



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 4, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>September 3</b> Deceased Members of the Coviello Family and Patrick J. Breheny, Sr.
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>September 4</b> Catherine Doyle and Dorothy Berdel Gerard Droner and Thomas Peterpaul Donna Cali-Charles and Dolores Skea
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 5</b> Agnes Cirillo and Claire Mehalik
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 6</b> Florence Fitzsimmons and Richard Kelly
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 7</b> Jane Kilmartin and Emil DeLade
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 8</b> Protection of Unborn Children & Their Families and Arthur DeMartini
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>September 9</b> Paul J. Burke and Gloria Zwick
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>September 10</b> Virginia Viola and Michael Wisneski Deceased Members of the Cangemi and Phelan Families and Peter Coviello
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>September 11</b> Ann Powers and Gloria Zwick Leslie O'Brien and Scarlett Chwatko Barbara Barry and Ramon Cartasano Patricia Hannon and Steven Joho

**Mass Schedule September 10th & 11th**

<b>Fr. Bob</b>	<b>Sunday 9:00 am and 11:30 am</b>
<b>Fr. Chris</b>	<b>Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 7:30 am</b>
<b>Salesian</b>	<b>Sunday 5:00 pm</b>

**Reconciliation (Confession) September 10th**

<b>Fr. Chris</b>	<b>Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm</b>
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**Mass Schedule**

The **Sunday 5:00 pm** Mass will resume in the church on **Sunday, September 11, 2016.**

Celebration of the **daily 8:00 am** Mass will return to the church on **Monday, September 5, 2016.**

**Parish Support-August 28, 2016**

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....	\$14,823
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....	\$16,345

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 11, 2016

**First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14**

God became very angry with the Israelites for worshipping a molten calf and making sacrifices to it. The people had so quickly violated his commandments that he planned to destroy them, but Moses pleaded with God for mercy and God relented.

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

Paul considered himself a former blasphemer and persecutor, and expressed his gratitude for the mercy Jesus showed him. Paul felt that he was a perfect example of Jesus' patience toward sinners and his desire to reconcile them with God.

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-32**

The Pharisees grew angry because of Jesus' compassion toward sinners. In response, Jesus tells of a son who squandered his inheritance, then returned to his father and asked to be treated as a hired hand. The father rejoiced, angering his older and more obedient son. The father explained that everything he owned belonged to his older son; but he had to rejoice for the son who was lost and had been found.

**Rejoice!**  
**What I lost...**  
**is now found.**



**Weekly Memorials**

**The Lamp** burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of September 4th is in memory of deceased family members given by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Garcia.

**The Candles** on the altar the week of September 4th are in memory of deceased members of the Women of Mary.

**The Flowers** on the altar the week of September 4th are in memory of deceased members of the Viola, Zammetti and Plantemoli families given by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Plantemoli.

**Hear our Prayers for those who are ill** especially Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Anthony Cagno, Carmela Cecere, Will Cody, Jane Cunningham, Joan Stecher, Stanley Wisneski, Rita Reardon, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Alexa Amandolare, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Deacon Maximo Paulino and **for all our deceased especially John Crowley, father of Jack Crowley.**

*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.*



*From the Desk of Our Pastor*

## Finding God in Your Work

Every six weeks I take a ride up to the Botany Village section of Clifton to visit my barber, Ozzie. He greets me with a hug and is always ready to listen and hear stories about my life as a priest. Ozzie (Oswald Chiarella) is an Italian immigrant who came to the U.S. at age 19 and worked sweeping up hair from a barber shop floor. Soon thereafter he was drafted into the U.S. Navy where he became a crew barber, which paved the way for jobs as a barber in Bayonne and Jersey City prior to purchasing his own shop in Edgewater. Ozzie has been cutting hair for almost 60 years and shows no sign of slowing up. Upon leaving Edgewater, Ozzie purchased a barber shop in Clifton where he has cut hair for the past 40 years. Most of his customers are regulars who appreciate Ozzie's work and dedication. Religiously, he opens up his shop at 7:00 a.m. (Tuesday through Saturday) and stays until 5:00 p.m., which is a long day. Ozzie loves to chat; conversations frequently stem around family, church, politics, and other priests who come for haircuts. He also never forgets to send me a birthday card. On the mirror of the barbershop are no less than twenty five postcards from trips that his customers have taken. Each time I come in he points out two postcards that I have sent him (Krakow and Shanghai); and, asks about the destination of my next trip. I have been visiting Ozzie's Barber Shop since 1994 and will keep up the relationship until Ozzie retires in that I admire the genuine love for work and people that comes from this man.

Tomorrow September 5 our nation unites for the celebration of Labor Day, which puts closure on many summer gatherings, recreation, and playful activities. As a child I never looked forward to Labor Day in that it signified the beginning of a school year; however, it is beneficial to take time to give thanks to God for the roots of labor and the importance to protect the right of workers. It also invites people to remember in prayer low wage workers who provide much good to society. These are people who work hard and seldom get recognized through awards, income, or verbal affirmation for their efforts. There are others who work under unpleasant conditions and face harassment, intimidation, replacement, and bad faith when they attempt to defend themselves.

