



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021



Saturday 5:00 pm	January 16 Daniel Drew
Sunday 7:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	January 17 Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McGrath Richard McCabe, Harry Powers, and Patti Melnitsky For the People of the Parish
Monday 8:00 am	January 18 For the People of the Parish
Tuesday 8:00 am	January 19 For the People of the Parish
Wednesday 8:00 am	January 20 For the People of the Parish
Thursday 8:00 am	January 21 For the People of the Parish
Friday 8:00 am	January 22 For the People of the Parish
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 23 Paul J. Burke and Laura Ronan
Sunday 7:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	January 24 Raymond Simon Edward Santoriello and Mike Bibbo For the People of the Parish

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2021

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become "fishers of men." They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.



Weekday Mass Times

In the Church

Mondays through Fridays at 8 am

*With the exception of the First Friday each month when
Mass will be held at 12 noon instead of 8 am.*

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Weekly Memorials

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Carmela Cecere, Mike Mulane, Evey Staromano, Caroline Palluzzi, Mary Cecere, Josh Crucilla, Patrick Duffy, Erlinda Ruzol, Dinah Villanueva, Theresa Padula, Joseph Crucilla, Roe Pucci, Jim Kazenmayer, John Hefferon, George Morgan, Nicholas Baldwin, Donna Azzolino, Ethel Ulrich, Dave Melroy, Aggie Ryan, Sarah Sterns, Patrick O'Connor, Antoinette Cecere, Peter Paul Perla, Jr., Don Wittmer, Jim Johnson, Robbie Morton, Nick Castellano, Sarah Wilkens, George Gonsolves, Connie Franzoni, Travis Singleton, Luciana Santoriello, Saroja Narayan and **for all our deceased** especially Daniel Capone and Jack Meeks.

The Church is open for private prayer. Please follow the directions on the posted signs and sit in the designated area only. Thank you!

Private Prayer in the Church

**Mondays-Fridays 10 am - 1 pm
Sundays 11 am - 2 pm**

Maintain social distancing and wear a mask during private prayer.

2021

As the world says “goodbye” to 2020, and welcomes in a New Year, it is evident that 2020 was an unstable year that led us to reevaluate routines, education, relationships, entertainment, socialization, and health. Never did I anticipate the conditions of life that 2020 would render. My prayer for 2021 is that the vaccine guides us to a safer existence so that we return to many of the activities that were part of our lives, which includes praying together as a community of faith. Many of you who celebrate mass through the livestream are missed at the church; I am always glad to run into you at the Post Office, Shop Rite or bank. We also learned a lot through the past year as most of us upgraded our level of technology usage due to Covid-19, and elevated health and hygiene procedures. Statistics indicate that 1.5 million people died worldwide in 2020 due to the pandemic with well over 300,000 in the United States. 2020 brought other concerns to us such as racial unrest, a presidential election, challenges to our democracy, and wild fires on the west coast.

This weekend the church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany; as the Magi search for the Christ-Child, 2021 engenders our search for Christ within some lifestyle adjustments. There is much to grasp from the Magi who follow a star to find the “newborn king” in that God calls us to follow a star with the irreplaceable gift of a new year, which reminds us that life is so precious and passes so quickly. In the United States, The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Family which is usually between January 2 and January 8. The word, Epiphany comes from the Greek *epiphanein* which means a “showing, appearance, or revelation.” The gospel story of the Magi is not meant to be read as a historical event, but yields a theological message that the Messiah came for all people, not just the Jews; therefore, it is a significant celebration on the church calendar since it highlights universal salvation. One of the major issues that faced the early Christians was the issue of inclusion. The significance of three Magi emerges from Matthew’s Gospel which speaks of three gifts. The physical appearance of the Magi springs forth from legends of the 9th century where the Magi are described as kings representing the three major races, and given the names, Melchior, an old white man with a long white beard, bearing the gift of gold, Caspar, young and of darker hue who carries incense, and Balthasar, a black man offering myrrh.

