

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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



August 23, 2015

CLERGY

Rev. Joseph F. Bisignano
Pastor

Rev. Thomas E. Kreiser
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Jeffrey M. Pomeisl
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. John P. McDonagh
Retired Priest in Residence

Deacon Richard R. Scheibe

PARISH STAFF

School Principal
Darlene Del Vecchio.....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
Kathy Lewis, *Director*962-5050
Barbara Castrataro, *Organist*

Parish Secretary
Ann-Marie Treanor962-5050

Youth Group
Chris & Megan Genn.....962-5050

CREDO-Young Adult Group
Fr. Jeffrey Pomeisl.....962-5050

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday immediately after the 6:55AM Mass and 8:30 to 8:55AM.
Saturdays immediately after 9:00AM Mass, and 4:00 to 5:00PM.

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.



SUMMER

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE +

Main Church

Saturday.....5:15 pm
Sunday.....7:45, 9:15, 11:00 am
5:00 pm

Stone Church

Sunday.....9:45 am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE +

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. August 24
 6:55am Marie McGuire
 9:00am Dominique & Theresa Caranfa
Tues. August 25 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle
6:55 Catherine Essig
 9:00am Patrissi & Panzarino Families
Wed. August 26
 6:55am Florence Logan
 9:00am Norman Bahlert
Thurs. August 26 - St. Monica
 6:55am Larry Garych
 9:00am Guido Saggese
Fri. August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 6:55am The Bocchino Family
 9:00am Robin Mary Risi
Sat. August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 9:00am John P. Ereno
 5:15pm John Paratore
Sun. August 30
 7:45am Frances Tormos
 9:15am Liam O'Brien
 9:45am Nora & John Sullivan
 11:00am The People of St. Patrick's
 5:00pm Lucy Gill

Monday, August 24	
7:00am	AA (LC)
7:30pm	Mass & Miraculous Novena Prayers (MC)
Tuesday, August 25	
7:00am	AA (LC)
6:00pm	Bereavement Group (PCM)
Wednesday, August 26	
7:00am	AA (LC)
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LC)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
7:30pm	Teen Choir (MC)
7:30pm	Al-Anon (EC 109)
Thursday, August 27	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Exodus Bible Study (PCH)
7:00pm	Exodus Bible Study (EC 109/110)
8:00pm	Prayer Meeting (PCM)
Friday, August 28	
7:00am	AA (LC)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
Saturday, August 29	
7:00am	Emmaus Men's Ministry (EC 107/108)
Sunday, August 30	
8:00am	AA (LC)
3:00pm	Boy Scout Ad Altare Dei (PCM)
8:00pm	AA (LC)

Collection - August 16, 2015	
Weekly Collection Last Year	\$18,430.00
Weekly Collection This Year	\$18,409.00
Weekly Children's Collection Last Year	\$ 114.00
Weekly Children's Collection This Year	\$ 143.00
July Parish Pay Last Year	\$20,404.83
July Parish Pay This Year	\$24,654.98

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

EARN (Employment Assistance & Resource Network), our parish's ministry to the unemployed, will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, September 3rd at 7:25pm** in the Parish Center Hall. Each EARN meeting provides job searchers with effective techniques to generate new job opportunities. Please join us and spread the word! For more information visit: www.earnatstpats.com.

Help Keep Our Mailing Costs Down

Do you have a change of address or a correction to your current envelopes? If so, contact the Rectory at 962-5050 or stpatsyorktown@optonline.net.



Many companies sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. Please consider signing up for your company's matching gift program. This is an easy way to help further your financial support to St. Patrick's Church.

Please "Like" our Parish Facebook page!

The Web address for this page is:
www.facebook.com/StPatricksParish.



All are invited to a birthday celebration for the *Blessed Mother*. A Parish "Living Rosary" is planned for Sunday, **September 6th** following the 12:30pm Mass (approximately 2pm) around the St. Patrick statue circle, outside the Main Church -- weather permitting, otherwise, in the Main Church.

