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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 13th, 2016**

SERVED BY

Rev. Charles S. Szivos, Pastor
Rev. Robert Ginel, Administrator
Rev. Emmanuel Anyansi, Extern
Deacon Paul Weireter
Rev. Gerard P. Travers, Pastor Emeritus

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday

Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass.....5:30 PM
Sunday Morning..... 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Weekday

Monday thru Saturday.....9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass.....5:30 PM
Holy Day.....9:00 AM & 7:30 PM

ROSARY: Recited Monday thru Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass

NOVENA: Every Monday morning after the 9:00 AM Mass the Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Every First Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass until 11:00 AM concluding with Benediction.

PARISH OFFICE

Located in the Parish Center next to the C.C.D. Office....928-6027
928-2982 - fax

Monday thru Thursday.....9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Friday.....9:30 to 11:30 AM

PARISH RECTORY

26 Hunter Street.....928-9219

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM.....928-6688

928-2982 - fax

YOUTH GROUP.....928-6688/928-6027

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:15 PM and anytime upon reasonable request.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Second & fourth Sundays at 1:00 PM. Expectant parents may contact the parish office to arrange for the baptism seminar class on the third Thursday of every month. The class is held in the Religious Education Building, Room 7 at 7:30 PM. Adults are baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil after completing the stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A process for those who wish to enter the Catholic Faith, or for present Catholic individuals who after being baptized need to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information, please call our Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program and Natural Family Planning (NFP).

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: If you are planning to enter the hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or homebound, call the parish office to arrange for the sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home. Communal anointing of the sick is celebrated at Mass during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: The Saint Patrick faith community warmly welcomes you! Please introduce yourself to the celebrant of the mass you are attending as you leave the church so that, on behalf of the entire community, you may be welcomed. You can register at the parish office and receive any information needed from the office receptionist.

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Patrick Parish is a Christian community of disciples in the Roman Catholic tradition, called by Jesus, united in Eucharistic worship and growing in faith, hope and love. Nourished through the sacraments and strengthened by God's transforming love, we are empowered to know the gospel message and to bear witness to others. As Christian stewards, we are thankful for God's many gifts and we commit ourselves to share our time, talent and treasure in Christ-like service within our parish community and beyond. We seek God's blessing and guidance to be faithful to this mission.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

- 7:30 For the People of Parish
- 9:00 Jim O'Shea By Mike & Judy Manza
- 10:30 Hedwig Nasuta By Hieronim Rudzinski & Family
- 12:00 Francis O'Hare By Bob & June Cotter

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

- 9:00 Bob & Mary Jo Clarkin By The Family
- 5:15 Miguel A. Cancel Quiros By The Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

- 9:00 Bill & Margaret DeBonis By The Family
- 5:15

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

- 9:00 Dominic & Mary Hanley By The Family
- 5:15 Nicola Giammarino By Daughter, Maria Quercia

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

- 9:00 Frank & Ann Salmon By The Family
- 5:15 Michael DeVenuto By The Charles Denny Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

- 9:00 Myrna McDermott By Bernadette McDermott
- 5:15

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

- 9:00 James O'Shea By John & Roberta Bourke
- 5:30 Christopher Kelly By The Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

- 7:30 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 James T. O'Shea By Nancy Miskura
- 10:30 Eddie Fagerstrom By Darlene, Jaclyn & Carly
- 12:00 Katie Lanz & Thomas Plant
By Hieronim Rudzinski & Family

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

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COLLECTIONS

March 6, 2016 \$ 4,901.00
 March 8, 2015 \$ 5,472.00

Attendance: 567 Envelope Users: 196



*Cast the first stone,
if you are without sin!*

HYMNS FOR THIS WEEKEND

- Entrance:** In These Days of Lenten Journey BB-130
- Preparation of the Gifts:** O God, You Search Me BB-433
- Communion Chant:** Only This I Want BB-510
- Communion Chant 2:** All My Days BB-592
- Sending Forth:** Forty Days and Forty Nights BB-120

Masses Available

There are masses available during the Lenten season. Please stop by the Parish Office or call (845) 928-6027 for your special requests. The offering for each mass is \$15.00.

**Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent
7:30 pm**

Stations of the Cross is conducted in the church every Friday, during Lent. Please join us. It will conclude on Good Friday with Stations being conducted at 8:00 pm.



From the desk of Fr. Ginel

Fifth Sunday of Lent

This, the fifth Sunday of Lent, we move even closer to the events leading to the Passion of Christ Jesus. These events are prefaced by the joyful recollections of God's loving care for his people, in delivering them from the crushing oppression they had undergone in Egypt. In Isaiah, God reminds them of this but now adds that they should set these events aside and consider that he, God, is "doing something new". The joyous events written by the prophet are meant to bring hope to the Jewish people who are once again experiencing slavery and are now exiled from their land.

