

# Saint Patrick Parish

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**September 30, 2018**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## THE DEVASTATION OF SIN

Jesus goes on to teach about sin and its consequences. “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.” By “little ones,” Jesus means the humble followers as well as innocent children who love him. Certainly those who have abused children have not caused the children “to sin,” but have made them victims of the worst kind of abuse. These people are worthy of condemnation.

Jesus next points out something so strong in its condemnation of sin that it alarms us when we hear it, knowing that we all are sinners. But Jesus often speaks in metaphors and parables, and it is not necessary to take his teaching about cutting off hands and feet and gouging out eyes literally. It can be taken to mean that if we are guilty of sin, we should make an immediate break from our sinfulness and return to God. Better to cut sin out of our life than to enter into eternal darkness.

There is so much to learn from these readings that we have many things to ponder and to pray about. Take advantage of these wise teachings to become closer to Christ and to treat one another with love and care.

Today’s Readings: Nm 11:25–29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12–13, 14; Jas 5:1–6; Mk 9:38–43, 45, 47–48 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

**Baptisms:** By appointment

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

### Spiritual Formation (CCD):

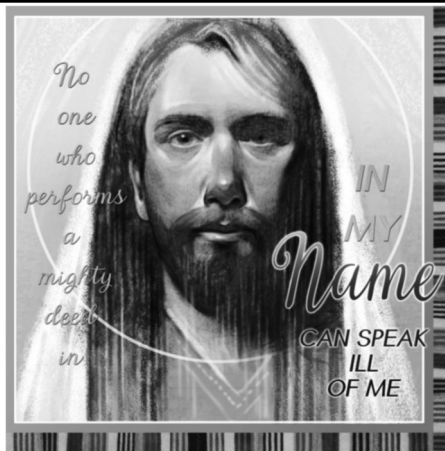
Grades K-5: Sunday: 9:05 AM - 10:15 AM  
Grades 6-8: Monday: 7:00 PM - 8:10 PM

### Bulletin Deadline:

15 days advance notice in writing.

### Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 AM - 12:30 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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Frank Buck**  
 (Robin Kish & Sandy Sabina)

TUESDAY 8:00 AM The Holy Guardian Angels  
**Audrey Schollaert**  
 (Frank and Norma Buck)

WEDNESDAY **NO 8:00 MASS AT ST. ALPHONSUS**

THURSDAY **NO 8:00 MASS AT ST. PATRICK**

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Vigil: Twenty-Seven Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Yahner and Piskorik Families**  
 (Robert Piskorik Family)

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**All Members of St. Patrick Parish**

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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**  
**October 6**                                      **October 7**

**Lectors:**  
*G. Bombard*                                      *LECTOR NEEDED*

**Altar Servers:**  
*Evan Heil*    *SERVER NEEDED*

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
*B. Foreman*                                      *Tim Ford*  
*K. Galish*    *S. Coyne*  
*F. Kolesky*    *K. Noel*

**Homebound E. M.:**  
**Homebound:**                                      *L. Halloran*  
**Victoria Manor:**                                      *B. Piskorik*

**HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION:** There is no Holy Hour on **October 3rd**. The next scheduled Holy Hour and Benediction will take place Wednesday, October 10th, at St. Patrick from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

**NOTICE:** There will be **no Mass intention** at St. Alphonsus on Wednesday, **October 3rd** and no Mass intention at St. Patrick's on **October 4th**. Please check other nearby churches' schedules for Mass times.

**CONGRATULATIONS FR. BEN!:** In honor of Father Ben's 40th Anniversary of Priesthood, St. Alphonsus Parish will have a Coffee & Donut Social **following the 8:30 am Mass in the church social hall next Sunday, September 30th**. All are welcome to attend and express our gratitude to Father Ben for his devoted service of 40 years of the priesthood. *O God, hear our prayers on behalf of your priest, Father Ben, as he celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination. Give him strength and comfort when he needs it. Shower him with your blessings daily and protect him from all spiritual and temporal attacks. We are grateful for the many blessings Fr. Ben brings us and thank You for his years of service. We praise and thank You for the gift of Fr. Ben. Amen.*

**BAPTISMS:** The faith community of St. Patrick welcomes into our parish family **Mila Helene Hovanec**, the daughter of Taras and Patricia (Rigby) Hovanec, who was baptized on September 16th. May our Lord bless **Mila** and her family. May they grow in God's love.

The faith community of St. Patrick welcomes into our parish family **Nora Leigh Marshall and Maxwell Thomas Marshal**, the daughter and son of Thomas and Erika (Foster) Marshall, who were baptized on September 23rd. May our Lord bless **Nora and Maxwell** and their family. May they grow in God's love.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS:** will take place on Saturday, October 6th, 12:00 PM at St. Alphonsus parish house back yard. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures and takes place on or near the feast day of St Francis, which is October 4th. We ask that your **pets be on a leash or in a carrier cage** for everyone's safety.