We will be starting the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process in mid-September. The RCIA is for any adult seeking baptism, baptized adults seeking to join the Catholic Church, or Catholics in need of receiving communion/and or confirmation. If you or someone you know is seeking full Communion with the Catholic Church you or they are encouraged to come to this informational session. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Tom at 962-5050.

St. Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Does your faith need a boost? Faith is caught from other Catholics who share their strong belief in God and His love for us. Come to our meeting on Thursday night at 8:00pm in the meeting room, downstairs in the Main Church. Information: Joan (914) 526-6538.

St. Patrick's Library has a wide selection of wonderful videos which you can borrow for a full week, free of charge, and return to the Rectory. The library is not open at set hours during the summer, but our videos and books **are available**. Call Betty at (914) 245-7253 for information, a printed video list, and to have items left for you at the Rectory. You can also make an appointment to visit the library.

Volunteer Needed: It has been 20 years since Midnight Run was started here at St. Patrick's. It is time for me to pass the baton on to someone who would like to take over this ministry to the homeless. If you are interested, please leave your name and number at the Rectory. I will return your call and explain what is involved and answer any questions you may have

Rectory: stpatryorktown@optonline.net (preferred)
(914) 962-5050.

- - - *Ellen Schulz*

The Altar Bread & Wine used in the **Main Church** this week were donated by Your Friend Kathleen O'Keefe & Family in loving memory of:



Thomas Maffei

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Main Church** this week was donated by Denis & Carol Farrell in loving memory of:



William (Bil) Connors

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Main Church Chapel** this week was donated by Joseph & Maria D'Avanzo in loving memory of:



Aurelio D'Avanzo

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Stone Church** this week was donated by the Bill Spelman in loving memory of:



Mary Ann G. Spelman

UNANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Deceased: Basilidisa Gastardo, Panela Rettberg Iannacone, Florence Mack, Albert Lewis, Michael mckenna, marie Messina, Jeanne Stipcicevie, Robert & Mary Jane Ghiringhelli, Eric Sanders

If you are seriously ill at home or in the hospital or are having major surgery and would like a visit please notify Sr. Sheila Kelly @ 962-5050.

IMPORTANT

Our regular Sunday Mass schedule will resume on September 6, 2015.

New Church

Saturday - 5:15 PM

Sunday - 7:45, 9:15, 11:00 AM, 12:30 & 5:00 PM

Stone Church

Sunday - 9:00 and 10:30 AM

Because of the Labor Day Holiday, there will be only **ONE** Mass on **Monday, September 7st** at 9:00AM. Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be prayed after that Mass.

Banns

- I Paul Aiuto & Victoria Di Napoli
Robert Wienecke & Erica Schupp
- II Silvestro Musilli & Jennifer Avitabile
Jordan Hill & Deneysel Solazzo
- III Vincent Trezza & Lindsay Burke

Wedding

Adam Paolino & Anne-Marie Spears
Sunday, August 23, 2015, 2:00pm, Stone Church

Save the Dates

Franciscan Sisters of Peekskill

Celebrating 150 Years Presents

Our International Heritage Through Music
Mary Mancini - International Vocal Artist
Mario Tacca - World Renowned Accordionist

Sunday: August 30, 2015, 3:00PM

Sisters Chapel: 250 South St, Peekskill, NY
Refreshments to follow. RSVP: (914) 737-3373

Trinity Gift Shop

Blow-Out Sale

September 12 & 13 after ALL Masses

Ministers to the Homebound

Join Fr. Bisignano

Morning of Reflection and Renewal

Monday, September 28, 2015, 10:00am-12:00pm

Parish Center Meeting Room,

Blood Drive

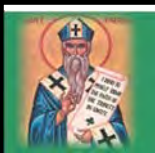
Sunday, September 20, 2015, 8:00am - 2:00pm

St. Patrick's Parish Center Hall

Administered by New York Blood Center

The St. Patrick's Golf Classic

Monday, September 28, 2015. Details to follow.