If God came to their rescue in the past, He can and will restore them one day to a new life filled with His blessings. The joyful blessings of a new life are found in our second reading today, in St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. But, the good things to come, St. Paul writes, are preceded by sharing in the sufferings of Christ and conforming our lives to his death.

A case can be made in our ordinary living of seeing a similar application of these spiritual principles to our employment or any other change in our state in life.

For a life changing vocation, we usually must make "sacrifices" to change our lot in life. To perhaps change jobs, we might need to return to a school of sorts in order to learn the requirements of a new job. Students need to make the sacrifices required to obtain a diploma or certificate for a specific area of expertise.

While these endeavors are commendable, and perhaps necessary for our future in this life, the preparations for our entry to eternal existence is of the utmost importance and far outweighs our worries about earthly concerns.

Conforming ourselves to the death of Christ will entail a re-adjustment of our inclination against charity, or a behavior pattern which is inconsistent with the teachings of Christ. The re-adjustment process is a form of sharing in the sufferings of Christ. This process is effected in our way of thinking and judging and altering them in new ways as indicated by Jesus in the Gospel today.

The woman, caught in the very act of adultery, had her life at stake. When the men, young and old, tell Jesus that the law called for her to be stoned (to death), they asked him for his take in the matter. His response was that whoever was free from sin should cast the first stone. No one did! Why? Did she commit adultery alone? The other half of the adulterous affair was noticeably missing, namely the man. He asks the men if they were free from a sin that would place their lives in jeopardy. Perhaps the same sin?

While Jesus does not condemn the woman, he clearly calls her to conversion, "do not sin anymore!", he tells her.

He calls us, as well, to a life of compassion and mercy, which needs from us, a conversion of life, which is a cross, and which will result in our sharing in Christ's resurrected life forever.

With Lenten blessings.



St. Patrick's Religious Education News

7th Grade Mass is scheduled for Sun., March 13th at 12:00pm. All eighth grade confirmation paperwork and fees are due during the first week of March, during your child's class. Check here for more information on upcoming events and important dates to remember. For information, please call the office at (845) 928-6688.



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Anyone interested in making Palm Crosses, please contact Debbie Caldwell. The Altar Rosary Society holds meetings every first Saturday, after 9am Mass, following the Rosary. We are looking for new members to enlighten our ministry to the Blessed Virgin Mary. All who may be willing to serve, please contact Debbie Caldwell at 928-7681.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We have resumed our twice monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 17th, in the Religious Education Building-Room 10, from 7:30 - 9:00pm. We will be discussing chapters 5-11 of Isaiah. Newcomers are always welcomed to join us.

St. Patrick's RCIA

Please join us for one of our meetings of the RCIA program, Sundays, at 9 am, at the Parish Center (Rel. Ed. Build.) in Rm. 10. For more information, questions or to register in any capacity for the RCIA, please call: Mike Manza @ (845)541-1527.

AA MEETINGS

Every Monday, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm and Wednesday, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm and 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm, Double Meeting, in the Lower Church Hall.

Knights of Columbus

The newly formed Cardinal Edward Egan Council of the Knights of Columbus is looking for new members. If you are a catholic male, over the age of 18 and looking to assist your parish and community, please contact Vic Ferrarelli at (845) 325-6207. The Knights of Columbus meets every third (3rd) Tuesday, at 8:00pm, in the church basement meeting room of St. Patrick's Church 448 Rt. 32 Highland Mills, NY. We hope to see you there!

*The 2016 Cardinal's Appeal
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Medical Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

The support the St Patrick's community has given to our mission team has been tremendous. Medical supplies, monetary donations and prayers have been offered in abundance. As a result, we have collected over 500 lbs. of medical supplies and monetary funds to partially cover the expense of the prescription medications we will bring with us when we travel on March 20th.

Donations to pay for prescription medications are still being accepted. Checks can be made payable to *Island Impact Ministries* and sent to me at the address below.

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers and stay tuned for a mission update when we return after Easter. God Bless You.

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Vacation Bible School

St. Patrick's VBS—It's not just for kids!

St. Patrick's *Surf Shack* Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held June 27 - July 1 from 9am-1pm at St. Patrick's Religious Education building, 26 Hunter St. Highland Mills. The theme this year is based on Nehemiah 4:14b, *Remember that the Lord is great and awesome.*

VBS classes are open to students in PreK4 through 5th grade. Student registration will begin in April.

But VBS is not just for children and you don't have to have a child in the program to participate! Adults and teens in grade 6+ are encouraged to join our volunteer team. As part of our decorating, teaching, snack, craft, music, recreation or games teams, volunteers enjoy a relaxed, fun atmosphere while working together to create a memorable, faith-filled week. Meetings are held once a month on Saturday mornings and last about 90 minutes.

