



Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25, 2018

Holy Mass  Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 24</b> Helen Granato and Alfred Norris
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>February 25</b> Betty Tunny and Herb & Jean Cannon Tony Leonett and Vincent Esposito Mary Nolan and Grace McCabe Andrew Bobeck and Marie Ryan
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 26</b> John Taylor Babbitt and Margaret Babbitt
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 27</b> James Kilminster and Joan Stecher
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 28</b> Marguerite Ciccolini and Michael Wisneski
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 1</b> Rocco Rosa and Mari Jo Dagastino
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 2</b> Adam Rosowicz and Connie Pfuelb
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am  5:00 pm	<b>March 3</b> Edwin L. Sprague, III, Mark L. Brigham and Catherine Ann Schwartz Peter Coviello and Ronald Hart
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am  9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>March 4</b> Deceased Members of the Karasch Family and Connie Pfuelb Charles Stanley and Thomas Gionta Adam Rosowicz and Dr. Alfred Yampaglia Ronald Hart and Patricia Mahoney

**Mass Schedule March 3rd & 4th**

<b>Fr. Bob</b>	<b>Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am</b>
<b>Fr. Dan</b>	<b>Sunday 7:30 am and 9:00 am</b>
<b>Fr. Matt Kranc</b>	<b>Sunday 5:00 pm</b>

**Reconciliation March 3rd**

<b>Fr. Bob</b>	<b>Saturday 4-4:30 pm</b>
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**Weekly Memorials**

**The Lamp** burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of February 25th is in memory of Fr. Ron Amandolare.

**The Candles** on the altar the week of February 25th are in memory of deceased members of the Women of Mary.

**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, Eileen Keohane, Laura Flynn, Josh Crucilla, Bob Moore, Dennis Kelly, Barbara Perleth, Bill Waller, Patrick Duffy, Connie Fronzoni, Jeanette Piontek, Morgan Plisky Mark Sweeney, Frank Scherer and **for all our deceased.**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 4, 2018**

**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

**Gospel: John 2:13-25**

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

**The Parish Office will be closed on  
Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

*We will reopen on Weds., Feb. 28th at 8:00 am.*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
FRIDAY, MARCH 2  
IN THE SOUTH ROOM**



**Monday, February 26**

Faith Formation: 3:45 pm; School  
Reconciliation: 7-8:30 pm; Church

**Tuesday, February 27**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY

**Thursday, March 1**

Walking with Purpose: 9:30 am; Parish Center  
Marian Prayer Group: 10:00 am; North Room  
School Stations of the Cross: 2 pm; Church  
Rosary: 6:30 pm; North Room  
Living in the Father's Love: 7:00 pm; South Room  
Knights of Columbus: 8:30 pm; West Room

**Sunday, March 4**

Food Collection: Parish Center Lobby  
Faith Formation: 8:30 am and 10:15 am; School  
RCIA: 12:15 pm; South Room  
8th Grade Faith Formation: 5 pm Mass; Church

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**



*From the Pastor's Desk*

### God's Love for Creation: The Good Earth

One Gathering Song that I frequently choose to begin weekday mass is "For the Beauty of the Earth." This musical piece renders thanks and praise to God for the glory of creation. The lyrics generate praise to God for the earth, for human life and love, for the gift of time, for peace and joy, and for the happiness that family and friends bring into our lives. It was written as a Christian hymn by 29 year old Folliot S. Pierpont who counted his blessings and incorporated them into this melody. Composed as a Eucharistic Hymn in 1864, the text was modified in 1916 so that the hymn could be used in a general way to give praise to God.

Today the Church begins the Second Week of Lent and provides us the opportunity to reflect upon ways that we care for the beauty of God's creation by demonstrating care for the environment. Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has often commented on the need for humanity to care for creation not only as responsible citizens but as followers of Christ. In his Encyclical, *Laudato Si* (On Care for our Common Home) the Pope addresses some practices for people to follow that generate a positive impact on the future of the earth; and, calls the world to acknowledge the urgency of the challenges that are faced in protecting and caring for the environment. Pope Francis uses St. Francis of Assisi in his Encyclical as "the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically." Many see St. Francis of Assisi as the patron saint of the environment. Pope Francis goes on to state that St. Francis shows us "how inseparable is the bond between nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace." This invites people to see nature as the wonderful creativity of God and grants us a glimpse of his infinite goodness and beauty.

