

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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We, the St. Patrick's Parish Family, are a Roman Catholic community of sons and daughters of God the Father who are empowered by the Holy Spirit to commit our lives to worship, prayer, compassion, service, education and sharing our Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel with all others.

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



November 16, 2014

CLERGY

Rev. Joseph F. Bisignano
Pastor

Rev. Augustine A. Addai
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Thomas E. Kreiser
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Jeffrey M. Pomeisl
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan
Pastor Emeritus

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday:
9:00 am to 12:00 noon,
1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

School Principal
Monica Virgilio 962-2211

Religious Education Director
Kelly Vardakas 962-5586

**Minister to Homebound
& Hospitalized**
Sr. Sheila Kelly, RGS..... 962-5050

Parenting Education
Nan Gollogly 962-5050

Music Ministry
Kathey Lewis, *Director* 962-5050
Barbara Castrataro, *Organist*

Parish Secretary
Ann-Marie Treanor..... 962-5050

Youth Group
Chris & Megan Genn 962-5050



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday: after 6:55am Mass, and 8:30 to 8:55am.
Saturdays after 9:00 am Mass, and 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents should come to the Rectory to pick up a Baptism Preparation Package to begin the process for Baptism.

MATRIMONY

Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding. Parishioners who are registered can make arrangements of date and time only after speaking with the Pastor.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Rectory.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome adults considering membership in the Catholic Church and those Catholics desiring to complete their initiation to inquire into the RCIA process.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE †

Main Church

Saturday 5:15 pm
Sunday 7:45, 9:15, 11:00 am,
12:30 & 5:00 pm

Stone Church

Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE †

Monday - Friday 6:55 & 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

6:55am Carmel & Trevor Danker

9:00am Virginia & James Heaphy

Tues. November 18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul, Apostles, St. Rose Phillippine Duchesne, Virgin

6:55am Fr. Bernard Smith, O.F.M., Cap.

9:00am Deceased Members of the O'Callaghan Family

Wed. November 19

6:55am Raffaella Drago

9:00am Nicholas Petruzzi

Thurs. November 20

6:55am John Robach

9:00am Lena & Joseph Gioia

Fri. November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:55am Eileen Hopkins

9:00am Edward Heaton

Sat. November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

9:00am Maureen T. Ronelli

5:15pm Deceased Members of The Ward & Stellwagen Families

Sun. November 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:45am Linda Delionado

9:00am For the People of St. Patrick's Church

9:15am Ben Cozza

10:30am Anthony Mammato

11:00am Joseph Hickey, Sr.

12:30pm Patrick J. Murray

5:00pm Grace Cassotta

Collection - November 9, 2014

Weekly Collection Last Year \$23,910.50

Weekly Collection This Year \$22,406.00

Weekly Children's Collection Last Year \$ 388.50

Weekly Children's Collection This Year \$ 365.50

September Parish Pay Last Year \$20,197.00

September Parish Pay This Year \$23,137.73

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10 or, for the Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-33

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

Monday, November 17, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCM)
4:15pm	Choristers (109/110)
4:30pm	Basketball (Gym)
7:00pm	Nocturnal Adoration (Ador. Chapel)
7:00pm	Bible Study (PCH/PCM/Lib)
7:30pm	Boy Scouts (Gym)
7:30pm	Rel. Ed. Confirmation Parents Mtg. (MC)
7:30pm	Mass & Miraculous Medal Prayers (MC)
Tuesday, November 18, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:00am	Basketball (Gym)
9:45am	Film (PCM)
10:00am	St. Patrick's Seniors (PCH)
11:00am	SPS Early Dismissal
6:00pm	Bereavement (PCM)
6:30pm	Legion of Mary (MC-CR)
7:00pm	SPA Board Meeting (Bld. "A")
7:30pm	Choir (MC)
Wednesday, November 19, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)
11:00am	SPS Early Dismissal
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LC)
4:30pm	Basketball (Gym)
7:00pm	Beads for Peace (PCM)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
7:30pm	Teen Choir (MC)
7:30pm	RCIA (Rect.)
7:30pm	Al-Anon (109/110)
Thursday, November 20, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Bible Study (PCH/PCM/Lib)
4:30pm	Basketball (Gym) NO
4:30pm	Choristers Grades 3-4 (109/110)
7:00pm	Bible Study (107/108/109/110)
8:00pm	Healing Mass (MC)
Friday, November 21, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
2:30pm	Girl Scout Troop 1472 (107/108)
6:00pm	Youth Group Grades 6-8 (107/108)
8:00pm	CREDO General Meeting (101)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
Saturday, November 22, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
7:00am	Emmaus Men's Ministry (107/108)
8:00am	Sharing Community (PCH, Kit)
9:00am	Boy Scout Retreat (107/108/109/110)
9:00am	Basketball (Gym)
9:30am	Centering Prayer (Art Rm)
9:30pm	Youth Group/Fr. Tom Pie Making (PCH, Kit)
6:30pm	Ministry Fair (PCH)
6:30pm	SPS Dance Class (PCH)
Sunday, November 23, 2014	
8:00am	AA (LC)
8:00am	Ministry Fair (PCH)
10:15am	Hospitality (PCH)
10:15am	Library Open
2:00pm	Basketball (Gym)
6:00pm	Marian Consecration Prayer Service (MC)
8:00pm	AA (LC)

