



The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	July 2 Deceased Members of the Coviello Family and Mark L. Brigham
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	July 3 John E. Carney and Hedy Ries For the Protecton of Unborn Babies & their Families Claire Cully and Patricia Hannon
Monday 8:00 am	July 4 Judy Sullivan and Doris Holler
Tuesday 8:00 am	July 5 Claire Mehalik and Hedy Ries
Wednesday 8:00 am	July 6 Steven Johe and Adam Vazir
Thursday 8:00 am	July 7 Larry Weiss, Jr. and Dorothy Berdel
Friday 8:00 am	July 8 Thomas Peterpaul and Patrick Torrell
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	July 9 Anthony Vitale and Luke Klisart Amelia & Sabino Gaito and Sabino, Jr. and Living and Deceased Members of the Capuano Family
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	July 10 For the Intentions of Will Cody David C. MacDonald and John Merner Allen Vohden and Stephen Banyasz, Jr.

Mass Schedule July 9th & 10th

Fr. Chris	Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 7:30 am
Fr. Dominic	Sunday 9 am and 11 am
Reconciliation (Confession) July 10th	
Fr. Chris	Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm

Summer Mass Schedule

Please be advised that we will not celebrate the **Sunday 5:00 pm** Mass during the summer months. We will resume the Sunday 5:00 pm mass on **Sunday, September 11, 2016**



We will continue to celebrate all other masses at their regularly scheduled times during the summer: **Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am and daily weekday and Saturday morning masses at 8:00 am.**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2016

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses petitions the people to follow the commandments God has set before them. He reminds them that the laws are not in the sky or far away at sea, but are accessible to them and meant to be followed if they wish to prosper.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Paul discusses the divine nature of Jesus, and explains that Jesus was created before anything else. Everything else was "created through him, and for him."

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

While discussing everlasting life, a lawyer mentions loving one's neighbor as oneself. The lawyer then asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells him about a man beaten by robbers, who was ignored by both a priest and a Levite before a Samaritan stopped and offered him aid. Jesus asks the lawyer who was neighbor to the injured man. The lawyer says "the one who treated him with compassion." Jesus encourages him to go and do the same.



Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of July 3 is in memory of deceased family members given by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Barna.

The Candles on the altar the week of July 3 are in memory of Richard Carroll given by Mary Carroll.

The Flowers on the altar the week of July 3 are in memory of deceased members of the Datre, Yuelling, Cerrato, and DeBiase families given by Donna Datre.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Anthony Cagno, Carmela Cecere, Will Cody, Leonard Cagno, Jane Cunningham, Joan Stecher and **for all our deceased especially Carol Polefko, mother of Tim Polefko.**

If you would like to include yourself or a family member on the St. Patrick Parish prayer list for those who are ill, please contact the parish office. Your prayer intention will remain on the parish prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Parish Support-June 26th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$11,880
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$12,767

During the summer months, **daily 8 am mass** will be celebrated in the Chapel in the Parish Office Building. Please use the Washington Avenue entrance.



From the Desk of Our Pastor

The Mightiest Nation on Earth

At a 4th of July picnic a Jewish rabbi and Catholic priest were introduced and found themselves engaged in a conversation about the similarities and differences of their traditions. Upon drifting from their chairs to a table with an assortment of scrumptious foods, the Catholic priest took some baked ham and said to the Rabbi, "I know it is against your religion, but I can't understand why such wonderful food should be forbidden. You do not know what you are missing, you haven't lived until you have tried Mrs. Warren's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?" The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin and responded, "At your wedding."

Tomorrow our nation celebrates its freedom to enjoy companionship and food at an outdoor BBQ; or take pleasure in a sporting event, relaxation in the backyard, lounge at the pool or beach, or even engage in political conversations about our presidential election or England's vote to break away from the European Union. These freedoms stem from that historical day of July 4, 1776 as thirteen colonies claimed independence from England's King George III. No thought was given that this decision would lead these thirteen colonies to become the mightiest nation on earth.

