

# Saint Patrick Church

714 DeKall Street  
Norristown, PA 19401  
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Lent, 2012

Dear Parishioner,

The peace of the Lord be with you and your family!

On Wednesday, **February 22nd**, we once again begin the discipline of Lent. As the church reminds us, “this season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter.” Our “climb” is a time of intense preparation for us all.

During these days, our catechumens make their final preparations for baptism. Through study, prayer, and self-examination, they try to rid themselves of any obstacles that would stand in the way of receiving the new life in Christ, which will be showered upon them on Holy Saturday night.

Those of us who are already baptized use this time to reflect seriously on our Christian living: Do I follow Christ in all areas of my life? Do I try to let the Spirit of God-received at baptism- lead me in all my thoughts, words and actions? Have I been faithful to my baptismal promises to reject sin and live as a child of God? Where we see we have fallen short, we repent and start anew with God’s grace.

The Church proposes three “tools” to help us on our climb:

1) **PRAYER**: We need to spend time with God if we truly want to know him and experience His love. Try reading Scripture- especially Mathew, Mark, Luke & John- for 15 minutes a day. Talk to Jesus while in the car or waiting in line. Attend daily Mass at Saint Patrick’s at 8:00 AM (Tuesday and Friday) and at 12:05pm (Wednesday and Thursday). Stations of the Cross in English –Saturdays at 3:30 pm. In Spanish - Sundays 11:30am.

2) **FASTING**: We limit ourselves to one meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We abstain from meat every Friday. Why? Fasting and abstaining purifies us, unites us with the hungry of the world, and reminds us of the deepest hunger of the heart: God’s love. Also, by abstaining from good things, we hope to develop the discipline to abstain from temptation and sin.

3) **ALMSGIVING**: Reaching out to those in need is a concrete way to show our love for God and neighbor. Our parish will once again participate in Operation Rice Bowl. We ask all to cooperate. The money saved by having a simple sacrificial dinnertime meal once a week can be put in the poor boxes of the Church.

So, friends, our Easter preparations are filled with opportunities to renew our baptismal life. We will support each other as we “climb” **towards Easter, so that on April 8, we can truly celebrate** the new life given us by Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,

Reverend Gus Puleo  
Pastor

Rev. GP/mal.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES - 2012

## *PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION*



**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

3:00- 3:45PM Confessions. 4:00 PM Vigil Mass 6:00 PM Spanish Mass

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

Masses are celebrated at 10:00AM English and 8:00AM & 12:00PM Spanish

A Solemn Procession of the palm will take place at the 10:00AM Mass.

Palm will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses as we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

†**MONDAY, APRIL 2**

**PENCE SERVICE - 7:00PM**

**THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS HEARD DURING THE TRIDUUM.**

† **THE EASTER TRIDUUM** †

**HOLY THURSDAY---APRIL 5**

**7:00PM – Mass of the Lords Supper- (bilingual)**

After Mass, you are invited to spend time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

-The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in our Hall until **10:00PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY---APRIL 6**

**9:00AM** -Church will be open. We hope you will come and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Hall.

**12:00PM** - Outdoor Stations of the Cross. Please join us as we walk the way of the Cross. We will gather inside St. Patrick Church.

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**6:00PM** -Outdoor Stations of the Cross. Our Spanish community invites all to join them in walking the steps of Christ. Stations begin in Church.

**HOLY SATURDAY- APRIL 7**

**8:00PM** -The Easter Vigil (bilingual).

This is the holiest night of the year as we recall the mystery of our salvation.

The Liturgy consists of: The Services of Light,

The Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**EASTER SUNDAY- APRIL 8**

## *RESURRECTION OF THE LORD*

*Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 12:00PM (Spanish) and 10:00AM (English)*

**JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE!**

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

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## SERVICIOS DE LA SEMANA SANTA -2012

### *DOMINGO DE RAMOS LA PASIÓN DE NUESTRO SEÑOR*

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#### **SÁBADO, MARZO 31**

3:00-3:45PM Confesiones

5:00PM Misa Vespertina

7:00PM Misa en Español

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#### **DOMINGO, ABRIL 1**

Las Misas se celebraran a las 10:00AM y a las 8:00AM & 12:00PM (Español)

La Procesión Solemne de las Palmas será en la Misa de las 10:00AM

Las palmas serán bendecidas y distribuidas en todas las Misas, para conmemorar la Entrada triunfante de nuestro Señor Jesús.

