



Third Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016

Holy Mass Intentions



Saturday 5:00 pm	April 9 Virginia & Carlo Miele, Living and Deceased Members of the Capuano Family, Mae Kane
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	April 10 Hedy Ries and Patrick Torrell Margaret Leonett and Mary Cunningham Florence Fitzsimmons and Allen Vohden Deceased Members of the Estrada & DeSouza Families and Protection of Unborn Children
Monday 8:00 am	April 11 August Domerski and Raphaela Giammarino
Tuesday 8:00 am	April 12 Peter Triolo and Robert Murphy
Wednesday 8:00 am	April 13 Edward C. Nash and Robert Lindo
Thursday 8:00 am	April 14 Richard Higgins and Edith McKelvey
Friday 8:00 am	April 15 Kenneth Gilson and Jeffrey Kelly
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	April 16 Nicolas Schiro and Elizabeth McCabe Ethel E. Sprague and Deceased Members of The Cangemi & Phelan Families
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	April 17 Kevin Stein and Carl Stein Darwin Zahn and Barbara Barry Mary K. Pesek and Mickey Davellis Frank J. Grande and Christine DeVito

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.



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Monday, April 11**
Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church
- Tuesday, April 12**
Shawl Ministry: 1 pm; South Room
Respect Life Meeting: 7:30 pm; North Room
- Thursday, April 14**
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
- Friday, April 15**
Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room
- Sunday, April 17**
Chili Drop Off: 7-11 am; Priests' Garage
RCIA: 12:15 pm; South Room

Parish Support-April 3rd

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$14,507
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$15,732

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas addressed many people, and large crowds gathered to hear them. Some of the Jews became jealous and argued with whatever Paul said. But Paul and Barnabas continued preaching their message of salvation and everlasting life until they were eventually forced to leave the town.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John saw a vision of many people surrounding a throne and the Lamb. One of the elders told him these were the people who had survived great periods of trial but maintained strong faith in God. Now they would receive eternal protection and comfort from God as reward for their loyalty.

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.



Mass Schedule April 16th & 17th

Fr. Bob	Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 11 am
Fr. Chris	Sunday 9 am and 5 pm
Fr. Dominic	Sunday 7:30 am

Reconciliation (Confession) April 16th

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

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of April 10th is in memory of William Downey, Sr. given by the family.

The Candles on the altar the week of April 10th are in memory of Fr. Ed. Hinds.

The Flowers on the altar the week of April 10th are in memory of deceased members of the Jansiewicz family given by Mr. & Mrs. J. Jansiewicz.

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, Antoninette Cecere, Anthony Cagno, James Tunny, Herb Cannon, Carmela Cecere and **for all our deceased.**



From the Desk of our Pastor

Encounters with the Risen Christ

The legendary Hollywood motion picture executive, Samuel Goldwyn, was one of those people who “saves” everything. Through the years, he refused to allow his staff to throw anything away. His secretary began to get the feeling that she was drowning in the stacks of old telephone messages, letters, and inter-office memos that were piled everywhere in the office. Consequently, in desperation, she pleaded with Goldwyn: “Please,” she said, “Won’t you allow me at least to throw away the memos and letters that are more than ten-years-old?” To which Samuel Goldwyn replied, “All right, but don’t forget to make a copy before you do.”

Sometimes it is beneficial to acknowledge that respectful disagreement is a necessity in life since it provides a well-rounded approach to the way the world is envisioned. As Goldwyn and his secretary disagreed on the need for maintaining office clutter, throughout the Easter Season the church recognizes that believers in Christ maintained different approaches to the way that followers would live out the message of Jesus Christ. Believers attempted to make sense out of their faith in resurrection aware that any singular experience of an individual could not say it all; therefore, early Christians accepted the testimony of an array of people who passed down unique experiences of the Risen Christ, which included Mary Magdalene, the Beloved Disciple, Peter, Thomas, Gospel writers, Paul, and a host of others. Although one could argue that it would be more satisfying to have a singular historical report of the resurrection, this act of God was so powerful that it could not be captured by a single person. Oral testimony which led to Paul’s Letters and the four Gospels became the source for interpreting so much about Jesus Christ in both his public life and risen presence. This led to critical questions about Jesus pertaining to his identity and mission. One question in debate consisted of differences over the humanity and divinity of Jesus; centuries of deliberation led to the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity.

