



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 14 Mary McNiff and Jackie Ford
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	January 15 Edwin L. Sprague, Jr. and William Schwarze Karl Buckman and Eleanor DelBello Donald Peters and John C. Crowley Mary Kathryn Quinn and Catherine Datre
Monday 8:00 am	January 16 John Scott and Celeste Morelli
Tuesday 8:00 am	January 17 Michael Bernardo and Giovanna DiPuma
Wednesday 8:00 am	January 18 James Scheutzow and Marlene Wisneski
Thursday 8:00 am	January 19 Mary Conlin and Hedy Ries
Friday 8:00 am 1:00 pm	January 20 Fay Rusconi and Claire Mehalik Jackie Ford and Rocco Rosa
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	January 21 John Shubeck and Joan Stecher Anna Gaydos, Ken Hoch and Betty Tunny
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	January 22 Gertrude Morrissey and Eleanor Gilsenen Jackie Ford and Andrew Hurley Dorothea Eaton and Maria Godio Gertrude Morrissey and Lisa Tavaglione

Mass Schedule January 21st & 22nd

Fr. Bob Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7:30 am
Fr. Chris Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 5 pm

Reconciliation (Penance) January 21st

Fr. Bob Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of January 15th is in memory of deceased members of the Tyrone family given by the family.

The Candles on the altar the week of January 15th are in memory of Claire Mehalik given by the Women of Mary.

The **Altar Flowers** the week of January 15th are in memory of deceased members of the Cangemi family given by the family.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Carmela Cecere, Marie Conlan, Sandra Dols, Mike Mulane, Fr. Patrick Brown, Evey Staromano, Tony Cecere, Deacon Tony Siino and **for all our deceased especially Stanley Wisneski and Leopold Igielinski.**

Parish Support-January 8th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$22,370
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$17,843

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the "day of Midian."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be "fishers of men."



THE SAINT PATRICK PARISH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY



Monday, January 16

Rosary Group: 6:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church

Tuesday, January 17

Finance Committee Meeting: 7:30 pm; South Room

Wednesday, January 18

Parish Nurses Meeting: 7 pm; North Room
Ushers Meeting: 7 pm; South Room

Thursday, January 19

Walking with Purpose: 9 am; East/West Room
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
YM ACRE Testing: 7:30 pm; Cafeteria
Knights of Columbus: 8:30 pm; East/West Room

Friday, January 20

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room

Sunday, January 22

Chili Drop Off: Drop off to the freezers in the garage
By 10 am

Faith Formation: 8:15am, 10:15am, 7pm; School
Appalachia Inquiry Meeting: 12 pm; East/West Room
RCIA: 12:15 pm; South Room
YM ACRE Testing: 7:30 pm; Cafeteria

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH



From the Desk of Our Pastor

500th Reformation Anniversary (Part I of II)

Three Lutheran women walk into a Catholic liturgy and stand in the back of an overcrowded church. The priest recognizes the women and wishes to show them respect, kindness, and hospitality. He whispers to the altar server, "Three chairs for the Lutheran ladies." The server jumps to his feet and shouts, "Three cheers for the Lutheran ladies." The assembly rises, responds with applause and the liturgy begins. This Wednesday, January 18, initiates a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity under the theme, "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us." The year marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation that began in the year 1517 as Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic professor of moral theology at the University of Wittenberg, Germany, raised concerns that pertained to his belief in abuses within the Catholic Church through his *Ninety-five Theses*, the doctrinal challenge that launched the Reformation. Luther's writings changed the course of religious and cultural history throughout the Western World.

Although Luther's "Disputation on the Power of Indulgences" in his *Ninety-five Theses* was the starting point, his interpretation of the Scriptures led him to questions that pertained to justification, which was a doctrine at the core of the dispute that debated whether believers attained salvation by faith alone (Luther's position) or by faith and good works (Catholic position). This appeared to be the final straw for Luther in his connection with the Catholic Church, and the true beginning to the Reformation. This year Christian Unity Week raises awareness that the struggle of the 16th century is over as Catholics and Lutherans recognize the pain and divisions that brought disunity and hardship to so many good people. It also brings to light memorable words of Luther at the *Diet of Worms* (1521), "I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot *and* I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against my conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, and may God help me, Amen."

Christian Unity Week is an attempt to render respect to people of all faiths and traditions as it invites individuals to break down barriers, build bridges, make peace, and open doors to new ways of life in the name of the one who reconciles us to God, Jesus Christ. Throughout the past 500 years the Catholic Church began to seek better relations with other churches after the Vatican Council (1962-65). Most believe that Luther's *Ninety-five Theses* was never intended to initiate a new church or religion; but, through mishandling by both Catholics and followers of Luther, the crisis led to a split, and the beginning of the Lutheran tradition. Since the days of *Vatican Council II*, Catholics and other Christian faiths have ironed out many of their differences, which initiated newfound respect toward one another.

