



The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 9 Claire Mehalik and Peter Coviello, Sr.
Sunday 7:30 am	January 10 Paul Bahnatka and Deceased Members of the Jukic Family
9:00 am	Richard Czerwinski and Clara Ann Barone
11:00 am	Maryclare G. Dolan and Mary White
5:00 pm	John McKenna and Dolores K. Swaintek
Monday 8:00 am	January 11 Edwin L. & Ethel Sprague, Jr. and Sam Green
Tuesday 8:00 am	January 12 Mary Rochford and Lena Hennessey
Wednesday 8:00 am	January 13 Michael Patrick Sheridan and Christine DeVito
Thursday 8:00 am	January 14 Barbara Ix and Marilyn Harrison
Friday 8:00 am	January 15 Edwin L. Sprague, Jr. and Edward Morrison, Sr.
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	January 16 Emil Bontempo and Emma Schnepel Dolores Skea and Peter Coviello, Sr.
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	January 17 Celine Mancini and Francis Larsen JoAnne Spragg Wermlinger and David R. Hillman Fr. Tom Coletta and George Sakarellos Clara Ann Barone and Deceased Members of The Taylor and Babbitt Families

Mass Schedule January 16th & 17th

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

Reconciliation (Confession) January 16th

Fr. Chris	Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
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Parish Support-Christmas

CHRISTMAS OFFERING.....	\$ 67,056
LAST YEAR'S CHRISTMAS.....	\$ 60,953

Parish Support-July-December

JULY-DECEMBER 2015.....	\$409,032
JULY-DECEMBER 2014.....	\$423,843

Parish Support-January 3rd

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....	\$ 13,522
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....	\$ 11,844

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.



Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of January 10th is in memory of Celeste Morelli given by her daughter.

The Candles on the altar the week of January 10th are in memory of John Biskup given by the family.

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, Gregory Bozzo, Dorothy Sullivan, Bill Lanahan, Cathy Bedford, Hope Tinn Clark, Irene Buss, Roger Goodman, Maria Selca-Haher, Robert Olpp, Patrizia Astorino, Terry Gardner, Nora Ray, Carol Meyers, Pat Marciano, Maryanne Duffy McDermott, Kyle Noonan, Thomas Unger, Sandy Safier, Tony Caljean, Warren Gramm, William Virgilio, Mary Cecere, Kristin Curcio, Tony Capone, Michael Marino, David Johnson, Luke Klisart, Don O'Brien and **for all our deceased Darwin Zahn and John Burke.**



The Rosary is prayed every weekday morning before the 8 am mass at 7:40 am and the Novena is prayed after mass on Tuesdays. Please join us. All are welcome.



From the desk of our Pastor

Baptism Begins a New Church Season

This Christmas Season brought into my life Paulo Coelho's, *The Alchemist*, which has been on the NY Times bestseller list for over 385 weeks. This is a lovely novel about a shepherd boy who dreams about finding his treasure in the pyramids of Egypt. The young man's travels take him from the southern tip of Spain into Africa, and across the desert to the pyramids. In the process of his travels, the young lad, Santiago, learns the ways of the world through encounters with a gypsy woman, a mysterious king, a thief, a crystal merchant, an Englishman, and finally an alchemist. Midway through his journey the man meets the love of his life, Fatima, whom he vows to marry. Although a simple story, the book reminds us that all people have a "mysterious magnet of destiny that is obscured by distractions." The goal is to know it, and search for it aware that there is always a price to pay to attain it.

This weekend the church celebrates the Baptism of Jesus, which is the official end to the Christmas Season. In a practical way, the day calls people to take down the Christmas tree, return decorations to their boxes, and put closure on singing Christmas carols; however, like the young lad who pursued his treasure as he journeyed to the pyramids, baptism in Christ engenders opportunities to review the way the Christmas Season enriched life with renewed joy from family and friendships. This generates a path to the fulfillment of personal dreams aware that the spirit given at baptism empowers us with the same graces that came upon Jesus as he was baptized by John.

In celebrating the Baptism of Jesus, memories of promises made by parents and godparents at our baptisms must be given attention. This may be done by digging out a Baptismal certificate as a reminder of your Baptismal date in that most Catholics do not know it. Unfortunately, many do not even know the church where they were baptized. Unlike most of us, Jesus was baptized as an adult. Today, it is so common that adults who are baptized into the faith accept their commitment as Catholics in a serious manner. Although Jesus' baptism did not make him part of a community as our Baptisms do, or cleanse him of original sin, it identified him with humankind, which opened a window for God's spirit to provide him with strength to conquer others by love rather than by force or war. Jesus' baptism acknowledges that God directed him toward a victory of justice; therefore, as God's chosen Son, Jesus was led to open the eyes of the blind, free the imprisoned, and bring light to those in darkness. The baptism of Jesus inaugurated a mission that marked his initiation into public ministry.

