

# Saint Patrick Parish

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***June 24, 2018***

***The Nativity of St. John the Baptist***

## **RIPE AND READY**

Teachers and coaches know how to modify their tactics to reach various learners. God does the same with us, perfectly assessing the precise intervention we need in particular situations. God sent Jesus into the world at the ripest moment in human history. Although plenty of prophets, for centuries, had foretold the coming of the Messiah, the profound honor of meeting Christ himself fell to John the Baptist. The Gospel of Matthew tells us what this blessed prophet was like: “John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.” Out of an infinite variety of people throughout all of human history, God chose John the Baptist, in his wildness, to make us ready to meet the Son of God.

Today’s Readings: Is 49:1–6; Ps 139:1–3, 13–14, 14–15; Acts 13:22–26; Lk 1:57–66, 80

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**Baptisms:** By appointment

**Weddings:** Arrangements must be made with Fr. Vaghetto at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

**Spiritual Formation (CCD):**

Grades K-5: Sunday: 9:05 AM - 10:15 AM  
Grades 6-8: Monday: 7:00 PM - 8:10 PM

**Bulletin Deadline:**

15 days advance notice in writing.

**Office Hours:**

Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM



**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday evening: 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:30 AM

**Holy Day:**

Check the bulletin for Mass times

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 AM

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 5:15 PM to 5:45 PM

**Benediction/Holy Hour:** 2nd & 4th  
Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
(Check the bulletin for any changes)

Mass Intentions



SUNDAY 10:30 AM The Nativity of John the Baptist  
**Joseph Dhans**  
 (M/M Gilman Milliard and Family)

TUESDAY 8:00 AM Weekday  
 The Hartman and Kelly Families  
 (Dolores Hartman)

THURSDAY 8:00 AM St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr  
**Martha McGrogan**  
 (Anonymous)

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times  
**Audrey Schollaert**  
 (Michael and Esther Cardillo)

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times  
**All Members of St. Patrick Parish**

**BAPTISMS:** The faith community of St. Patrick welcomes **Jackson Wyatt Osborne**, the son of Ryan and Dana (Stumpf) Osborne, who was baptized on June 10th. May our Lord bless **Jackson** and his family. May they grow in God's love.

**ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH PICNIC:** will be held this year on Sunday, September 9th at the Women's Club Pavilion of Heritage Park. More info to follow. All from St. Patrick's are welcomed.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** St. Patrick will **NOT** have Vacation Bible School this year, due to lack of qualified adult volunteers. Please contact Holy Trinity Parish for 2018 VBS information.

**MCSUMMERFEST 2018** - will be held Saturday, June 30th (closed Sunday, July 1st) through July 7th at Heritage Park in McDonald, PA. Mass will be held at St. Alphonsus on Saturday, June 30th at 4:00 PM. The parade will be on Saturday, June 30th at 5:00 PM. Fireworks will be held on July 3rd at dusk.

**CATHOLIC KENNYWOOD DAY:** Join the Vocations Office for a fun-filled day of rides, Mass, and a Festival of Praise at Kennywood Park on Monday, **July 23rd**. Father Mike Zavage will celebrate Mass at 4:00 PM and John Trabbic and his band will lead a Festival of Praise at 8:00 PM. Tickets cost \$23. All ages welcome. Visit [PGHpriest.com](http://PGHpriest.com) to order tickets.

**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** The Diocese of Pittsburgh is once again planning its Golden Wedding Celebration for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. A special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Zubik on Sunday, **October 7th**, at 2:30 PM at St. Paul Cathedral. A light reception will follow in the Cathedral hall. All couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary any time this year and wishing to receive an invitation to this event should call parish office or drop a note in the collection basket no later than Sunday, **August 5th**.

**SPECIAL HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION:** will be held at St. Patrick on **Tuesday, September 11th**, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM, **replacing** September 12th Holy Hour; not only will our parishes, groupings, clergy and Church of Pittsburgh be remembered but also the victims of the 9/11 tragedy. Come together to pray for our parishes and parish groupings, our clergy and the Church of Pittsburgh as we continue our journey On Mission for the Church Alive!

