

# 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.*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 17, 2016

### 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 DelVecchio.....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 Treanor .....962-5050

**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 6:55 & 9:00AM Mass.  
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.



### 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  
*Lent & Easter* 12:00 Noon  
Saturday 9:00 am

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon. April 18**

6:55am Ann Duffell  
 9:00am James O'Neil  
 12:00pm Parry Burrell

**Tues. April 19**

6:55am Shane Sokolov (LIVING)  
 9:00am Britany Mastropolo  
 12:00pm Joseph DeFrancesco

**Wed. April 20**

6:55am Josephine Giardina  
 9:00am Maria Guasterferro  
 12:00pm Mary & Larry McKee

**Thurs. April 21 - St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

6:55am Mary Davis  
 9:00am Joseph Malalan  
 12:00pm Robert & Ester Leonard

**Fri. April 22**

6:55am Joseph T. & Catherine Jordan  
 9:00am Lori Wilsea  
 12:00pm Joseph Rutigliano

**Sat. April 23 - St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr**

9:00am Katherine Lewandowski  
 5:15pm Charles P. Morreale

**Sun. April 24 - 5th Sunday of Easter**

7:45am Cathleen D'Arcy  
 9:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society  
 9:15am Anthony Mammato  
 10:30am Beatrice Schembari  
 11:00am Ida Iaconis  
 12:30pm Desolina & Frank Bonini  
 5:00pm For the People of St. Patrick's

**Collection April 10, 2016**

Weekly Collection Last Year	\$22,416.00
Weekly Collection This Year	\$22,269.00
Weekly Children's Collection Last Year	\$ 254.00
Weekly Children's Collection This Year	\$ 206.50
March Parish Pay Last Year	\$23,848.73
March Parish Pay This Year	\$30,237.42

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday, April 18	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)
4:15pm	Choristers Grades 5-8 (EC 109/110)
4:30pm	Volleyball (Gym)
7:00pm	Bible Study (PCH, PCM, Lib)
7:30pm	Mass & Miraculous Novena Prayers (MC)
7:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop Meeting (Gym,)
Tuesday, April 19	
7:00am	AA (LC)
10:00am	St. Patrick's Seniors (PCH)
4:30pm	Volleyball (Gym)
6:00pm	Bereavement Group (PCM)
6:15pm	Legion of Mary (MC-Crying Rm)
7:30pm	Adult Choir (MC)
Wednesday, April 20	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LL of SC)
2:30pm	Girls Scout Troop 1493 (PCM)
4:30pm	Volleyball (Gym)
6:00pm	Middle School Youth Group (PCH)
7:00pm	Beads for Peace (PCM)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
7:30pm	Teen Choir (MC)
7:30pm	RCIA (Rectory)
7:30pm	Al-Anon (EC 109)
Thursday, April 21	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Bible Study (PCH, PCM, Lib)
4:30pm	Volleyball (Gym)
4:30pm	Choristers Grades 3-4 (EC 109/110)
7:00pm	Bible Study (EC 107/108/109/110)
7:30pm	Adult Choir (MC)
8:00pm	Prayer Meeting (PCM)
Friday, April 22	
7:00am	AA (LC)
2:30pm	SPS Variety Show Rehearsal (Gym)
4:30pm	Girl Scout Troop 1592 (FEC 107/108)
4:30pm	Volleyball (Gym)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
Saturday, April 23	
7:00am	Emmaus Men's Ministry (EC 107/108)
8:00pm	Sharing Community (PCH Kit)
9:00am	Volleyball (Gym) <b>NO</b>
9:30am	Centering Prayer (Art Rm)
6:30pm	SPS Variety Show (Gym)
6:30pm	High School Youth Group <b>NO</b>
Sunday, April 24	
8:00am	AA (LC)
10:15am	Hospitality (PCH)
10:15am	Library Opens
2:00pm	Baptism Prep Class
2:00pm	Volleyball (Gym)
6:00pm	Crew #173
8:00pm	AA (LC)

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 or Text: stpats to 84576

**The St. Patrick's School 8th Grade class in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Parish Emmaus Men's Ministry is hosting a Pasta Dinner**



on **Saturday, April 30** following the 5:15pm Mass in the Parish Center Hall to benefit *My Brother Vinny*. *My Brother Vinny* is a Yorktown-run charity that provides necessities to veterans in need. To join us for an evening of delicious Italian food, email MissProctorSPS@gmail.com to reserve seats. Payment can be made at the door: \$12 per adult, \$8 per child, maximum \$40 per family.

