



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday	July 22
5:00 pm	Filomena Cangemi and Paul J. Burke
Sunday	July 23
7:30 am	Anna Glogolich and Eric Casey
9:00 am	Louis Aprea and Marie Fulginiti
11:00 am	Sejundian Sotello and Patricia Ratchford
Monday	July 24
8:00 am	Russell Benigno and Anthony Castaldo
Tuesday	July 25
8:00 am	Paul Giovinazzo and Peter Biskup
Wednesday	July 26
8:00 am	Anna & Pasquale Romano and Donald Peters
Thursday	July 27
8:00 am	Ann Fuller and Loretta Scherzer
Friday	July 28
8:00 am	Gregory Chupka and Barbara Dutko
Saturday	July 29
8:00 am	Jim and Marie Meagher
5:00 pm	Ed McCarthy and Michael J. Rossi, Jr.
Sunday	July 30
7:30 am	John Atchinson and George Grimm
9:00 am	Diane Jourdan and Robert McTague
11:00 am	Loren Taylor and for the Protection of Babies in The Womb and their Families

Mass Schedule July 29th & 30th

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

Reconciliation July 29th

Fr. Bob
Saturday 4-4:30 pm



Visit our website at www.st-pats.org.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.



Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of July 23rd is in memory of deceased family members given by Mrs. James Gilrane.

The Candles on the altar the week of July 23rd are in memory of deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

The Flowers on the altar the week of July 23rd are in memory of Fr. Ed Hinds.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Carmela Cecere, Marie Conlan, Mike Mulane, Evey Staromano, Caroline Palluzzi, Don Tracy, Mary Cecere, Maddie Niebanck, Charlie Spencer, Eliot Leibowitz and **for all our deceased.**

Parish Support-July 16, 2017

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$14,164
 LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$11,783

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday July 24

Rosary Group: 6:30 am; South Room
 Meditation Group: 7:00 pm; South Room



From the Desk of Our Seminarian, Andrew Dutko

Our Call to Action

Over the past few weeks, our parish has invited all of us to ask the question of how we can use our charism for the good of the Church. We gave God the time He deserves as we identified our own charism; as we pondered using that charism as a sister, brother or priest; as we recognized our responsibility of asking all unmarried Catholic men and women 'The Question' of "Have you ever considered a vocation to Religious Life or Priesthood?"

The Church does not ask you to go against God's unique vocational desire for you. The Church asks you to discern what His desire for you is and say, "Yes," be it marriage, religious or priest. Even if we, ourselves, are not called to a vocation of priesthood or religious life, we are called to inspire them.

We know that 87% of men and 90% of women "have never considered" these vocations. Would it shock you to know, that of the few that did, the majority of them were discouraged by their families?

Brother Paul Bednarczyk, executive director of the National Religious Vocation Conference, said the discouragement from family and friends is troubling. He states, "Although people want a full-time pastor in their parish or religious sister teaching their children in the Catholic school, ironically, they are reluctant to have their own son or daughter choose that vocation."

Over half of the sisters who successfully professed their final vows in 2010 acknowledged that a parent or family member had deliberately discouraged them. Only 26% said their mothers actively encouraged them and only 16% of their fathers, according to a Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) survey.

The study points out that priests are more likely than sisters to receive encouragement AND discouragement. Perhaps because the priesthood is more in the public eye than religious, to paraphrase CARA. Conceivably, this could be contributing to the average age of Catholic priests in the United States rising from 35 in 1970 to 63 in 2009.

Our Church's situation has a relatively simple answer, although it is emotionally difficult to bring to fruition:

Our Church needs men and women to entertain the thought of becoming a priest, sister or brother.

We need them to discern which vocational desire God has for them.

We need them to say, "Yes."

We need family and friends to encourage them.

My Brothers and Sisters, these are impressive problems and we need impressive people to solve them. If any of this resonates with anyone, if it inspires questions, if it stirs your Spirit, please contact the Parish Office for information and advice.

*Peace,
Andrew*

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.



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AROUND THE PARISH



Marriage

Congratulations to the couples united in the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Patrick Church.