Like the Magi, we have a star to follow in our journey through life, yet like these individuals it is essential to know that we often are not aware of where the star will lead us. The Magi possessed abundant faith that directed them to Christ. This Solemnity comes to play in our church community in the manner that we reach out to those of different faith traditions and different nationalities. The Gospel about the Magi invites us to take notice that the Magi are the first formal visitors who Jesus receives outside the land of Israel, which summoned a challenge of the early Christians to navigate a path for Gentile and Jews to be one in Christ.

Today it is evident that as believers there are paths to follow in the manner that we interact with others since so many hold different theological and political viewpoints. This sets a tone to review encounters with Christ within our faith community as well as make Christian connections with immigrants and those labeled outsiders. Like King Herod in this weekend’s Gospel, many go through the motions pretending to be interested in doing the right thing, but struggle to attain lifestyle adjustments to correct particular behaviors. Like the Magi, 2020 detoured our lives with the coronavirus, hostility and politics, and upset many of our well planned tomorrows. Our faith journey navigates us through festive days and uneventful ones, through joys and sorrows, through truth and dishonesty, through success and failure. In your celebration of the Epiphany, work to make the light of 2021 visible in places and people you encounter. It will shape 2021 as a delightful year and render much fulfillment to your life.

*In Christ’s Love,
Fr. Bob*

BAPTISM: Arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling Diane Wallace at 973-635-0625 or emailing her at dwallace@st-pats.org. Parents are expected to attend an instructional session with the Baptism Team.

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. 153.

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. 152.

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 the parish office at 973-635-0625.

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

Mass Celebrants

Saturday, January 16 at 5 pm with Fr. Artur
Mass will be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 17 at 7:30 am with Fr. Artur
Mass will NOT be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 17 at 10 am with Fr. Bob
Mass will be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 17 at 5 pm with Fr. Bob
Mass will NOT be Live Streamed

Saturday, January 23 at 5 pm with Fr. Bob
Mass will be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 24 at 7:30 am with Fr. Bob
Mass will NOT be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 24 at 10 am with Fr. Artur
Mass will be Live Streamed

Sunday, January 24 at 5 pm with Fr. Artur
Mass will NOT be Live Streamed

Communion after the 10:00 am Live Stream



If you view the liturgy via livestream at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, or 10:00 a.m. Sunday and wish to receive Eucharist, communion is available at the entranceway to the parish center in the parking lot between 11:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday morning. Please drive up to the entrance doors, remain in your vehicle, lower your windows, keep your masks on, and a priest will provide you with Eucharist. Please enter the parking lot through Chatham Street and exit through Oliver Street.

The Saint Patrick Parish Office will be closed

Monday, January 18, 2021

In observance of the
Martin Luther King holiday.

Our office will reopen on Tuesday,
January 19, 2021 at 9 am.



It's not too late! *Walking with Purpose* is a weekly reflection that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussion, the group helps to link our everyday challenges and struggles to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Church. The course, *Keeping in Balance*, will take us on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. We'll explore biblical ways that we can manage life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. A lifestyle of health and holiness awaits. We meet weekly via Zoom meetings on Thursday mornings, 10 am until 11:30 am. Why not make it a New Year's resolution to grow closer in your relationship with God?

For more information or to register, contact the parish office or visit the *Walking With Purpose* webpage on our website at <https://st-pats.org/walking-with-purpose>

You can join the beginner group at any time!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

liturgy

The Church Unity Octave, a forerunner of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, was developed by Servant of God Father Paul

By
Deb Kuzma.