World Youth Day is an international Youth Festival that takes place every 2-3 years. The highlight of the trip is a Vigil and Mass with Pope Francis. This pilgrimage is both fun and inspirational. All teens and young adults currently in 7th grade or older are eligible. Dates are from **July 22 - August 1, 2016**. The cost is approximately \$3000/person. Our youth group will be fundraising to defer the cost. An \$800 deposit is required as soon as possible. Contact: Fr. Tom at the Rectory. We currently have several young people who wish to go to WYD but are having difficulty with the deposit. If you can sponsor a child by donating part or all of a deposit, please contact Fr. Tom at the Rectory. All contributions will remain anonymous.

Our Principal Parish Mass for Thanksgiving Day will be on **Wednesday** evening, **November 26st** at 7:30PM in the Main Church. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable foods to be brought forward during the Preparation of the Gifts. In addition, the monetary collection will be for charities aiding members of our own local community. We have so many blessings for which we can thank God; let us take this time as a parish family to give him thanks and praise at 7:30PM.

*There will be **no** 6:55AM Mass, only a 9:00AM Mass on Thanksgiving morning.*

S. Patrick's Parentcare Program is collecting

donations for 1st Way Life Center, a crisis pregnancy center in Monticello, NY. If you have any of the following items and are ready to pass them along, kindly mark them "Parentcare" and bring them to the Parish Center kitchen by before **December 3rd**: warm jackets (size infants to children age 10), gloves, scarves, hats and boots for adults and children; plastic carriage covers, and umbrellas. Strollers and pac'n'plays are always needed, as well as baby food, formula, and diapers.

Beads for Peace, the Rosary Making Guild

of St. Patrick's, will meet **Wednesday, November 19**, 7:00-8:30PM in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Learn how to make rosaries for the missions, military and hospitals. Instruction and materials are provided. Questions? Call Gina at 980-6610. All are welcome.

Advent Day of Recollection

Where: The Retreat Center at Mount St. Francis
250 South Street, Peekskill, NY 10566

When: Monday, December 1, 2014

Time: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Mass: 11:00 AM

Donation: \$10. Bring lunch. Coffee & tea provided. Please RSVP by Monday, November 24th by calling Sr. Sheila at 962-5050, ext. 19.

A Healing Mass will be celebrated here at St. Patrick's by Father Pio Mandato, F.M.H.J. on **Thursday, November 20**. Songs of praise will begin at 7:45pm, the Mass at 8:00. Individual prayer for healing will follow the Mass. Bring your physical, emotional and spiritual needs to the Lord for His healing touch. This Mass is sponsored by St. Patrick's Prayer Group. Contact: Joan 526-6538.



If you would like to donate the candles and greens for the Advent Wreath in either Church in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special intention, please call the Rectory. The cost is \$100 for the Main Church or Stone Church. The first Sunday of Advent is November 30th.

Prayer books for the Marian Retreat – 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley – are available at the Rectory. We invite you to join our parish-wide Marian Consecration. Fr. Pomeisl will continue his series of talks on Marian Consecration each Sunday night in November – Nov. 16th, Nov. 23rd & November 30th from 6:00-6:30 pm. The Marian Consecration Retreat will culminate with a Consecration Mass on Sunday, December 7th at 7:30 pm.

The St. Patrick's PARISH Seniors Christmas Party will be held on **Friday, December 5**, from 12:00 to 4:00PM at Hallow Brook Golf Club. Contact: Terry at 243-9782 by Friday, November 28.

St. Patrick's Seniors will meet on **Tuesday, November 18** at 10:00am in the Parish Center Hall.



FLOCKNOTE is a new and effective way for our St. Patrick's Family to communicate!

When you sign up for **FLOCKNOTE** you will receive important updates from the parish (and Archdiocese) in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive via email or text message from the various ministries and groups in the parish. *You can unsubscribe at any time. You can get started by going to www.flocknote.com/stpatsyorktown or Text: **stpats to 84576**. If you have any questions please call Ed Benvenga at (914) 772-1843 or visit the **FLOCKNOTE** web site.*

St. Patrick's Ministry Fair

Saturday, November 22 & Sunday, November 23

Time: After the Saturday 5:15 Mass **AND** the four Main Church Sunday Masses.

