



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
March 27, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday	March 26
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	March 27
7:30 am	Living and Deceased Family Members
9:00 am	Living and Deceased Family Members
11:00 am	Living and Deceased Family Members <i>In the Church</i>
11:00 am	Living and Deceased Family Members <i>In the Parish Center</i>
Monday	March 28
8:00 am	Ronald Hart and Walter J. Patla, Jr.
Tuesday	March 29
8:00 am	Marilyn Wisneski and Michael Wisneski
Wednesday	March 30
8:00 am	Florence Fitzsimmons and Thomas Peterpaul
Thursday	March 31
8:00 am	Linda Schlereth and Thorvald Larsen
Friday	April 1
8:00 am	Luke Klisart and Al Sorrentino
Saturday	April 2
8:00 am	Allen Vohden, Sr. and Anthony Vitale
5:00 pm	William Downey, Sr., Mark Ilkow and Cyril DeSouza
Sunday	April 3
7:30 am	Claire Mehalik and Hedy Ries
9:00 am	Darwin Zahn and Mary Pesek
11:00 am	Mark L. Brigham and Albert Sirianni
11:00 am	Florence Fitzsimmons and Ernest Meulener

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 3, 2016

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. The apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Mass Schedule April 2nd & 3rd

Fr. Bob	Sunday 7:30 am, Deacon Mark Homily Sunday 9 am, Deacon Joe Homily
Fr. Chris	Saturday 5 pm, Deacon Mark Homily Sunday 11 am, Deacon Joe Homily
Fr. Jim	Sunday 5 pm

Reconciliation (Confession) April 2nd

Fr. Chris	Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
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Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of March 27th is in memory of Deceased Members of the Parish.

The Candles on the altar the week of March 27th are in memory of Deceased Members of the Parish.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Kevin Hamilton, Robert Hartle, Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Denise Phalon Cascio, Frances Smith, Tom Warren, Judy Latalladi, Dorothy Sullivan, Bill Lanahan, Cathy Bedford, Hope Tinn Clark, Irene Buss, Roger Goodman, Maria Selca-Haher, Robert Olpp, Terry Gardner, Nora Ray, Carol Meyers, Pat Marciano, Maryanne Duffy McDermott, Kyle Noonan, Thomas Unger, Sandy Safier, Tony Caljean, William Virgilio, Mary Cecere, Kristin Curcio, Tony Capone, Michael Marino, David Johnson, Donald O'Brien, Fr. Gabe Coless, Joseph Gabriele, Theresa Degler, Joseph Crucilla, Rob McTague, Jim Bowles, Rita Reardon, Roseann Giallenella, Kathleen McKenna and **for all our deceased especially Marilyn Wisneski.**

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, March 28

Appalachia Envelope Stuffing: 6:30 pm; East/West Room
Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Children's Room, Church
Appalachia Golf Meeting: 8 pm; East/West Room

Thursday, March 31

Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
Walking with Purpose: 7 pm; North Room

Saturday, April 2

Youth Ministry Action Retreat: 3 pm; Parish Center

Sunday, April 3

Faith Formation: 8:15 am, 10:15 am, 7 pm; School
7th Grade Mass: 9 am; Church
Reception to follow in the Parish Center Cafeteria
Youth Ministry Action Retreat: 9 am; Parish Center
Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 3 pm; South Room

Parish Support-March 20th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$16,435
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$17,605

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST
IN THE CHURCH**





From the Desk of our Pastor

My Wild Irish Rose

George was accustomed to driving his wife Rosie to church every Sunday. George and Rosie had been married for forty years and they loved each other deeply. They did everything together, and were inseparable in practically every area of life except one. When George drove his wife to church on Sunday, Rosie went in to pray, and George remained in the car reading the *New York Times*. After an unexpected illness Rosie died; and for a long time thereafter George's car was no longer seen in the church parking lot. After a few years on an Easter Sunday morning, George's car again appeared in the lot; and, to the surprise of Fr. Tom, George went into Church. Fr. Tom delivered a stirring Resurrection homily, and as was his custom he invited members of the assembly to respond. After a few seconds of silence, George stood up and with deep emotion said firmly, "Rosie lives!" Then he began to sing: "My wild Irish Rose/the sweetest flower that grows..." It didn't take long before the entire assembly joined George in song that permitted George to make known to all that the woman he loved was still present to him.

