



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2016



Saturday 5:00 pm	September 10 Deceased Members of the Cangemi and Phelan Families and Peter Coviello
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	September 11 Ann Powers and Gloria Zwick Leslie O'Brien and for the Intentions of Scarlett Chwatko Barbara Barry and Ramon Cartasano Patricia Hannon and Steven Joho
Monday 8:00 am	September 12 Anthony Dalbo and Luke Klisart
Tuesday 8:00 am	September 13 Lillian Bateman and Julia Hamble
Wednesday 8:00 am	September 14 Bill Branagan and Donald Weisbecker
Thursday 8:00 am	September 15 Al Sorrentino and Anthony Marino
Friday 8:00 am	September 16 Harry Moore and Sissy Petrozelli
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	September 17 Catherine Ann Swartz and Thomas Peterpaul Amelia and Sabino Gaito and Sabino, Jr. and Clifford Sprague
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	September 18 Renee Farrell and Deceased Members of the Capuano Family Joseph Leonett and Joyce Ruddick Allen Vohden and Peter Coviello Perry Naylor and Phillip Sgroi

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Monday, September 12**
Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7:00 pm; Church
Finance Committee Meeting: 7:30 pm; South Room
- Thursday, September 15**
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
- Saturday, September 17**
Pastoral Council Meeting: 8:30 am; South Room
YM Chili Cooking: 9 am; Kitchen
Bake Sale: After 5 pm mass; Parish Center Lobby
- Sunday, September 18**
Chili Drop Off: Priests' Garage
Bake Sale: After all masses; Parish Center Lobby
School Open House: 10am-12pm; School
Faith Formation Staff Meeting: 10 am; Gym
RCIA: South Room; 12:30 pm
Rite of Invitation: Starts with 5 pm mass; Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2016

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The prophet Amos expressed disgust over people who take advantage of the poor. He describes businessmen scheming to cheat the poor, then declares that God will "never forget the things they have done."

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul urges the Christians to pray for all people, especially those in authority. Paul even asked them to pray for the kings who denounced Christ's teachings, because God wants all people to be saved through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a story about a servant who tries to cheat his employer. The owner is impressed because he would do the same thing himself. Jesus then describes the importance of being trustworthy in small matters, as well as in greater ones. He then states that no one can serve two masters faithfully, so people cannot give themselves completely to both God and money.

Mass Schedule September 17th & 18th

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

Reconciliation (Confession) September 17th

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

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of September 11th is in memory of deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

The Candles on the altar the week of September 11th are in memory of deceased members of the Women of Mary.

The Flowers on the altar the week of September 11th are in memory of deceased members of the Donovan and Mahony families given by Mr. & Mrs. Sean Donovan.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Anthony Cagno, Stanley Wisneski, Rita Reardon, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Alexa Amandolare, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Deacon Maximo Paulino and **for all our deceased especially Dorothea Eaton, mother of Christine Dunning.**

If you would like to include yourself or a family member on the St. Patrick Parish prayer list for those who are ill, please contact the parish office. Your prayer intention will remain on the parish prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Parish Support-September 4th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$12,193
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$14,729



From the Desk of Our Pastor

September 11, 2001

Fifteen years have passed since the events of September 11, 2001. In conversations with students I often forget that the day which unfolded as one of the great tragedies in American history came prior to their birth. None of us who experienced September 11, 2001 will forget the shock that crept into a sunny, crisp, Tuesday morning; and the way it changed our lives as the routines of a day were transformed into anguish, grief, uncertainty, and confusion. Our homeland was invaded; instant death and destruction as aircraft were taken over by extremists with intention to carry out a mission of devastation. Disbelief came to most upon hearing the news as duties and responsibilities that appear so important became secondary to lives of loved ones and love of country. It also raised our conscience to the fact that like other lands, the United States experienced aggression and attack from outsiders. The day guided many into churches and places of worship with prayers aware that there was nobody to turn to but God.