Since most in the parish are American citizens by birth, it is difficult to comprehend an existence absent of freedom. How would life be if we would be jailed for an anti-government comment, style of dress, or particular practice of religion? Many who come to this country and work toward American citizenship provide a message about freedom in that it comes at a price that frequently includes surrender of close family relationships, cultural enjoyments, foods, language, and customs. The pitfall for some American citizens is to take their citizenship lightly, or live with unreasonable expectations of entitlement due to their status in America. People in the United States are called to take pride in their citizenship and use their freedom to make better the lives of those who seek new opportunities through personal sacrifice and willingness to work and educate themselves in our nation. Anytime I hear stories of people who reveal the effort it took to immigrate to the United States and pursue a solid work ethic, it awakens me to the luxury of being born in the United States since I didn't risk anything to attain my freedom. An honorable notion of freedom should build Christian principles. This leads to the development of a society governed on sound ethics; which include respect for all regardless of their color, faith, sexuality, education, marital status, or economic situation. The misuse of freedom often steers an American to a second rate, self-centered and sometimes abusive lifestyle which is often based on narcissistic behavior.

The former president of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, once put into words his definition of freedom, "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." His words bring to light the fact that all of us want freedom, but struggle to live and maintain the responsibility attached to it. Throughout the parables of Jesus the gospels convey the way Jesus makes it clear that freedom is not equated with doing anything that we please to do; but, Jesus presses home the ethical boundaries to freedom which pertain to individuals and nations. Abuse of freedom renders harm to an individual or nation in that it wipes away the respect that each of us is invited to exhibit as Americans. If people accept the point that freedom begins with responsibility, it engenders the true meaning of 4th of July celebrations that compel us to overcome anything that prevents the responsibilities attached to freedom from taking place. Austrian psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, Viktor Frankl, brought this to light in stating, "We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms – to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

On Monday our nation celebrates a national holiday; the 4th of July parade is Chatham's most anticipated gathering of people throughout the year. My prayer for you is to realize the value and worth of your freedom so that you do not undervalue or misuse it; and, pray for those who are not blessed with the same prize that each of us enjoys. Please remember all military personnel in your prayers as well as fire fighters and police who protect our freedom.

*In Christ's Love,
Fr. Bob*

BAPTISM: Arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling Deacon Joe Wisneski at 973-635-4976. Parents are expected to attend an instructional session with a Baptism Team. Baptisms are celebrated at 12:30 pm Sundays.

RCIA-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The R.C.I.A. invites non-baptized persons and those baptized into another faith to participate in a faith journey in preparation for becoming a Catholic. If you are interested in any aspect of R.C.I.A., please email Deb at Dkuzma@st-pats.org or call her at the parish office at ext. 23.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Congratulations! In order that we can together plan for your big day, couples should notify the Church and begin to prepare at least one year in advance of the date. Please email Fr. Bob at Fr.Bob@st-pats.org or call Fr. Bob at the parish office ext. 22.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOME BOUND: If a family member or someone you know is recuperating from a hospital stay or is homebound for any length of time and would like to receive Holy Communion, please let us know. It is a priority for the parish community to support and be present to those who cannot be with us for the celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like a priest or deacon to visit a family member who is hospitalized, contact Peggy at Pgentile@st-pats.org or call her at the parish office ext. 25.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the parish office at 973-635-0625 to arrange for a priest.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST: Children preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist begin preparation in first grade. To register, visit our website at www.st-pats.org or contact Ginny, vshalvatore@st-pats.org.



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AROUND THE PARISH



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, July 4, 2016** in celebration of Independence Day.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, July 5 at 8 am.

Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **Vincent, Danielle, Ava, Vincent and Danielle Capone, Chad, Alison, Coldin, Chase, and Christian Gassert, Robert, Annie, Molly, Matthew and Libby Genkinger, Mark, Georgiann, Ethan and Izzy Herzinger, Brent, Danielle, Riley, Harrison and Reagan Sheehan and Adam, Tomasina, Isabella and Colin Wazeter.** We look forward to getting to know you!