Today we gather to sing the most beautiful word ever sung in church, "Alleluia" which is a cry of jubilation spelling out the belief that Jesus lives and is present to us. Easter renders the glorious news that God raised Jesus from death to new life, which is the foundation of Christian faith. Easter begins in the darkness of night, in the hopelessness of ashes and leads us to the Risen Christ enabling us to mend broken lives through the compassion and peace that Jesus exhibited in his humanity. The celebration of Easter ignites the flame of Christ's victorious light in every corner of our lives that makes us stand up and shout "Alleluia". At Easter we celebrate God's presence in the Risen Christ, which makes the Resurrection of Jesus the most important event in history, and a mystery that touches all of us in that it challenges us to transform areas of human darkness into belief in the possibility of all we can become. The spiritual writer, Joan D. Chittister once used these words to describe the Resurrection of Jesus, "If Jesus is Risen, then you and I must go on following into all those godforsaken places where only one sent by Jesus ever goes. If Jesus is Risen, you and I can't stop at the baptismal font and say, "Enough. I've done it all. I've been faithful to the end. It's over now.' If Jesus is Risen, then you and I have no choice but to go in, put on the leftover garments ourselves, and follow Jesus back to Galilee where the poor cry out for food and cripples cry out to be taken to the pool and the blind wait for the spittle on their eyes to dry."

Easter is a fifty day season filled with promises of new life that get unveiled through signs, symbols, and prayers. One precious gift that gets extracted from Easter is a positive outlook on life. Although it took the early church a while before it realized the implications of the Resurrection, the Gospel writers render a positive outlook that helps us find meaning to life that steers us to discover beauty rather than ugliness, and faith rather than doubt in the dark corners of human existence. Belief in Resurrection shattered the darkness of those who were imbedded with an image of the crucified Christ in that at the site of the Empty Tomb people with restricted viewpoints saw the absence of God; whereas people of faith brought forth the daring proclamation that Jesus had Risen. This was an act of God that sprang forth testimony from believers who recognized the Risen Christ which became articulated through metaphorical language. It is only through the eyes of Resurrection that the life of Jesus makes sense as the four Gospels were written in the aftermath of Resurrection which colored each evangelist's image of Jesus. Resurrection gives us the desire to experience new life in our own abilities that take us from moments of chaos to the discovery of God's love.

In your celebration of Easter if you believe in one miracle, it must be the miracle of Easter. Enjoy this festive day and extend a Happy Easter to family and friends. Make those words spring hope in the incredible possibilities that exist in your life. As the early church gave witness to the works of Jesus, grasp courage to stand up for your beliefs aware that like George who belted out a song that proclaimed his love for Rosie, the Easter Season calls us to belt out a fifty day season of "Alleluias" which gives new vision to the incredible possibilities of all God can do in us. Happy Easter!

*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 or at a Sunday Mass.

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. 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 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 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 or contact Ginny, vshalvatore@st-pats.org.

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, March 28, 2016
 in celebration of Easter.



Are you seeking a parish community in which to pray, to learn and to be of service to others? Our doors and hearts are open to you-Welcome! Contact Peggy Gentile at the parish offices for additional information at 973-635-0625 ext. 25.

We welcome all who would like to pray the Rosary as we will continue to gather in prayer Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church during the 50 days of Easter.

FORGET-ME-NOT WEEKEND-Our monthly food collection is next weekend, **April 2 & 3**. Your generous donations are shared with the local community as well as our brothers and sisters in Paterson! All food donations (your bags or ours) can be brought to the Fr. Ed Center after masses or placed in the basket in the back of the church. *Thank You!*

Many thanks to all who are participating in Operation Rice Bowl this year. Please leave your Rice Bowl or Rice Bowl envelope in the basket labeled "Operation Rice Bowl Donations" at the Church doors from now through the Sunday after Easter.

Online Giving Statements

Thank you for your support through our Online Giving Program. If you set up your own online giving account, you can retrieve and print out your online giving history for tax purposes. To do this, go to *GivingHistory*, located on the left hand side, second from the bottom after you sign in. Select the fund you want and then input the dates. For more information, please email or call Ginny at donnellon@st-pats.org or 973-635-0625 ext. 29.



FAITH FORMATION

Last day of class: Sunday & Monday, April 3 & 4.

