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# St. Patricia Parish

2023 - 2024

## Parish Ministries & Directory





## HISTORY OF ST PATRICIA PARISH

Following WWII it was determined that a Catholic parish was necessary to meet the spiritual needs of the people of Hickory Hills and the surrounding communities. Rev. Thomas V. Brody was appointed as the first pastor of the still unnamed faith community on June 15, 1959. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new church, now officially named “St. Patricia Church” took place on February 21, 1960 and the structure was completed in April, 1961 along with the

school.

Father Norbert Chappell became the second pastor in 1975 and supervised much of the construction at St. Pat’s. A new rectory for the priests was built in 1977. After Vatican II, which stressed the involvement of the laity, many opportunities opened for service and liturgical ministries. Norbert Weitendorf and Charles Keegan were ordained as lay deacons and continue their work today in the parish community.

In 1986 a portion of St Patricia’s property was sold to build a new Parish Center which included a full gym and large stage. A new church vestibule “gathering space” was added in 2007 to encourage hospitality for parishioners after Mass. Since 2011 many improvements have been made in the church, including an enhanced sound system, new lighting, enlarged sanctuary with hardwood floors, a ramp into the sanctuary, and an upgraded air conditioning system. Repairs were also made on the struts that supported the roof of the church and school building.

When Father Chappell retired in 1989, Father Gerald Mulcahy was named pastor and remained for almost 17 years. Father Mulcahy retired in 2007, and Father Marcel Pasciak became the fourth pastor of St. Patricia. We celebrated Fr. Marc’s retirement in June of 2021 and as a tribute to his service the Millennium Memorial Plaza was completed and dedicated to him.

**St. Patricia welcomed our fifth pastor, Rev. Michael G. Meany and our associate pastor Rev. Christopher M. Kituli, in July 2021. We look forward to growing into the future and for many generations to come!**



*Fr. Meany and Fr. Chris*

## ST. PATRICIA PARENTS CLUB

All parents of children enrolled at St. Patricia School are members of our Parent’s Club. The parents in conjunction with the faculty volunteer their time and talents to:

- Promote non-academic student activities
- Sponsor and contribute to school fundraising
- Serve as resources and provide hospitality for new families

There are monthly meetings to discuss upcoming events.



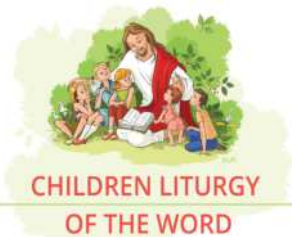
## ST. PATRICIA SPRED PROGRAM

St. Patricia SPRED (Special Religious Education Development) serves the adult community with developmental disabilities (ages 22+) to develop an awareness of God in their lives. Volunteer catechists meet 12 times a year from September to May. The 12 sessions include meeting in a group of special friends and their individual helpers for an hour and a half evening. This includes some one-on-one time for reading, puzzles, board games or sensory development. Time is dedicated to group prayer, Bible reading and a song. Each individual also takes time to express their prayer intention. The evening concludes with AGAPE, which is the group’s special time for refreshments and socialization. Anyone 21 years or older who is willing to share faith and friendship with others can volunteer. No prior experience is needed. Structured training is offered every fall and spring through the SPRED Archdiocese in Chicago. Of course, anyone at any time is invited to visit with us during a session and experience the SPRED unity.



## ST PATRICIA PARISH BUILDING LOCATIONS

ROOM/BUILDING NAME	LOCATION
Church	Front Building
Church Gathering Space	Inside the Church / East Side
Rectory	South side Building
Fr. Brody Room/Rectory Basement	Rectory Basement / meeting room
Fr. Mulcahy Parish Center (Gym)	Building North of the Church
School Hall	School Basement, Driveway North of the Parish Center
Fr. Chapell Room/Extended Day Room	School Basement, Driveway North of the Parish Center



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Volunteer catechists facilitate a prayer service for children who are attending the 11:30 am Mass. The celebrant or catechist invites the children to come forward to the front of the church for a blessing. They then proceed with their catechist to the Gathering Space where the scripture readings of

that Mass are read and reflected on. Children participate in an activity and are also given a small gift to take home. They return to their parents in the pews after the priests homily.