Ernest Wladyslaw Grzybowski and Noelle Prete

June 23, 2017

Daniel Richard Pazian and Mary Eleanor Koepfinger

July 1, 2017

Patrick Sean Reilly and Rebecca Elizabeth Smith

July 1, 2017

May the Lord richly bless their unions.

Welcome New Parishioners! Are you seeking a parish community in which to pray, to learn and to be of service to others? Our doors and hearts are open to you-Welcome! Contact Peggy Gentile at the parish offices at 973-635-0625 ext. 25 for additional information.



A huge thank you to all who contributed to our summer Virtual Food Drive!

Once again our parish families responded with generous hearts to the needs of the poor.

In our recent collection over 2000 items were donated, with a retail value of \$3,332.

Do you feel called to be a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick?

Have you wondered about this ministry or if it is a place you might share your gifts? In our community there are those who are unable to attend Sunday mass for prolonged periods. The liturgy of the Eucharist is never self-contained but in its deepest meaning reaches out to the entire world. Those who carry Holy Communion to the sick and confined, continue the community's act of worship, extending its embrace to include those unable to be physically present. It is not necessary for an EM to the sick to be a Liturgical EM and training is provided.

We invite you to consider this ministry and welcome your questions. Please contact Peggy Gentile, 973-635-0625 ext. 25.

Baptism into the Triune God gives us great spiritual freedom. Through Baptism, we inherit the ability to be called children of God and heirs of the kingdom. If you or someone you know is seeking Baptism, please contact Deb at the parish office: DKuzma@st-pats.org 973-635-0625 ext. 23.

During the summer months, there will be no 5 pm Sunday night mass. This mass will resume in September.

Daily 8 am mass will be celebrated in the South Room instead of the church during the summer months. Please use the Washington Avenue side door. The daily 8 am mass will return to the church in September.



YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation Registration

Registration is now open for St. Patrick Youth Ministry. Students in grades 9, 11 & 12 should register for Youth Ministry. Grade 10 students should register for **both** Youth Ministry and an Antioch Retreat. Grade 9 Action Retreat registration will take place in the fall. The sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated at the end of Sophomore year and teens need to be active in a 2-year preparation program in order to be confirmed. Upcoming juniors and seniors wishing to remain active in service, activities and as retreat leaders must also be registered in Youth Ministry. There is a discount for registering before September 1st. To register, visit our website at www.st-pats.org, go to the Faith Formation Tab, Youth Faith Formation, Youth Ministry Grades 9-12, and click on the Registration link. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie at 973-635-0625 ext. 28.

Diocese of Paterson Marian Pilgrimage

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
October 21, 2017

The Spiritual Journey includes: Holy Mass with Bishop Serratelli, Confessions in Crypt Church, Catechetical Presentations, Rosary, Devotional Time, Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

One-Day Pilgrimage for \$49 includes transportation and gratuity, all day activities at the Shrine, rest stop (going), meal stop (return), depart Washington at 4:15 pm

Overnight Option departs Friday, Oct. 20 for \$259 (double occupancy) or \$335 (single occupancy). Includes a visit to the Shrine of St. Jude and Baltimore Basilica on Friday, banquet, Saturday breakfast and accommodations at Westin Hotel in Falls Church, VA. Sign up in the Church lobby. Contact the St. Patrick Parish Coordinators, Lucille at lvplante@aol.com or 201-970-6250 or Lisa at lisahartpt@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.



A reflection from our seminarian, Andrew,

What is the Purpose of Life?

The purpose of life is not to accomplish something, but to meet Someone.

At the end of our life, the only thing we take with us is our relationship with God, everything else is lost. Our relationship with Him is the only thing that matters, it is the only thing that will ever matter.

This does not mean that we shouldn't take joy in experiencing our life, rather, it means we should take Him with us when we do.

Our relationship becoming paramount is neither accidental nor intentional, it is the inevitable outcome of Love.

It is our purpose of life.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry Invites you to join us!

Share your gifts and talents with our music ministry! Choirs begin practicing in September:

Wednesdays: Girls' Choir at 6:15 pm

Thursdays: Boys' Choir at 6:15 pm and St. Patrick Choir at 7:30 pm

Saturdays: Saturday Sound at 4:00 pm

Sundays: God Unplugged 3:15 pm

For more information, visit our website, check future bulletins or contact our music minister, Maggie Hanson at 973-635-0625 ext. 31 maggiehansonmusic@gmail.com. All are invited and welcome!

