Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of September 27th is in memory of Fr. Ron Amandolare.
The Candles on the altar the week of September 27th are in memory of Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus.
The Flowers on the altar the week of September 27th are in memory of Deceased Members of the Domerski & Crouthamel Families given by Mr. & Mrs. John Crouthamel.


Daily Mass

**Holy Mass Intentions**

Saturday
- September 26
  - 5:00 pm: Robert & Thomas Chiarello, Rosemarie Taylor, Jose Gutauskas

Sunday
- September 27
  - 7:30 am: William Branagan and Donna Cali-Charles
  - 9:00 am: Lisa Marie Graf and James Maconochie
  - 11:00 am: Betty Tunny and Shirley Albanese
  - 5:00 pm: Pauline Murphy and Robert G. Moser

Monday
- September 28
  - 8:00 am: Joseph Sciacaretta, Jr. and Bill Schadt

Tuesday
- September 29
  - 8:00 am: Fr. Ron Amandolare and Michael Wisneski

Wednesday
- September 30
  - 8:00 am: Fr. Ron Amandolare and Tristan Thomas

Thursday
- October 1
  - 8:00 am: Robert Tighe and Patricia Flynn

Friday
- October 2
  - 8:00 am: Maryon Maher and Manny Vito

Saturday
- October 3
  - 8:00 am: Mark Brigham and Colman Mannion
  - 5:00 pm: Deceased Members of the DeSouza and Estrada Families and Robert & Thomas Chiarello

Sunday
- October 4
  - 7:30 am: Deceased Members of the Shanley Family and Donna Cali-Charles
  - 9:00 am: Salvatore Casamento, Jr. and Alphons Schellekens
  - 11:00 am: Catherine H. Lonegan and Ronald & Sallyanne Arias
  - 5:00 pm: Juan Carlos Falcon and Patrick Bentley

**First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**

God created many different animals in an attempt to make a suitable partner for the first man. Then he took a rib from the man as he slept and built it up into a woman. At last God had created someone who equaled the man, as she was “bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh” and they proved to be suitable partners for each other.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11**

This passage describes how Jesus will become perfect through his suffering. It also reminds us that Jesus’ Father is our Father as well, making him unashamed to call us his brothers and sisters.

**Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

The people began to ask Jesus if it was acceptable for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus tells them that two people who have been joined together by God should not be separated. People began bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus grew angry and told his disciples to allow the children to come to him.

**Mass Schedule October 3rd & 4th**

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

**Reconciliation (Confession) October 3rd**

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

**Parish Support—September 20th**

THIS WEEK’S OFFERING: $13,874
LAST YEAR’S OFFERING: $19,489

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2**

IN THE CHURCH

**Monday, September 28**
- Faith Formation: 4:30 pm; Main School
- Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church

**Tuesday, October 1**
- Walking With Purpose: 9 am; East/West Room
- Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
- Walking With Purpose: 7 pm; South Room
- Sophomore Rite of Creed: 7:30 pm; East/West Room
- Knights of Columbus: 8:30 pm; Cafeteria

**Friday, October 2**
- Adult Scripture Sharing: 9 am; South Room
- Eucharistic Adoration: Church

**Saturday, October 3**
- Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest: 7 pm; Gym

**Sunday, October 4**
- Food Pantry Collection: 7:30 am; Parish Center Lobby
- Faith Formation: 8:15 am, 10:15 am, 7 pm; All Schools
- Blessing of the Animals: 1:30 pm; Parking Lot
Walking With Purpose

Last month I received a gift that consisted of a wireless activity wristband to track my walking, steps climbed, and calories burned throughout the course of a day. A perfect gift for me as I love to walk, yet I never track the distance I walk as sometimes I spend a Thursday afternoon strolling through 150 blocks of New York City. I believe my longest walks consisted of a walk from Penn Station up to 125th street in Harlem and back; while another took me from the Port Authority Bus Terminal through Manhattan and over the Brooklyn Bridge. Those who know me well know that I love to walk and see it as an important facet of my life. It relieves stress and keeps me in shape.