#### **† LUNES, ABRIL 2 - SERVICIO DE CONFESIONES**

NO HABRÁ CONFESIONES DURANTE EL TRIDUO DE LA SEMANA SANTA

#### **† TRIDIUM DE LA SEMANA SANTA †**

#### **JUEVES SANTO, ABRIL 5**

**7:00PM - Misa de la Última Cena (Bilingüe)**

- Después de la Misa, están invitados a acompañar al Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento
- El Santísimo Sacramento estará reservado en el Salón Parroquial hasta alas 10:00PM

#### **VIERNES, SANTO, ABRIL 6**

- 9:00AM** - La Parroquia abrirá sus puertas, esperamos que vengan y oren ante el Santísimo Sacramento en el salón Parroquial
- 12:00PM** - **Estaciones de La Cruz.** [En Inglés] por favor acompañenos a caminar con la Santa Cruz hasta reunirnos dentro de la Parroquia.
- 3:00PM** - **La Pasión y Muerte del Señor**- Este servicio consiste en Tres Partes: La Liturgia de la Palabra, Veneración de la Cruz y la Santa Comunión.
- 6:00PM** - **Vía Crucis en vivo al aire libre.** La Comunidad Hispana los invita a acompañarlos; empezando en la Parroquia, dando la vuelta a la cuadra y regresamos a la Parroquia de San Patricio.

#### **SÁBADO SANTO (SÁBADO DE GLORIA), ABRIL 7**

**8:00PM -Misa Vespertina (Bilingüe).**

Esta es la Noche más importante y Santa del año, cuando recordamos el misterio de nuestra Salvación.

La Liturgia consiste en: El Servicio de Luz, La Liturgia de la Palabra, La Liturgia del Bautismo  
Y la Liturgia de la Eucaristía.

ABRIL 8

### *DOMINGO DE PASCUA RESURRECCIÓN DE NUESTRO SEÑOR*

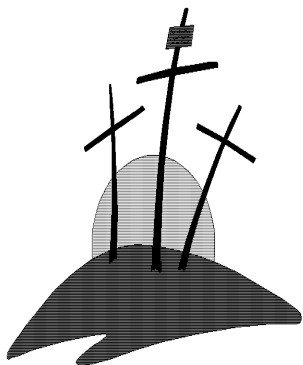
Las Misas se Celebrarán a las 8:00AM y 12:00PM (Español), 10:00AM (Inglés)

**¡Jesús Está Vivo!**

**¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!**

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2012

### Lenten Meditation

*Lord, you care for us with unconditional love.  
Give us the sight to see those areas of our life that are not in harmony with your love.  
Give us the desire to turn back to you.  
Give us the strength to change our hearts.  
During this Holy Season of Lent may we be reborn to lead a new life. Amen.*

To keep the faith, we have to share the faith. Let this be the Lent where we reach out to family, friends, and neighbors to share the joy of Easter.

### Mass Schedule 2012

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses  
8:00AM English Mass  
12:05PM English Mass  
6:00PM Liturgy of the Word  
7:00PM Spanish Mass

#### **Weekdays**

Tuesdays and Fridays 8:00AM  
Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:05PM

#### **Confessions**

Saturday, March 31 - 3:00 to 3:45PM  
There will be no confessions heard during the Triduum

PENANCE SERVICE April 2 @ 7PM

#### **Outdoor Stations of the Cross**

Good Friday, April 6 12:00 Noon  
7:00PM Spanish Outdoor Stations of the Cross

#### **LENTEN RULES OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

The bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons over 15 years of age are gravely obliged to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, April 22nd, 2012**, and all Fridays of Lent.

All persons over 18 years of age and up to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year are gravely obliged to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the sacrament of reconciliation, to undertake spiritual reading and to perform charitable works. All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. **You are asked to place your contributions for Operation Rice Bowl in the poor boxes.**

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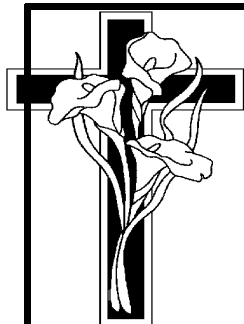
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**4/8/12 Easter Sunday: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** Masses will be celebrated at 10:00AM English and 8:00AM & 12:00PM



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### **CLUSTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

If you are unable to attend our 8:00 AM or 12:05 PM Mass, we encourage you to attend Mass within. The following is the daily Mass schedule:

**St. Patrick 8:00 AM (Tuesday, Friday) 12:05 PM (Wednesday & Thursday)**  
**St. Paul 8:00 AM (Monday – Saturday)**  
**Epiphany 8:30 AM (Monday – Friday)**  
**St. Francis 8:00 AM (Monday – Saturday)**  
**St. Titus 8:45 AM (Monday - Wednesday - Friday) and Tuesday 6:30 PM**  
**Visitation 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM & 12:05 PM (Monday – Friday, Saturday 7:00AM-8:00AM)**  
**St. Helena 9:00 AM (Monday - Saturday)**  
**Holy Saviour 7:30 AM (Holy Saviour Church) Monday—Friday - Saturday 9:00AM**  
**7:00 AM (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-Plymouth Mtg.) Monday – Friday**