One common reaction by many during times of unexpected pain or tragedy is to question God's abandonment of humanity, which led some to say "God, why did you let this happen?" Many of us have used that expression anytime unanticipated grief jolts us, and yields a feeling that God was inflicting punishment upon an individual or group of people. I recall saying those words after a seminarian in our Diocese was killed by an automobile moments after he graduated from seminary and was about to embark on his journey into priesthood. Now, thirty-three years later, I still ponder the good this man would have brought into the world had this accident never occurred. It is so common to live with the false impression that whenever a typical day is shaken by tragedy, the reaction is to fault God for the shocking misfortune; and, thrust blame onto God for any circumstance that renders upsetting news. This attitude suggests that God intentionally directs misery, heartache, or catastrophe into human life.

Was God behind the events of September 11, 2001? I find it hard to believe that a loving creator would encourage violence within the world. God provides all human life with a free will that makes choices which may magnify the beauty of life or shower life with harm and ruin. Rabbi Harold Kushner in his best-selling book, *Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People* declares that for God to prevent tragedy would be for God to "block our human nature and our human condition." Rev. Richard G. Rento in his recent book, *It's Not Necessarily So* illustrates both the prevention of accidents and occurrence of tragedy through life experience stories which concludes with the statement, "All sorts of terrible things occur in this world of random forces that often cause damage and death. There's nothing to be gained, but there's truth to be lost when we foolishly maintain that God makes terrible things happen or prevents them from happening."

My approach is to call upon God as my strength during moments and events that cripple my existence. God renders the spiritual stamina and psychological endurance to rejuvenate life whenever we are knocked down or burdened due to an evil action of another person, government, society, culture, or religion. Within the aftermath of September 11, 2001, it became essential to reflect upon the multiplicity of ways that the events of that day upset most lives; yet challenged believers to find God within the sadness and destruction that came forth. The aftermath of the day left me with opportunities to appreciate all human life by making better my life and the lives of others through good works and a listening spirit that says, "I care." Therefore it invited people to bond as a community in overcoming emotional scars, and become another "Simon of Cyrenean" by identifying with Christ's suffering in helping others to carry their cross.

Today the parish highlights September 11, 2016 with the annual parish picnic that includes an outdoor liturgy, food, and social delights. As we bond through prayer allow your heart to identify with those who lost their lives or a loved one on September 11, 2001. Live with the belief that God does not bring destruction or tragedy to life; but offers support and comfort to overcome any unexpected events that challenge your 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.

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.



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AROUND THE PARISH



Eva's Village

This weekend sign up to prepare chili for Eva's Village. Everything you need to know about helping with this ministry is in the church lobby! Take a set of the pans provided with the accompanying recipe and instructions then return the two pans of chili you've prepared and **frozen** next weekend to the freezers in the priest's garage by 10:00 am. (Early drop off is possible. Contact the office to make arrangements.)

If you're at the picnic but would like to prepare chili, stop by the church lobby to pick up the pan!

Sign Up Today!

End of Life Issues-Starting the Conversation

This 2-part series will be presented Saturdays, September 24th and October 1st from 10:30 am –12:00 pm.

Join us as we begin the conversation we all must consider regarding preparations for End of Life issues. We will discuss preparing spiritually, medically, practically and liturgically. All are invited to this series especially family and caregivers, the elderly, people with chronic illnesses/disabilities, clergy and healthcare providers. RSVP by September 19 to the parish office at 973-635-0625.

Join Us Thursday Mornings for Prayer!

The Marian Prayer Group meets Thursday mornings in the North Room of the Parish office building from 10 am–11 am to pray. Come as often as you like or when your schedule permits. All are welcome!

Women of Mary ~ Annual Bake Sale

After all masses on September 17 & 18, stop by the Parish Center lobby and pick up some delicious treats at our annual Women of Mary Bake Sale.

SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL



Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

Saint Patrick School cordially invites all parishioners to our Parish Open House on Sunday, September 18th from 10:00 am until noon. Our school is a parish ministry, and the support of everyone means so much. Come see all the exciting changes in our buildings. Wander the halls and let us say thank you for all of your support!



PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Saint Patrick Parish

SAVE THE DATES

September programs from Alzheimer's New Jersey

Late Stage Alzheimer's Disease: An Intensive for Caregivers

This is a FREE two part series that is open to everyone
Thursdays, September 15 and September 22, 6:30-8:30 pm

Newton Medical Center

Light refreshments provided

Pre-registration is required

888-280-6055

Coping with Caregiver Stress

This FREE program examines caregiver stress and offers coping strategies to become a healthier caregiver.

Thursday, September 29, 6:30-7:30 pm

Morris County Library

Pre-registration is required

888-280-6055

FAITH FORMATION



Catechetical Sunday is Sept. 18. Please join us at the 9 am Mass for the Commissioning and Blessing of our Catechists.

The theme for this year is Prayer: *The Faith Prayed*.

Catechist enrichment, an organizational staff meeting and grade level meetings will follow in the Fr. Ed Hinds Center. Please pray for our catechists and give them the support and cooperation they need and deserve.

Volunteers Still Needed:

~Catechist and/or Co-Catechists for the following classes:

Sunday, Session I: 8:15-9:45 am—Kindergarten, grade 7

Sunday, Session II: 10:15-11:45 am—grade 3

~Safety Monitors: Sunday, Session II: 10:15-11:45 am

~Leaders of the Word for Children's Liturgy of the Word (grades 1-3) and Leaders for Children's Church (ages 3-K) offered during the 9 am Mass. Leaders attend one training session and then are scheduled once every 5-8 weeks at your convenience. Everything needed to succeed in your new ministry is provided. For more information and/or to volunteer contact the office: 973-635-0625 ext. 27 or vshalvatore@st-pats.org.

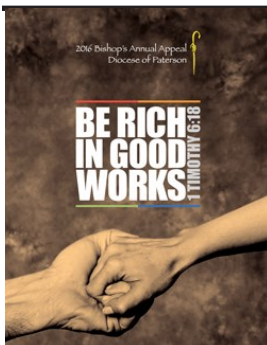


2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Be Rich in Good Works

Many parishioners have received, or will soon receive, a letter from Bishop Serratelli requesting support for the 2016 Bishop's annual appeal. This year, the theme of the Appeal is *Be Rich in Good Works*.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four very worthy causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence, our inner-city elementary schools, and seminarian education. Last year's Appeal raised a record amount which meant that even more could be done for the people in our Diocese. You can help make this year's Appeal an even greater success by making a generous pledge today. Whatever you can do to help will be a great blessing!





MUSIC MINISTRY

Mozart Requiem Concert Memorial for Sept. 11, 2001.

The Foundation for the Revival of Classical Culture will sponsor a performance of the Mozart Requiem in Morristown, NJ, at the Presbyterian Church, 57 East Park Place, tomorrow, Sept. 12 at 7 pm. The memorial event features a 42-piece orchestra, 80-person chorus, and four soloists. For more information, call 718-709-8722, or visit www.fffrocc.org. Reservations recommended.

Hello parishioners! We need new choir members to come on board this fall. Please consider our many options. Registration forms and schedules are available on our website at st-pats.org/music-ministry. They can be turned in to the church or school office. Blessings, Maggie Hanson, Music Minister.

