

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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We, the St. Patrick's Parish Family, are a Roman Catholic community of sons and daughters of God the Father who are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to commit our lives to worship, prayer, compassion, service, education and sharing our Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel with all others.

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time



February 26, 2017

CLERGY

Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Giandurco
Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Barry
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Thomas E. Kreiser
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan
Pastor Emeritus
(Not in Residence)

Deacon Richard R. Scheibe

PARISH STAFF

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Nan Gollogly 962-5050

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Barbara Castrataro, *Organist*

Parish Secretary

Ann-Marie Treanor 962-5050

Youth Group

Chris & Megan Genn 962-5050

NEW

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday:

9:00 am to 12:00 noon, and

1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday immediately after the 6:55 Mass & 8:30 - 8:50am

Saturdays immediately after 9:00am Mass, and 4:00 - 5:00pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents should come to the Rectory to pick up a Baptism Preparation Package to begin the process for Baptism. Baptism instruction is necessary.

MATRIMONY

Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding. Parishioners who are registered can make arrangements of date and time only after speaking with the Pastor.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please contact the Rectory when someone is in need of the Sacraments.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome adults considering membership in the Catholic Church and those Catholics desiring to complete their initiation to inquire into the RCIA process.



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE †

Main Church

Saturday 5:15 pm

Sunday 7:45, 9:15, 11:00 am,
12:30 & 5:00 pm

Stone Church

Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE †

Monday - Friday 6:55 & 9:00 am

Monday 7:30pm & Novena

Saturday 9:00 am Only

Lent & Advent (Mon-Fri) Noon

**Holy Days/Holidays see inside bulletin
for special schedule.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon. February 27

6:55am Lucy Sunshine
9:00am Robert J. Sullivan
7:30pm Edward Picco

Tues. February 28

6:55pm John Filgate & Deceased Members of the
Filgate Family
9:00am Joan Burbank

Wed. March 1 - Ash Wednesday

6:30am Fr. Bernard Smith, O.F.M., Cap.
9:00am Charles McTygue
12:00pm Maureen McManus
4:30pm Liturgy of the Word
7:30pm Nick Modico

Thurs. March 2

6:55m Giuseppe Chiazese
9:00am Lawrence Paschetti
12:00pm Angelina Fagan

Fri. March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin;

6:55am Edna Gherbaz
9:00am Souls in Purgatory
12:00pm Michael Realbuto
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Sat. March 4 - St. Casimir

9:00am Neil Amoroso (**Special Intention**)
5:15pm Salvatore DeBenedittis

Sun. March 5

7:45am Anita Luccesi
9:00am For the People of St. Patrick's Church
9:15am Lucy Ficarrotta
10:30am Phil Pellicci
11:00am Joseph Donohue
12:30pm Carmela Litke
5:00pm Paul FitzMorris

Collection: February 19, 2017

Weekly Collection Last Year	\$22,969.00
Weekly Collection This Year	\$23,049.50
Weekly Children's Collection Last Year	\$ 201.00
Weekly Children's Collection This Year	\$ 217.00
January Parish Pay Last Year	\$29,702.50
January Parish Pay This Year	\$28,849.07

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34
Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19;
Mt 4:1-11

Monday, February 27

7:00am	AA (LL of SC)	Monday-Sunday
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)	
1:00pm	St. Patrick's Knitting Group (PCM)	
4:15pm	Choristers, Grades 5-8 (MC)	
5:00pm	Altar Rosary Society (MC)	
7:00pm	Bible Study (PCH)	
7:30pm	Boy Scouts (Gym)	
7:30pm	Mass & Miraculous Medal Novena (MC)	

Tuesday, February 28

9:45am	Film (PCM)	
10:00am	W/W Steering Committee Meeting (PCH)	
5:45pm	Legion of Mary (Cry Rm)	
6:00pm	SPA Board Meeting (Gym)	
6:00pm	Bereavement Group (PCM)	
7:00pm	SPA General Meeting (Gym)	
7:00pm	Adult Choir (MC)	

Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday

10:00am	Parentcare (PCH)	
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LL of SC)	
5:00pm	Altar Rosary Society (SC)	
7:30pm	RCIA Program (Rectory)	
7:30pm	Al-Anon (FEC 109/110)	
7:30pm	NO Teen Choir (MC & PCH)	

Thursday, March 2

9:45am	Bible Study (PCH)	
4:30pm	Choristers, Grades 3-4 (FEC 109/110)	
5:00pm	Children's Liturgy Rehearsal (MC)	
6:00pm	Pinewood Derby Weigh-in ((FEC 100, Art Rm)	
6:30pm	EARN (PCH)	
7:00pm	Bible Study (FEC 107,108,109,110)	
7:00pm	Adult Choir (MC)	
7:30pm	Respect Life Meeting (Rectory)	
7:30pm	Prayer Meeting (PCM)	

Friday, March 3

5:00pm	Girl Scout Troop 1592 (FEC 107/108)	
5:00pm	Boy Scout Troop #173 (FEC Art Rm)	
6:00pm	NO Middle School Youth Group (PCM)	
7:30pm	Stations of the Cross (MC)	

Saturday, March 4

7:00am	Emmaus Men's Ministry (FEC 107/108)	
9:30am	Centering Prayer (FEC 100)	
1:00pm	Boy Scout Pinewood Derby (Gym)	
6:30pm	High School Youth Group (PCH)	
7:00pm	AA (LC)	

Sunday, March 5

9:15am	Family Mass	
10:15am	Hospitality (PCH)	
3:00pm	Irish American Club Mass & Recept. (MC,PCH)	
8:00pm	AA (LL of SC)	

Get important updates from the Parish:

Visit: www.flocknote.com/stpatsyorktown **or**

Text: stpats to 84576

Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017



6:30am, 9:00am, 12:00 Noon Masses
4:30pm Service of the Word
& 7:30pm Mass
All in the Main Church

Extras for Lent

Additional Daily Mass:

12 Noon Mass, Monday - Friday, Main Church

Stations of the Cross:

Each Friday during Lent
7:30pm in the Main Church



1st Friday - 24 Hour Adoration March 3, 2017

9:30AM Friday to 8:45AM Saturday

Please sign up for as many 1/2-hour increments as you can do. Sitting with Jesus brings incredible graces and blessings. Do not miss this opportunity. Sign-up board is in the lobby of the Main Church.



Our Catholic Faith is being challenged!

To learn more about the upcoming legislation regarding Physician Assisted Suicide, please join us at our Respect Life Meeting on **Thursday, March 2 at 7:30pm** being held at the Rectory. Other topics will be discussed including a fundraiser to benefit a TBD Catholic organization. Questions or concerns, please call Maria Litrenta at 914-962-1815.

Lenten Reflection Day

Monday, March 13, 2017, 9:30am to 2:30pm

Presenter: Sr. Daniel Marie Baran, C.R.

Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center, Peekskill, NY 10566

\$15:00, Bring Lunch, Coffee & Tea Provided

RSVP to Sr. Sheila or Sr. Laura, 737-3373

The Irish American Social Club of Northern Westchester & Putnam Counties, Inc.

Annual Mass and Installation of Officers

Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 3:00pm

Here at St. Patrick's

Celebrant: Msgr. Edward M. Barry

Refreshments to follow in the Parish Center

(914) 245-7211; Email: creevagh@optonline.net

Recently Baptized

Charles Holubis

Evangeline McQuestion

Patrick McQuestion

St. Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Does your faith need a boost? Faith is caught from other Catholics who share their strong belief in God and His love for us. Come to our meeting on Thursday nights at 7:30pm in the meeting room, downstairs in the Main Church. Information: Joan (914) 526-6538.

St. Patrick's Library will show *Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism*. This new film captures the intricate role played by Pope John Paul II in the collapse of communism and the liberation of Central and Eastern Europe. Join us for part one on **Tuesday, February 28** after the 9am Mass and Rosary.

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

NYC Broadway Show & Dinner Raffle!

