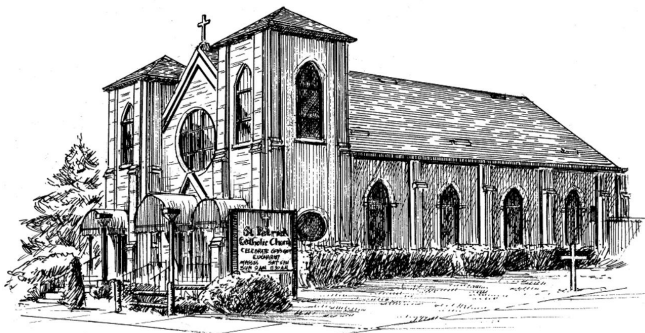


# Saint Patrick Parish

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***December 30, 2018***

***Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

## **HANNAH AND MARY**

The story of Hannah and her son Samuel in today’s reading from 1 Samuel was especially important for Luke’s Gospel. The passage describes the presentation of young Samuel to the priest Eli as part of the story of the faith of Hannah. Hannah had been in great suffering, as she had long desired to have a son, and saw this as central to her vocation and identity. Hannah’s deep honesty with God during her distress, together with her confident persistence in prayer, reveals her as a model of faith. Luke links Hannah to Mary through the Magnificat song in Luke 1, which mirrors Hannah’s joyous song in 1 Samuel 2. Luke links young Samuel to Jesus, through the presentation in the Temple in Luke 2.

Luke is suggesting that God is up to something big. Just as Samuel initiated a turning point in Israel’s history, Jesus is about to open a new chapter in human history. Their stories are rooted in the remarkable faith of their mothers, Hannah and Mary.

Today’s Readings: 1 Sm 1:20–22, 24–28 or Sir 3:2–6, 12–14; Ps 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10 or Ps 128:1–2, 3, 4–5; 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24 or Col 3:12–21 [12–17]; Lk 2:41–52  
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**Baptisms:** By appointment

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

### **Faith Formation (CCD):**

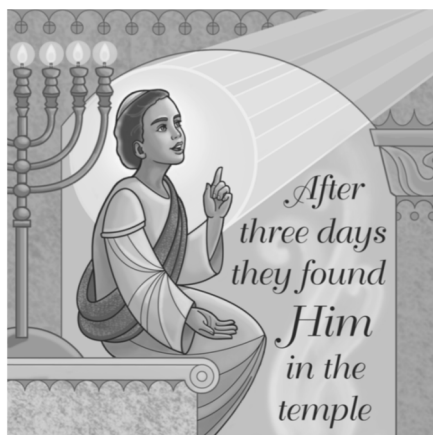
Grades K-5: Sunday: 9:05 AM - 10:15 AM  
Grades 6-8: Monday: 7:00 PM - 8:10 PM

### **Bulletin Deadline:**

15 days advance notice in writing.

### **Office Hours:**

Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM



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### **Sunday Mass:**

Sunday: 10:30 AM

### **Holy Day:**

Check the bulletin for Mass times

### **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 AM

### **Reconciliation:**

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 AM - 7:45 AM

### **Benediction/Holy Hour:** 2nd & 4th

Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM  
(Check the bulletin for any changes)

**Mass Intentions**



SUNDAY 10:30 AM Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
**Clara Mihalics**  
 (Rose Hribar)

TUESDAY 10:30 AM Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
**NO 8:00 AM MASS**  
**All Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick Parish**

THURSDAY 8:00 AM Christmas Weekday  
**A. V. Stewart**  
 (David and Jane Fehl)

SUNDAY 10:30 AM The Epiphany of the Lord  
**Raymond & Audrey Schollaert**  
 (Daughters)

**SCHEDULES**

**Tuesday - 10:30 AM**  
**January 1 - Fr. Ben**

**Lectors:**

*E. Cardillo*

**Altar Servers:**

*Reanna Brackman*

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

*C. Mercer*  
*C. Little*  
*M. Kelsey*

**Sunday - 10:30 AM**  
**January 6 - Fr. Harry**

**Lectors:**

*K. Treloar*

**Altar Servers:**

*Shane Treloar*

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

*B. Treloar*  
*K. Treloar*

**GROUP 329 MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY VIGIL**

**4:00 PM** St. Alphonsus, St. Michael  
**5:00 PM** Our Lady of Lourdes  
**6:30 PM** St. Columbkille

**SUNDAY**

**8:00 AM** St. Columbkille  
**8:30 AM** St. Alphonsus  
**9:00 AM** St. Ann, Our Lady of Lourdes  
**10:30 AM** St. Patrick  
**11:00 AM** St. Columbkille, St. Michael

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Masses are still available in the months of January, February and March 2019. **Please note we cannot at this time except any Mass requests after March 31st.** Requests will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. Since the book has been caught up, there is no limit on the number of Masses to be requested at this time. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass; please clearly mark your check "**Mass Intention.**" Please stop by the office or drop your request in the collection basket and you will be contacted as to which dates are still available; no over-the-phone requests will be accepted.