We are in need of Catechists for the coming year in our Religious Education Program. Classes meet once a week from September through May and begin at 4:30. We have classes Monday through Thursday. We also have a Monday evening session at 6:15pm. We are in need of catechists to teach grades 3-8. Please call Kelly at 962-5586 if you would like more information.

"This is a Great Mystery..." A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is great continuing education for your marriage. For more information go to www.wwme.org or call toll free 877-NYS-WWME ext 3



St. Patrick's School is welcoming new students for the Fall 2015. NEW partnership with Kennedy Catholic - iPads for 6-7-8 grades! SPS has 5 days hot lunch program, morning/after school care, a resource teacher, Spanish, Music, Art, Computer, class plays, basketball, volleyball, scouts, class trips, and more! Yorktown, Lakeland, Somers, Mahopac and other districts have busing!



Call at 914-962-2211 and visit www.stpatricksschoolyorktown.org.

Stand together to help protect women and unborn children

Tell your government to stop giving your money to Planned Parenthood.

In the back of the churches, you will find postcards that you can fill out and put in the baskets provided.
We will collect and mail them to our elected officials.

These postcards will help our leaders know that the people they represent do not want their tax money used to support a business that profits from destroying the lives of unborn children.
Please take extra postcards to give to friends and family members.

Let us come together to help women and their unborn children!

From the desk of Fr. Tom Kreiser

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

For the last five Sundays, we have interrupted the reading of St. Mark's Gospel with readings from what is called the Bread of Life Discourse in the Gospel of St. John. It began, if you remember, with Jesus feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. After that, everyone wanted to follow Him. Then Jesus began to talk about Himself as the Bread of Life. He assured the Jews that His flesh was true food and His blood was true drink, and that if they ate His flesh and drank His blood they would have eternal life.

As they did in the desert with Moses, the Jews murmured among themselves when Jesus said this. They asked, "How can He give us His flesh to eat?" Jesus, rather than making excuses, repeats what He said, and adds that if you do not eat His flesh and drink His blood you have no life within you.

And so we come to today's reading. The Jews get fed up with Jesus and they walk away. Those who were so eager to follow Him abandon Him when the teaching gets tough. And then Jesus turns to the Apostles and asks if they want to leave as well. Peter gives the answer for them all: "To whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life."

The Apostles didn't really understand the teaching on the Eucharist any better than the people, but they did recognize that Jesus was the one they needed to follow if they wanted eternal life. He gives us His very Body and Blood to be our food – to nourish our souls and strengthen us as we move toward heaven.

As Catholics, the most precious gift that we have is the gift of the Eucharist. It is **really, truly and completely** the Body and Blood of Jesus. We have to note that Jesus, when the crowds started to leave, did not say, "Hey, come back, I was only speaking metaphorically," or "I mean that this is my body in a 'spiritual' way only."

So many Catholics think that there is no need to come to Mass. I hear all the time, "I pray on my own, I don't need to come together with other people." But the reality is, they are missing out on the nourishment to their spiritual lives that the Eucharist provides. It is like saying, "I like to stay healthy, but I don't really need to eat." The Eucharist is essential for a healthy spiritual life. We need to spread the word.

And don't we sometimes walk away from Jesus? Perhaps by not attending Mass, or perhaps through our sinfulness, we tell Jesus that we don't need Him, we don't need His Body and Blood, and we don't need the Church community. It is at these times that we need to remember the words of Peter – "You alone have the words of eternal life." A good confession and we are back on the way of holiness. We can always return to following Jesus.

Perhaps it is time for us to give the Eucharist some serious consideration. Maybe we don't understand the philosophical and theological concept of **transubstantiation** so well. That is OK. Jesus calls us to belief, not total knowledge. If we truly believe that the Eucharist is Jesus' Body and Blood, then we need to act like it. Eucharist is the center of our spiritual lives, but it is not the sum total of our spiritual lives. It should prompt us to spread the message to others, and to spend time ourselves with the Lord in prayer. And certainly, it should prompt us to invite those who are away from the Eucharist to return to the practice of attending Mass. After all, if we can't come to Jesus in the Eucharist, to whom can we go?

God bless you.