St. Patrick Parishioners, you may still mail, or please use the mail slot as well, at the rectory, for your church contributions and your candle donations.

Irish Blessing
May God give you for every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends forth,
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And an answer for each prayer.

Mass Intentions: July 4th - July 12th

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St. Patrick School News: If you would like to enroll for School or Pre-School or have any questions about St. Patrick Catholic School, please contact us at jblogs@stpatrickchicago.org or 773-282-6100.

One Nation Under God

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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection
July 5, 2020

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we must become humble too. In fact, the Bible says: "Humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life."

In our Gospel passage, Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father of the privileged role that humble souls play in God's plan of salvation. "I give you praise, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, you have revealed them to little ones."

What does it mean to be a "little one"? It means that we acknowledge we don't have all the answers figured out, but that we are very much in need of each other. It means that we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and encouraging words to entice us to embrace it. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now, and ultimately leads us to heaven.

July 5 - Prayer List

Please keep in your prayer, Doug Heady (who we count on to keep us informed on the weather). His family is going through a really rough time.

Rest
Once, St. Anthony the hermit was relaxing with his disciples outside his hut when a hunter came by. The hunter was surprised and mildly shocked to see the saint taking it easy. This was not his idea of what a monk should be doing, and he rebuked Anthony. But Anthony asked, "Bend your bow and shoot an arrow." The hunter did so. "Bend it again and shoot another," said Anthony. The hunter did so again and again. At last the hunter said, "Father Anthony, if I keep my bow always stretched, I will be tired. I cannot serve you any longer, Father Anthony. If we push ourselves beyond measure, we will break; it is right from time to time to relax our efforts." Jesus gives us the same message in today's Gospel.

Month of the Precious Blood

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Church has dedicated the month of July to commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The theme of the month is "Immaculate Heart of Mary." The faithful are encouraged to offer special prayers and sacrifices for the intentions of the month of July.

Conquer Discouragement: Use of Bible Verses
1. "Come to me, all of you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

2. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

3. "For nothing will be impossible for God." (Luke 1:37)

"These short seven words actually were addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary from the Messenger, the Archangel Gabriel, referring to the Virgin conception of Jesus in Mary's womb. Immerged in the dense cloud of desolation, one may feel if we are lost and that nothing is possible to save us from this horrible interior state. Quite the contrary! The Word of God reminds us that absolutely nothing is impossible for God. He can move the highest mountain of our discouragement and desolation in a split-second if we trust in Him."
St. Patrick
Catholic Church

LORDS DAY MASS SCHEDULE
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

WEKDAY MASSES
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8:00am
Tuesday: 5:30pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Saturdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm
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