Last year the parish welcomed a new program for women titled “Walking With Purpose.” Immediately, questions evolved over the kind of walks that women would take as I posed those same questions. To my surprise “Walking with Purpose” has nothing to do with physical exercise or taking walks, but WWP is a Catholic women’s Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper, personal relationship with Christ as it offers personal study, and small group discussion that link the daily challenges of life with the solutions given through a greater awareness of Christ’s presence in life.

Approximately 39 women participated in WWP (30 in the morning and 9 in the evening). In reviewing the year, 17 women took time to complete an assessment of WWP with statistics extremely high for each woman’s experience. Most women agreed that this scripture based program enabled them to grow in their faith. Overall, 95% of the group stated that their presence assisted them to appreciate the Sacraments of the Church in greater ways, 94% declared that it increased their faith, 100%! mentioned that it led them to develop a stronger personal relationship with Christ, 88%! enjoyed the idea that WWP was just for women, while 94%! explained that it improved their prayer life. Almost everyone who attended rated the course either excellent or very good, and 100%! of the women revealed that they would recommend it to a friend. The demographics of the group ranged in age from early thirties to late sixities with 94%! of the women married, and 82%! with children at home, and 94%! active Catholics. Some comments of participants included the following:

“WWP helped me stay positive and restart each day.”
“I enjoy being with women who have the same values and beliefs as I.”
“It gave me a chance to meet new women traveling on the same faith journey as I.”
“In many ways WWP is a lifeline. My prayer life has completely transformed. I’ve done additional spiritual reading and I’ve been inspired to begin a prayer journey. I’ve learned so much about myself and my faith. I’ve grown tremendously in the 6 months I’ve been involved in WWP. The fellowship, friendship, and support I experience with these women are irreplaceable.”
“I’ve participated in several bible studies. The reason I like this best is because it touches on many different aspects of our faith. I think learning about grace for example is very important. Most Catholics don’t understand what that means. The discussion of marriage had a major impact on me, and my marriage is better for it. It was eye opening. I like this so much I would consider starting one at my own parish.”

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Walking With Purpose meets on Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the parish office complex and Fr. Ed Center; and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office complex. All women are invited.

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@stpats.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 Prgentle@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, vsalvatore@st-pats.org.
AROUND THE PARISH

FORGET-ME-NOT WEEKEND
Our monthly food collection is next weekend, October 3 & 4. Your generous donations are shared with the local community as well as our brothers and sisters in Paterson. There are bags at the entrances of the church you can use for your donations. Food donations can be brought to the Fr. Ed Center after masses or the basket in the back of church. Thank you!

Blessing of Pets and Prayer for the Environment
All members of the parish community are invited to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, patron Saint of Animals and Ecology on Sunday, October 4 at 1:30 pm. The blessing of the animals will take place outside of the Father Ed Center, rain or shine.

Walking with Purpose
Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? Would you like to see how the scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose. This is a weekly reflection that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussions, the group helps to link everyday challenges and struggles to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Church. Full details and registration form are on our website. Interested in learning more? Please contact Mary Rohe at marymax44@yahoo.com or Maria Spinelli at mspinelli@aol.com.

Spiritual Adoption-October 4th
St. Patrick Respect Life Committee invites the parish to ‘Spiritually Adopt’ an unborn child. Beginning October 4th and over the course of nine months, you are invited to Spiritually Adopt a child, naming and praying for your unborn baby. Prayer cards will be available at church entrances. A Baby Shower will be held in May.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Please consider ‘Spiritually Adopting’ one and sharing the love for life that God has given you. For personal details contact Mary Rohe at 973-635-5250 or Lisa Hart at 973-769-4422.

Respect Life Mass
Bishop Serratelli will celebrate a Respect Life Mass (formerly called the Mass for the Unborn) on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 10 am at Saint Ann Parish, Parsippany. This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. All are encouraged to attend. Following the Mass, there will be light refreshments. The Mass is a wonderful way for our faithful to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children-born and unborn.

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal-Serving Christ Among Us
It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary schools and our priests’ retirement residence. Funds are used for no other purpose. Note, also, that all funds raised for the Paterson Diocese stay in the Paterson Diocese. Please make a pledge to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal today.

