

The Parish Family of St. Patrick

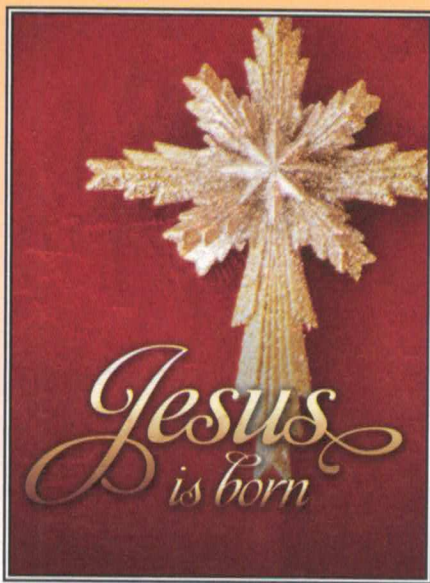
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*For unto you is born... a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord. LUKE 2:11*

Dear Parish Family and Friends of St. Patrick,

December 2017

“JESUS IS BORN, OUR SAVIOR, CHRIST THE LORD!” This bold declaration of faith taken from the Gospel message of Christmas and emblazoned atop this letter, I believe, captures for us the true spirit of Christmas. Through the miracle of a simple birth, God chose to share with us His greatest gift – **Jesus, our Lord and Savior in the flesh**. Together, may you and I witness to the joy of this awesome event this Holy Season.



There are a number of ways I would like to invite you this Advent and Christmas season to join me in celebrating the gift of new life that is Jesus Christ, in us and among us. Join fellow parishioners at a daily Mass or two, giving thanks for all of God's blessings; take a "leap of faith" and **return to Sunday Mass** especially if it has been awhile; **pray daily** using the "little black prayer book of reflections" authored by the inspiring pastoral bishop, Ken Untener of Saginaw, Michigan; do some **spiritual reading** using Matthew Kelly's book **"Perfectly Yourself"** as your focus of reflection; **attend the Advent Parish Mission** on Monday and Tuesday evenings, December 4th and 5th beginning at 7:30pm in our Church with Ms. Terri O'Neill-Borders as our mission presenter; bring your children to our **monthly Children's Mass**, and come with joy bringing family and friends to **celebrate Christmas at one of our special Masses**. As we think back and give thanks for the many ways God has blest us this past year, we may wish to **"give back" to others in some significant way**; help to clean or **decorate the Church for Christmas**; join, train for, & serve others as a **Lector, Usher, Minister of Communion, Minister to the Homebound; Minister of Consolation, or Choir Member**; participate in the **Giving Tree Project Outreach** for the needy; offer assistance and resources to the **Hope and Friendship Foundation** in Lemont; **visit the elderly**; donate to the **Lemont Food Pantries**; write a letter or two of thanks to our brave **Veterans, men and women of the military**; or **help Deacon Joe Winblad** through the Buckets of Hope outreach to **recent hurricane victims**. May we make our little corner of the world a better place to live, where the neediest among us is remembered, cared for, and loved as our true neighbors – the true faces of Jesus Christ among us. Advent and Christmas activities can be found in our bulletins which are posted on our website: www.StPatrickLemont.org

In your name and in the name of all the Pastoral Staff here at St. Patrick Parish, from our families to yours, we wish you a very happy, holy, and joy-filled Christmas.

*[I do ask you as your pastor, to join me in being as generous as you are able in your Christmas offering to your parish this year, especially since it comes on the heels of the 4th Sunday of Advent - cutting that weekend shorter. **Pray about your decision and allow the Risen Savior to guide your hearts.** As you know, we rely on your sacrificial giving to help sustain over 27 ministries and outreach programs that serve our parish family and the needs of others beyond our physical boundaries. I also take this opportunity to thank all of you most sincerely for all you do throughout the year – by sharing your time, talent, and treasure with others. I will remember you in my intentions at Christmas Masses this year – Please continue to pray for me and my loved ones.]*

With Christmas Joy and Blessings,

Rev. Kurt D. Boras – Pastor

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(Advent and Christmas Schedule of Services on Reverse Side)

Advent & Christmas 2017 at St. Patrick Parish, Lemont

Monthly Children's Mass: 1st Sunday of the month, December 2nd, at 10am in our church.

Advent Mission: Monday and Tuesday, December 4th and 5th at 7:30pm in our church. Terri O'Neill Borders founder of the Hope and Friendship Foundation in Lemont will be speaking on the topic: "Growing in Discipleship" and truly living Christ's Gospel message.

Pancakes with Santa: St. Patrick Parish Hall

Sunday, December 10th 8 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. Presented by our St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick Parish School FSA. Bring the whole family by for a hot breakfast and photo-op with Santa.

Advent Reconciliation/Confessions: at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Monday, December 18th, Tri-Parish Confessions will be heard from 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. – 8 P.M. at St. Cyril and Methodius Parish. A number of confessors will be available for individual confessions.

4th Sunday of Advent: Sunday, December 24th, there will be **NO 12 Noon or 5pm Mass.**

St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School Gala: Saturday, January 20th at the Burr Ridge Marriott

St. Patrick Day Party: Saturday, March 3rd at the Slovenian Center in Lemont; a family event.

(No confessions will be heard on Christmas Eve)

2017 Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

4 P.M. – Fr. Kurt (Church – Youth Choir)

4:05 P.M. – Fr. Shannon (Parish Hall – Guitars)

6 P.M. – Fr. Lou Zake (Keyboard: Neil Windt)

11 P.M. – Fr. Kurt Boras (Violin, Oboe, Keyboard)

Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day

10 A.M. – Fr. Kurt Boras (Adult Choir, Oboe, Violin, Cello)

12 Noon – Fr. Lou Zake (Trumpet, Keyboard)

[Musical Preludes begin 10-15 minutes prior to liturgy]

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1st 2018 – New Year's Day

Mass at 9:00am

Lemont Lenten Mission 2018 at St. Patrick Church

Fr. Jason Malave–Lenten Mission on Monday & Tuesday Nights, February 19th and 20th at 7:30pm each night. Topic: "**Renew My Church**"

You are encouraged to attend one or both nights. All are welcome.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Kurt D. Boras–Pastor; Rev. Tom Hoffman–Part time Associate Pastor;

Rev. Joshua West–Lemont Catholic Youth Minister

Rev. Mr. Joseph Winblad–Senior Deacon;

Lawrence and Roseanne Oskielunas–Deacon Couple and Liturgy Coordinators;

Mr. Robert Priest–School Principal; Ms. Linda O'Connor–Director of Religious Education;

Ms. Christina Grinius–Director of Music; Mr. Gary Polkow–Choir Instrumentalist;

Ms. Louise Cummings–Business Manager; Mrs. Cathy Barrett–Religious Education Assistant;

Mr. Dale Hennebry–Buildings and Grounds Manager;

Mrs. Sue Raymond–Secretary and Assistant to the Pastor, Marriage and Annulment Minister, Bulletin Editor.