



# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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### Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday.....8:00 a.m.  
Saturday (Vigil).....6:00 p.m.  
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

### Devotion

**Adoration** (Temporarily on hold)  
Wednesday .....8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Novena to O.L.P.H.**  
Wednesday..... 8:00 a.m.  
**Novena to Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
First Friday.....8:00 a.m.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### PASTOR

Rev. Boniface-Blanchard M. Twaibu

#### Deacons

Rev. Mr. Emith Fludd  
Rev. Mr. Tony Murray

**Parish Secretary:** Anna Doward

**Parish Accountant:** Penrose Gardiner

**Religious Ed. Director:** Nereida Washington

**SPYM Director:** Nereida Washington

**Music Director:** Alvin Milligan

#### Sacristans

Barbara Lancaster  
Nancy A. Soto  
Patricia Santiago

#### ICM Sisters

Sr. Claina Letang  
Sr. Florine Bailey  
Sr. Mary Dasari

#### Temporary Office Hours:

Tues - Thurs & Fri: 9 - 12noon & 12:30 - 4 pm

### SCHOOL DIRECTORY

#### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Rev. Boniface-Blanchard M. Twaibu

#### Assistant Principal

Ms. Lydia Davis

#### Office Manager

Sr. Mary Dasari, ICM  
Ms. Deslin Simmons, Volunteer

#### School Concession Manager

Ms. Hermitta Florent

#### After School Program

Sr. Claina Letang, ICM

**School Accountant:** Ms. Penrose Gardiner

**Librarian:** Ms. Linda Garvin

**Cafeteria Manager:** Ms. Denise Joseph

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 20, 2020**

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 20, 2020

### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, December 19**

**6:00PM.** - Kyla Myles, Birthday Blessings & Good Health/ Family

**SUNDAY, December 20**

**8:30AM.** - David & Karen Bruce, Wedding Anniversary/Natalie McIntosh & Sons.

Enid Gustave, Good Health & Special Intention/Family

**MONDAY, December 21**

**8:00A.M.** - Fr. Simon Peter Opira, Grace of Healing & Protection/Nancy A. Soto

**TUESDAY, December 22**

**8:00A.M.** + Robertito J. Andrews, Birthday Remembrance/ Nancy A. Soto & family

**WEDNESDAY, December 23**

**8:00A.M.** + Anselmo A. Andrews, Birthday Remembrance/ Nancy A. Soto & family

**THURSDAY, December 24 (Christmas Vigil)**

**9:30P.M.** - Christmas Carol

**10:00P.M.** + Esther M. Naughton Henry, Death Anniversary/ Nancy A. Soto

**FRIDAY, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

**8:30A.M.** + Oscar Henry, Repose of Soul/Duval family

**SATURDAY, December 26**

**6:00 P.M.** - Celeste & Emmanuel Augustin, Wedding Anniversary/Family

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:** 2Sm 7:15,8-12, 14,16  
Rom 11:25-27  
Lk 1:26-38

**MONDAY:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18  
*Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church* Lk 1:39-45

**TUESDAY:** 1Sm 1:24-28  
Lk 1:46-56

**WEDNESDAY:** Mal 3:1-4,23-24  
*Saint John of Kanty, Priest* Lk 1:57-66

**THURSDAY:**  
**Vigil:** Is 62:11-12/Acts 13:16-17,22,25/Mt 1: 1-25  
**Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-4

**FRIDAY: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**  
**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
**Day:** Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

**SATURDAY:** Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59  
*Saint Stephen, The First Martyr* Mt 10:17-22

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS**

*Please pray that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.*

Steve Alexander, Olivia Anger, Nicholas Andrew, Marilyn Bailey, Eric Belcher, George Bondieumaitre, Debra Bruce, Virginia Burke, Fred Calvillo, William Carino, Ninon Gussman Carr, Norma Carillo, Paulette Christopher, Victorino Cruz, Daphne Davis, Matthew Donelley, Anna D'Souza, Norma Dyer, Harold Fisher, Sr., Kimberly Fludd,, Jhnetta Goodloe, Sarah Gordon, Dr. Amy Hardin, Anselmo Heyliger, Enis Hilaire, Urla Isaac, Lidia Jiminez, , Eleanor Johnson, Alma John, Ann Joseph, Electra Joseph, Rose Joseph, Edwin Josiah, Jeannie Krigger, T'Agho Lopez, Chamarla Louis, Felina Artigo, Gwendolyn Lucas, Kathleen Smith-Maccow, Marla Matthew, Carlos Matus, Luz Melendez, Beverly Nesbitt, Bevon Nicholas, Marilyn Nicks, Ann Parris, Fr. Simon Peter, Geralda Pickering, Michelle Gibbs Riviere, Carmen Russell, Henrietta Sandy, Jose Manuel Santana, Gwen Skeoch, Aurea Stamatakis, Martha Lena St. Juste, Eric Thomas, Juan Valentin, Cletina Tuitt, Vincent Urgent, Inez Walker, Deacon Oliver Washington, Ann Weikel, Inez Williams, Simeon Williams, Curtis Williams, Joseph Wilson, Ingerborg Mc Intosh, William Lang, Anita Pulpul & Kemit Lewis, Noel Lercana & Bertille Samuel, Lewis Eugene, & Vilma C. Johnson, Fanny Andrews Clarke. Keshia Tatum.

*(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list Church)*

### **MASS ATTENDANCE – DECEMBER 12 & 13, 2020**

Saturday at 6:00pm Holy Mass 45/Sunday at 8:30am Holy Mass 65 Total 110

### **Preserve the Past Campaign in Progress**

Our Church restoration project is in progress and your contribution is still welcome. Please call the church office or contact a minister of hospitality for the contribution envelope.