**DEACON LEE'S FAREWELL RECEPTION:** (with coffee and doughnuts) will be held after all Masses at both St. Patrick and St. Alphonsus, in the church social halls, on the weekend of October 13th/14th for Deacon Lee. This will be an opportunity for the parishioners to express their thanks and gratitude to Deacon Lee for his diaconal ministry in both of our parishes as he leaves for his new ministry, and to thank his wife Nancy. May God bless them!

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BELOVED DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose souls of Mary Valent and Caroline Sitarik, who went home to God on September 12th and 15th respectively. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. (Amen.)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW):** is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for ages 4 through 9 at the 10:30 AM Mass. No pre-registration is necessary. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend. Just before the Liturgy of the Word for the assembly begins, the children are invited to go with the weekly leaders from the church to the social hall to learn a simplified message about the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly and they are encouraged to share this message with their parents after Mass.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of “Anglicizing” the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of “hedge schools.” In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and “civil disobedience” ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.

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**MASQUERADE BALL:** Saturday, **October 20th**, the LAOH Division 11 presents the Masquerade Charity Ball for division charities at The Boiler Room, 1221 Banksville Avenue, Pittsburgh 15216. Open Bar, dinner and dancing with the Mansfield 5, raffles and prizes for costumes and masques. Costumes optional; Masques preferred.

**THE DIOCESAN FALL RETREAT:** Everyone in grades 9-12 are invited to come to the Diocesan Fall Retreat! We'll be with 150 other teens at Camp Allegheny in Ellwood City from **Friday, November 16th through Sunday, November 18th**. There will be talks, games, music, food, prayer, and much more! Please turn in \$35 and a permission slip to Fr. Zach Galiyas (724.652.3422 or [zgaliyas@diopitt.org](mailto:zgaliyas@diopitt.org)) by **October 17th**. For more info, go to [www.thefallretreat.org](http://www.thefallretreat.org). Adult chaperones with safe environment clearances are also needed.

**THE LOVE WALK FOR THE POOR:** takes place on **Sunday, November 4th**. It's a diocesan event for youth in grades 6 - 12. We will take a bus down to St. Peter's Parish on the North Shore, and then carry bags of canned goods (to be donated to the poor) in an outdoor procession. There will be time for prayer, as well as a small meal. We will tentatively leave at 1pm. Stay tuned for more details!

**5TH ANNUAL MCFALL FEST:** will take place on **Saturday, October 13th**, from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM at McDonald Presbyterian Church, 119 Station St, McDonald, PA. There will be free children's fun area, live music, vendors and crafters, mum and pumpkin sale, bake sale and homemade food.

**2019 LUCKY NUMBER TICKET:** Support the ministries and the mission of the Sisters of Divine Providence by purchasing a \$25 Lucky Number ticket based on the PA Daily Lottery. Day and evening Pick 3 numbers are available, your number is yours every day for the entire 2019 calendar year. Daily winners receive between \$25 to \$150. Great gift idea! For more information, visit [cdpsisters.org/LuckyNumber](http://cdpsisters.org/LuckyNumber) or call 412.635.5401.

**PARISH-BASED SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY (SAM):** Team will gather on **Thursday, October 4th**, in the Parish Family Room in the back of the church at St Margaret Mary in Moon Township at 6:30 PM, to pray a “Rosary for Recovery” for all those who are afflicted or affected, or have lost loved ones to addiction. Following the rosary, there will be an opportunity to gather in fellowship. SAM is a supportive ministry for families and individuals and is NOT intended to replace counseling, therapy, treatment, or participation in 12-step programs.

**HIGH SCHOOL MEN AND WOMEN:** What would your life look like if it was free from fear? Learn how the love of God transforms your life through Faith Afloat, a cruise on the Gateway Clipper Empress, held Sunday, **October 14th** from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The cruise will include dinner; a talk by Father Adam Potter; a witness by Sister Mary Gianna, DLJC; praise and worship led by the Holy Apostles Praise Band; and a dance party. Bishop Zubik will lead prayer and Vocations Director Father Mike Ackerman will emcee the event. Tickets cost \$20. Visit [PGHPriest.com](http://PGHPriest.com) by October 1st to register.

**CULTIVATE, A YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY LEADERS COLLABORATIVE:** 12 spaces are available for anyone working (full time, part time, or volunteer) in young adult ministry for CULTIVATE, which will begin with a weekend retreat **from September 21st to 23rd**, followed by a six month community of practice experience. Please visit [www.diopitt.org/cultivate](http://www.diopitt.org/cultivate) for more info and to register. Registration fee is \$150; scholarships are available.

**NOTICE:** Interim Mass/Confession schedule will be effective as of October 15th. **There will no longer be a Saturday night Mass at St. Patrick as of October 20th.** Confessions will be heard prior to the 8:00 AM weekday Masses.

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

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