Songs of Praise in Jeremiah

Jeremiah 20:13 (NKJV)

13 Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD!
For He has delivered the life of the poor
From the hand of evildoers.

Jeremiah 31:7 (NKJV)

7 For thus says the LORD:
"Sing with gladness for Jacob,
And shout among the chief of the nations;
Proclaim, give praise, and say,
'O LORD, save Your people,
The remnant of Israel!"

Jeremiah 31:12 (NKJV)

12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion,
Streaming to the goodness of the LORD
For wheat and new wine and oil,
For the young of the flock and the herd;
Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden,
And they shall sorrow no more at all.

Jeremiah 33:11 (NKJV)

11 The voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say:
"Praise the LORD of hosts,
For the LORD is good,
For His mercy endures forever"...

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.

Assumption College for Sisters Presents Chris Lowney

Sponsored by Assumption College for Sisters, Chris Lowney will speak on the topic of leadership featuring his latest work *Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church*. During his talk, he will explore some of the profound challenges now facing the Church and will invite each of us to step up and help lead the Church's revitalization. He is the author of five books, including the bestselling *Heroic Leadership* and *Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads*, which was called "a book for the ages" and became the #1 bestseller on Amazon's "Popes and the Vatican" list. Chris founded and speaks on behalf of **Pilgrimage for Our Children's Future**, which funds education and healthcare projects in the developing world.

Chris Lowney chairs the board of Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the nation's largest healthcare/hospital systems. He formerly served as a Managing Director of J.P. Morgan in New York, Tokyo, Singapore and London until leaving the firm in 2001. He has lectured in more than two-dozen countries on leadership, business ethics, and other related topics.

Admission is free; however, a free will offering can be made to Lowney's foundation, **Pilgrimage for Our Children's Future**.

Assumption College for Sisters announces that **PS 101 General Psychology** course will be offered online for the Fall 2017 Semester. To register, call or email 973-957-0188 ext. 106 or academicdean@acs350.org by August 10.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration Now Open!

The portal for 2017-2018 Faith Formation for students in grades K-8 is now open! Please go the website, www.st-pats.org, and click on the **Register Now** button on the home page. This will direct you to the Faith Formation grades K-8 online registration. If you are new to our program, you will be asked to create a user id and password. Please keep this information for future use. Once registration is complete, please print and keep a copy of your receipt for future reference. As part of the registration process, there is a medical waiver and information section. This information is kept private and confidential, only to be accessed in case of emergency during class time. *If you are registering your child for second grade, you must also register for the Sacramental Program in order to select a First Communion date and time. Before you check out, please verify that BOTH the Faith Formation Grade 2 session you selected AND the Sacramental Program are in your cart. You will not be assigned a First Communion date unless you have registered for the Sacramental Program. Students enrolled in Catholic Schools only need to register for the Sacramental Program.*

All class calendars and information about the Sacramental Program are on the website under the *Faith Formation* tab, *Grades K-8, Parent Resources*.

Catechists/Co-Catechists Needed

Please consider joining our Faith Formation Team! In addition to catechists and co-catechists, we have many different needs where your time and talent would be greatly appreciated. **Classroom assistants** assist the catechist with planned activities and crafts during class time. They do not prepare lessons or teach. **Safety Monitors** help to maintain a safe and friendly environment during class time, working as a liaison between the catechists, parents and students. **Buddies** are teens that assist children with special needs so that these students can be successful in Faith Formation class. They help with crafts, completing worksheets and facilitating class activities. Teens that volunteer as buddies are students in grades 7-12. **Liturgy of the Word with Children** and **Children's Church** leaders are needed to lead children, ages 3 through 9, in prayer and discussion of the Sunday readings at a level easy for young children to understand. It is offered at the 9 am mass from September through May. **Office help** is also needed occasionally to help prepare crafts, worksheets and other materials to support our wonderful catechists throughout the school year. A list of office help volunteers will be compiled and as assistance is needed, an email will go out requesting volunteers. No formal commitment is needed.