Applause must be given to those who treat their workers fairly in building a strong workplace. A Pastoral Letter from the U.S. Bishops on Economic Justice states, "Changes in our hearts lead naturally to a desire to change how we act. With what care, human kindness and justice do I conduct myself at work? How will my economic decisions to buy, sell, invest, divest, hire, or fire serve human dignity and the common good? In what career can I best exercise my talents so as to fill the world with the Spirit of Christ?" Although the nature of the work world has changed due to longer hours, technology and lack of loyalty between employer and employee, ethical and moral responsibilities still exist; especially for those who oversee others in a work environment. Concerns over health care, affordable housing, transportation, education still touch upon many in a work environment. Stress ranks as a major problem in the workplace which leads to some unhappy faces; however, self-worth in work is not determined by the work that is done, but by how a person does his/her job.

Lack of work may knock the air out of some who are unemployed as it renders the false belief that a person is no longer needed. It takes determination to search for new opportunity when unemployed as it is easy for the unemployed to lose confidence in their abilities, yet an employment drought may be an opportune time to market unexplored skills in new and different ways even if it means a decrease in salary. Unfortunately, some generate a path that leads to anger, anxiety, alcohol, gambling, self-doubt, envy, fear, and procrastination when unemployed. President Harry S. Truman once stated, "It's recession when your neighbor loses his job, it is depression when you lose your own."

As the country celebrates Labor Day, take time to see the importance in the "work" God calls you to each day. On a bad day ponder your thoughts to the way your life would be without some specific chore, job, work, or volunteer activity. Coming to a job each day renders greater purpose to your life and the opportunity to spread God's love to co-workers, customers, clients, bosses, commuters, volunteers, or even competitors, which gives reason to celebrate Labor Day.

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.st-pats.org) or contact Ginny, [vshalvatore@st-pats.org](mailto:vshalvatore@st-pats.org).



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## AROUND THE PARISH



In observance of Labor Day, the Saint Patrick Parish office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016.

Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 8:00 am.

## Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **Brian, Claire and Luke Alexitch**. We look forward to getting to know you!

## Annual St. Patrick Parish Picnic

**Sunday, September 11, 2016**

Join us at 11:30 am for Mass followed by food, fun, family, and friends with lots of activities for the kids!

Washington Avenue School Field

*(In case of rain, the festivities will be moved to the Parish Center.)*

Good food, music, activities, games for the kids, 50/50 raffle and much, much, much more! Bring your blanket or lawn chairs. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided and grilled by the Knights of Columbus!

*This is a FREE event, but please bring along a non-perishable food item for our Food Pantry...Thank you!*

**FORGET-ME-NOT WEEKEND**—Our monthly food collection is *this* weekend, **September 3 & 4**. 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 placed in the basket in the back of the church. *Thank You!*

**Altar Server Training:** There will be training for all students interested in becoming altar servers on Monday, September 19 at 3:30 pm in the church. The first session should last about one hour. Any student in grade 4 or above is welcome. If school dismissal is later than 3:30 pm, please arrive as soon as possible.

## Monday Rosary Gatherings

There will be **no** 6:30 pm Rosary on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th. Rosary will resume at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 12th in the church. Please enter the church from the door on the parking lot side.

*All are welcome to come to pray for world peace.*



## SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

*Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith*

Saint Patrick School cordially invites all parishioners to our Parish Open House on Sunday, September 18th from 10:00 am until noon. Our school is a parish ministry, and the support of everyone means so much. Come see all the exciting changes in our buildings. Wander the halls and let us say thank you for all of your support!



## PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

*Saint Patrick Parish*

### **SAVE THE DATES**

*September programs from Alzheimer's New Jersey*

*Late Stage Alzheimer's Disease: An Intensive for Caregivers*

This is a FREE two part series that is open to everyone  
Thursdays, September 15 and September 22, 6:30-8:30 pm

Newton Medical Center

Light refreshments provided

Pre-registration is required

888-280-6055

*Coping with Caregiver Stress*

This FREE program examines caregiver stress and offers coping strategies to become a healthier caregiver.

Thursday, September 29, 6:30-7:30 pm

Morris County Library

Pre-registration is required

888-280-6055

## Women of Mary ~ Annual Bake Sale

After all masses on September 17 & 18, stop by the Parish Center lobby and pick up some delicious treats at our annual Women of Mary Bake Sale.



## FAITH FORMATION

Classes begin on Sunday, September 25 and Monday, September 26. All registered students will receive a "Welcome To Our Class" email from their catechist before classes begin. Students must be registered before they can attend class.

### **Volunteers Needed:**

Sunday, Session I: 8:15-9:45 am—Catechist for Grade 7

Sunday, Session II: 10:15-11:45 am—Catechist for Grade 3

Safety Monitor: Session II

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**Youth Ministry Registration** ~ If you have not yet registered for the 2016-2017 year in Youth Ministry, now is the time to do so. Go to [st-pats.org](http://st-pats.org) and click on Youth Ministry under the parish ministries link.