*Laudato Si* released in June 2015 is a Social Encyclical (teaching about the state of society that builds on the tradition of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* (of revolutionary change) in 1891). The document outlines nine major themes that pertain to the environment which include: "the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet; the value proper to each creature; the human meaning of ecology; the conviction that everything in the world is connected; the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle; the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology; the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress; the need for forthright and honest debate; and the serious responsibility of international and local policy." Taking care of God's creation is no easy task, which some tend to ignore believing that it does not fit into their spirituality. As both citizens and Christians we are accountable for the condition of the world aware that responsibilities may differ for each of us, but we all affect the well-being of the place we call earth.

Catholic Social Teaching is "a body of doctrine developed by the Catholic Church on matters of social justice that concerns issues of poverty and wealth, economics, work, family life, social organization, and ecological and environmental concerns." It makes us aware that we maintain the potential to change the world. One mammoth change I have experienced in my lifetime is behavior toward protecting the environment. I recall the first Earth Day back in 1970 which brought Americans into the sunshine for demonstrations of environmental reform as Mayor John Lindsay shut down 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and thousands of others rallied in Central Park for the need to change human behavior as well as policy to protect the earth. Since that day, countless ways originally viewed as unacceptable have led to changes in laws and regulations that protect the environment as tremendous efforts have been made to save energy, conserve water, refrain from littering, avoid noise pollution as well as the call to vote for environmental issues and causes, reuse and recycle, and encourage children to be good stewards.

This week take some time to evaluate methods that would improve environmental issues in your home or workplace, and give thanks to God for the wonders of the good earth.

*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).



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### Lent 2018

#### Monday, February 26

8 am Mass in the Church  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Reconciliation in the Church  
With Fr. Bob  
7:00 pm Meditation in the Church-Children's Room

#### Tuesday, February 27

8 am Mass in the Church

#### Wednesday, February 28

8 am Mass in the Church

#### Thursday, March 1

8 am Mass in the Church  
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross with the School  
6:30 pm Rosary in the North Room  
7 pm Living in the Father's Love in the South Room

#### Friday, March 2

8 am Mass in the Church  
7 pm Stations of the Cross with Deacon Mark

#### Saturday, March 3

8 am Mass in the Church  
4:00 pm-4:30 pm Reconciliation in the Church with Fr. Bob  
5:00 pm Mass in the Church



### Welcome Home to Healing

#### Confession During Lent in February

Monday, February 26 from 7-8:30 pm Fr. Bob  
Monday, March 5 from 7-8:30 pm Fr. Chris Barkhausen  
Monday, March 12 from 7-8:30 pm Fr. Firmino

And every Saturday from 4-4:30 pm

#### Stations of the Cross in February

Friday, March 2 at 7 pm Deacon Mark  
Friday, March 9 at 7 pm Fr. Bob  
Friday, March 16 at 7 pm Andrew Dutko

And every Thursday at 2 pm with the School



#### St. Patrick Parish Virtual Food Drive

Help us fill the food pantry at Our Lady of Victories. OLV has seen increased use of their food pantry. In order to meet the specific needs of our sister parish, we invite you to CLICK on the link (on our website) to access the You Give Goods page, SHARE what you can with those in need and GIVE food items right from your computer to be shipped directly to OLV. Three weeks only. Virtual food drive ends on March 7. Visit our website for the link. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Parish Support-February 18, 2018

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$15,623  
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$12,795

Thank you to all those who attended our recent parish mission given by Fr. Ron Hoye. If anyone would like to send Fr. Ron any intentions or donations, please make your check payable to **Vincentians**, and mail the intentions and donation to:

Fr. Ron Hoye, Vincentian Parish Missions  
13245 Tesson Ferry Rd.  
St Louis, MO 63128

**Save the date!** Our 2019 parish mission will be facilitated by Fr. Bob Reiser, SJ, April 7, 8 & 9, 2019.

#### The Parish and the School have new phone extensions!

Due to an upgrade to our phone system, St. Patrick School and Parish staff phone extensions have changed. The phone numbers, 973-635-0625 (parish) and 973-635-4623 (school) remain the same. Please see the bulletin coversheet, website, or call the parish, press 2 and then press 3 for the staff directory.