Our next planning meeting will be **Saturday March 19th** at 8:30am in room 7 of the St. Patrick's Religious Ed bldg. Whether you can volunteer for a few hours or a few days, we invite you to attend to learn more about us, share your talents and find the joy that being part of the St. Patrick's VBS volunteer team brings!

Questions: Theresa Weissburg – 781-0347 or stpatrickshmvs@gmail.com

**St. Patrick's Religious Ed. Program
Palm Crosses Fundraiser**

St. Patrick's Religious Ed. Program will be selling palm crosses at all Masses during the weekend of March 12-13th. Purchase a palm cross for only \$10.00. All funds will go towards the purchase of updating and buliding our religious instruction dvd/video collection. For more information, please call the office at (845) 928-6027.

**Town of Woodbury Police Department
Free Self Defense Class for Women**

The Town of Woodbury Police Department will be hosting a women's self defense course, free of charge, which will consist of a total of four classes. The course will run for **four** consecutive Thursdays, from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. The first course, which will be held on March 31, 2016, will be conducted at the Woodbury Police Department and will consist of classroom instruction. The following three courses, on April 7, 14 and 21, will be held at St. Patrick's Parish Center Gym – Weireter Hall, in Highland Mills, N.Y., and will consist of practicing the techniques from the **R.A.D. System – Basic Physical Defense Program for Women**. The police department has three certified R.A.D. System instructors who will be teaching the classes. Enrollment will be on a first come-first served basis and the class size will be limited to twenty women.

If you or anyone you know is interested in attending, please contact sergeant John J. Bourke at the town of Woodbury Police Department, (845) 928-2341 or jbourke@woodburypolice.org

Highland Mills Food Pantry

Please place an item, or more, in the basket at our church entrance. The Highland Mills Methodist Church is open Fridays from 11am – 12 noon for people to receive food packages. The pantry serves between 30-40 Woodbury families every week. For more information, call 928-6177.

Adoption – China Support Group

Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information call Barbara Salvesen at (845) 623-5277.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

For more information go to: www.wwme.org or call toll free: 1-877-NYS-WWME ext. 3

Ministry to Separated and Divorced Catholics

This is a support group for separated and divorced Catholics which meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Rectory Meeting Room of St. John's Church, 71 Murray Avenue, Goshen, N.Y. For more information, please contact Helen at (845) 563-0604.



The Rachel Ministry At the Marian Shrine in Stony Point Lomagno Hall- Adjacent to the Shrine Church

The Rachel Ministry meets every third (3rd) Monday of the month, starting on January 18th. It was created to provide help and support to those who have lost a baby at birth or prior to birth. For more information, call Eileen Peterson at (845)492-6709 or Betty Golemba at (845)271-3344 or (914) 450-4759.

Prayer for the Unborn

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child, that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. (Please offer this prayer daily for the unborn.)

Encyclical on Environment

In his recent encyclical on the care of our common home, Pope Francis preaches “the Gospel of Creation,” drawing on the words of the Hebrew prophets, saints like Francis of Assisi and Therese of Lisieux, the popes who preceded him, and of Jesus himself. Let us pray this Gospel of Creation in Francis’s own words: “Son of God, Jesus.... You are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!” And prayerfully consider signing the “St. Francis Pledge” of the Catholic Climate Covenant to act together with other Catholics in honor of St. Francis. Google “Catholic Climate Covenant”.

Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt Community Supported Agriculture

The sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY are offering Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) memberships at the farm they sponsor in Goshen, NY. Members enjoy Harmony Farm’s 356 types of vegetables over a 22 week season. Detailed information about CSA and the fees associated, can be found at www.harmonyfarmny.com or call Sr. Ellenrita Purcaro at (347)538-7759.

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Gospel Today
Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 8:1-11

The gospel reminds us to think about our own behaviors and not talk about the faults or sins of people in our community.

St. Patrick was a humble man of strong faith and love of God. He began his missionary work (following his early years of slavery) using his knowledge of scripture and his devotion to God. Like Jesus, he taught with love, mercy and forgiveness, not by force. Legend tells us he used a 3 leaf clover to help the people understand the Trinity - three persons; the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, in one God.

Love, mercy and forgiveness are shown to the woman in the gospel - let's practice being more like Jesus, and forgive anyone who has hurt or wronged us, as we:

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Write the letters below that are missing from the shamrock...

Jesus asks us to _____ one another.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the message below to finish the lesson for today.

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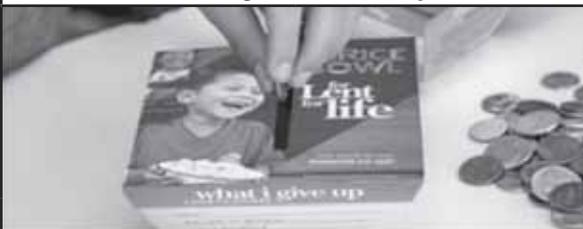
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