Bishop Serratelli's Pastoral Visit to St. Patrick Parish

On Sunday, July 17, Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, will be celebrating the 11 am mass here at St. Patrick Church. This bishop's visit is part of his annual pastoral visit to each parish in the diocese. Please feel free to join the community in this parish celebration!

Due to the Independence Day holiday, the **Rosary Group** and the **Meditation Group** will not meet on Monday night, July 4. The Rosary Group will meet again for prayer on Monday, July 11 at 6:30 pm in the South Room and the Meditation Group will resume Monday, July 18 at 7 pm in the South Room.

Forget-Me-Not Weekend

Our monthly food collection is THIS weekend, **July 2 & 3.** Your generous donations are shared with the local community as well as our brothers and sisters in Paterson! All food donations (your bags or ours!) can be brought to the Fr. Ed Center after masses or the basket in the back of the church. *Thank you!*



Eva's Village

Next weekend, July 10th, consider signing up to prepare chili for Eva's Village. Sign up and everything you need to know about helping with this ministry will be in the church lobby! Make it a family project! Take a set of the pans provided with the accompanying recipe and instructions. Return the two pans of chili you've prepared and **frozen** the following weekend. It's that easy! The food we provide is much needed and greatly appreciated.

Prom Dress Drive ~ As prom season comes to a close, be sure to save your dresses! St. Pats will be hosting a Prom Drive on the weekend of July 16th and 17th to help girls who cannot afford to purchase a prom dress. Dresses will be donated to the Father English Center in Paterson, New Jersey. Drop off any new or gently worn dresses and accessories at the Fr. Ed Center before and after all masses the weekend of July 16th and 17th. Thank you for your generosity!



Our Lady of Victories

This week, our parish received a thank you from Our Lady of Victories Church in Paterson.

"I join the parish family of Our Lady of Victories in thanking you and the generous people of St. Patrick Church for your donation of \$7,000.00. All of us at Our Lady of Victories promise to remember the members of St. Patrick Church in our prayers. Please remember me in my new mission."

~ Rev. Benjamin J. Williams



Have you ever noticed how nicely dressed our ushers are each week? They come wearing a sports jacket, a tie, and often they match each other (though not intended). When you see someone that isn't dressed the same as those wearing an usher badge, it is because they have offered to help take up the collection with our ushers. But being an usher is so much more. They are the first face you see as you enter our church. They greet our visitors and assure the environment is set before and after masses. A huge round of applause and thanks to these dedicated ministers. If you'd like to join in this special ministry, please contact-that's right-an usher, or contact Deb in the parish office at DKuzma@st-pats.org.



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

In order to enhance our curriculum for 21st century learning, St. Patrick School is looking to buy new desks to facilitate group STEM activities while improving our students' learning environment overall. A desk and chair set costs \$175 each and approximately 300 desks are needed.

Please consider buying a desk for a St. Patrick Student to help brighten their future. Gifts of \$250 or more can be made in honor of a loved one.

Please contact the St. Patrick School office at 973-635-4623 for more information.

RCIA is for anyone who wants to learn more about their faith, those who want to become Catholic, those who want to try to understand the teachings of the Catholic Church or those who simply want to deepen their faith if they are already Catholic. *Please contact Deb at dkuzma@st-pats.org for more information.*

A Traveler's Prayer

Gracious Father in heaven, we ask that you protect all who travel this summer. We thank you for the freedom to travel and the resources to do so. Surround all who are travelling with your love and guardian angels, and bring them home again renewed and refreshed. Help us to see the joy in the journey as much as the destination, and keep us free from accidents, injury and harm. *Amen.*



FAITH FORMATION

Online Registration for 2016-2017 for fall classes grades K-8 is open. To register, log onto the parish website: www.st-pats.org. *Parents with children entering grade 2 need to register for a class and the **Sacramental Program** by choosing the date and time for their child's First Communion.*

Catechists are needed for the following session:

Sunday, Session I: 8:15am-9:45am: Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3 & 7
 Sunday, Session II: 10:15am-11:45am: Grades 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7
 Sunday, Session III: 7-8:30pm: Grade 8
 Monday, Session IV: 4-5:30pm: Grades 4,6, & 7

Contact Ginny Salvatore at vsalvatore@st-pats.org or at the Parish Office at 973-635-0625 ext. 27.



