



First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016



Saturday	February 13
5:00 pm	Peter Coviello, Sr. and Josef Ganahl
Sunday	February 14
7:30 am	Luke Klisart and Anthony Vitale
9:00 am	Nicholas Marconi and John Burke
11:00 am	Horatio Gaviria and Mary Cunningham
5:00 pm	Stanley Swaintek and Eileen Horan
Monday	February 15
8:00 am	Anthony Marino and Richard Haenschen
Tuesday	February 16
8:00 am	Sean McDermott and Isabelle Wheeler
Wednesday	February 17
8:00 am	Mary Lou Bonney Karp and Juan Estrada
Thursday	February 18
8:00 am	William Stollery and Pauline Accunzo
Friday	February 19
8:00 am	Luke Klisart and Albert Sorrentino
Saturday	February 20
8:00 am	Guillermina Rojas and Phyllis Giuliano
5:00 pm	Peter Coviello, Sr. and Amelia & Sabino Gaito and Sabino, Jr.
Sunday	February 21
7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am	Protection of Unborn Children in the Womb and Darwin Zahn
11:00 am	John Burns and Deceased Members of the Congemi and Phelan Family
5:00 pm	Dr. Chester Karr and Emma McGrath

Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

Mass Schedule February 20th & 21st

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

Reconciliation (Confession) February 20th

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

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of February 14th is in memory of Rita Policastro given by Pat Mercadante.

The Candles on the altar the week of February 14th are in memory of Jeane Regan 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, 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, Theresa Zwick, Fr. Gabe Coless, Joseph Gabriele, Theresa Degler, Joseph Crusella, Hedy Ries and **for all our deceased.**

During lent, all liturgies will begin and conclude in silence; therefore, there will be no gathering song or recessional song sung during the Lenten season.



During the Lenten season, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Monday night from 7-8:30 pm in the Church. The rosary will be prayed every Monday night at 6:30 pm in the Church and Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 7:30 pm in the Church. All are invited.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, February 15

Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church
 Penance: 7-8:30 pm; Church
 Meditation Group: 7 pm; South Room

Tuesday, February 16

Lent Discussion: *Corporal Works of Mercy*: 7:30 pm; South Room

Thursday, February 18

Walking with Purpose: 9:30 am; East/West Room
 Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
 Walking with Purpose: 7 pm; South Room

Friday, February 19

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room
 6th Grade Faith Formation Retreat: 5-8:30 pm; Gym
 Stations of the Cross: 7:30 pm; Church

Saturday, February 20

Liturgical Ministry Retreat: 8 am-1 pm; East/West Room

Sunday, February 21

KOC Pancake Breakfast: 8-11:30 am; Gym
 Faith Formation: 8:15, 10:15 am & 7 pm; School
 RCIA: 12:15 am; South Room



Lent

Today the church celebrates the First Sunday in Lent as it thrusts forth an image of Jesus that makes clear his humanity as he relives the Exodus experience of Israel by going out into the desert among the hostile powers to achieve victory over temptation. The desert is known as a place of trial in the scriptures. Each year the church initiates the Lenten Season with one of the three Gospels that pertain to the temptations of Jesus. I believe that one of the greatest temptations that we are faced with during Lent is the incentive to do nothing. Although there is a starting and ending point for Lent, a genuine Lent marked with conversion has no end.

The temptations of Jesus are found in the synoptic gospels (Mark, Matthew, Luke). In Luke's version which is read in church today, there is an emphasis on the Holy Spirit and Prayer. Luke also reverses the order of the second and third temptations found in Matthew's Gospel. Surprisingly, temptations may be positive if discipline is attained anytime the attraction of an unethical or immoral activity is overcome. The temptations of Jesus lead us to believe that in his humanity he experienced the same temptations that we do, which evolve around food, drink, sex, and power.

The objective of Lent is to become enriched with self-improvement through prayer, penance, fasting, and good deeds so that the celebration of Jesus' resurrection brings forth new life. The word origin of "Lent" comes from the old English word, "Lente", meaning springtime; therefore, Lent refers to the springtime of the soul that generates beautiful flowers. Historically, Lent began as a time of fasting and preparation for those preparing to be baptized at Easter; today it calls us to overcome the temptation to use our gifts and blessings for our personal benefit. Jesus' temptations remind us that we are responsible for our lives, and that whenever we succumb to temptation, we are not to blame others for our downfall (as Adam blamed Eve); but, to take ownership of our lives. Perseverance is an important factor throughout Lent since there will be ample opportunities to bend or resign from the promises that we undertake in this holy season aware that it is easy to revert back to former ways of life.

Paul J Wharton's *Parables for the Preacher* provides one of my favorite stories for Lent pertaining to the inability to connect Lenten actions with everyday life. "One day an elderly priest living in Washington D.C. left his residence to purchase a morning newspaper and was accosted by a stranger coming out of a dark alley. The stranger demanded that the priest hand over his wallet. As the priest opened his coat to fetch his wallet, the would-be mugger began to apologize saying, "Forget it Father; keep your money. I did not know you were a priest until you opened your coat and I noticed your Roman collar. I was once an altar boy and would never rob a priest." Both nervous and relieved, the priest took out a pack of cigarettes and offered one to the mugger who replied, "No thank you Father, I gave up smoking for Lent."

Some Christians rob God and self during Lent due to the inability to blend religious observances and Lenten activities into everyday lifestyles. Like the robber in the story, we fool ourselves into thinking that particular actions in themselves (i.e. giving up smoking, television, snacks, etc.) make us better people without questioning the way they get integrated into the total picture of our lives. Most of us have sacrificed countless ice cream cones, chocolate, donuts, cans of beer, and good times as well as practiced a multitude of charitable acts without connecting these deeds to everyday life. If the greater portion of our lives is a mess, it does not benefit us to perform singular sacrifices that do not make us better people. Lent is an invitation to live your faith rather than instilling energy into the technicalities of Lenten regulations.