This year at the St. Patrick's School Shamrock Auction Committee we will be raffling off four (4) tickets to see *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* for June 25th, 2017 at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, NYC with a \$200 Gift Certificate for Dinner! *Chances are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Chances being sold after each Mass on March 4th and 5th or call 962-2211!*

For the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal to be truly successful,

we must have support from all of our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across the Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.

St. Patrick's Day Parish Celebration,

March 17. Come join us for 9:00AM Mass followed by festivities in the Parish Center Hall to celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint! We'll enjoy Irish Soda Bread, tea and coffee. *All* are welcome. Please feel free to donate a loaf or two of your own home baked Irish Soda Bread from your family's special recipe.



Please Pray for Our Sick.

Rocky Cambareri, Bob Cicola, Marion Corcillo, Therese Kreiser, Rose Kozarits, Kathleen Marcus, John Martinelli, Rob Migliore, Valerie Nicholls, John Parker, Geraldine Poellot, Raffaele, Judy Schemera, Jim Stevens, Javier Valdivieso



A person's name will appear for five weeks, after which it will be removed unless we hear from the family. Please feel free to call the Rectory with intentions.

2017 Mass Intentions available, including Sundays and weekdays. The requested offering for Announced Masses is \$20.00 and Unannounced \$10.00.

Unannounced Mass Intentions:

Deceased: Mark Shankland, Frank Petrilli, Nora & Thomas Holleran, Mary Ann & Jim Murray, Bea & Jim Corcoran, Catherine Walsh, Mary Higgins, Paul Fiorenza(2), Arcangelo Capalbi

Special Intention: Joseph Chiriyann Margaret Hughes

Bereavement Support Group for those who have lost a loved one meets each Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Healing is effected through means of interacting with others and the knowledge that we are not alone in this life experience. Please call 245-2742 or 245-6488 for further information.

Do you have a change of address or a correction to your current envelopes?

If so, please contact the Rectory at 962-5050 or stpatsyorktown@optonline.net. Thank you.

Yorktown Community Help will be collecting non-perishable foods every week during Lent. Please be as generous as your means allow. Suggested items for collection will be listed in our weekly bulletin.

Easter Sunday Masses

For the Easter Vigil, there is only one Mass at 8:00pm **which last nearly two hours.**

On Easter Sunday there is no 5:00PM Mass.

Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.

Repent and Believe in the Gospel.

The Altar Bread & Wine used in the **Main Church** this week were donated by the The de Prado Family in loving memory of:



Lola Mercedes de Prado Griggs



The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Main Church** this week was donated by The Kircher Family in loving memory of:

John Richard Echeverria

EARN (Employment Assistance & Resource Network), our Parish's ministry to the unemployed, will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 2, at 6:30pm** in the Parish Center Hall. Each meeting provides job searchers with effective techniques to generate new job opportunities. Please help spread the word to those who need our ministry's help in these challenging times.

Visit: www.earnatstpats.com

Come & Join in Prayer!

A group of parishioners meet every weekday morning at 6:30AM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Main Church. We pray the Liturgy of the Hours (also known as the Divine Office), which is about 15 minutes of prayers, psalms and meditation, and prepares us for the 6:55AM Mass. Other than the Sacraments, it is the single richest prayer resource of the Catholic Church, which is prayed daily by all clergy - including Pope Francis! The purpose is to sanctify the day and all human activity. It is a wonderful way to start your day.

Come and Join Us!

Please Purchase Food Store Gift Cards

before and after all Masses, at both the Stone Church and the Main Church. ACME, Turco's, Stop and Shop, and Shoprite food cards are **available at the Rectory** Monday through Friday; 9:00am - 5:00pm. 5 - 7% of your purchase is returned to St. Patrick's. **Please use this simple way to support your parish.**

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent is upon us. On Ash Wednesday this week, the whole Church will begin a time of penance and preparation for the Triduum and the Easter Celebrations. If we take Lent seriously, it can be a time of renewal and strength of our life of faith. It is sad to say that many people are too busy or preoccupied with distractions to the spiritual life to take much advantage of the penitential focus of the 40 days. It is not that we are supposed to live in gloom or misery for the six weeks, but we are asked to recognize our need for repentance, forgiveness and renewal. We are encouraged to make sacrifices either by giving up or taking on something or both. Our Lenten practices should help us focus our hearts on God.