Start Dates:

God Unplugged (teenage singers/instrumentalists): Starts 9/18
Meet every Sun. at 3:45, sing for Sunday 5 pm masses

St. Patrick Boys Choir (grades 3-8): Starts 9/15
Meet every Thurs. at 6:15, sing for Sun. 9 am mass 2x/month

St. Patrick Girls Choir (grades 3-8): Starts 9/14
Meet every Wed. at 6:15, sing for Sun 9 am mass 2x/month

Morning Song Choir (grades K-3): Starts 9/21
Meet every Wed. at 5:30, sing for some 9 am masses and special occasions

St. Patrick School Choir (grades 1-8): Starts September 9
Consists of church choir members who attend the school

Saturday Sound Choir (adult): Ongoing
Meet every Sat. at 4:00 pm. Sing for the Sat. 5 pm mass

St. Patrick Choir (adult): Starts 9/8
Meet every Thurs. at 7:30 pm. Sing for the 11 am mass, Advent Christmas Concert and Holy Week

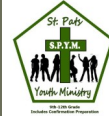
Instrumentalists (middle school and up): Starts 9/14
Meet every Wed. at 7:15 pm. Play for any of the masses

A Retreat for Those Facing Life Changing Illness: Gennesaret

Gennesaret is a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness. It will be held the weekend of Oct. 14, 15 & 16 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center located in Kearny, NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15 pm and end with a closing Prayer Service on Sunday at 1:30 pm. There is no cost to you for the retreat. For further information, please contact Hilare Reinold at 732-566-7237 or Maire Merritt at 732-670-5980.

Diocesan Men's Conference

The Diocese of Paterson Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Join us from 8:30 am—1:00 pm for the opportunity to enhance men's spirituality and encourage them to be more involved with their parishes. Former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz; Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal Ministries; and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries will make presentations. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. Visit www.insidethewalls.org for more information.



YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week in Youth Ministry

Sunday, 9/11—Parish Picnic
Monday, 9/12—Fall Action Team Meeting 7-9:30 pm in the YMC
Wednesday, 9/14—Fall Antioch Team Meeting 7-9:30 pm
At St. Vincent's
Saturday, 9/17—Cooking chili for Eva's Kitchen; 9am-12pm
In the Parish Center Kitchen (*1 adult also needed*)
Sunday, 9/18—Serving chili at Eva's Kitchen; leave St. Pats
At 9:45 am and return around 1:30 pm
(*Adult drivers also needed*)
Sunday, 9/18—Rite of Invitation for Freshmen in the
East/West Room, Parish Center

Fall Action Team

All Fall Action members should be working on their reflections and sending to Maggie for input at the first meeting on Sept. 12.

MANDATORY-Freshmen Rite of Invitation

The Rite of Invitation is a mandatory meeting for all freshmen and at least 1 parent. There are 2 opportunities to attend:

Sunday, September 18th, 5-7:30 pm (begins with 5 pm Mass)

Thursday, September 22nd, 7:30-9 pm

A flyer was emailed to all registered YM freshmen. Your email responses are due back by 9/12.

MANDATORY-Sophomore Rite of Creed

The Rite of Creed Renewal for all sophomores is a mandatory meeting (for teens only). There are 2 opportunities to attend:

Sunday, September 25th, 3:15-6 pm (5:00 pm Mass included)

Thursday, September 29th, 7:15-9 pm

A flyer was emailed to all registered YM sophomores. Your email responses are due back by September 20th.

Upcoming Service Opportunities

Sign up on the SPYM board in the lobby of the Church or by emailing Maggie at mgrady@st-pats.org

Cooking for Eva's Village: Saturday, 9/17, 9am-12 pm in the Parish Center Kitchen (*2 adults also needed*)

Serving at Eva's Village: Sunday, 9/18, 9:45 am-1:30 pm (*adult drivers also needed*)

Altar Server Training: There will be training for all students interested in becoming altar servers on Monday, September 19 at 3:30 pm in the church. The first session should last about one hour. Any student in grade 4 or above is welcome. If school dismissal is later than 3:30 pm, please arrive as soon as possible.

Blood Pressure Screening

Courtesy of our St. Patrick Parish Nurse Ministry

Stop by the Parish Nurse Ministry table at the Parish Picnic and have your blood pressure taken by one of our nurses. Screenings begin following mass.



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