Watson, SA, at Graymoor in Garrison, New York, and was first observed at Graymoor from January 18-25, 1908. This year, from January 18-25 we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*) *The theme of this year's prayers is: "Abide in my love... You shall bear much fruit" from the Gospel of John, chapter 15. This is the prayer that all Christians are encouraged to pray that we all may be one:*

Gracious Lord, we pray for all the members of your holy Church, that all may abide in you and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit. We also pray for the world, that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness. We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to your world, and we know that in love we are called to unite as one in the vine and branches. The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. We are meant to be his branches. Help us we pray, to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world. May your grace effect growth of good fruit among us, that our world may realize peace. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Bell/Chime Choir for grades 4-7

Our first bell/chime choir for grades 4-7 is full, so we are beginning a second chime choir for this age group. This bell/chime choir will rehearse and play just one time a month for the Sunday 5pm mass, with rehearsal at 3:45pm prior to the mass. If your child would like to play in the bell chime choir, please contact Music Minister Maggie Hanson at maggiehansonmusic.com. We have six positions left in the new group!

PRAYER FOR LIFE

6-7 PM
January 22, 2021
St. Patrick Church

6PM - Holy Hour
Eucharistic adoration:
silence, worship, music, meditation

ONE VOICE UNITED IN PRAYER

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for grades 1 through 8 will continue to be held in a remote learning format. Our Faith Formation Coordinator, Karen Hoerrner, will provide guided lessons through weekly emails, supplemented with videos and other media.

If you have questions, please contact Karen Hoerrner, our Religious Education Coordinator at khoerrner@st-pats.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Save the Dates

- Thursday, January 21, 2021** - Spring Action Team Meeting
7 - 9 pm, South Room
in the Parish Office Building
- Sunday, January 24, 2021** - Sophomore Mass Reflection
3:30 - 6 pm, Parish Center - TEENS ONLY
- Monday, January 25, 2021** - Sophomore Gathering
7 - 8 pm, Parish Center
- Thursday, January 28, 2021** - Spring Action Team Meeting
7 - 9 pm, South Room
in the Parish Office Building

PARISH NURSES

Those interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine should pre-register through the State of New Jersey's registration portal. The vaccine will not be available at most physicians' offices at this time. For the most up-to-date information about the vaccine and how to pre-register, visit the Chatham Borough Health Department webpage at <https://www.chathamborough.org/chatham/Government/Health/> or by visiting the State of New Jersey Covid-19 Information Hub at <https://covid19.nj.gov/>



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future



St. Patrick School Accepting Applications For The 2021-2022 School Year!

Applications for all grades – Pre-K3 through Grade 8 – at St. Patrick School are being accepted now. Join the National Blue Ribbon and AdvancED Stem Certified school where your child can #BeTheFuture! For more information, log on to www.st-pats-school.org or contact the Admissions Office at admissions@st-pats.org or at 973-635-4623, extension 3.

St. Patrick School To Host Series of Virtual Open House Events During Week of January 31-February 6

Mark your calendars now to join St. Patrick School for National Catholic Schools Week, January 31-February 6! Virtually visit the school for several Virtual Open House events, beginning on Sunday, January 31 with a Virtual Open House event from 11AM EST. Following, St. Patrick School will host another Virtual Open House on Tuesday February 2 at 12:30PM EST and Thursday, February 4 at 7PM EST. More details can be found at www.st-pats-school.org/csw or call 973-635-4623, ext. 3.

Join St. Patrick School at Special Catholic Schools Week Mass

Join St. Patrick School and St. Patrick Parish for a special Mass celebrating Catholic Schools Week! The Mass will be led by Grade 8B and livestreamed on Monday, February 1 at 11AM EST. The view the Mass livestream, visit <https://youtu.be/aU3MLwcneEs>

New Year, New School? Transfer Grants Offered at St. Patrick School

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 safe, caring school environment where a values-based education is combined with National Blue Ribbon and STEM certified academics every day. Tuition Transfer Grants are available to new students entering in grades 1 through 7, coming from public, charter or home schools. Curious? Email admissions@st-pats.org or call 973-635-4623 to learn more or to schedule a virtual tour!