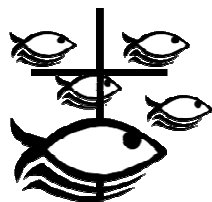
### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

St. Patricia Church provides full year Religious Education classes for children in grades K - 8. Full year classes start in September and meet Tuesday evenings from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. All classes begin in church with a prayer service. The students then proceed to their classrooms with their Catechist.

For teens who are in need of receiving Sacraments, we offer our Teen RCIA Program. It is a one year program which runs from September through March. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 PM TO 7:30 PM.

For our Summer Intensive Religious Education program, we offer classes for grades 3 - 7. SIRE classes meet Monday through Friday for two weeks in June from 9:00 AM till noon.

Catechist and aides, ages 18 and older, are always needed for all of our RE programs. No teaching experience is necessary. Volunteers are also welcome to assist in the RE office and in the parking lot.



### RCIA PROGRAM

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program for adults 18 and older. This Program provides instruction for adults who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism and for baptized adults who need to complete their Sacraments

of Initiation (Communion and Confirmation). Through the RCIA process, a team of catechists assist candidates as they explore what it means to be Catholic and learn about the principles of faith. Sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass. Classes meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm from October thru Easter.

## Human Concerns



### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services provides requested assistance to those seeking help for need. The volunteers deliver food at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas at which time parishioners purchase new clothing and gifts for families. These gifts are provided for families in our parish as well as our sister parish, St. Agatha. We sort food and then deliver to those in need living in the area. Please join us in

helping those in need of a holiday meal. We would ask for one evening of sorting food, and then a Saturday morning to deliver food – three times a year. Our numbers are getting low, and we could use individuals with generous hearts and strong

### THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH (ACDVO)

The St. Patricia Domestic Violence Ministry members will educate our community in order to promote healthy, peaceful families and prevent domestic violence. In addition, we will support those in need through prayer and connection to services provided by existing domestic violence advocacy agencies and/or Catholic Charities.



### WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Supporting mothers during their pregnancy spiritually as well as connecting them to community resources.

## Spiritual Life

### ALPHA

Alpha is a program designed particularly for people who would not describe themselves as Christians or church-goers. It is a series of fifteen interactive sessions, typically run over eleven weeks, including a Retreat, where anyone can explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. Everyone is welcome. There's no charge to attend Alpha – it's free. After a small meal and time to get to know one another, a short talk and group discussion will follow. We are looking for volunteers to be part of this wonderful team to serve as hosts or helpers. We will have training sessions twice a year. Please **contact Missy Keegan (708) 598-5222, [mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com](mailto:mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com)** if you have any questions, want to participate in Alpha (or know someone who would like to), or be a volunteer as an Alpha Host or helper. Please click on the link to watch the trailer about the Alpha program <https://player.vimeo.com/video/204052948>





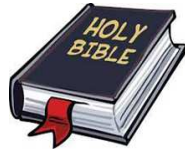
Altar Servers

### ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers serve at the altar during Mass and other scheduled celebrations, including funerals, weddings and Stations of the Cross. The servers, who assist the Priest as members of our church community during these liturgical celebrations, are from St. Patricia School and our Religious Education Program, and must be from fourth grade or older. Training is provided. This is a committed way our children can experience the value of Mass and their service to the larger community.

### BIBLE STUDY AND ADULT FAITH

Adult Faith study programs are offered during Lent every year. The program is either a Bible Study or an Adult Faith Study. Participants view a video and then discuss it in a break-out session, using a workbook, make observations about the Catholic Faith. Please join us in learning more about Jesus, Mary, the Saints, and our Catholic Faith.



### THE BLUE ARMY

The purpose of the Blue Army is to learn, love and spread the message of Fatima: "Pray the Rosary daily for world peace." The Rosary is prayed on weekdays before the 8:30 a.m. Mass. First Saturday Holy Hour devotions are held every first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Church.



### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This ministry encourages greater involvement in the Mass by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to our community during weekday Masses, weekend Masses and Communion services. Ministers are mandated after completing the training program which is offered several times during the year. Members must have received the sacrament of Confirmation. The coordinator will work with your preferences for Mass times and dates. Typically, a minister would serve a weekend a month.