Our programs start up the first week of September, so don't miss out! Incoming freshmen, as well as juniors and seniors, should just register for Youth Ministry. Sophomores should also register for an Antioch retreat if you know the date you would like. Starting mid-September, anyone not registered will no longer receive weekly emails and information.

**Freshmen Mark Your Calendars** ~ The Mandatory Freshmen Rite of Invitation is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th, 5-7:30 pm (with Mass) and Thursday, September 22nd, 7:30-9:00 pm (no Mass). All Freshmen and at least 1 parent must attend one of these sessions which serve as an orientation for those entering into our Youth Ministry Process. An email will be sent out in early September asking for your choice of date.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Hello parishioners! We need new choir members to come on board this fall. Please consider our many options. Registration forms and schedules are available at [www.st-pats.org](http://www.st-pats.org). They can be turned in to the church or school office. Blessings, Maggie Hanson, Music Minister.*

**Adults:** Please consider singing with us at the 11 am mass (St. Patrick Choir). We need people for all parts, especially *alto* and *bass*. If you'd like to sing but have minimal free time, you might like to sing with our *Saturday Choir*. There is a short rehearsal before mass and no other weekly rehearsals. We only have six singers! We need you!

**Teens:** *God Unplugged* is SO fun. You must give it a try! We sing and play instruments, so you can volunteer for either. We meet Sunday afternoons. We are looking for at least ten new teenagers to share in this ministry!

**Kids:** We have three different choirs, and there is still time to sign up. In particular, we'd like to have new boys join the *Boys Choir* and the younger group, the *Morning Song Choir*.

**Instrumentalists:** Adults who play instruments...we need you! What a beautiful way to minister to others. We can work with your schedule. Middle school through adult who play instruments of any kind are encouraged to play at any of our masses!

**Guitarists/bass players:** We need some help Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am and Sunday 5pm.

### Meeting Times:

*God Unplugged* (teenage singers/instrumentalists): Starts 9/18  
Meet every Sun. at 3:45, sing for Sunday 5 pm masses

*St. Patrick Boys Choir* (grades 3-8): Starts 9/15  
Meet every Thurs. at 6:30, sing for Sun. 9 am mass 2x/month

*St. Patrick Girls Choir* (grades 3-8): Starts 9/14  
Meet every Wed. at 6:15, sing for Sun 9 am mass 2x/month

*Morning Song Choir* (grades K-3): Starts 9/21  
Meet every Wed. at 5:30, sing for some 9 am masses and special occasions

*St. Patrick School Choir* (grades 1-8): Starts in September  
Consists of church choir members who attend the school

*Saturday Sound Choir* (adult): Ongoing  
Meet every Sat. at 4:00 pm. Sing for the Sat. 5 pm mass

*St. Patrick Choir* (adult): Starts 9/8  
Meet every Thurs. at 7:30 pm. Sing for the 11 am mass, Advent Christmas Concert and Holy Week

*Instrumentalists* (middle school and up): Starts 9/14  
Meet every Wed. at 7:15 pm. Play for any of the masses

### Registration for choirs and instrumentalists:

\*Registration forms can be obtained at church entrances, school office and church office as well as online at [www.st-pats.org](http://www.st-pats.org). Please register by Sept. 8.

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### Reflection

"None of you can be my disciple if you do not renounce all your possessions."

Luke 14:33

What I have is actually God's. The renunciation is realizing we are only managers of what we have and not owners.



## A Blessing for Teachers

May the God of Gentleness be with you, touching you with sunlight and rain and wind. May God's tenderness shine through you to warm you and those you teach.

May the God of Strength be with you, and may you be the sacrament of God's strength to those whose hands you hold.

May the God of Wonder be with you, enchanting your senses, filling your hearts, bringing lightheartedness to you and those you teach.

May the God of Simplicity be with you, opening you to a clear vision of what is real and true, so that you may go forth with integrity.

May the God of Peace be with you, that you may still the heart that hammers with fear and doubt and confusion.

May the God of Love be with you, listening to you, giving to you, drawing you close, so that you may be the image of God's love to others, especially your students.

Dear God, please bless all teachers with a sense of your divine presence, so that they may be supported and encouraged in their ministry of teaching. May you give them the grace to turn over to you all that troubles them. May you fill them with your own serenity as they face the challenges that lie ahead. May you touch their hearts with joy and be gracious to them. Amen.

**The Chatham Emergency Squad (CES)** will again host a blood drive on Saturday, September 10th at the Chatham Train Station in conjunction with the Farmer's Market.

The hours of donation will be from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Donors, ages 17-76, should be in good health and have some form of identification with them. Teenagers, age 16 can also donate with parental permission; forms for this will be available at the site. Anyone with questions about donating can call the blood center at 800-688-0900.

## Diocesan Men's Conference

The Diocese of Paterson Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Join us from 8:30 am—1:00 pm for the opportunity to enhance men's spirituality and encourage them to be more involved with their parishes. Former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz; Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal Ministries; and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries will make presentations. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. Visit [www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org) for more information.

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Thursday, September 8

Respect Life Meeting: 7:30 pm; North Room

### Sunday, September 11

Chili Sign Up: Church Lobby

Parish Picnic: 11:30 am; Washington Ave. School Field