Like Jesus who experienced the Spirit of God through his baptism, a commitment to live the values of Christ invites us to rediscover God's calling to do the most good for the most amounts of people through virtues of love, compassion and mercy. In an article published in *Celebration*, January 10, 2010, Fr. Lawrence Mick states, "Jesus' baptism was the time when he came to understand the scope and nature of his ministry. Our baptism also calls us to ministry, to carry on the work of Christ in the world today. It can be argued that weak baptismal identity is at the root of many of the problems we face as a church. Too many people still think of baptism as simply a rite to remove original sin from the souls of babies. Too few recognize that baptism is an adult commitment to live by the values of the Gospel and to carry on the work of Christ."

As we initiate our journey into 2016, some of the best places where qualities of mercy get expressed are where people hurt due to rough, challenging situations that developed in the aftermath of unfortunate circumstances. God calls each of us to be inspirations to others through this Year of Mercy with the ability to deal gently with people whenever there is temptation to be harsh in our words or actions. As baptized Catholics, know that as the church celebrates a Year of Mercy, your baptism renders new life to be free to love God and serve your neighbor. May your baptism plant a new seed into 2016 so that life doesn't pass by with regrets; but, brings satisfaction and happiness to your human existence.

*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.

AROUND THE PARISH

Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **Joan McCormack**, **Stanley**, **Stanley and Andrew Lanskey**. We look forward to getting to know you!



Eva's Village Chili-This weekend, Jan. 9 & 10, consider signing up to prepare chili for Eva's Village. Everything you need to know about helping with this ministry is in the church lobby! **Sign up today** and take a set of the pans provided with the accompanying recipe and instructions. Return the two pans of chili you've prepared and **frozen** next weekend. It's that easy! The food we provide is much needed and greatly appreciated.

Do you enjoy that friendly hello when you come in the church? Is it nice to have the worship aid handed to you as you enter the worship space? The ministry of hospitality is composed of ushers and greeters. Though the people you see each week have mostly committed themselves to every week, we can use help from people who might only be able to give one weekend a month. If you are interested in this ministry that enables us to fulfill our mission statement of being a welcoming community, please give your name to one of the priests, one of the current ushers or to Deb. We will be having a meeting later this month. Thank you.



Please help *Catholic Charities* continue its mission by donating clothing, shoes, and household items in the donation bin located in the parking lot. Your generosity is appreciated. If you have a large pick up, need a receipt, or have a question, please call their toll free number, 877-343-3651. Thank you!

Pizza Night with Bishop Serratelli

Young men in high school, college or older are invited to join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza!

Monday, February 1, 2016- Morris Catholic High School, Denville
Thursday, March 17, 2016-Pope John Paul XXIII, Sparta

Each Pizza Night begins at 7 pm.

Please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818 ext. 711 for more information.

Shawl Ministry

Our shawl ministry grew out of our Health Ministries, through the energy and imagination of our Parish Nurses. We will gather this Tuesday, January 12th in the Parish Offices from 1-2:30 pm. The shawls that the group produces are shared with the ill or homebound of the parish. These shawls are tangible symbols of love shared with those for whom we pray as a parish and in our gathering. We are hoping to expand this ministry and would like you to join us! We have patterns or you can use your own! Bring a friend!



MUSIC MINISTRY

Devin McGuire: Welcome to the St. Patrick Choir

Devin McGuire is excited to be joining the music ministry at St. Pats! Devin is a senior in music education at Seton Hall University, where he is bass section leader in the University Choir and a member of the Theater Council. As a freelance singer, he has engaged in many exciting concerts in 2015, including a concert in Carnegie Hall with MidAtlantic Opera and a concert singing backup vocals for Kenny Rogers at the State Theater, New Brunswick. He also holds a special passion for teaching music to children with special needs and is working towards special education certification alongside his degree. In addition to singing, he plays string bass. Devin grew up in Basking Ridge and just recently moved into his first apartment.

**Save the Date: Saturday, March 5, 2016
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at St. Patrick Church**



TV star Frank Runyeon will bring Scripture to life as he tells the stories Jesus told...a rich man and a poor man...a woman with a coin...a father with two sons...a traveler on the road...stories no one would ever forget. An honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University, Frank has received national acclaim as a translator and performer of biblical texts over the past 20 years. Save the date and join us!