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**The Sanctuary Lamp & Bread and Wine for 2016 are available.** This is a special way to remember a deceased family member or to honor or celebrate a special event. Call or stop by the Rectory.



**Medical & Ethical Decisions  
End of Life Issues At Any Age**

**Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9:00am**

St. Joseph's Church, Somers, NY

**Speakers:** Edward Mechmann, Esq., NYAD,  
Harold Federman, MD, Hospice Director

Karen Gormley-Vitale, RN, Hospice Nurse/Manager

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**A Cluster Prayer Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, April 28** at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker, Fr. Anthony Sorgie, will speak on "A Church of Mercy During the Year of Mercy." Join us to praise God in song, hear His word in Scripture and share what God is doing in our lives. This prayer meeting is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Prayer Groups of Northern Westchester and Putnam. All are welcome to attend. Contact: Joan, 526-6538.

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**St. Patrick's Library** has a wide selection of wonderful videos which you can borrow for a full week, free of charge. We open at 10:15am on Sundays and 9:30am on Tuesdays. Please call 245-7253 for information, a printed video list, and to have videos left for you at the Rectory.

**The Family Association of Kennedy Catholic High School** invites you to join them as they "Restore the Grotto - In Memory of Sr. Barbara Heil". Join us as we begin our campaign to honor the life of our beloved teacher and friend. Donations can be made at [www.kennedycatholic.org](http://www.kennedycatholic.org) or mail checks to Family Association KCHS, 54 Route 138, Somers, NY 10589, or call 914-232-5061.

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**Our next Midnight Run is May 14.** The following items are needed: **MEN:** Sneakers, jeans, hoodies, sweatpants, underwear (L, XL, 2XL), baseball caps. **WOMEN:** summer tops, panties. We also need blankets, sleeping bags and backpacks. While these are special needs, we will **ALWAYS** take warm coats for next fall.

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**In this Year of Mercy:** This month we are highlighting the Acts of Mercy "Bear Wrongs Patiently" and "Forgive Offenses".

**April 24, 2016**, Confessions being heard:  
before the 7:45am Mass (7:15 - 7:40PM)  
after the 9:15am Mass  
after the 12:30pm Mass  
before the 5:00pm Mass (4:30 - 4:55PM)

In an effort to address a request at the Town Hall meeting, we will publish a brief statement of the church income and expenses each quarter. Following is the statement for 12/1/15- 2/29/16:

**Church Income:**

Collections (inc. Christmas)	533,651.41
Ministries and Programs	11,141.11
Fundraising	9,015.00
Other	3,598.60
Religious Ed Income:	<u>7,462.00</u>
Total income	564,868.12

**Church Expenses:**

Office and Administration	337,092.86
Ministry and Programs	23,576.88
Utilities	23,283.78
Repairs and maintenance	36,867.98
Religious Ed Expenses:	<u>72,199.84</u>
Total Expenses	493,021.34

Any surplus funds this year will be used towards installing an elevator and any other requirements necessary to obtain a CO which will allow us to use the lower level of the Family Education Building.



**Banns**

**I Justin Delgado & Jessica D'Amato  
Corey McLaren & Lori Chiaro**

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**Expecting a Baby?** If you are awaiting the arrival of a new baby either through birth or adoption, we would like to invite you to join us for a Pre-Natal Blessing at the 9:15am Mass on **Sunday, April 24**. During the liturgy, each expectant family will receive a special blessing and medal. After Mass, we hope you will plan to join us for hospitality downstairs in the Parish Center Hall, where as a community of faith, we wish to honor you and share in the joyful anticipation of your new arrival. Please register for this event by April 22, by calling Nan Gollogly at 962-5050.



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**Religious Education Reminder:** Please include your **child's name** AND **grade** when submitting your Mass Bulletins for attendance.

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**The Little Sisters of the Poor** will be at our parish next weekend, April 23/24 to take up a collection for their Home for the Aged Poor in the Bronx. The Little Sisters welcome the needy aged into their homes where they find security, friendship and the assurance of loving care. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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**Our NEXT Pastoral Council General Meeting** is **Tuesday, April 26** at 7:00pm in room 107/108 of the Family Education Center. All are welcome.

