

# Church of St. Patrick in Armonk

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 5, 2017**

## Masses

Saturday Anticipated: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12noon  
(No 12:00 pm Mass July and August)

Weekdays: 8:30 am  
Saturdays: 9:00 am  
Holy Days: As announced

## Lauds-Morning Prayer

Sunday: 8:00 am  
Monday—Friday: 8:15 am

## Devotions (September-June)

**First Fridays:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9am-7pm; Benediction 7pm  
**First Saturdays:** Confessions 8:30-8:55, 9am Mass, Rosary and 15-minute Guided Meditation on the Rosary  
**Lent:** Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 7:00pm.

## Confession

Saturday, 4:30-5:15 pm and by appointment.

## Baptism and Marriages

Please check our website or call the parish office to make arrangements.



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## PARISH COMMITTEES

Vincent Greco, Parish Council President  
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Daniel Ahern, Joan Zaborosky -Trustees  
Music Director: John Failla

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Contemplative Prayer: Gina Shea  
Youth Ministry Coordinators:  
Melissa Gordon, Vera Scavone  
CYO Basketball: Elvis Grgurovic, Mike Corelli  
Gym Schedule & Rentals: Deirdre McManus  
Respect Life Society: Patricia Cummings  
Walking with Purpose: Jo Golden  
Food Pantry: Angela Livingston

## MASSSES: MAR. 4—MAR. 12, 2017

Sat	3/4	9:00	Catechists (L)
		5:30	Cecilia Poremski (D)
Sun	3/5	8:30	Ralph Acquafredda (D)
		10:30	Irene Vigilanti (D)
		12:00	Joseph Saglimbeni (D)
Mon	3/6	8:30	Christina Griffin (D)
Tue	3/7	8:30	Irene Vigilanti (D)
Wed	3/8	8:30	Neal Maxwell (D)
Thu	3/9	8:30	John O'Connor (D)
Fri	3/10	8:30	—
Sat	3/11	9:00	Irene Vigilanti (D)
		5:30	Anthony Zampino (D)
Sun	3/12	8:30	John Daly (D)
		10:30	Nancy Sacco (D)
		12:00	People of the Parish



## Altar Flowers

*If you wish to memorialize the altar flowers or to dedicate them in honor of a special event (anniversary for example) please contact the parish office.*

## Our Weekly Offering

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### Collection

Regular: February 18/19 - \$3,222.50 in 81 envelopes  
Energy & Fuel Costs: \$739.00 in 44 envelopes

Regular: February 25/26: \$5,043.00 in 89 envelopes

ParishPay January: Regular Collection—\$8,397.00

Please consider using ParishPay  
Thank you for your generosity

**St. Patrick's Day Parish Mass is Saturday, March 11th, at the 5:30 pm Mass.** This mass will also be the parish's official "Thank you" Mass for the many years of Fr. John Vigilanti's service to our Parish. A reception will follow in St. Francis Hall. Please inform the parish office if you plan to attend.

## CALENDAR:

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- ✦ FOOD FIRST —Each Sunday the food collected goes to support a local food pantry.
- ✦ CCD: 9:20-10:20 am
- ✦ Sixth Grade Mass: 10:30

### Mon, March 6 — Weekday

- ✦ CCD: 3:30-4:30; 7:00-8:00

### Tue, March 7 — SS. Perpetua & Felicity

- ✦ Contemplative Prayer Group: 12:30-1:30
- ✦ Walking with Purpose: 9:30-11:30

### Wed, March 8 — St. John of God

- ✦ CCD: 3:30-4:30; 6:00-7:00

### Thu, March 9 — St. Frances of Rome

### Fri, March 10 — Weekday

- ✦ Contemplative Prayer Group: 1:00-2:00

### Sat, March 11 — Weekday

- ✦ Confession 4:0-5:15

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- ✦ FOOD FIRST —Each Sunday the food collected goes to support a local food pantry.
- ✦ CCD: 9:20-10:20

### Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## The 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima Part VII

### Apparition of the Angel

Story:

Summer, 1916

Suddenly, we saw beside us the same figure, or rather Angel, as it seemed to me.

“What are you doing? Pray, pray very much! The most holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High.”

“How are we to make sacrifices?” I asked.