Postures for Prayer

liturgy **corner**

Kneeling can be an expression of humility, of supplication, or a sign of penance or sorrow. Genuflection, a form of kneeling whereby the right knee touches the ground, is an expression of reverence or a way to show adoration. As a sign of reverence and adoration, believers genuflect or make a profound bow (being a bow from the waist) when passing close to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. This form of reverence is reserved for the Blessed Sacrament itself. At St. Patrick, we are fortunate enough to have a very special place of reservation for the Blessed Sacrament, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. A double genuflection, that is, kneeling on both knees and bowing the upper portion of the body slightly and then rising again (or if unable, a profound bow), is a sign of adoration made before the Holy Eucharist exposed.

Since our tabernacle is in a reserved area apart from the main sanctuary (GIRM 276. It is highly recommended that the Holy Eucharist be reserved in a chapel suitable for private adoration and prayer.), if we are coming into our pew through the main aisle of the church, the appropriate reverence for the altar, the crucifix or the cross is a bow, not a genuflection.



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes meet this weekend, January 10 & 11. Classes will **NOT** meet next weekend, January 17 & 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

If your child has been absent, work missed must be made up. For grades 1-5, complete the missed session in the *Finding God* textbook and then complete the online review for that chapter at www.findinggod.com. For children in grades 6-8, please refer to the lesson schedule in the folder and follow the instructions for the missed lesson. Completed worksheets for grades 6-8 should be shown to the child's catechist who will document that the lesson was completed.

YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week in Youth Ministry



- Spring Action Team Meeting:** Mon., Jan. 11; 7-9:30 pm; YMC
- Sophomore Gathering:** Tues., Jan. 12; 7:15-8:45 pm; YMC
- Spring Antioch Team Meeting:** Wed., Jan. 13; 7-9:30 pm; YMC
- 8th Grade Retreat Team Meeting:** Sun., Jan. 17; 7:30-9 pm; YMC

Service Opportunities

- Cooking Chili for Eva's Village:** Sat., Jan. 16; 9 am-12 pm
Parish Center Kitchen
- Serving Chili at Eva's Village:** Sun., Jan. 17; 9:45am-1:30 pm
- Making Valentine Lollipops:** Thurs., Feb. 4; 6-9 pm;
Parish Center Kitchen
- Selling Lollipops:** Sat, Feb. 6-Sun., Feb. 7; After all masses;
Church



St. Paul Inside the Walls

The Catholic Center for Evangelization at Bayley-Ellard

Reasons to Believe: Why the Catholic Faith Makes Sense

Come hear *what* Catholics believe, *why* Catholics believe it, the *personal* difference it makes, and *how* it makes sense in today's world. Fr. Derek Anderson, presenter.

Madison, Saturday, January 16 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Catholicism from Scratch: Adam's Apple (Humanity, Sin, and Grace)

A course in basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fr. Paul Manning, presenter.

Madison, Saturday, January 23 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Third Annual Catholic Trivia Super Bowl

Build your own five-person team and tackle multiple-choice questions on the Catholic Faith! Rules: Only one priest, religious brother/sister, or theologian allowed per team. Cost: \$25 per team in advance, \$30 at the door.

Madison, Saturday, January 30 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Visit www.insidethewalls.org for more information.



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

Welcome back to an exciting new year. Things are in full swing with our new principal, Mrs. Christine Ross and we are thankful for her leadership and expertise.

The Week Ahead

January 12 Ed Council meeting 7:00 pm Fr. Ed Center
January 13 HSA meeting 7:30 Parish Center

Upcoming Events

Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 6

Book Fair in Parish Center

Sunday, January 31, 8:00 am – 3:00pm

Monday, February 1, 7:45am - 3:15pm

Tuesday, February 2, 7:45am - 3:15pm; 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Visiting author Marissa Klein 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the Pre-school building

Wednesday, February 3, 7:45am – 10:30am

If you would like to learn more about our wonderful school, please call the office to set up a time to tour. 973-635-4623

If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or you are confined to your home and would like to receive the Eucharist or the sacrament of anointing of the sick, please contact the parish office at 973-635-0625.



Save the date: *March for Life* Friday, January 22, 2016

Please join your fellow parishioners standing up for life at the annual national March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, Jan. 22. There are more and more young people every year, so bring your children! It is a great civics lesson. Contact Brian McAuliffe at 7mcaul@gmail.com or 973-634-7384 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, January 11

Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church

Faith Formation: 4 pm; School

Tuesday, January 12

Shawl Ministry: 1 pm; South Room

Food Pantry Committee Meeting: 7 pm; North Room

Thursday, January 14

Walking with Purpose: 9 am; East/West Room

Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room

Walking with Purpose: 7 pm; South Room

Friday, January 15

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room

Saturday, January 16

Youth Ministry Chili Cooking: 9 am; Kitchen

Sunday, January 17

Chili Drop Off: Church Lobby

RCIA: 12:15 am; South Room