We will not be holding the fair after the 5:00PM Mass on Sunday.

Location: Parish Center Hall

We are very excited about hosting this fair as an opportunity for the various ministries to get their message out and possibly recruit new members.

Yorktown Community Help will be collecting non-perishable food and paper items for distribution at Thanksgiving. Please leave your donations in the vestibule of the Main Church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Altar Bread & Wine used in the Main Church this week were donated by The Weinstein Family in loving memory of:

Margaret Glynn

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Main Church this week was donated by Mary D'Ascoli in loving memory of:

Carmela & Sabato D'Ascoli

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Main Church Chapel this week was donated by Carol & Don Stellwagen in loving memory of:

Mary Galgano

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by Your Daughter Mary in loving memory of:

Louis Lusardi-Frankerberry

UNANNOUNCED MASSES:

Deceased: Antonio Florio, Mary J. McDonald, Janet Guntert, Cruz M. Arzuaga, Bernadette Bradley, MaryDeMarco, James Flynn

Special Intention: Ralph Samudio, William Kent(2), Tom & Grace McGuire & Family, Honor of St. Lucy

Wedding Banns

I Christopher Doyle & Casey Byrne



A Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols will be presented on **Friday, December 5th** at 7:30pm in the Main Church. This evening consists of scripture and music of the season presented by combined choirs and instrumentalists of St. Patrick's, with opportunities for the congregation to participate in the joyful song. Join us for this beautiful way to enter into the spiritual nature of the Advent/Christmas season.

We will be hosting a special Mass for couples experiencing infertility or recurrent miscarriage. All are welcome. Please join us on **Friday, December 12**, at 6:30pm. The Miraculous Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and relics of St. Gianna Beretta Molla will be present for veneration following Mass. Come and meet Dr. Anne Nolte, MD, co-founder and medical director of the National Gianna Catholic Healthcare Center for Women, who will speak after Mass and be available for questions. To RSVP or for any questions please call Kelly Vardakas at 926-5586 or email GiannaMass1212@gmail.com.

Catholic Infertility Support Group for Women. If you are facing infertility and long for some guidance and support, please join us for an introductory meeting on **Monday, December 1st** from 7:30-8:30 in the Parish Center, Room 101, at St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights. RSVP by November 28th to toni.saintpats@gmail.com.

From the Desk of Fr. Tom Kreiser

Is Jesus too tough?

This Sunday's Gospel contains the Parable of the Talents. The Master gives, respectively, five, two and one talent to the servants. The servants with five and two go to work and make more. The servant with one hides it so that he won't lose it. When the Master returns, he throws the servant out into the cold, while he welcomes the other two "into his joy."

Does the servant really deserve to be thrown out into the cold, dark night and excluded from the Kingdom? I mean, what did he really do? He didn't lose the money the Master gave him – he merely saved it. So why does he deserve punishment, even though Jesus spends much time in the Gospel forgiving people who have sinned much worse than this servant?

I think the key is that the servant was not about his Master's business – he did not engage in what the Master was doing. You see, Jesus tells us to either love Him or hate Him – to be hot or cold. It is when we are lukewarm that He has a problem. Jesus demands a response to what He offers. And there are many people in the world and in the Church who "bury their talents." Certainly, Jesus means that we should use the gifts that we are given in order to help others. All of God's graces, after all, are given to share. But to use those gifts demand that we respond to what Jesus has to say.

When we engage with the teachings of Jesus which we receive through the Scriptures and the Catholic Church, it is sometimes a wrestling match. Let's face it – Jesus' teachings are not always easy. But they are possible if we use what He gives us. If we use the talents – the graces, favors and gifts – that we have been given, then they bring a great return to the Lord. Others are helped to follow Jesus because of what we say and do, charitable works are performed, the Word is preached – and all because we decide not to hide what we have been given. When we use our talents, God blesses that work and makes it fruitful.

There is no doubt that sometimes we fall – and sometimes we fall badly. Jesus reminds us to repent and turn back to Him. There is nothing He can't forgive, but when we repent, we are engaged, involved with what is going on. And even when we choose to sin, we are aware of Jesus' teachings; we just choose to go against them. In either case, we are engaged with the Word.

With this in mind, I want to mention once more the Ministry Fair that will happen next week. What a great opportunity for us to offer our gifts (which come from God in the first place) to God's service and for the good of our brothers and sisters. All of us have been given "talents" to use. Let's make sure that we engage with Jesus in their use, so that we don't wind up out in the cold. God bless you.