ST. ALPHONSUS  
 (724.926.2984)

Saturday Vigil—4:00 PM; Sunday—8:30 AM  
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday—8:00 AM  
 Confessions— Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 PM

SCHEDULES

**Saturday - 6:00 PM**                      **Sunday - 10:30 AM**  
**June 30**                                      **July 1**

**Lectors:**

*B. Monari*

*Dean Kaminski*

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*Olivia Foreman*

*Rori Brackman*

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

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*B. Treloar*

*P. Kowal*

*K. Treloar*

*J. Kowal*

*M. Kelsey*

**Homebound E. M.:**

**Homebound:**

*L. Halloran*

**Kindred:**

*B. Piskorik*

**HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION:** The next scheduled Holy Hour and Benediction will take place Wednesday, June 27th, at St. Patrick from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. **There will be no Holy Hour/Benediction on July 4th due to the holiday.**



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**QUO VADIS DAYS:** will take place at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School on **July 15-16**. High-school men, don't miss Quo Vadis Days, two days dedicated to learning more about the priesthood, deepening your faith, and better discerning God's call in your life. It will include brotherhood, Mass, sports, adoration, and dynamic talks. The retreat costs \$40; assistance is available. To register, visit [PGHPriest.com](http://PGHPriest.com) by **July 3rd** or contact Fr. Ben.

**RUMMAGE SALE AND FESTIVAL:** St. Joseph Parish, 1304 4th Ave., Coraopolis, PA, will be holding its festival on **July 12th - 14th** from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM with the rummage sale being held in the cafeteria. There will be a **PRE-SALE**, with an admission cost of \$5, held on Sunday, **July 8th**, from 9:00 AM - 1:00.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** will be led by Bishop David Zubik to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, on Saturday, **September 15th**. This pilgrimage is a wonderful opportunity for the parishes within our grouping to come together. Please consider signing up for a reservation on a 55-seat Lenzner Coach bus by calling either St. Alphonsus (724.926.2984) or St. Patrick Parish (724.693.9260) offices. The schedule for the day includes departure at 6:00 AM (St. Patrick-Oakdale Church parking lot) and return home between 10:00 and 11:00 PM, depending on traffic/meal arrangements. Highlights of the pilgrimage includes celebrating Mass with Bishop Zubik, a concert by the Diocesan Choir, Holy Hour and tour of the National Shrine. Donation is \$30.00 per person (meals EXCLUDED).

## THE GREATEST NEED

The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity. —Anonymous

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH:** Let us pray for Brendan Hugh Joseph Dawson, Timothy Xavier Deely, David John Egan Jr and Mingwei Li, who were ordained Deacons on **June 23rd** at St. Paul Cathedral. May God bless them and our Diocese with many vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES 6TH ANNUAL FAITH NIGHT:** at PNC Park on Friday, **July 27th**. The Faith Night will take

**P**lace following the 7:05 PM Pirates-Mets Baseball game where you will hear Manager Clint Hurdle, along with members of the Pirate team and coaching staff, discuss how their faith impacted their lives, both on and off the field.

To secure tickets for the event, orders of 14 or less tickets can be placed online by visiting [www.pirates.com/faithnight](http://www.pirates.com/faithnight). For orders of 15 or more, contact Chad Glover 412.325.4756 or Ryan Vizzini 412.325.4777 directly to reserve seats with a deposit and unlock your additional group leader benefits such as Group Recognition on our LED Boards during the game. If interested in upgrading, please see the complete list of prices at [www.pirates.com/faithnight](http://www.pirates.com/faithnight).

**FOR YOU WILL GO BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE THE WAY:** Today in the Church we celebrate the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, the great forerunner who was sent to announce the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ and prepare the way for him to fulfill his work in the world. John the Baptist never sought to put the attention on himself, but always pointed the way to Jesus, whom the prophets had foretold would come to save God's people. He was a faithful instrument of God who desired to decrease so that the power and love of Jesus at work in the lives of his people could increase. Since Christ has already come into the world we can't be his forerunners, but we can prepare the way for him to enter into the hearts and lives of others. The witness of our prayer, the example of our lives and the encouragement of our words for others can turn their hearts to greater trust in God and his grace at work for them. As we journey *On Mission for The Church Alive!* may we seek to prepare the way for others, and be open to the ways in which they will work to make ready the path for God in our hearts. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.



**SICK LIST:** Your prayers are requested for Gabriel J. Belak, Richard Grzegorzczuk, Rosalyn (Belak) Heleniak, Gabby Holtz, Rose Hribar, Joe Rasch, Adeline Slovick, and Joe Swider. Please pray also for those in hospitals, nursing homes, and at home.

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