### TROOP MINISTRY

For over 18 years, our parish has supported two hundred military units and seventy chaplains who are in our armed forces, with items for their comfort and religious items for their spiritual needs. The group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the HH Community Center where boxes are packed with items for the troops in combat areas. We hold a donation Drive on Memorial Day weekend and a Christmas card signing on Veterans Day weekend. We collect donations throughout the year in local business and area churches. Our goal is to make sure our men and women in uniform, who are in harm's way, know that the people back home are behind them. Donations can left at the St. Patricia Church Gathering



### ST. PATRICIA PARISH WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Our purpose is to welcome new parishioners and share our parish life with them. The committee shows our parish's Catholic spirituality, identity, mission, and how current ministries help parishioners learn more about our parish and its various ministries. We promote all parish ministries and encourage parishioners to join a ministry or get involved with assisting the parish. We promote familiarity amongst the ministries through the annual publication of the St. Patricia Ministry Directory. During Welcome Weekend, we facilitate an updating of parish registration forms at the weekend Masses. Also, at the request of the Pastor or parish organizations, we facilitate hospitality events that follow parish celebrations.

## Catholic Education



### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The St. Patricia Athletic Association sponsors a wide range of sports programs and extra-curricular athletic activities for the students at St. Patricia School and our Religious Education program. Depending on the activity, students can join as early as Kindergarten. Dues and uniform fees are required. Coaches and assistant coaches must complete the Archdiocese of Chicago mandated Virtus program and submit a background check. If you are interested in coaching a sport, please contact the St. Patricia Athletic Director.



### QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Queen of Hearts Raffles have been successfully organized through the Chicagoland area and the jackpots can get large. Participants purchase tickets weekly until the Queen of Hearts is found under the number selected by the winning participant. If the Queen of Hearts is not under your number, the jackpot rolls over to the next drawing. Anyone can purchase tickets to the weekly drawing after Masses, at the Rectory, or at the Prime Time Restaurant on 95th Street, just east of Roberts Road. The winner, drawing the Queen of Hearts card, splits the pot 50/50, minus expenses with the parish. Parish organizations and ministries rotate selling tickets at the weekend Masses. The St. Patricia Queen of Hearts Raffle is drawn every Wednesday night at 6pm, at the Prime Time Restaurant located at 7750 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills.

### ST. PATRICIA SENIOR CLUB

St. Patricia Senior Club meets at noon on the first and third Wednesday's of each month at the Hickory Hills Community Center. Men and women join together for a brief business meeting with refreshments. Bingo is played after the meeting and many members stay to play cards or dominoes. It's an enjoyable afternoon of friendly socializing and games. Seasonal parties celebrate special occasions. Minimal dues are charged each year. We look forward to welcoming new members.



### ST. PATRICIA TEEN MINISTRY (TEEN CLUB)



The St. Patricia Teen Ministry provides a way for young people, ages 13-19, to come together through acts of service, social engagements and prayer to inspire and guide others through their faith journey. The goal of this teen-lead group is to strengthen our faith in Christ and those of others through

Teen Masses, leadership, service, social gatherings that will lead to the formation of lasting friendships.

### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Participants meet in Church on the First Friday of the month at 6:30 pm from September until the beginning of Lent. This prayer service includes scripture readings, a homily, music, and private prayer. Please join us together in prayer and Benediction.



**LECTORS** Do you want to be more familiar with the scriptures? A good way to be more involved in the parish and to be more familiar with the Word of God is to be a Lector. You will proclaim the Scripture Readings and lead the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass. Training sessions are offered several times during the year.

### MINISTRY OF CARE

Ministers of Care are volunteers who bring the Body of Christ to those unable to receive Holy Communion in person at Mass. This is truly a spiritually rewarding experience for all involved. Holy communion is scheduled to be brought to those who are sick, or who live in nursing homes or are homebound weekly at a regularly appointed time. A ten-hour training session is required. The



**MUSIC MINISTRY** The Music Ministry enhances our liturgies by providing sacred music. Musical opportunities are available for singers and instrumentalists of all ages to support our liturgies in prayerful celebrations. You may join our choir or cantor program to be leaders of songs. Regular rehearsals are scheduled. Come join our vibrant and growing group. St Augustine said, "Those who sing pray twice". Sung prayer expresses the joy of the heart.

**PRAYER LINE** Prayer is the heart of our Catholic faith. Do you enjoy praying for others in the comfort of your home? Our Prayer line is for people that enjoy praying for others who need assistance. Members pray at home for the intentions that are written in our prayer intention book in our Churches Gathering Space. Intentions will be emailed to you every month.





### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is a joyous celebration that welcomes your child into the Catholic Faith.