MUSIC MINISTRY
Welcome to new members of the St. Patrick Choir! New members this fall are Jim Brogan, Stacey Keenan, Neili Brogan, Mariah Collins, Dcn. Mark Nixon, and Sharon Kaufman. Welcome also to John Martin, who has joined the Saturday choir singing at the 5:00 mass. We are grateful to these individuals for prayerfully considering music ministry and offering their time for rehearsals and masses.

The St. Patrick Choir still seeks a baritone/bass section leader. A generous stipend has been offered for a qualifying baritone who can read music.

The St. Patrick Girls Choir seeks a high school or adult assistant for rehearsals and masses. Please contact Maggie Hanson if interested.

The St. Patrick Boys Choir has room for more boys of middle-school age. We currently have sixteen boys, but would like to have twenty-four.

The Morning Song Choir still has room for children in grades K-3. This is our super-fun choir in training!

Please contact Maggie Hanson at the church office or visit http://www.st-pats.org/index.php/parish-ministries/music-ministry for more information.

Job Opening: The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (SMIC), 299 Broadway, Paterson, NJ are seeking an immediate replacement for their part-time office manager/secretary. Applicant must have good phone and computer skills. If interested, please contact the Provincial, Sister Judine Jacobs at judinejacobs1@aol.com or 973-279-3790.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS BACK! All are welcome! Bring the family to the next Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, September 27 from 8-11 am in the Fr. Ed Center Gym. All you can eat for only $6 for adults, $4 for children ages 4-12, and children age 3 and under eat free. Maximum cost of $30 per family. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds from the September Breakfast to benefit St. Patrick’s Faith Formation Ministry.

St. Patrick's Oktoberfest!
Mark your calendars for this festive annual event!
Saturday, October 3rd
Fr. Ed Center 7:00—11:00 pm
Adults Only—Casual Attire
$30 per person

Music, Traditional German Fare, Wine, Beer
RSVP by September 28th to Anthony Migliozzi 973-769-1056 or anthonyjmigliozzi@gmail.com

Make checks payable to Parcells Council-Knights of Columbus and mail to Knights of Columbus, PO Box 612, Chatham, NJ 07928. Proceeds fund their charitable efforts.
YOUTH MINISTRY
This Week in Youth Ministry

Fall Action Team Meeting: Mon. Sept. 28; 7-9:30pm; YMC
Fall Antioch Team Meeting: Wed., Sept. 30; 7-9:30 pm
At St. Vincent Martyr
Sophomore Rite of Creed: Thurs., Oct. 1; 7:15-9 pm;
East/West Room
Fall Antioch Team Day: Sun., Oct. 4; 10:30 am; St. Vincent’s

Service Opportunities
Food Pantry Restock: Sat., Oct. 17: 8:30-10:15 am
Cookie Baking: Thurs., Oct. 22; 5-10 pm; Parish Center Kitchen

College Addresses Needed: Each year Youth Ministry sends a package to the college freshmen who were involved in Youth Ministry throughout their high school years. If you have a former SPYM member who is now a college freshman, please email Maggie their college address so we can include them.

SPYM Bulletin Board: Our Youth Ministry bulletin board is located in the vestibule of the church on the left hand side wall. Please take a look at it when you attend church so that you can get involved in our activities and know what is coming up.

Mandatory Sophomore Rite of Creed: Every sophomore enrolled in the Youth Ministry Confirmation Program is required to attend the Rite of Creed Renewal. There are 2 sessions being offered: Sunday, September 27th, 3:15-6 pm and Thursday, October 1st, 7:45-9 pm. An email was sent requiring you to sign up for one of the two sessions. If you have not yet responded, please do so ASAP.

Youth Ministry Center Needs: With meetings and activities ready to begin, Youth Ministry can always use donations of candy (variety bags of chocolate) and cans of soda. Donations can be marked “SPYM” and dropped off at the parish offices at 41 Oliver Street. They are very much appreciated. Thanks in advance!
Youth Ministry is also in need of cupcake pans for when we are making muffins for Eva’s village. If you have any old ones that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the parish offices, 41 Oliver Street. Thank you!