**Family Promise**-Our guests arrive Easter Sunday! Planning is well underway for the arrival of our 14 guests. St.

Patrick School children are preparing art projects to welcome our guests and make them feel at home. Our Faith Formation students are helping to prepare Easter baskets. The call will soon be going out for volunteers to supply food, prepare meals and assist with their week long visit. Please pray for our guests and for our efforts to serve them. Check out all that Family Promise is doing: <http://www.familypromisemorris.org/>

Online Giving is simple and easy to use. You can decide to have weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly deductions via a credit card or ACH withdrawal from your bank. You can view your online giving activity and history. Changes can be made at any time. To get started, go to our website, [www.st-pats.org](http://www.st-pats.org) and click on the Online Giving button in the left-hand column of the webpage. Follow the directions for opening a new account. It's that easy and one less thing to think about each week!

#### PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

#### February is Heart Month-Blood Pressure Numbers Have Changed, Know Your Numbers!

The American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiologists have recently changed the blood pressure guidelines to now have the cut-off for high blood pressure at 130/80 from 140/90. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to heart disease, as well as other illnesses. Based on this change, 1 in 3 Americans will have high blood pressure, that is 46% of the U.S. adult population! But, do not be alarmed, not everyone with the reading of 130/80 will require medication. Your doctor will probably talk to you first about "lifestyle" changes that include:

1. Lowering your sodium intake by a low sodium diet- the DASH diet is the gold standard.
2. Get moving! Exercising and maintaining a healthy weight. Consult your doctor when you start an exercise program. Walking is a great exercise!
3. Limited alcohol consumption- one drink a day for women, 2 drinks a day for men.
4. Relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing can lower your blood pressure and improve your overall health.

Remember 80% of heart disease is preventable. For more information go to [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org), the site of the American Heart Association.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **This Week in Youth Ministry**

*Spring Antioch Team Meeting:* Wed., Feb. 26; 7-9:30 pm, SVM  
*Living Stations of the Cross:* Tues., Feb. 27; 7:30-9 pm, SVM  
*Mystagogia Team Meeting:* Thurs., March 1; 7-9 pm; SVM  
*Spring Antioch Retreat:* March 2-March 4; Parish Center

### **Service Opportunities:**

**Sign up by emailing Maggie at [mgrady@st-pats.org](mailto:mgrady@st-pats.org)**

*Living Stations of the Cross:* Practices are every Tuesday from 7-9 pm in the church and begin Feb. 27.

### **Mandatory Sophomore Rite of Covenant**

The Rite of Covenant for all sophomores and **at least 1 parent** is scheduled for Sunday, March 11. It begins at 3:15 pm with a reflection in the parish center and concludes with the Rite taking place at the 5 pm Mass. At this reflection you will be given pertinent information regarding the Confirmation celebration as well as a chance to choose the date you wish to celebrate (Confirmation dates this year are Wed., May 9 and Fri., May 11). You will also be given Sponsor worksheets at which time I will explain what is required of a Sponsor and you will be signing up for your final Confirmation Interview. This is an important meeting so please make every attempt to be there.

### **Juniors/Seniors mark your calendars for the "Diving Into Discipleship" Retreat**

The "Dive" Retreat is an overnight Junior/Senior Retreat partnered with St. Vincents. The Retreat is scheduled for April 28-29 and will take place at the Vocationists in Florham Park, with the overnight portion taking place at St. Vincent's YMC. Registrations will be emailed to all Juniors/Seniors in mid-March. Consider joining us for this inspirational retreat that takes Antioch to the next level.