MUSIC MINISTRY

The fundamental musical instrument is the human voice. Singing is the most natural and spontaneous mode of musical expression, and since it is almost always linked to a text it can unambiguously express thought as well as emotion. As the singer is his or her own instrument, the voice is never altogether distanced from the personality. However, a good voice does not make a singer unless it is combined with accurate rhythm, good sense of pitch and enunciation. As in other instruments, the sound of the voice is the result of amplified vibrations. The vibrations of the vocal cords resonate in the cavities of both the chest and the head (frequently called lower and upper registers). The singer automatically adjusts the shapes and sizes of these cavities along with muscular variations in the vocal cords to produce the required notes.

St. Francis wrote, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." Our voice is a tool of our mind and soul, allowing us to communicate love and peace to others through singing and speaking. Our entire body becomes an instrument of peace when we put thoughts about love and peace into action.

Maggie Hanson, Music Minister

Information about the voice from *The Encyclopedia of Music* by Max Wade-Matthews and Wendy Thompson, 2006

The Morris Habitat for Humanity ReStore is looking for donations. If you have furniture, décor items, working appliances, or tools you might be able to donate, please call 973-366-3358. Free pick up is available and items are tax deductible. Also, consider shopping at their ReStore for furniture, building materials and appliances. Visit the website for store hours: www.morrisrestore.org.



Travel to Italy with Fr. Owen this Fall

Are you interested in making a spiritual journey and visit beautiful sites in Italy? Travel to Italy, October 10-20, 2016 with Fr. Owen and St. Rose of Lima Parish in East Hanover, NJ. Included sites: Venice, Padua, Milan, Como, Cinque Terre, Florence, Assisi, Rome. If interested, please contact Mrs. Stephanie Politi at spoliti@saintroseoflimachurch.org or at 973-599-2944. Limited spots are available!

Did You Know?

When you recite the Pledge of Allegiance, in your heart, thank a Knight. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States originated on Columbus Day, 1893. It contained no reference to Almighty God, until in New York City on April 22, 1951, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution to amend the Pledge of Allegiance as recited at the opening of each of the meetings of the 800 Fourth Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus by the addition of the words "under God" after the words "one nation". On August 21, 1952, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, at its annual meeting, adopted a resolution urging that the change be made general and copies of this resolution were sent to the President, the Vice President (as Presiding Officer of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At its annual meeting the following year, on August 20, 1953, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus repeated its resolution to make this amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag general and to send copies of this resolve to the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House, and to each member of both Houses of Congress. From this latter action, many favorable replies were received and a total of seventeen resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives to so amend the Pledge of Allegiance as set forth in the Public Law relating to the use of the flag. The resolution introduced by congressman Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan was adopted by both Houses of Congress, and it was signed by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, thereby making official the amendment conceived, sponsored, and put into practice by the Knights of Columbus more than three years before.

In a message to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart at the meeting of the Supreme Council in Louisville, August 17, 1954, President Eisenhower, in recognition of the initiative of the Knights of Columbus in originating and sponsoring the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance, said: "We are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words 'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance. These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and heart the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded. For the contribution which your organization has made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful."

Prayers for the Fortnight for Freedom

In April of 2012, the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a document, "Our First, Most Cherished Liberty," outlining the bishops' concerns over threats to religious freedom and called for a "Fortnight for Freedom," from June 21-July 4. Culminating on Independence Day, this special period of prayer, study, catechesis, and public action emphasize both our Christian and American heritage of liberty.

This weekend there are prayer materials, a *Litany for Liberty* and a *Novena for Religious Freedom* at the church entrances. These prayers are also available online at the USCCB website.