this community vibrant. This campaign will allow us to live on. Please join your fellow parishioners and participate in this vital campaign to increase our regular offertory.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS & FAMILIES!

Thank you so much to our generous Religious Education (R.E.) families who donated, for Thanksgiving, over 150 jars of jelly, loaves of bread, and boxes of Ziplocs to benefit One Sandwich At a Time. OSAAT partners with corporations and schools in making sandwiches that are distributed to soup kitchens, shelters, and to anyone in need of a meal. Our R.E. 5th-8th graders and their parents also made 1200 sandwiches for the hungry on **October 9th** which OSAAT & Project Hospitality helped deliver to the hungry on Staten Island. Thank you and God bless everyone involved!

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018**
 AA Meeting 11am-12pm Pristavec Cafeteria
 Basketball Games 11:30am-7pm McCarthy Gym
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018**
 School Reconciliation Grades 3 & 4 Worship Center
 Cheer 2:30-4:45pm McCarthy Gym
 Youth Choir 2:30-3:30pm Worship Center
 Basketball 4:45-11pm McCarthy Gym
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018**
 Touring Tuesday 8:15-10am School Building
 Religious Ed Classes 1st – 8th Grades 3:45-5:15pm Classrooms
 Religious Ed Reconciliation 3rd – 8th Grades 4pm Worship Center
 Basketball 4:45-11pm McCarthy Gym
 Safety Committee Meeting 7pm Conference Room
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018**
 55+ Club 1:30-4:30pm Pristavec Cafeteria
 Cheer 2:30-4:30pm McCarthy Gym
 Basketball 4:45-11pm McCarthy Gym
 Boy Scouts 6-9pm Cafeteria
 Bible Study 7-8pm Rectory
 Overeaters Anonymous 7-8pm Meeting Room
 RCIA Meeting 7pm Conference Room
 Adult Choir 7:15-9:15pm Church
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018**
 Christmas Fair Set-Up 2-10pm Gym
 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30-6:30pm Meeting Room
 AA Meeting 7-8pm Cafeteria
 Gambler's Anonymous 8pm-9:30pm Meeting Room
 Couples AA Meeting 8:30-9:30pm Convent
 Gam-Anon 8-9:30pm Conference Room
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018**
 Christmas Fair 8am-12pm Gym & Lobby
 Cheer 2:30-4:30pm McCarthy Gym
 Cub Scouts Meeting 6-9pm Cafeteria
 Eucharistic Adoration 7-8pm Church
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018**
 Basketball Shootin School Clinic 9am-11am McCarthy Gym
 Pills Anonymous 6:30-7:30pm Meeting Room
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018**
 AA Meeting 11am-12pm Pristavec Cafeteria

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn For each car, truck, or van running or not the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to your parish \$75/\$200 per vehicle. If you, a family member, or friend have an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call 718-491-2525 or svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org. IRS tax deduction, free towing any condition.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS) (those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s) will have their 18th annual **Christmas Dinner** on **Friday, December 14th** at **7:30pm** at Café Bella Vita located at 1919 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island. Price is \$40pp and includes four course meal. All payments must be postmarked by Monday December 10th and mail **CHECKS** made out to **CASH** (with SFCS Christmas Party in memo box) with your name, number and email to: St. Christopher Parish; Attn SFCS Christmas Party; 130 Midland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306. For more information email us at sfcssi@gmail.com.

Shape Up NYC is a FREE citywide fitness program offering classes such as Zumba, Yoga, Pilates, Aerobics, Kickboxing, and Senior Fitness! NYC Parks is looking to expand where these classes are offered throughout Staten Island. For more information and host site requirements or if you are interested in hosting a class, see www.nycgovparks.org/programs/recreation/shape-up-nyc or contact 212.360.3300.

Archdiocese Employment Opportunity Are you a fundraising professional with a passion for the Catholic Church? The Archdiocese of New York development office is hiring a Planned Giving Manager, who will play a crucial role in establishing legacy giving for parishes, schools, and the wider Church. If you have planned giving or paralegal experience and are excited about engaging pastors and parishioners, please reach out to Elaine Filimon at eaf@filimonpartners.com.

Empowering Voices an evening of celebration when we honor those who make a difference and especially inspire others to do the same. After dinner we provide the audience with a very entertaining revue performed by Illuminar Touring Company on **Sunday, January 13, 2019** at the Old Bermuda Inn, 301 Veterans Road West, Staten Island at 5pm.

CLUSTER CIRCLE

Holy Child, 4747 Amboy Road, 10312 (718-356-5890)
Ave Maria Gift Shop-Sat.; 4-7pm, Sun.; 8am-2pm; 1st Sun.; 5-6:30pm
Widow's Conversation Group-Tuesday; 1:30pm; Fellowship Room
Youth Group-Sunday (Selected); 6:30pm; Rectory/Conf. Room

Our Lady Queen of Peace, 90 Third Street, 10306 (718-351-1093)
Eucharistic Adoration-Daily: 6-7am, Sundays: 6:30-7:30am & 1st Fridays: 9am to 9pm; Church
Baptism Classes-4th Thursday; 8pm; Rectory; Meeting Room
Legion of Mary-Thursdays; 7:30pm; Church
Cenacle of Life-Fridays 4-5pm; Chapel
Charismatic Prayer Group-2nd Friday; 7:30-9pm

St. Charles, 644 Clawson Street, 10306 (718-987-2670)
Adult Faith Formation-Wednesday; 1:30pm; Rectory
Baptism Classes-1st Tuesday; 8pm; Rectory Basement
Bereavement Group-Thursdays; 7:30pm; Rectory
Book Club-3rd Thursday; 4pm; Rectory Basement
Caregivers Support Group-Thurs.; 9:30-11:30am; Rectory Basement
Eucharistic Adoration-Mon-Fri; 12-5pm; Chapel
Food Pantry-Tues.-2nd & 4th; 11:30am-1:30pm; Rectory Basement
Legion of Mary-Mondays; 6:30pm; Rectory Basement
Prayer Group & Holy Hour-1st Monday; 7:30pm; Church
St. Vincent de Paul Society-2nd Tues.; 1:30pm; Rectory Basement
Teen Club-Sunday; Sunday; 7pm; Auditorium
Women's Worship-3rd Wednesday; 7:30pm; Rectory Basement

St. Clare's Church, 110 Nelson Ave, 10308 (718-984-7873)
Catholic Daughters of America-1st Tues.; 12noon; Murphy Center
Employment- One-on-one employment advisement, 718-984-7873
Venture Crew 41-Thurs., 7-9pm; Call Richard Ricco 917-803-5669

St. Patrick's Church, 53 St. Patrick's Place, 10306 (718-979-4227)
55+ Club – Wednesdays, Pristavec Cafeteria, 1:30-4:30pm
Baptismal Class – 1st Monday; Church; 7:30pm
Bereavement Group – Tuesday, Rectory, 10am & 7:30pm
Bible Study – Wednesdays, Rectory, 7pm
Book Club (in homes) – Contact Parish Office
Cancer Support Group – Please call Parish Office for Appointment
Divorced & Separated Group – Thursday, Rectory; 7pm
Eucharistic Adoration – Fridays; Church; 7pm
Healing Mass – Tuesday, Worship Center, 8pm; **12/18/18**
Pre-Cana Class – Sunday; School Building; 8am-4pm; **TBA**
RCIA – Wednesdays; Conference Room; 7-8pm, For those Enrolled
Woman's Prayer Group – Thursday; St. Charles; 7:30pm **11/21/18**