*Parish Partnership Event*

**Our Lady of Victories**

**Spring Fling**

**Tricky Tray Fundraiser**

**Monday, April 23rd from 6:00 –10:00 pm**

The Brownstone, 351 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ

\$45-Includes full dinner and an evening of fun!

Funds will be used for Our Lady of Victories Church Repairs

Tickets on sale NOW at the St. Patrick Parish Office

**Assumption College for Sisters' Gala Raises Scholarship Funds for Catholic Sisters**, making the education of a new generation of Catholic Sisters possible. Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will hold The Seventeenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 22, 2018 at the Hanover Marriott.

The Gala raises scholarship funds for the education of Catholic Sisters from the developing world who do not have such an opportunity in their homelands. Your support will make a difference in the lives of many through the education of these Sisters. **Teach a Sister...Touch the World!** For more information: 973-957-0188 Ext. 101 or email [gala@acs350.org](mailto:gala@acs350.org) or visit [www.acs350.org](http://www.acs350.org)

### **World Community for Christian Meditation: Contemplative Path**

*A Lenten Weekend Silent Retreat led by Fr. Jeremiah Shyrock*

Fri., March 2 - Sun., March 4, 2018

Friday Registration 4:30-5:30 pm; Ends Sunday at 11:30 am

St. Mary's Abbey, 230 Mendham Road, Morristown, NJ

\$275 which includes 5 meals and lodging

The weekend will explore the spiritual importance of stillness and a contemplative mind to live a full Christian life. The time will be spent mostly in silence, attending talks with Fr. Jeremiah, meditating, walking meditation, and praying. Contact Jay Stewart for more information: [stewart.jaybird@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.jaybird@gmail.com) or 201-572-3844.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

### **Reflection on "Create a Clean Heart in Me"**

Last week I was rehearsing with the Morning Song K-3 Choir. We were practicing the refrain for Ps. 51: "Create a Clean Heart in Me." I asked the children, "What do you think that means to have a clean heart? Can we take our heart out and wash it?"

Little hands shot up in the air. I called on kindergarten Gabby Jadro. She looked up at me with big eyes, clasped her heart with her hands and said, "A clean heart is like when you have a hole in your heart where you gave it to others you love more than yourself." I was rendered speechless as the meaning of what Gabby said sank in.

Since then, I have been imagining a "clean heart" as a heart with a hole in it; not a hole because the heart is lacking, but a hole where God's light shines through. There have been times in my life when I could feel dirt in my heart, like tar or coal or clutter, and the dirt seemed to be the cause of things I said or did that weren't good for other people.

How do we get a heart so clean that God's light shines in it? I believe the first step is to recognize God's love for us. We do this by feeling gratitude for God's gifts, and by using these gifts for growth and goodness. I believe that using God's gifts fills us with life and strength. On the other hand, being ungrateful might mean hiding our gifts for fear of failure, or coveting someone else's gifts. Then we feel gunk clogging our heart. When we use our own gifts, we are strong enough to love others. We can love others so much, according to Gabby, that they have some of our heart. Now God, the creator of our heart, can shine right through it!

The beautiful text of Psalm 51 has been expressed through countless musical settings. Last Sunday, Gabby's choir sang a setting by Cyprian Consiglio. Gabby Jadro is the kindergarten daughter of Chris Jadro and Michelle Wang.

Thank all of you for the gifts you share,

*Maggie Hanson, Music Minister*



## **SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL**

*Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith*

Congratulations to our Junior Model UN for their first place finish as Best Delegation. The team, as a part of the New Jersey Consortium of Gifted and Talented, presented at Drew University representing the country of Spain on the topic of nuclear proliferation. This is the second year in a row that our team has placed first in this competition.

Considering a change for your child's educational experience? St. Patrick School invites families with children currently enrolled in non-Catholic schools to consider the benefits of our parish school environment where Gospel values are combined with Blue Ribbon academics every day. Transfer grants are available to new students entering grades 1 through 7, coming from public, charter or home schools.

Curious?

Learn more on Walk in Wednesdays – stop by the school any Wednesday between 9:00 – 11:00 AM for a guided tour! Can't make Wednesday? Call 973-635-2311 to schedule a time that works for you and your family!