“Make of everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and bear with submission, the suffering which the Lord will send you.”

**Comment:** We must not limit sins to what offends neighbor. For one thing, your good deeds might offend someone; are we not to do good deeds in fear of offending someone? Of course not. If it is contrary to the moral order that God has established and revealed, then we must not offend our neighbor. However, what if no one on earth is offended? If no one is hurt by my actions, thoughts, desires, and/or words, “What difference does it make?” What if even I do not detect any harm, even to myself? Who cares and why would God care? We may not care how holy we are, but God does. He cares because He wants nothing else but our eternal happiness with complete and perfect unity with Him in Heaven. Even the slightest, most private, of sins offends His love for us. That said, there certainly are enough very serious sins by which God and mankind are deeply offended. The focus here is the Angel’s words, “sins by which He is offended,”

“You will thus draw down peace upon your country.” Peace is the fruit of God’s grace. The more abundant God’s grace is in the world, the more abundant is peace. Sin impedes the flow of God’s grace to the world. Now, of course, God is not impeded by our sin. He certainly can overcome the obstacle of sin in our lives and bear the fruit of peace. However, we must take two things in consideration. If God grants us His peace when we are not at peace with God, then it would be a lie. God is Truth. Jesus says: “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” God does not lie. Also, God has willed that we be the stewards of His grace. While He certainly does not need us, He wants us to be fully incorporated in His mystery of our Redemption, not just recipients of it, but ministers of it and even participants in the act of Redemption. From the beginning God has willed that His Grace should flow to the world through us. Grace flows from Christ to us and from us to the world. The children have been asked to make up for these sins that have impeded the work of God’s Grace to bring peace to Portugal, and even the whole world. Through their prayers and sacrifice they will make reparation to God; the Grace that has been impeded will now flow through them to Portugal, bearing the fruit of peace.

“I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal.” I cannot tell you how many times I have come across priests, scholars and professors who have denied the existence of angels and scoffed at the notion of guardian angels. You might be puzzled by this because it seems so obvious from Scripture that angels exist. I do not have the time or purpose to explain how they can deny the existence of angels in light of Sacred Scripture and Church teaching, but trust me many do. They think it is simplistic, childish, and rooted in ignorance of modern scripture scholarship—that scriptural talk of “angels” is just a literary device and should not be taken literally. They dismiss the Church’s teaching as archaic, simplistic, and undefined. What arrogance. “I give praise to you Almighty Father, for what you have hidden from the wise and clever, you have revealed to the merest children.” Angels definitely do exist (there are angel guardians), and now we know there are angel guardians even of nations.

**Prayer:** Angel guardian of our nation, the Angel of the United States of America, protect and guide our nation toward peace, justice, mercy, and love in the fullness of Truth, especially for all the children in our country – including the child in the womb. Amen.

Sincerely

In Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Dalers*

## **TEEN LIFE**

*Coordinators: Melissa Gordon, Faith Lorenzo,  
Vera Scavone*

# **TEEN LIFE**

**MANY GREAT OPPORTUNITIES! MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

# **T.G.I.F.**

**COME TO TEEN NIGHT AT ST. PAT'S  
Friday, March 3rd, 8:00-10:00**

**OPEN TO 8TH-12TH GRADE PARISHIONERS!**

## **COME TO MARCH MADNESS!**

**Sunday, MARCH 26th after the 10:30 Mass**

CYO Boys play the Dads! CYO girls challenge the Moms. Don't miss this annual fundraising event happening after the 10:30 Mass.

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**NY YOUTH DAY-APRIL 29th, 9-6pm  
PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**

Join hundreds of high school youth from around the Archdiocese to celebrate the annual New York Catholic Youth Day (NYCYD)! This event is being held at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. New York Catholic Youth Day is going to be amazing this year! Paul J. Kim will be the keynote speaker and performer. Stay tuned for registration information coming soon!

## **OUR FIRST MIDNIGHT RUN-APRIL 29th**

St. Pat's will be making their first Midnight Run into NYC. We will be delivering clothing, toiletries and food to the homeless on the streets of the NYC. Please look for details on how you can participate. This is going to be a true group effort!