Since Jesus’ Resurrection shaped small communities in a large amount of ways, one of the most memorable experiences of the Risen Christ is found in today’s Gospel (John 21: 1- 19) which asserts the authenticity of the Resurrection, and offers a glimpse of men set adrift by the sudden loss of a leader. Another question that puzzled so many developed over the claim that Jesus was God. If so, how could they affirm the belief that there was only one God? This led to great disputes within the church as theologians sought to articulate belief in Christ in a plausible way as positions varied from those who over emphasized either his divinity or humanity. As the early church survived these tensions, it renders hope for today in that the church continues to seek greater understanding about Jesus, and under Pope Francis has become a church that strives to listen. It also maintains respect for those who are not of the faith, disagree with particular teachings, or struggle to believe. This is good reason for us to be open to those who, through research and study, continue to shed light on the life of Jesus in that there is always something new to learn about the life of Christ.

Throughout the Easter season, we continue to see the Paschal Candle glowing before us at liturgy, which symbolizes the light of Christ. This weekend the church celebrates the Third Week in Easter, the scriptures focus on some of the initial experiences of both Peter and the Apostles who seek to live out the message of the Risen Christ. Take time to ponder some of the biblical appearance narratives found in the Gospels that are proclaimed at liturgy throughout the Easter Season as well as in Paul’s Letters and the Acts of the Apostles. Although Jesus may never be understood apart from the history of the Jewish people, and the promises that God made to them, it is refreshing for us to be part of a faith that grasps Christ in a manner whereby believers are open to dialogue and study about both the historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith.

*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, vvalvatore@st-pats.org.



Baptisms

William Charles Acomb

Son of Paul and Jeannine

Hadleigh Brynn Glogolich

Daughter of Matthew and Heather

Graham Robert Gsell

Son of Kevin and Kelly

Marriage

Congratulations to the couples united in the Sacrament of Matrimony during the month of March 2016.



Robert Lombardo, Jr. and Mary Jane DeGennaro

March 12, 2016

Benjamin FitzGeorge and Elizabeth Gaglione

March 18, 2016

May the Lord richly bless their union.

Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **Brian and Caitlin Manley, Richard, Elzbieta, Richard, Danuta and Robert Maluga, Louis Marineau and Suzanne Bradley, Rajesh, Kristin, Julia and Oliver Rajappa, Patrice, Matthew, Jillian and Grace Rubin, Joanna, Michael, Christian and Ethan Siau, Rachel, B. Paul, Gage and Gordon Santarlas, and Salomon, Irma and Simon Valverde.** We look forward to getting to know you!

The next altar server training class will be held Monday, April 11 at 3:30 pm in the church. Please let Dr. Kuzma know if you plan on attending this training. If you are interested in serving, and have a prior commitment at this time, please email Dr. Kuzma that fact as well, DKuzma@st-pats.org. This class is open for anyone in grades 4 and above.

Support Fr. English Food Pantry!

Once again, Carlos Roldan, Director of the Fr. English food pantry will be here selling 50/50 tickets outside our church after all masses *this* weekend, April 9 & 10.

Tickets will be drawn at their annual fashion show fundraiser being held Wednesday, April 20th. The food pantry relies heavily on this fundraiser which is their only appeal for the year. Please consider supporting this wonderful ministry!



**First Aid Training ~ Be ready to help.
For 7th & 8th grade students**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 3:30-5:00 pm
St. Patrick Church—Parish Office Building**

In this FREE 90 minute session, you will gain the basic knowledge of First Aid to help you during a medical emergency. Topics include calling 911 (when & why), the importance of hygiene and controlling external bleeding. Space is limited and no CPR training is provided. This is an American Heart Association certified First Aid Course and an AHA First Aid Certificate/Card is available for \$15 (cash or checks made payable to Atlantic Training Center to be paid at the session). RSVP (required) to St. Patrick Parish Office at 973-635-0625. Sponsored by the St. Patrick Nursing Ministry and Presented by the Chatham Emergency Squad.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Member Highlight-Baritone Tom Ames

Tom joined the St. Patrick Choir four years ago because he likes to sing. At the time of his joining, Tom had recently returned home to Chatham after attending school in New Haven, where he sang with a church choir.

Tom has been a regular at St. Patrick ever since birth twenty-five years ago. As a child, he developed a background in music while singing in choirs and playing the trombone. Now Tom takes classes at County College of Morris. In his spare time, he trains in tae kwon do and hapkido, and is active as a 3rd degree Knight of Columbus. Tom has an avid interest in history and enjoys writing short stories. As the oldest of seven siblings, it is easy to understand why Tom enjoys the group fun and camaraderie of the St. Patrick Choir. He finds the experience inspiring, and believes that singing, especially in a group, is uplifting not only to himself, but to everyone involved and everyone who hears. Thank you, Tom for using your love for singing as a ministry in our parish!