We can make sacrifices by giving up some favorite things. The absence of certain comforts or treats helps us to think of much greater sacrifices that were made for us by Christ himself, or the difficult conditions many people are forced to live under. We can thank Jesus for His love for us and we can seek to follow His example. We can also resolve to pray for those who are persecuted or who are less fortunate than we are.

We should also resolve to turn away from sin each and every day with the help of God's grace. We should be trying to pray more and help those around us. Most certainly, we should stay close to the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. There are extra times of prayer during Lent such as the Friday Stations of the Cross and a noon weekday Mass. As mentioned once before, we will have a Mission from April 1 to 5. Fr. Bisignano arranged the Mission about 1 year ago, and it is my prayer that Fr. Collins (who is giving the retreat) will inspire us and lead us into greater holiness.

When Ash Wednesday comes, let us be ready to turn to God with all our heart.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.



LENT 2017



"The season of Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. The liturgy prepares the catechumens (those adults preparing for Baptism) for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery by the several stages of Christian Initiation; it also prepares the faithful, who recall their own baptism and do penance in preparation for Easter." - *General Norms for the Liturgical Year*, 27

By the threefold discipline of **fasting, prayer, and almsgiving** the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions.

FASTING

"When you fast, see to it that you groom your hair and wash your face. In that way no one can see that you are fasting except your Father who is hidden; and your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you." -Matthew 6:17

THE LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THIS YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Abstinence from meat** is observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on **Ash Wednesday**, on all of the **Fridays of Lent**, and on **Good Friday**.
2. **Fasting** must be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics between their 18th and 60th birthdays. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. (Fasting is strongly encouraged Mondays through Saturdays of Lent, not required).

There is a serious obligation to observe these penitential practices in a substantial way. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday fast and abstinence – or from the fast and abstinence of Good Friday.

The tradition of "giving up" something for Lent is a way to "fast" from those habits that keep us from focusing our lives on God. We can also consider "taking on" an extra practice during Lent: daily Mass, praying Morning or Evening Prayer, serving in a soup kitchen, visiting the sick, or even practicing greater patience with our loved ones.

PRAYER

"In the days when Christ was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications...and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when perfected, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." - Hebrews 5:7-9

ALMSGIVING

"When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do... to win the praise of others." (Matthew 6:2).

"Do not neglect to do good and share what you have; God is pleased with sacrifices of that kind." (Hebrews 13:16).

Next week, on the First Sunday of Lent, another insert will have suggestions for practicing these disciplines of **PRAYER** and **ALMSGIVING**.



St. Patrick's School
Shamrock Auction Dinner Dance



St. Patrick's School is honoring some special people in our community

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"MASQUERADE" THEME!

Please RSVP by March 4, 2017

_____ *Yes, I would be interested in attending the Shamrock Auction Dinner Dance!*

(\$80 Per Person; \$150 Per Couple)

_____ *Unfortunately, I/ we cannot attend, but would like to make a contribution!*

_____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$75 _____ \$50 _____ Other \$ _____

I would like to be a Sponsor or place an Ad in the 2016 Shamrock Auction Journal!

Business Card \$60 - Half Page \$150 - Full Page \$300

Numerous Sponsor Levels also available ranging from \$100 - \$1,000

You can email in your ad/ message to Michele McKearney c/o St. Patrick's School or email mckearney99@gmail.com

Ad and Sponsor Information can be found at www.spsshamrockauction.org

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Lucky Leprechaun Raffle!

Try your luck at the Lucky Leprechaun Raffle! - 50/25/15/10 Raffle

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\$25 Per Chance

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Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
On the **HAIL MARY BEADS** you will say the following words:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.
In conclusion **THREE TIMES** you will recite these words:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

From the Diary of the Servant of God Sr. Faustina - Note Book I, p 197
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