Baptism is the "door" to a spiritual life in Christ. At

St. Patricia Church, the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month. Parents requesting baptism of their child into the Roman Catholic faith at Saint Patricia Parish can make baptismal arrangements by contacting the Rectory Office at (708) 598-8222. **Prior to the celebration, both parents and godparents are required to attend a preparation class, which is held monthly at 7:00 P.M.**

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples take a time-out from their wedding planning to develop practical tools that will create a lifelong, happy marriage,

including: **understanding marriage as a sacrament and spirituality in marriage;** enhancing communication and managing conflict; ...

managing finances as a married couple and growing closer to God and the Church. As soon as a date is set, contact the Rectory Office so a meeting can be scheduled with a Priest, where planning details will be discussed and shared.



### ST. PATRICIA CHURCH USHERS

Ushers perform one or more of the following services at Mass. They greet parishioners at the door as they arrive and help seat the assembly. Ushers take up the

collection(s), select members of the assembly to bring up the gifts, and assist in Communion procession. They distribute weekly bulletins and handouts at the door as the assembly leaves. Ushers tidy the worship area as needed. Ushers assist in any medical needs/emergencies of members of the congregation during Mass. All ushers complete mandatory Virtus Training. We need caring, sympathetic people who enjoy interacting with the congregation each week. High school teens are encouraged to serve as ushers at any of the weekend Masses (including the Teen Mass).

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The St. Patricia Holy Name Society is a Spiritual Men's organization serving our Parish. One of our primary functions is to further Spiritual fellowship, and to sponsor events to support our Parish and School spiritually as well as financially. We sponsor some of the Parish's largest fundraiser venues, such as our Annual Super Bowl Party and our Annual Lenten Fish Fry. We also support our "Support Our Troops" Mission. In addition to our Parish fundraising events, we also participate in the annual Hickory Hills Street Fair, where we sponsor the "Split the Pot" event, and the St. Patricia Queen of Hearts Program.



The Holy Name Society sponsors and funds a yearly Scholarship Program for seventh and eighth graders who are continuing their Catholic Education.

We invite all men of the Parish to attend any of our meetings, which are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. (excluding June, July & August - summer break). If you are just curious, come to one of our meetings for a night of fellowship and camaraderie, and see for yourself the part we play in your Parish.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal service organization dedicated to faith, family, youth, community, and fellowship. This unique brotherhood dedicates itself to doing good for our neighbors, in the service of God. As a Catholic fraternal organization, the Knights support the clergy and the worldwide Catholic church with the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Being a Knight will provide opportunities for a man to be stronger in his faith in Christ. Be a part of this fraternal organization that fills your heart and mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference.

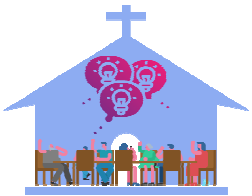
## Parish Life

### ST. PATRICIA PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council is a mandated body having advisory and a consultative role on behalf of the pastor in administration of the temporalities of the parish. Members shall be of the Catholic Faithful, appointed by our pastor, drawn from the community and have no conflict of interest.



The Parish Finance Council oversees the management of funds retained by the parish, reviews the annual budget, approves the Financial Annual Report, and helps plan the overall maintenance and capital improvements needs of the parish facilities.



### ST. PATRICIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council exercises shared responsibility for the pastoral life of the parish under the leadership of the pastor. In this context the purpose of the council is to prayerfully engage the people and the pastor in common reflection about the parish's mission and the ministry, to

plan, and to evaluate the Gospel and church teaching. It has four basic responsibilities:

1. to research the needs, ideas, and hopes of the faith community;
2. to encourage and support existing ministries;
3. to evaluate the quality of life of the parish faith community;
4. to plan for the parish's future by recommending policies, procedures, and programs that will implement its values and fulfill the Church's mission.

### PARISH TASKFORCE - BUILD COMMUNITY

Ministry focusing on supporting our vibrant parish and school. We aim to strengthen bonds within our St. Patricia community and to encourage active participation with our larger community.

### PARISH TASKFORCE - INSPIRE WITNESS

Ministry focusing on our parish coming together in solidarity and spread the light and hope of Jesus Christ in order to transform the world.

### PARISH TASKFORCE - MAKE DISCIPLES

Ministry focusing on fostering belonging, particularly among young people, and inviting all to have a true encounter and relationship with Jesus Christ.



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