The Altar Bread & Wine used in the **Main Church** this week were donated by Rita & Bob Garofalo in loving memory of:

**Robert & Edna Garofalo**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Main Church** this week was donated by Mary & Tom Devino in loving memory of:

**Ann Duffell**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Main Church Chapel** this week was donated by Michele Curran in loving memory of:

**Bernice Kelly**

The Altar Bread & Wine used in the **Stone Church** this week were donated by Rita & Bob Garofalo in loving memory of:

**Dorothy & Edward Clark**

**UNANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Deceased:** Dolores Androsko, Marion Owen, Mary Jane Walsh(2), Lynne Mucchigrosso, Carolyn Vollrath, Carmen Pineiro, Harry Karagozian, Marilyn McCaffrey, Alice Arnold

**Special Intentions:** Patricia Costello

**St. Patrick's Seniors** will meet on **Tuesday, April 19** in the Parish Center Hall at 10:00am.

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**Beads For Peace**, St. Patrick's Rosary Makers, will meet **Wednesday, April 20**, in the Parish Center Meeting Room from 7 - 8:30PM. All are welcome. Contact: Gina @ 302-6059.

**St. Joseph's Corner:** Each week we can and should strive to live a holier life because that will lead to a



happier life now and eternal life in Heaven. The most important part of our week is the Sunday Mass. There are simple ways to make Sundays more special so that you can thank God for all of the ways He has blessed you. Try to arrive early for Sunday Mass, dress up if you can and make an extra effort to spend time together with your family enjoying each other. The traditional Sunday family meal is an excellent way for our families to take time to love God by loving each other. Let's all ask God for the grace to help us make each Sunday a day that is different from the rest of the week by taking time to joyfully enjoy God's gifts.

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**In this Year of Mercy:** Each month we highlight different acts of mercy. This month it is "Bearing Wrongs Patiently" and "Forgiving Offenses". All works of mercy, though, have the same idea in common – loving God by loving our neighbor. Mother Teresa said, "Thoughtfulness is the beginning of great sanctity. If you learn the art of thoughtfulness you will become more and more Christlike. His heart was meek and he always thought of the needs of others." ("Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations" by Mother Teresa).

From the desk of Fr. Tom Kreiser

## **Till Death Do Us Part**

The institution of marriage has been under great scrutiny (some may say attack) in recent years. In particular, the Church's stance on marriage as a permanent, exclusive covenant among a man, a woman and God has come under fire. But if one searches the Scriptures, we find evidence from the Book of Genesis onwards that this is the case. I feel the need to clarify and maybe to help some whose marriages need recognition by the Church.

**It is the obligation of all Catholics to be married in a Catholic Church in the presence of a priest or deacon.** Many Catholics do not know this and so have their weddings in a place other than a Church. Sometimes they are even witnessed by a rogue priest who claims to be acting in the name of the Church. For those who are in this situation, with no previous unions, a simple ceremony will validate your marriage and so allow it to be recognized by the Church.

For those who are in a second union, there are two possibilities. If you are Catholic and were **not** married in a Catholic Church or with permission of the Catholic Church the first time, the process of declaring that union null is easy. We simply collect some paperwork and send it to the Metropolitan Tribunal. You can then go on to have the present union validated.

For those who were married in a Catholic Church, and now are in a second union outside the Church, there is need for an annulment of the first marriage. This is a declaration by the Church that, for some reason, the sacrament of marriage did not take place even though the union did. The grounds for an annulment can differ based on psychological and emotional circumstances **at the time the ceremony took place**. The status of children is not affected by an annulment, only the sacramentality of the union.

In this year of mercy, Pope Francis has asked dioceses to simplify the process of obtaining an annulment. The Archdiocese of New York has done so, to the best of our ability. We have also removed all cost from the process, so that those who seek an annulment are not burdened financially.

Marriage within the Church is a serious thing. Men and women need to have a true understanding of what the Church teaches and what is expected of them in marriage. On the other hand, in the Sacrament of Matrimony, God promises all the graces that will be needed in order to live out a fruitful marriage "until death do us part."

Those whose marriages are not recognized by the Church should not present themselves for Communion, because technically they are out of communion with the Church. This does not mean that they should not go to Mass, however. Here at St. Patrick's, we simply cross our arms in front of us and the priest will give you a blessing. And those who are divorced but not remarried may still come to communion.

Do you know of someone who needs to have their marital situation regularized? Or perhaps it is you yourself who needs some help. The priests of the parish are here to help you. Whether it is a simple validation ceremony or an annulment process, we are there to guide you according to the teachings of our Church and to restore you to full communion. While things may take some time to resolve, we will do our best to help everyone who needs it. Please don't hesitate to ask us for some guidance. We would like to see as many problems resolved as possible. Let's reclaim marriage as the wonderful sacrament it is.

God bless you.

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