After an intense study of the Liturgy, 7th grade Faith Formation students and catechists will be participating in the 9 am mass on April 3 as lectors, ushers, greeters, instrumentalists and choir members. A reception for all 7th grade students and their families will follow in the Fr. Ed Center Cafeteria.

Jesus Day Retreat: Saturday, April 23rd from 9:45 am—1 pm
 The day will begin in the church and end in the Fr. Ed Center gym.

First Communion
 Sat. April 30 at 10 am

Sat., April 30 at 1 pm

Sat., May 7 at 10 am

Sat., May 7 at 1 pm

Sun., May 8 at 11 am

Rehearsal
 Mon. April 25; 3:30-5:15 pm
 Tues, April 26; 3:30-5:15 pm

Wed., April 27; 3:30-5:15 pm
 Thurs., April 28, 3:30-5:15 pm

Mon. May 2; 3:30-5:15 pm
 Tues, May 3; 3:30-5:15 pm

Wed., May 4; 3:30-5:15 pm
 Thurs., May 5; 3:30-5:15 pm

Friday May 6; 3:30-5:15 pm

Please note that parents are required to attend the second rehearsal date with their child from 4:45-5:15 pm with the exception of the May 8th communion when parents are expected to meet from 4:30-5 pm. All rehearsals are in the church.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Prayer for Easter—by David Haas

God,
 This is the day!
 You have made it good!
 I rejoice in you!

Today is the promise of fear being shattered,
 Today is the promise of the cold melting away,
 Today is the promise of graves opened and tombs emptied,
 Today is the promise of prisoners freed,
 Today is the promise of hope,
 Today is the promise of dried tears,
 Today is the promise of forgiveness and healing,
 Today is the promise of lies being whisked away,
 Today is the promise of music and dancing,
 Today is the promise of life!

Today!
 Your day!
 Ours to share!
 I rejoice in you!
 Amen.

David Haas, *With Every Note I Sing*, GIA Publications, 1995, p. 69

Funeral Mass Choir for Hedy Ries: All who love Hedy and love music are invited to sing in the choir for Hedy's funeral mass. The mass will be held on Friday, April 1 at 1:00 pm. Arrival time for rehearsal is 12:10 pm. Thank you!

Maggie Hanson, Music Minister



Spiritual Adoption

Month 6: "I am sitting up straight now!"

The baby's oil and sweat glands are functioning, helping to regulate body temperature. A white, filmy layer covers the baby and protects the delicate skin. The baby can now respond to sound. The lungs are fairly well developed and stands a good chance of survival if born at this time. Please continue to pray for our *Spiritual Adoption* baby.

Please participate in our baby shower to collect gifts for local crisis pregnancy centers the weekend of May 14th & 15th.

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, will host their Fifteenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on April 14 honoring Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch, Kathleen Ginty Hyland, and Fred and Mary Alice Lawless. The event will be held at the Hanover Marriot from 6:30-10 pm. Featured during the event are a 50/50 cash raffle, wine pull, basket raffle along with a silent and live auction. All proceeds are primarily for the support and education of the 20 international sisters from developing nations who are attending the college. For more information and for the invitation, visit their website: www.acs350.org/events-2/

Caldwell University, a private, Catholic, Dominican university is launching **The Spirituality and Leadership Institute** thanks to a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. This pioneering initiative will creatively challenge high school students to reflect on how spirituality impacts society with a particular view to helping them develop healthy leadership practices that will serve them as private individuals and public citizens. Fifty high school juniors will be chosen. For additional materials and application instructions, visit the SLI website: www.caldwell.edu/SLI or email SLI@caldwell.edu.



Appalachia Golf Classic
Fundraiser for the Appalachia Help Weeks
 Monday, May 16, 2016
 Ballyowen Golf Club in Hamburg, NJ

The tax-deductible contribution for each participating golfer is \$175.00

Please choose one of the following:

- **Golf, lunch, soft drinks, beer/wine** (donuts & muffins provided in the morning) \$175.00 per person.
- **Dinner & Cocktails** only at \$50.00 per person
- **Sponsorship** \$200.00...*I want to see my name in lights or at least on a sign at a Tee or Green*

Please contact Fred Mercadante for a registration or sponsorship form: fredmercadante@gmail.com. Registration Deadline: May 8.

