

ST. PATRICK PARISH, FALLOWFIELD



We are a vibrant and engaged faith community committed to building up one another in Christ. We are nourished by the sacraments, and our shared service to one another and the wider community.



FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28

SECOND READING

1 John 3.1-2, 21-24

GOSPEL

Luke 2.41-52

Psalms 84
**BLESSED ARE THEY WHO
DWELL IN YOUR HOUSE,
O LORD.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's Gospel invites us into an intimate moment in the life of the Holy Family. After celebrating Passover in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph realize Jesus is missing. They find Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, astonishing everyone with His wisdom. When questioned by His mother, Jesus responds, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" These words reveal the depth of His mission and identity while also reminding us of the Holy Family's unique challenges.

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we reflect on the profound lessons they offer us. The Holy Family is not only a model of

love and unity but also a witness to the importance of faith as the cornerstone of family life. Mary and Joseph's search for Jesus mirrors our own journey to keep Christ at the center of our lives, even amid confusion and worry.

This Gospel passage also reminds us that holiness in family life requires trust in God's plan. Mary and Joseph didn't fully understand Jesus' actions, yet they accepted and pondered them in their hearts. Similarly, we are called to embrace the mysteries in our families with faith and patience.

Let us pray for all families, asking for the grace to grow in love, understanding, and unity. May we, like the Holy Family, keep our eyes fixed on God.

December 29th

Feast of the Holy Family

Love, Unity, Faith

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model for all families. This day reminds us of the sanctity of family life, the importance of faith at its center, and the call to grow in love, unity, and trust in God. By honoring the Holy Family, we seek their intercession to strengthen our own families and guide us in living with virtue and devotion.

January 1st

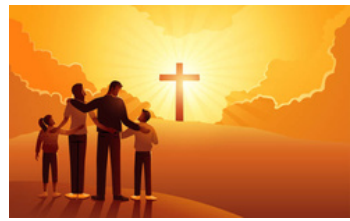
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Grace, Obedience, Strength

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, honors Mary as the Mother of God and reflects her vital role in salvation history. As the first disciple of Christ, Mary's "yes" to God's will exemplifies humility, devotion, and obedience. This day invites us to reflect on her example of faith and trust in God's plan. It is also a time to seek her intercession, as she continues to guide and protect the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Lisa Anne Dineen by Mike Budge † Ron Vidal by Maia Vidal Living and deceased members Legion of Mary by the St. Patrick Legion of Mary
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People of the Parish † Spence McCarthy by his parents - Teresa and Kevin McCarthy
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Consecration to the Holy Family by the Knights of Columbus
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Teslin Russell by Rilee Russell
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Eleanor Dineen by her family
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Pat Seguin by Anne and Alan Gordon
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Mr. Raymond Thibeault by Pat Conway
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment		



Seek God's will together as a family; holiness begins at home.



EVENTS

New Year's Eve Dance
Dec 31st, 7:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.



Ring in 2025 with an unforgettable New Year's Eve party, hosted by the Knights of Columbus! Expect delicious food, lively entertainment, dancing, a cash bar, plus a special slideshow highlighting the memorable parish moments of 2024! Tickets are \$50 per person and are available online, in the office, and after Mass. Let's ring in the New Year together!



Eucharist Study Group
Thursdays, Jan 23rd to March 23



Join us for a 10-week journey into the heart of the Eucharist with the Lectio: Eucharist video series, presented by acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre. This engaging study explores the biblical foundations of the Eucharist, highlighting its significance as foreshadowed in the Old Testament, revealed in the Gospels, and upheld by Apostolic teaching. For information on how to register, please visit our website.



Sacramental Preparation
Wednesday, Jan 29, 7:00 p.m.



Registration for First Holy Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation in 2025 is now open and will close on January 17. A parent information and sacramental preparation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall. Join us to learn about the program and important dates for the celebration Masses.



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Toward 160 Years: 2024 Restoration Highlights and the Plan for 2025

As we reflect on the year 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the many blessings that have shaped our parish. One of the most significant milestones has been the completion of the initial stages of the Grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On September 23rd, we moved the statue of the Blessed Mother to her new home in the grotto, marking a deeply meaningful moment for our parish community. This sacred space, entrusted to the care of the Blessed

Virgin, was made possible by the hard work and generosity of so many parishioners.

Looking ahead to 2025, the final landscaping touches will be completed, including the addition of benches for quiet prayer and reflection. We invite you to visit the grotto and experience the peaceful beauty of this space. Photographs of the completed project are also available on our website, where you can learn more about the grotto's creation and significance.

exciting development will be the painting of hand-crafted icons on the ceiling, a project that will elevate our church to new spiritual heights.



Father Paul has shared the inspiring story behind this remarkable iconography in a blog post on our website, detailing the iconographer's journey and the significance of this project for our parish.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support as we move forward with these exciting transformations in our parish, in preparation for our 160th Anniversary in 2026. Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for being a part of this journey with us!

January 1st

St. Felix I, Pope and Martyr

Faithful, Courageous, Devoted

St. Felix I served as pope during a time of great persecution under Emperor Aurelian in the 3rd century. Known for his steadfast faith and commitment to defending the Church, he upheld the belief in Christ's divinity amidst growing heresies. St. Felix is credited with affirming the tradition of Mass being offered over the tombs of martyrs, emphasizing the unity of the Church with its saints. His life and martyrdom remain a testament to unwavering courage and devotion.



In addition to the grotto, 2025 will bring major renovations to the interior of our church. During the summer, we will repaint the walls, refurbish the pews, and redo the floors, breathing new life into our sacred worship space. However, the most



January 3rd

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

This memorial honors the name above all names, given for our salvation. This day invites us to revere and call upon the name of Jesus with love, faith, and trust, recognizing its power to bring peace and hope.



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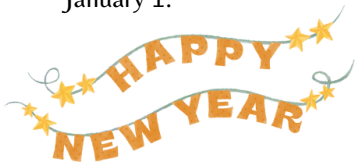


NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

December 31 5 p.m.
 January 1 11 a.m.



Please note: There will be no 9 a.m. Mass on December 31, or January 1.



New Donation Envelopes

2025 donation envelopes are now available for pickup at the front of the church. To ensure proper record-keeping for tax purposes, please continue using your 2024 envelopes until the end of the year, as envelope numbers have changed for 2025.

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Empty Host Containers

Throughout the year, we go through a significant number of hosts, reflecting our vibrant and active community. As a result, we have accumulated many empty host containers, which are now available at the front of the church for anyone who would like to take and repurpose one.

Pastoral Care Registration

Through home visits, hospital outreach, and phone calls, our team brings comfort, encouragement, and a sense of community to those we serve. If you or someone you know would like to receive pastoral care, we invite you to register.



Help our Parish Grow

Leave us a Review!

Do you share our passion for this parish? When people seek to join a parish, they often begin their search on Google. By enhancing our parish's Google rating, you can play a pivotal role in drawing in new parishioners. Join us in spreading the love for our community!



Parish Life

- The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- The Legion of Mary meets Wednesday mornings in the McGivney Lounge (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass).
- The Catholic Women's League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall.
- Children's Liturgy, for ages 4 through 9, is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Get Involved



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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