Maggie Hanson, Music Minister

ANNUAL SENIOR TEA

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Fr. Ed Hinds Parish Center



Grandparents, friends, and family are welcome. Tea sandwiches and desserts will be served. Please RSVP by April 20th to the Parish Office at 973-635-0625. For information, please contact Kim McKee at 973-822-0940.

Shawl Ministry

While most of our knitting is done at home, our gathering takes place for fellowship, sharing and prayers for those in need of shawls. Knitters gather the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00-2:30 pm. Our next gathering is this Tuesday, April 12 in the South Room. All are welcome. Patterns are available for those who knit and those who crochet!

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.

Appalachia Golf Classic

Fundraiser for the Appalachia Help Weeks

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ballyowen Golf Club in Hamburg, NJ

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.



Have you visited our Facebook page yet?
Like us at St. Patrick Parish: Chatham, NJ



OPEN HOUSE AT SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM!

Starting in the Fall 2016

Sprouting Shamrocks

5 Year Old Transition to Kindergarten Program

(Must be 4 years old by April 1; 4 1/2 years old by October 1st)

Sprouting Shamrocks is an academically-based program designed for children who do not meet the age requirement for Kindergarten because of the October 1st cut-off date or for children who need the gift of time to prepare for Kindergarten. This program provides a full academic curriculum that gives students a solid foundation to make the transition to Kindergarten with confidence. Students learn basic core concepts in the areas of Math, Reading, Religion and Language Arts. Students also participate in our STEM, world language and fine arts programs. Our *Sprouting Shamrocks Program* gives students a loving and supportive academic, social and spiritual environment to grow into confident and prepared kindergartners. Students attend for five full days a week.

This new program will complement our existing early childhood programs for three year old and four year old students (*Little Warriors*). You can find more information on these programs on the school website.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Introducing our new Transitional Kindergarten

Join us to see what makes St. Patrick School so special.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 from 9:00—11:00 am
or

Wednesday, April 20 from 4:00-5:00 pm
PK3-grade 8

Saint Patrick School, accredited AdvancED, is a co-educational, parochial elementary school which includes preschool 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.

Union Catholic High School—Open House Wednesday, April 20, 2016—7:00 pm

For 5th, 6th and 7th grade students and families

Learn how our faith-based, 21st century learning environment will help you grow your gifts and talents in the real, virtual and spiritual worlds. Contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600 ext. 302 or bthornton@unioncatholic.org for more information.

Marian Prayer Group

The St. Patrick Parish Marian Prayer Group offer prayers honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus and gather in the North Room of the Parish Office building at 41 Oliver Street every Thursday at 10 am. We pray for peace in the world, for the sick and homebound, for deceased members and friends of our Parish and more. Everyone is welcome to join us; come every Thursday or as often as you can. For more information, please call Barbara at 973-635-8869.



FAITH FORMATION

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

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

Sat., April 30 at 1 pm

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

Sat., May 7 at 10 am

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

Sat., May 7 at 1 pm

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

Sun., May 8 at 11 am

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.

Online Registration for 2016-2017 for all classes K-8 will be available by the end of April or early May. Families with children in our program will be sent an email with the link to register. New registrations can check the bulletin and our website.

A common phrase bantered about among liturgists and theologians is: **liturgy** Lex Orandi, Lex Cre- **corner** dendi: As We Worship, So we will Live. This axiom is an adaptation of words of Prosper of Aquitaine, a fifth-century Christian writer and a contemporary of St. Augustine. Prayer and worship combined is the first articulation of the faith. The phrase in Latin literally means the law of prayer (“the way we worship”), and the law of belief (“what we believe”). It is sometimes written as “lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi”, further deepening the implications of this truth-how we worship reflects what we believe and determines how we will live. The law of prayer or worship is the law of life. Or, even more popularly rendered, as we worship, so will we live...and as we worship, so will we become!

Sunday Mass, our main liturgy, worship is not an “add on” for a Catholic Christian. It is the very foundation of our Catholic identity. How we worship reveals what we truly believe, what we understand, and how we view ourselves in relationship to God, one another and the world into which we are sent to carry forward the redemptive mission of Jesus Christ. How the Church worships is a prophetic witness to the truth of what it professes. Good worship becomes a dynamic means of drawing the entire human community into the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through active, conscious liturgical participation. Worship informs and transforms both the person and the faith community which participates in it.

Lex orandi, lex credendi expresses concisely the relationship between the celebration of the liturgy in worship and the formation (catechesis) of the faithful. On the one hand, the liturgy proclaims, not only in word but in sign, music and symbol, the Word of God in a language to be easily understood by and easy for all to participate. How we pray and what we pray will effect what we believe and what we believe will have its effect how we live.

“Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi”. As We Worship, So we will Live.