### **SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020**

School Support .....	Dec. 05-06
Retirement for Religious.....	Dec. 12-13
Maintenance Fund.....	Dec.19-20
Debt Reduction.....	Dec. 19-20

# Announcements

## Moving to our church

My dear parishioners,

For the past 3 and half years, worshipping in Saint Gerard Chapel, we have developed an emotional and spiritual connection to this building where we met daily for the celebration of the sacraments. This building has become a home for us and a fountain from which our hungry hearts were both nourished and satisfied. May God grant eternal rest to all those whose sacrifice has obtained us this building strong and beautiful still.

As Qohelet warns us in Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything under the heavens". Now, time has come for us to leave Saint Gerald Chapel and move to our Church building. On the one hand, we will definitely miss the sense of communion, closeness and friendship this building made us aware of. On the other hand, the team effort to clean the church, to take out furniture, art and other things that won't stay here, landscaping works and painting was remarkable and expressed our excitement and joy to move to our church. I take this opportunity to thank you for fulfilling your pledge sponsoring church and liturgical items. I also thank those who donated money to defray the shipping, transportation and delivery costs. This was a great help and allowed us to achieve our goal. May God reward your generosity.

This being said, as of this Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 2020, Christmas Midnight Holy Mass will mark our first celebration of the Eucharist after 3 years and half of hard work and sacrifice to provide ourselves and for the glory of God a worthy place of worship.

However, please allow me to clarify the following:

- 1) Moving to the church does not mean the end of restoration works. It means simply that the kind of works to be done in order to complete our restoration will no longer interfere with our safety and a needed spiritual environment to duly celebrate the sacraments.
- 2) Formal Rite of Rededication of the church and the Opening Ceremony will be held sometimes next year. Date to be determined.

Thanking you all for your many prayers, sacrifices, and determination. I thank our former Bishop Herbert Bevard for his support and trust invested in me. In communion of mind and heart, let us move forward until the completion of this project. For, "no one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62). May God bless you! Fr. Boniface Blanchard, Pastor.

## Readers for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

- 10:00 PM Holy Mass – Jeanne Garcia
- 8:30 AM Holy Mass – Charlene Joseph

**Bulletin announcements must be submitted to the Church Office by Wednesday at noon**

# Parish Information

## Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of each month. Please register your children at the Church Office. Present a copy of the child(ren) birth certificate(s). Classes for parents & godparents are on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. each month.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements with parish priest 6 months before your wedding.

## Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes

Classes are held every Sunday during the school year and begin with attendance and instruction in the classroom at 8:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes

RCIA is the journey of faith by which interested persons become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The program instructs adults to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. To register, please call the church office at (340) 772-0138.

## Sacrament of Penance

Confession is the sacrament that allows us to admit our faults and develop humility, but the most profound part is we get to experience Christ's gift of mercy.

Weekdays..... 15 min. before Holy Mass  
Weekends..... 30 min. before Holy Mass

## Funerals

All funeral services begin at 10:30 a.m. Viewings at 9:30 am. No funerals are held on weekends. Arrangements must be made with the Church before funeral arrangements with the funeral home.

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the rectory at (340) 772-0138 whenever a family member or friend is seriously ill or hospitalized.

## Parish Registration

Parishioners who are 18 years and older are invited to register at the Church Office as well as become active and contributing members. We would like to maintain an up-to-date listing of all St. Patrick parishioners. Registration also helps in providing quick services for the request and proof of miscellaneous church letters for individuals, Baptism, Confirmation, etc.

# From the desk of Fr. Boniface

My Dear Parishioners,

The Scripture Readings of today speak about the preparations that God made for his Son to be born among us and as one of us. In the First Reading from the 2nd Book of Samuel, King David wishes to build a house for God better than his own. He seeks some way to give thanks to God for all the blessing he received from him. But God has not finished filling his life with blessings. In the Second Reading from his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul speaks about the mystery of salvation about to be revealed and marvels at the divine plan and gives glory to God. In the Gospel Reading from St. Luke, we have the familiar passage of the Annunciation where the Angel Gabriel tells Mary that she has found favor with God and announces the divine identity of the child whom Mary is about to conceive through the power of the Holy Spirit.

we are standing right at the front door of Christmas and before we enter, Mary has been presented to us, this last Sunday of Advent to be our model. Let us follow her example of faith & holiness, humility & simplicity, obedience & surrender to the will of God, as we await the coming of our Savior into the world and into our lives. Obviously, God's choice of Mary to be the Mother of His Son was special. So was her response, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." But God has also chosen all of us for something special. For this, like Mary, we are also favored. What has been our response to God's choice of us? Like Mary, we are challenged to use our freedom and respond with our 'yes' to God's call.  
Blessed Advent Sunday!

## SAINT PATRICK'S MINISTRIES & REPRESENTATIVES

- Altar Servers: Deslin Simmons & Patricia Santiago
- Readers: Jeanne Garcia
- Saint Patrick Choir/Song leading: Alvin Milligan
- EMHC: Jeanne Garcia & Sally Cunnigham
- SPYM: Nereida Washington
- Charismatic Prayer Group: Anna Doward
- Legion of Mary: Jeanne Garcia
- Sacred Heart Society: Julia Pankey (TBD)
- Men's Fellowship: Mae Louise & Marian Francois
- Church Cleaning Ministry: Eloise Benjamin
- Home Visitation Ministry: Magdalen Joseph & Winifred Hardy
- Decoration Ministry: Dorothea Cools
- Ministry of Hospitality(Greeters/Ushers): Nicole Vidal
- Social & Event Planning

### Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
And where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love  
For it is in giving that we receive-  
and it's in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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