A Mass of Remembrance will be held on Monday, November 2 at 7 pm, honoring all those from the parish family who have lost in this past year, and family members of our own who may have lived apart from us. If you have lost a family member in the last year that was not buried from St. Patrick and would like this person to be remembered at our November 2nd liturgy, please email Deb at DKuzma@stpats.org. Death creates a heartache which in time will heal, Love creates memories which death cannot steal.

Adult Formation
Fridays 9-10 am in the Parish Offices. DVD presentation.
Our Friday Adult Scripture Study time will be devoted for the next several weeks to Great Spiritual Autobiographies. Join us as we explore the genre of Spiritual Autobiography and under the guidance of Dr. Michael Higgins, consider eight inspiring writers whose autobiographical works capture their spiritual yearnings and encounters with the transcendent. No sign up necessary-Join Us!
After all masses this weekend, September 26 & 27, 50/50 chances will be sold to benefit the Vocationist Fathers. The drawing will be held on November 24 at their annual dinner dance being held at the Hanover Manor.

FAITH FORMATION

K-8 Faith Formation Classes begin this Sunday and Monday, September 27 & 28. They will meet again next weekend, October 4 & 5.

A Special Thank You to all our volunteers:
Seventy-three volunteer Catechists & Assistants, will welcome 546 students into classes. Ten volunteer Safety Monitors will be helping to provide a safe and friendly environment for our children and volunteers. Six volunteer Teen Buddies will be assisting children, a child with special needs so they can be successful in the class. There are 53 students on Home Study and 107 children enrolled in our Sacramental Program.
We are truly blessed at St. Pats!

Volunteers Still Needed in the following Sessions:

Sunday Session I: 8:15-9:45am
(2) Teen Buddies & (1) teen or adult Classroom Assistant for grade 3.

Sunday Session II: 10:15-11:45am
(2) Teen Buddies & Adult Classroom Assistant for grade 4.

Monday Session IV: 4:00-5:30pm
(1) Teen Buddy
For more information or to volunteer contact Ginny Salvatore at the office: 973-635-0625 x27 or email: vsalvatore@st-pats.org

Children’s Liturgy of the Word & Children’s Church
Offered at the 9am Mass
Leaders and assistants are needed (scheduled at your convenience). This program is offered at the 9 am mass. Children’s Church is for children three years old through kindergarten and Liturgy of the Word With Children is offered for children in grades 1-3. Contact Ginny at vsalvatore@st-pats.org.

Catholic High Schools Host Open Houses

Morris Catholic High School, Denville: Open Houses scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th from 6:30-8:30 pm and Sunday, October 18, from 2-4 pm. For more information, visit the Morris Catholic website www.morriscatholic.org or call Maureen Costello at 973-627-6674 ext. 132.

Mount Saint Dominic Academy, Caldwell: Open House for 7th and 8th grade girls and families is scheduled for Oct. 18th at 1:30 pm. Visit www.msdacademy.org or call 973-226-0660 ext. 1122 for more information.

Oratory Preparatory School, Summit: Open Houses scheduled for Sunday, October 4 from 1-3 pm and Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6:45-8:15 pm for prospective 7th-12th grade boys and their families. Visit www.oratoryprep.org or call 908-273-5771 ext. 1 for more information.

Regis High School, New York: Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for boys, will hold an Open House on Monday, October 12 from 1-4 pm. For more information, please contact Eric Di Michele at edimichele@regis.org or 212-288-1100 ext. 2057.

Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange: New Jersey’s oldest Catholic prep school will be hosting its Open House for 7th and 8th grade boys and their families on Sunday, October 25 between 12 and 3 pm. For more information, contact Michael Zinsmeister at 973-325-6440 or visit shp.org.

Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains: Open House scheduled for Wed., October 7 at 7 pm. “Early Bird Tours” will begin at 6:15 pm. Contact Betsy Thornton for more information at bthornton@unioncatholic.org or 908-889-1600 ext. 302.