Since the Catholic Church teaches that the baptism of a person in a non-Catholic Christian tradition is a valid baptism, people who enter into the Catholic tradition from a non-Catholic Christian faith are never re-baptized. Christian Unity Week bids people of all traditions to be proud of their beliefs as well as show outward signs of hospitality to people of other faiths in that this presents an opportunity to extract the positive which each tradition brings to God's creation. Gone are the days whereby Christian churches put down each other, disallow people to enter the worship space of the other, or teach that one specific religion is superior to another. Now, 500 years after the beginnings of the Reformation; Catholics, Lutherans, and other traditions are open to follow the path of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. How good it would be if those in world leadership positions as well as our political parties in the United States took the same approach in assessing divisions often marked by violence, hatred, discrimination, ill-treatment, or defamatory comments.

Next week I plan to evaluate the way an understanding attitude fosters unity among believers of all faiths as it engenders strength to families, church communities, and our nation. As a week of Christian Unity begins this Wednesday, appreciate the gift that all Christians hold in common, which is belief in a loving God who has blessed us with the gift of life in Jesus Christ who invites us to be loving people.

*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

Baptisms

Emma Sofield Boyd
Daughter of Justin and Jessica

Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **Jason, Brenda and Fiona Skalski**. We look forward to getting to know you!

There will be an initial training for altar servers in the church on Monday, January 23 starting at 3:30 pm. The training should last about 1 hour. Any student in grades 4 and above are welcome to participate. A refresher for current altar servers will be scheduled next month.

Eva's Village

THIS WEEKEND sign up to prepare chili for Eva's Village. Everything you need to know about helping with this ministry is in the church lobby! Consider helping out. Make it a family project. Sign up today. Take a set of the pans provided with the accompanying recipe and instructions then return the two pans of chili you've prepared and **frozen** next weekend to the freezers in the priests' garage by 10:00 am. It's that easy! The food we provide is much needed and greatly appreciated. (Early drop off is possible. Contact the office to make arrangements.)

From the St. Patrick Parish Respect Life Committee:

Holy Family Parish's bus will not go to Washington, DC, this year. Instead they will be taking the bus to a pro-life rally in Trenton, NJ, on Monday, January 23rd. The Rally for Life, to be held at the state capitol from 11 am to 1 pm, is intended to alert legislators and the public to support a bill entitled the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (A3452/S2026). We invite all parishioners, adults and children, to join Holy Family and spend the day for a good cause. The event will certainly be educational for our younger parishioners. The plan is to attend the 8:15 am mass together, then take the bus to Trenton, arriving in time to participate in the Rally. After the Rally, we will return to Florham Park. To sign up, contact Frank or Barbara Tinari at 973-822-0084. There is a \$10 per person charge for non-parishioners of Holy Family.

Pray and Act in Support of the Unborn-January 22nd

Learn how you can participate virtually or in person as the Church marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal. Opportunities sponsored by the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat include a "9 Days for Life" pro-life novena, a Day of Prayer, and the Prayer Vigil for Life in Washington, DC.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/index.cfm>



FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Faith Formation Classes

January 22nd & 23rd
February 5th & 6th
February 12th & 13th

First Communion Parent Meeting: One parent is required to attend one of the following meetings held in the Fr. Ed Parish Center:

Sunday, January 22 at 10:15-11:45 am
Tuesday, January 24 at 7:30-9:00 pm

World Day of Migrants and Refugees-January 15th

The theme of Pope Francis' 2017 Message for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless." The Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples said that Pope Francis "wants to focus attention on the smallest of the small." The statement noted that children, who often arrive unaccompanied in their destination countries, "are unable to make their own voices heard" and "easily become victims of grave violations of human rights." The Council noted that "migration is a worldwide phenomenon," and that all continents are "touched by this reality." The rights of children are a cause for special concern, as among migrants, women and children are particularly vulnerable. Children especially are often "invisible" because they lack documents or arrive in new countries without accompaniment. The theme of this year's day is precisely an effort to draw attention to the needs of those who are most vulnerable. Pope Francis' Pontifical Message marking this occasion is available on the Vatican website. Visit <http://bit.ly/2eDsdBq> for an artistic reflection based on his words.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Week in Youth Ministry

Spring Action Team Meeting: Mon., Jan. 16; 7-9:30 pm; YMC

Sophomore Gathering: Tues., Jan. 17, 7:15-8:45 pm;
In the YMC

Spring Antioch Team Meeting: Wed., Jan. 18, 7-9:30 pm;
At St. Vincent Martyr

ACRE Assessment: Thurs., Jan. 19, 7:30-8:30 pm; Cafeteria

ACRE Assessment: Sun., Jan. 22, 7:30-8:30 pm; Cafeteria

ACRE Diocese Testing for 10th Graders: All Youth Ministry teens in grade 10 are required by the diocese to take the ACRE assessment. Testing will take place on Thursday, January 19 and Sunday, January 22 from 7:30 -8:30 pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria. Teens only need to attend ONE testing session.

2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal-Be Rich in Good Works

If you have not yet responded to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2016 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2017. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2016appeal.org.





SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

St. Patrick School's Open House to be held January 29th In Celebration of Catholic Schools Week

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week (which in 2017 is January 29-February 4). The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

Please join the students, faculty and families of St. Patrick School in celebrating the start of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29, opening with a Liturgy at 11:00 am followed by an Open House held from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm. School tours can be made by appointment throughout the week of January 29-February 4. Applications for the 2017-18 school year are currently being accepted.

Come and meet our outstanding teachers and explore the benefits of a Catholic School education.

For further information, contact Principal, Dr. Christine Ross at 973-635-4623 or principal@st-pats.org. Please visit our website at <https://st-pats-school.org/>

Saint Patrick School, accredited by AdvancED, is a co-educational, parochial elementary school for students preschool through eighth grade. The school has been nationally recognized as a United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School, and a Diocese of Paterson Star School. Saint Patrick School is a STEM school that promotes student critical thinking and application throughout the curriculum in all grades.

The Christmas season ended last Monday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and Tuesday, we marked the return to Ordinary Time. Although there is a first week of Ordinary Time, there is no First Sunday in Ordinary Time, and so today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. For Catholics, the Christmas season begins with Christmas and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (usually celebrated on a Sunday). Christmas is not just a day; it's a season. The Baptism of Our Lord, as well as the Feast of the Holy Family, that both occur during the Christmas season were celebrated on weekdays this year due to Christmas falling on a Sunday.

We will remain in Ordinary Time until February 28, the day before Ash Wednesday. Those of you that have been celebrating Christmas much longer than others will remember that we would start to count the Sundays as "after the Epiphany." The second time Ordinary Time came around, it was counted as the Sundays "after Pentecost." They are now all counted as ORDINAL (thus the term ordinary) numbers, picking up again numerically after the Easter Season, concluding with the start of Advent. We spend the largest part of the liturgical year in Ordinary Time. What's your plan for Ordinary Time? We often make a plan for Lent or Advent, but we let Ordinary Time be ordinary. There is really nothing ordinary about a relationship with Christ, unless we allow it to be. Make a plan for this Ordinary Time, so you are ready March 1 when Ash Wednesday arrives. Pray together as a family, be sure to pray thanks before meals, and if you can work it out with your work schedule, celebrate weekly liturgy as a family.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Reclaiming Our Religion

Faith is about believing, caring, loving, and doing. Usually we have to take a step forward out of our comfort zone to make good things happen. Still, we can do small things within our power to make change! We can smile for someone who is sad. We can visit someone who is sick. We can carry something for someone who is less strong. We can show up and help at a soup kitchen or charity event. We can sacrifice a little something to make a financial contribution. These things require a little effort, but make a huge difference. In the same way, we can make a difference at mass. We can take a small step out of our complacency to focus on prayer, say hello to an unfamiliar face, and to share the breath required to sing.

Singing is a significant part of prayer at mass. Why is it better when the congregation sings? It shows we are willing to take a small step to make a difference. The breath required for singing is a little deeper than the breath we use for speaking, just like the caring that makes a difference comes from a little deeper in our soul. Breath is often equated with life; breath and wind are equated with the Holy Spirit. When St. Augustine claimed that "to sing is to pray twice," he didn't simply mean that singing is nice. He meant that singing takes more breath and more spirit. When we all sing on the same tones together, we become unified in our breath and in our tone, just as we are unified in Christ. We inspire each other. Did you know that the person next to you in the pew might not be singing simply because you are not singing? Perhaps you are not singing because they are not singing! All it takes is for a few people to be willing to share a spark. We can take a small step out of our comfort zone to fill our masses with joy and spirit. It doesn't require training. It is not a performance, and it will not be graded. It isn't supposed to be perfect, although it is perfect when we care enough about our faith to try! The effort is what is important. With practice, singing becomes easier and more and more fulfilling. We can fill our masses with love and the message that we care!

*Yours in Christ,
Maggie Hanson, Music Minister*

Martin Luther King Day ~ In advance of MLK Day, the USCCB Special Task Force to Promote Peace in Our Communities has released a written version of its findings and recommendations. This document supports the continuation of the vital work of fostering healing and lasting peace in communities across the U.S. The report's recommendations focus on prayer, local dialogues, parish-based and internal diocesan conversation and training, and empowering communities to identify and begin to address challenges. The full report and additional resources are available on the USCCB Racism page.

"Some of you said: this system can no longer be endured. We must change it; we must put human dignity again at the center and on that pillar build the alternative social structures we need. It must be done with courage, but also with intelligence, with tenacity but without fanaticism, with passion but without violence. And among us all, addressing the conflicts without being trapped in them, always seeking to resolve the tensions to reach a higher plane of unity, peace and justice." -Pope Francis, 10/14

January is Poverty Awareness Month!

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Catholic Community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! In addition to the calendar available at church entrances, longer daily reflections are also available at: USCCB.org. You can sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month!