Chess Anyone? Chess "Round-Robin" Tournament is coming on April 9th! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, it is for students in grades 3 through 8 who live in the local area. The tournament will be held in the Holy Family gym in Florham Park from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. The Tournament offers two divisions: "A" for 6th to 8th grades and "B" for 3rd to 5th grades. Trophies will be awarded in each Division! Pre-registration cost by April 5 is \$8 for each participant or \$20 for a family of 3 or more; or \$10 at the door with no family discount. Registration at the door is 8 am. Free small chess game, hot dog lunch, snacks and soda for all! Send checks made payable to the Knights of Columbus, PO Box 540, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Include the parents' names, player's name, address, phone #, grade and school. Email address is optional but suggested for annual notice. Contact Joe O'Brien with questions at 973-301-1864.



Summer Retreat

Family Retreats for parents and their children are being offered at a retreat center near an ocean beach in Duxbury, MA July 3-8 and July 31-August 5. Please contact Deacon John & Peggy Scarfi at 845-621-7000 or visit their website for more information. <http://www.starofthesearetreats.com/>

Free AARP tax prep Thursdays at the Chatham Senior Center through April 15th. Simple returns prepared and e-filed for those with modest incomes. Call 973-635-4565 for appointment.

Join the Conversation!

Are You Aware of the Resources and Services Offered by our Town?

A survey is being conducted among 55 and older residents of Madison and the Chathams. Coordinated by the Madison Board of Health, this survey hopes to hear and respond to concerns about: Transportation, Health, Housing, Community Engagement, Programs, Resources and More! Your participation is needed to gather this important information so towns can better serve your needs! This is an anonymous online survey that is available NOW until April 15, 2016. Contact Samantha Robinson at the Madison Department of Health: Robinsons@rosenet.org or 973-593-3079 for more information. For assistance completing the survey contact the parish at 973-635-0625. We can assist you! Paper copies are available in our Parish Offices, Chatham Senior Center and Chatham Borough Hall. Survey address is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TriTown55plus>



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

Saint Patrick School, accredited AdvancED, is a co-educational, parochial elementary school which includes pre-school through eighth grade. Founded in 1872, we have been nationally recognized as a United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School, and a Diocese of Paterson Star School. With several options for preschoolers and full day kindergarten, our students embark on a challenging academic journey that affords them the security of a familiar community during their formative years. Our faculty and staff are committed to providing the highest quality education for each student. We are a STEM school that promotes student critical thinking and application throughout our curriculum in all grades. Our vibrant enrichment programs and dynamic (and championship winning) athletic teams give students many avenues to share their talents. We are currently accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.st-pats-school.org or contact the office to schedule a tour at 973-635-4623.

STEM News: On March 23rd, many of our middle school students will participate in a workshop on 3D printing. Students learned design techniques and coding. Each student created their own object to keep.

Have you ever thought of yourself as a priest? Perhaps unless we have celebrated Holy Orders and are an ordained priest, many of us would say no. Yet if we are baptized, we are indeed priests-we are members of the priesthood of the baptized, we are a priestly people.

liturgy
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At baptism, anointed with chrism, we received a share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal mission of Jesus Christ. Take some time to read and reflect upon 1 Peter 2:1-10. We are called to be a "holy priest-hood."

All other ministries in the Church, including the ministerial or ordained priesthood, flows out of this common vocation of the priesthood of the faithful, or the priesthood of the baptized. Think about how an ordained priest vests. The first vestment put on is an alb- a white garment- a baptismal garment, if you will.

There was a time in history, in the not too distant past, where we seemed to lose sight of this. Holiness was considered something most readily attained by ordained priests or consecrated religious. But this is so wrong. We are **all** called to holiness. We (**all** the baptized) share in Christ's priestly ministry.

Because we share in Christ's priestly ministry, we also share in the responsibilities for ministry and service which flow out of this (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #783 & 784).

Take great pride in being part of this priestly people, this holy priesthood God has called to be his own. Live out your vocation as a baptized priest each and every day. In baptism we died with Christ, so that we might live a new life in him and with him. We have been called out of darkness into light. We are a priestly people. This is indeed Good News. Alleluia!

Evangelization is the term used to spread the Good News. Are you interested? If you would like to be part of the Evangelization Team of St. Patrick, please notify Deb in the parish office: DKuzma@st-pats.org.

† No more fasting ~ Feast on the Risen Lord!