## **TEEN LIFE IS GOING TO STEUBENVILLE JULY 21-23.**

Please join us! If you are interested in registering or being a parent chaperone, please email Melissa Gordon at [melissagordon@optonline.net](mailto:melissagordon@optonline.net)

# **TEEN LIFE #BLESSED**

## **CHECK OUT THE FEBRUARY CCD STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:**

### **First Grade:**

Natalie Cavada  
Matteo Scali  
Luca Boehringer  
Frankie McLauhin  
Gabriela Olego

### **Second Grade:**

Leo Diodati  
Stephen Lombardi  
Maeve Rippey  
Kayla Perrotta

### **Third Grade:**

Valentina Lumuj

### **Fourth Grade:**

Dehlia Flores  
Amanda Monaco  
Lincoln Lentini  
Thomas Guido  
Paige Schilero

### **Fifth Grade:**

Olivia Zodda

### **Sixth Grade:**

Kevin Mucker  
Gabby Alfonso  
Clara Weil

### **Seventh Grade:**

George Triebenbacher  
Christine Parisi  
Luke Abbruzzese  
Kailyn Sawhny

### **Eighth Grade:**

Madison Jakubek  
Jonathon Poppo  
Andrew Priore  
Melissa Rivera  
Juliana Casale

# **CONGRATS**

### ***Centering Prayer***

**The Contemplative Prayer group welcomes you to join us each Tuesday at 12:30 and Friday at 1:00pm.**

"The stilling of the human soul, in order to give God a place within you, is a pure way to pray. If you learn to pray in this way, you will feel purity within and a new eagerness about living. You have discovered how to set your soul free to soar."

Bernard of Clairvaux



*Please keep the Following in your Prayers*

<i>Jeannie Morris</i>	<i>Claire Finnan</i>
<i>Eileen Sullivan</i>	<i>Katerinna MacNeil</i>
<i>Jaspere Miranda</i>	<i>Perinna Ruggerio</i>
<i>John Puttre</i>	<i>Isabel D'Onofrio</i>
<i>Joy Lichten</i>	<i>Teresa D'Onofrio</i>
<i>Patricia Tkach</i>	<i>Isa D'Onofrio</i>
<i>Mario &amp; Gloria Guiliano</i>	<i>Caroline Pizzorusso</i>
<i>Barbara Grasso</i>	<i>Francis Roy Sedore</i>
<i>Paul Benfari</i>	<i>Jon Adam</i>
<i>Mario J. Guiliano</i>	

### Children's Masses

I try to rotate the grades 1-7 for a homily directed at them. Also, the children will sponsor the Mass by doing the readings, handing out bulletins, and their parents setting up the coffee social after Mass. The last mass is: Mar. 19.....Grade 7

### **WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT**

*You were not redeemed by corruptible things like gold or silver....but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

**Is Your Heart Open To His Mercy?**

**Date:** Saturday, March 18, 2017

**Time:** 9:30am-12:30pm

**Location:** St Patrick's Church, 29 Cox Ave,  
Armonk, NY

**Cost:** \$25 register online at [regnumchristinyctnj.org](http://regnumchristinyctnj.org)

*Coffee, tea, light breakfast - bring your favorite share. Morning retreat will be directed by Fr. Jason Smith, LC and Fr. Donal O'Keefe, LC and includes a talk, meditation, Mass and Reconciliation*

**Questions?** email Linda at [ladyvoli@aol.com](mailto:ladyvoli@aol.com)  
or call **914 391 2309**

**[www.regnumchristinyctnj.org](http://www.regnumchristinyctnj.org)**



### **Mass for Couples Married 50 years during 2017**

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass in Friday, May 12th, 2017.**

This event is sponsored by the Family Life & Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York

### **Elsewhere in the Diocese**

#### ***A Mass for Healing***

A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, 170 Bradhurst Ave. (Route 100), Hawthorne, NY on **Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:30 pm.** Fr. Joseph Nahas will be celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

#### ***Knights of Columbus Membership Drive***

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic, fraternal, family service organization in the world.

Plans are underway to form a Council right here at St. Patrick's.

Representatives from the Knights will join us in March to discuss this with us and to advise us on what we need. If you should have any questions in the meantime, please contact Bill Venturini at 718-815-2147.



Daylight Savings Time begins March 12th. Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour.