



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2017

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 21 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 Gilsenan Jackie Ford and Andrew Hurley Dorothea Eaton and Maria Godio Gertrude Morrissey and Lisa Tavaglione
Monday 8:00 am	January 23 Jackie Ford and Paul J. Burke
Tuesday 8:00 am	January 24 Michelina SanGiovanni and Arthur Kondrup
Wednesday 8:00 am	January 25 John M. Babbitt and Theresa Brady
Thursday 8:00 am	January 26 Eleanor Gilsenan and Henry Weisbecker
Friday 8:00 am	January 27 Marie Penzaline and Stanley Wisneski
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	January 28 Henry Gagliano and Clara Ines Cardona Anna Gaydos, Mettia Dama and Deceased Members of the Desouza and Estrada Families
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	January 29 Joan Stecher and Cynthia Ann Mahoney Jackie Ford, Sonia Silva and Nicholas Marconi Dan Meeks, Cory Fuller and Jack Kennedy Gertrude Morrissey and Sheila Teschemacher

Mass Schedule January 28th & 29th

Fr. Bob	Sunday 9 am, Deacon Joe Homily Sunday 11 am Sunday 5 pm, Deacon Joe Homily
Fr. Chris	Saturday 5 pm, Deacon Mark Homily Sunday 7:30 am, Deacon Mark Homily

Reconciliation (Penance) January 28th

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



Join the Marian Prayer Group! This group offers prayers honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus and gather in the North Room of the Parish Office building at 41 Oliver Street every Thursday at 10 am. They pray for peace in the world, for the sick and homebound, for deceased members and friends of our Parish and more. Everyone is welcome to join us; come

every Thursday or as often as you can. For more information, please call Barbara at 973-635-8869.

Parish Support-January 15th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$11,176
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$13,334

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station-people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that "the reign of God is theirs."



Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of January 22nd is in memory of deceased members of the Women of Mary.

The Candles on the altar the week of January 22nd are in memory of deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

The Altar Flowers the week of January 22nd are in memory of Barbara Lopez given by Madeline, Jessica and Kelly Edwards.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Carmela Cecere, Marie Conlan, Mike Mulane, Fr. Patrick Brown, Evey Staromano, Tony Cecere, Deacon Tony Siino, Charles Spencer, Caroline Palluzzi and **for all our deceased.**

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH	Monday, January 23
	Altar Server Training: 3:30 pm; Church
	Faith Formation: 4 pm; School
	Rosary Group: 6:30 pm; Church
	Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church
	Tuesday, January 24
	Respect Life Meeting: 7:30 pm; North Room
	1st Communion Parent Meeting: 7:30 pm; South Room
	Thursday, January 26
	Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
	YM ACRE Assessment: 7:30 pm; Cafeteria
Friday, January 27	
Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room	
Sunday, January 28	
Pancake Breakfast: 8-11:30 am; Gym	
RCIA: 12:15 pm; South Room	



From the Desk of Our Pastor

500th Reformation Anniversary (Part II of II)

Last November I attended the annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service which welcomed all houses of worship in our community to gather in prayer and offer thanks to God for the countless blessings within human life; it was followed with hospitality and conversation. Another opportunity to pray with people of different traditions was the Chatham High School Baccalaureate Service held prior to high school graduation in June. This is commonly attended by many graduates, families and members of the Chatham Interfaith Clergy Council.

As the church put closure on Christian Unity Week last Wednesday, I pray it generated some time that lulled you into situations where Christ was found in people of all faiths who crossed your path in shops, transit, medical facilities, or roadways. Letting go of religious prejudices with a quest to work at mending racial, ethnic and religious divisions in our country is an ongoing pursuit for all. Some of the greatest disputes, wars, and quarrels throughout history developed due to the lack of tolerance toward those of different religious beliefs and backgrounds forgetting that we are all part of God's creation. I also believe that the Catholic Church of 2017 is not the same as the Church that Luther and other reformers came into such deep conflict in that the church has made many changes since the days of Martin Luther. Unfortunately, even today there are some who lack an understanding attitude toward people of different religions, which may lead to the use of religion for short-sighted political ends or the promotion of violence. Those who follow this path live with the feeling that they are "right" anytime issues surface about religion. This engenders little respect for the beliefs of others.

Pope Francis has often spoken about a commitment to peace within all believers declaring that as leaders of different religions there is so much that can be done. In his address at the International Meeting for Peace on September 30, 2013, the Pope stated, "Peace is the responsibility of everyone. Pray for peace, work for peace! A religious leader is always a man or woman of peace, for the commandment of peace is inscribed in the depths of the religious traditions that we represent." Present beliefs steer me to see the way my faith has instilled both love and peace into relationships regardless of the principles and creeds of others, which makes a good chunk of life an enriching experience. I also lack tolerance for those who do not respect people of different faiths with assurance that unprejudiced people are not compelled to agree with those in other faiths on issues where they have strong opposing beliefs, but, respect the rights of others to their own opinions and lifestyles. Tolerance is not easy to build, but the benefits are so constructive. It is healthy for families, church communities, neighborhoods, and a nation as it does not play to differences, but to common graces that bond us as human beings.

Jacob Kohlhaas, in an article titled, "Can Catholics Celebrate the Reformation?" *U.S. Catholic*, February, 2017, states, "In the 20th century, the ecumenical vision of the Catholic Church changed: Protestants are no longer regarded as separatists but instead as fellow Christians who are signs of God's active grace. Present Catholic ecumenical efforts seek to discover God's grace among Christian traditions while moving toward unity through mutual understanding." Verbal slurs and off color comments to people of different religions or even political viewpoints often set sub-par examples for children to imitate. Even in faith communities there are contrasting theological viewpoints that give birth to walls of controversy that cluster people around an issue or interpretation that spurs division. The history of the Catholic faith gives evidence to this anytime worship style, prayer, music, tradition, and particular liturgical gestures are outside the mindset of people who believe that there is only one way to worship. Others hold onto an old time belief that it is wrong or even sinful to take part in worship services outside of the Catholic faith, or see little value in interfaith gatherings. Christian Unity Week navigated Christians to de-emphasize divisions, and render praise to God for unity that is commonly shared. Although I strongly believe that interfaith services are beneficial; and, hold tremendous respect and love for believers in all Christian, Jewish, Islamic, and Eastern religions, I am proud of my Catholic identity as I never forget the words of French philosopher Denis Diderot, "Put on the costume of the country you visit, but keep the suit of clothes you will need to go home in."

*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

Wesley Frank Sorge
Son of Michael and Melissa

Prayer for the Unborn

Today marks the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion throughout the United States. Because it falls on a Sunday this year, the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children is transferred to Monday.

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 **Drop off this weekend!**

Those who signed up to make chili last weekend, please bring your frozen chili to the priests' garage this Sunday by 10 am. Our volunteers will transport your donations to Paterson. Many thanks!!

Parish Food Pantry

A heart-felt thank you goes out to you our parishioners and our school families. All donations, monthly or otherwise, are much appreciated by the recipients in Paterson. We have always been aware of that fact.

Regarding our collection this month, we want to let you know that when the food was picked up by our friend Carlos Roldan, Father English Center's Director, he was more than happy to see that our parish had 'a full van load' of food donations! He stated that January is always a light month with respect to donations. We gave him a wonderful New Year's gift!

Lenten Mission 2017

Save the date: March 26-28

Our mission will be co-led by Fr. John Serio and Fr. Dominic Tran. They will be at all masses the weekend of March 25th and 26th and our mission will begin in the church Sunday evening following the 5 pm mass. Mark your calendars now, more details to follow.



FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Faith Formation Classes

February 5th & 6th
February 12th & 13th

March 5th & 6th
March 19th & 20th
March 26th & 27th



YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Week in Youth Ministry

Spring Action Team Meeting: Mon., Jan. 23; 7-9:30 pm; YMC

Sophomore Gathering: Tues., Jan. 24, 7:15-8:45 pm;
In the YMC

Spring Antioch Team Meeting: Wed., Jan. 25, 7-9:30 pm;
At St. Vincent Martyr

Service Opportunities

Sign up on the SPYM board in the lobby of the Church or by emailing Maggie at mgrady@st-pats.org.

Lollipop Making: Thurs., Feb. 9, 6-9:30 pm; Kitchen

Lollipop Sales: Sat., Feb. 11, after 5 pm mass; outside Church

Lollipop Sales: Sun., Feb. 12, after all masses; outside Church

Food Pantry Restock: Sat., Feb. 18, 8:30-10:15 am

Pancake Breakfast is Back!



All are welcome! Bring the family to the next Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, January 29 from 8 am until 11:30 am in the Fr. Ed Center. All you can eat for only \$6 per adult, \$4 for children ages 4-12 and free for children age 3 and under. Maximum cost per family is \$30. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds benefit their local charitable efforts.

A parish functions due to many unsung heroes. Special thanks to our ushers/ministers of hospitality who do many things that might seem to go unnoticed. Despite arriving in their "Sunday best" to undertake their ministry, they jump in as the need arises to do such things as salt and shovel the stairs, mop the floor when it gets too wet from feet tracking in the snow, and a host of other housekeeping tasks. These kinds of jobs are certainly above and beyond, and a thank you goes out to them for doing this. If you would like to assist our ushers, and make their job a tad easier, please consider returning all your papers to the door upon leaving church after mass (bulletins, worship aids, etc.). At the conclusion of each liturgy, all these papers need to be collected from the pews and placed in the baskets for the next liturgy. Of course, we are ALWAYS looking for more men and women to join this ministry. If you are interested, please see an usher, one of the priests, or Deb.

Catholic Relief Services-Syrian Crisis



Catholic Relief Services is actively working to help the people affected by the Crisis in Syria. We have information from CRS on our parish website outlining their commitment to helping 'the most vulnerable displaced Syrian families with special focus on education and emotional healing for children.' During six years of conflict over ten million people have been displaced and refugees are pouring into neighboring countries. To keep current with the news and our Church's work for the Syrian people you can use the link on our website following the CRS update.



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

Our **Spring Forensic Team** has been announced. The Varsity Team is Alex Greene, Molly Farrell, Maddie Morton, Caroline Reichard, and Mary Kate Vowells. The Junior Varsity Team is Tommy Reichard, Connie Masterson, Molly McHugh, Ava Simmons, Mary Kate Bolster and Brian Boler. Congratulations to the teams, and we look forward to a great competition in April!

Congratulations St. Patrick School Warriors! Last weekend was *Warrior Weekend* at St. Patrick School. Congratulations to four of our teams for their victories over St. Vincent Martyr School!

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.

January is Poverty Awareness Month!

Saturday, February 25, 2017, Morris Habitat for Humanity will host its 12th Annual Hearts & Hammers Gala at the Meadow Wood Manor in Randolph.



"This is an exciting time for Morris Habitat! We're halfway into a strategic plan which calls for us to serve 230 families in four years. During 2017, we will be on track to reach that goal, with 50 homes under construction through our local and international programs. Of course, none of this would be possible without your help.

Please consider contributing to the success of the Gala. Any donation you make will help ensure that our Habitat families right here in New Jersey can raise their children closer to their jobs, live in safer neighborhoods, have more time together as a family and feel confident about the future. Your support has given all of us the hope and encouragement to move forward to solve the affordable housing crisis in Morris County."

Individual ticket price is \$250. Additional information can be located on their website:

<http://www.morrihabitat.org/event/hearts-hammers-gala-feb-2017>



MUSIC MINISTRY

All are welcome to our music ministry!

Morning Song, Wed. 5:30-6:05 pm, choir for grades K-3

Girls Choir, Wed., 6:15-7:15 pm, choir for girls grades 3-8

Instrumentalists, Thurs., 5:30-6:05 pm,
all ages and instruments

Boys Choir, Thurs., 6:15-7:15 pm, choir for boys grades 3-8

St. Patrick Choir, Thurs., 7:30-9:15 pm,
choir for high school and adults

Saturday Sound, Sat., 4:00-5:00 pm;
small choir for high school and adults

God Unplugged, Sun., 3:45-5:00 pm,
teenage choir and instruments

Cantors, by appointment, training required, grade 6 and up

To join, contact Maggie Hanson, music minister and choir director; or find schedules and registration forms on the music page at st-pats.org.

New Year Resolutions: The Pope Francis List



1. Don't Gossip.
2. Finish Your Meals.
3. Make Time for Others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord.'
10. Be happy. (The Joy of the Gospel).

Do we read from the Bible at Mass?

liturgy

corner

Readings from Scripture are part of every Mass. At least two readings, one always from the Gospels, (3 on Sundays and solemnities) make up the Liturgy of the Word. In addition, a psalm or canticle is sung.

These readings are typically read from a Lectionary, not a Bible, though the Lectionary is taken from the Bible.

What's the difference between a Bible and a Lectionary?

A Lectionary is composed of the readings and the responsorial psalm assigned for each Mass of the year (Sundays, weekdays, and special occasions). The readings are divided by the day or the theme (baptism, marriage, vocations, etc.) rather than according to the books of the Bible. Introductions and conclusions have been added to each reading. Not all of the Bible is included in the Lectionary.

Individual readings in the Lectionary are called pericopes, from a Greek word meaning a "section" or "cutting." Because the Mass readings are only portions of a book or chapter, introductory phrases, called incipits, are often added to begin the Lectionary reading, for example, "In those days," "Jesus said to his disciples," etc.

In procession, it is The Book of the Gospels that is carried by the deacon (or the lector if there is no deacon assisting at the altar). More on this next week.