**GROUP 329 BAPTISM CLASS:** The next baptism class for our parish grouping will be at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, **January 15th**, at St. Patrick's social hall. To attend, you must register ahead of time by contacting Ms. Carmela Galloway at 724.695.7325 or stcolumbkilleparish@comcast.net. This class is for those who belong to any of our six parishes.

*On behalf of Fr. Harry, Fr. Zach, Fr. Ben, Fr. Jim and the staff of St. Patrick Parish, we would like to wish all of you and your families, a very blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year.*

**MASS SCHEDULE  
 SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
 MOTHER OF GOD**

**MONDAY (12/31/18)**

**4:00 PM** St. Alphonsus  
 St. Michael  
**6:00 PM** St. Ann  
**6:30 PM** St. Columbkille

**TUESDAY (01/01/19)**

**8:00 AM** St. Columbkille  
**9:00 AM** Our Lady of Lourdes  
**10:30 AM** St. Patrick  
**11:00 AM** St. Columbkille

**HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION:** The next scheduled Holy Hour and Benediction will take place Wednesday, January 2nd, at St. Alphonsus from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## AN EVENING WITH FATHER JACQUES PHILIPPE:

What does it mean to be holy? How can you become a saint right where you are in your life? Father Jacques Philippe, international author and authority on prayer, interior freedom and peace of heart, will speak on the universal call to holiness on **February 25th** at 7:00 PM at Saints John and Paul Church. Father Philippe, a member of the Community of the Beatitudes, has written 10 books which have become modern Catholic spiritual classics. His books have sold more than one million copies and have been translated into 24 languages. These works have been lauded for insightfully presenting the pillars of Catholicism in a profound, yet accessible way. The event will include Evening Prayer, Father Philippe's talk, and Q&A. All ages welcome. No cost. Visit [PGHPriest.com](http://PGHPriest.com) to register.

**ATTENTION GRADES 9-12:** Our next session is next Sunday, **January 6th**, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in St. Alphonsus' church hall. If the Steelers are playing, we'll have the game on! We will be going on a Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trip to Steubenville, OH, from July 14th – 19th. This is an opportunity to serve the needy, grow in your faith, make new friends, and have a ton of fun. For more info, go to [www.heartworkcamp.com](http://www.heartworkcamp.com) <<http://www.heartworkcamp.com>>. There will be an info meeting in early January. Stay tuned for more details.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If any adults with clearances are interested in chaperoning the mission trip, or with helping the youth group in other ways, please contact Fr. Zach at 724.947.3363 or [zgaliyas@diopitt.org](mailto:zgaliyas@diopitt.org).

**ANNUAL FISH FRY:** St. Patrick Church is seeking an individual to coordinate and manage the 2019 Fish Fry. If interested, please contact the parish office (724.693.9260).

**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: A Young Adult Ministry Leaders Collaborative. Participants will acquire the fundamental competencies to implement effective ministry for people in their 20s and 30s. CULTIVATE will begin with a weekend retreat from **January 4-6th**, followed by a six month community of practice experience. Please visit [www.diopitt.org/cultivate](http://www.diopitt.org/cultivate) for more information and to apply. Registration fee is \$150 and scholarships are available.

**COMMUNITY MEALS ON WHEELS OF MCDONALD:** are currently in need of food donations and volunteers. They are interested in receiving and will accept donations of food including baked goods and individually-wrapped non-perishable items. Items can be dropped off from 8:00 – 10:30 AM. They are also in need of energetic volunteers to assist their cook in preparing and packaging the meals in their kitchen Monday through Friday from approximately 8:30 – 11:00 AM. They are also in need of volunteer drivers on weekdays to deliver the meals to our clients; drivers typically volunteer one day a week, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Janet Lauff, Meals on Wheels Cook, at 724.926.2104. Please contact Mike Slates, our Volunteer Driver Route Coordinator, at 724.492.1117, if you could assist as a volunteer driver and deliver meals.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** The parish grouping is taking a bus to the March for Life on Friday, **January 18th**. It will leave from Our Lady of Lourdes at 5:30 AM, and from St. Columbille at 6 AM. Cost: \$30. To register, contact St. Columbille at [stcolumbilleparish@comcast.net](mailto:stcolumbilleparish@comcast.net) or 724.695.7325. Anyone under 18 needs a permission form from the parish office. Scholarships are available for college students and anyone who has trouble paying.

**A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES:** Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The Weekend and Post Sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication and understanding. The next weekend begins **February 1st**. For confidential information, please call 412.277.3434 or email [3041@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3041@retrouvaille.org). More information is available at [www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org](http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org). Call today to begin the healing process.

**SICK LIST:** Your prayers are requested for Gabriel J. Belak, Paul Belak, Tim Berty, Joyce Buzzanell, John Halvorson, Rosalyn (Belak) Heleniak, Parker Sendek, Adeline Slovick, Joe Swider, Minnie (Hribar) White and Virginia Shattuck Zang. Please pray also for those in hospitals, nursing homes, and at home.



**STEWARDSHIP:**  
**Due to an earlier transmission deadline for the bulletins, the offertory collection information December 23rd and Christmas will be printed in a future bulletin. Thank you.**