Mohandas K. Gandhi writing in an opinion journal in 1930 stated, "It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart." This Lent seek to incorporate the good you do into your daily routines so that you overcome the temptation to "look good" during Lent.

*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.

AROUND THE PARISH

First Week of Lent

"We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity."—Pope Francis

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

Rosary

6:30 pm in the Church

Reconciliation

7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the Church

Fr. Chris

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 16TH

Reflection & Discussion on the Corporal Works of Mercy

7:30 pm in the South Room,
Parish Office Building, 41 Oliver Street
(Use the Washington Avenue Entrance)

Presented by Fr. Chris

The *Corporal Works of Mercy* are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs." They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm in the Church

Deacon Joe

As part of your Lenten journey, please consider using the CRS Rice Bowl to help deepen your relationship with Christ while bringing a light of hope to our brothers and sisters in need. Families are encouraged to pray together daily and make Lenten sacrifices that uplift the world's poor as well as those in need in our own Paterson Diocese. This week in our Sunday Readings, Jesus tells us to care for those who are most in need in the world. He reminds us of our Christian duty to give a voice to those who go unheard and to help those who are most vulnerable. This first week of Lent, our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives-at home and around the world? Pick up a rice bowl and calendar at the doors of the church and make it part of your Lenten journey this season. Visit crsricebowl.org.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—NEXT WEEKEND! All are welcome! Bring the family to the Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Feb. 21 from 8-11:30 am in the Fr. Ed Center. All you can eat - \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4-12, and children 3 and under eat free. Maximum cost of \$30 per family. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Chant and Latin in Today's Church

Chant and Latin: what do they have to do with the church in 2016? And, why would a congregation ever sing something in Latin since it is not our language? These are excellent questions, and there are answers!

Latin is the common language that binds the church together all over the world. It is the original language of the church and still is the church's universal language. When the vernacular was first introduced after Vatican II, it was recommended for readings and common prayer to help people understand the word better. The mass parts that are sung every week (the "ordinary" parts of the mass), were to continue being sung in Latin. Nevertheless, enthusiasm for using the language of the people quickly spread to the entire mass. Under item 54 of the Sacred Constitution on the Liturgy, we are given this instruction:

Nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them.

And, in item 41 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal we use today, it is noted:

The main place should be given, all things being equal, to Gregorian Chant, as being proper to the Roman Liturgy...

Since the faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is desirable that they know how to sing together at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin.

Gregorian Chant is the most important part of the rich musical heritage of the church. Latin is the only language that unifies all Catholics in all countries. It makes sense for an educated parish like St. Patrick to have at least a little bit of experience and exposure to these great treasures of the church. They can make us feel proud and unique. And for some, the peacefulness of Latin Chant also helps us pray.

Lenten blessings to all,
Maggie Hanson, Music Minister



Saint Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 12th ~ 7-11 pm

in the Father Ed Center

\$40 per person; \$35 per person for Seniors

Traditional Irish Food, Drink, & Entertainment
Live Music & Dancers! ~ Free Ride Home Available!

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
All proceeds fund local charitable efforts

RSVP by March 6th

Anthony Migliozi 973-769-1056

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Save the Date

Wednesday, March 9 ~ Parish Soup Supper

Saturday, March 12 ~ Mass of Anointing

Sunday, March 13 ~ Irish Soda Bread Contest

Bakers Needed! Details to follow

Wednesday, March 16 ~ Scriptural Stories of Mercy

Presented by Abbot Joel Macul



FAITH FORMATION

A **Corporal Works of Mercy Tree**, is located on the bulletin board in the Fr. Ed Center. Each student signed their names on a heart as a sign they will do their best to live the Corporal Works of Mercy. Families that wish to participate in living the Corporal Works of Mercy can donate **one item** per family on the following weeks:

- Feb. 21/22 - Nonperishable food, baby food, pet food or laundry detergent
- Feb. 28 /29- Juice boxes, baby juice or water bottles
- March 6/7 - New socks, underwear, diapers, baby wipes
- March 13/14 - Hotel soaps, shampoo and lotion

Donations will go to local families, Our Lady of Victories and the Fr. English Center.

Thanks to our 7th graders who raised \$580.35 last weekend at their bake sale. The Denver Broncos won the *Souper Bowl of Caring* with \$254 in donations and Carolina Panthers received \$160 in donations. The movie night proceeds of \$240.25 brings the total to \$1,234.60 that will be donated to those in need.



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! Volunteers are needed to sell tickets after masses. Please contact Ginny Salvatore at 973-635-0625 ext.27 or vsalvatore@st-pats.org if you can volunteer. Thank you!



YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week in Youth Ministry

Spring Antioch Team Meeting: Wed., Feb. 17; 7-9:30 pm, YMC

Spring Antioch Team Day: Sun., Feb. 21; 11 am mass

8th Grade Retreat Team Meeting: Sun., Feb. 21; 7:30-9 pm; YMC

Service Opportunities

Food Pantry Restock: Sat., Feb. 20; 8:30-10:15 am

Chatham High School production of *Shrek the Musical*

Senior Citizens are invited to a free dress rehearsal on Wednesday, March 2 at 3:30 pm at the CHS auditorium. Immediately following the show, seniors are invited to stay for a complimentary dinner. Seating for the dress rehearsal is unlimited; however, dinner reservations are limited to 80 (first come; first served). To RSVP for the senior dinner, please email Noreen McCaffrey at Noreen.mc@verizon.net or call 973-822-8989 by Wed. Feb. 24. Please include your name, phone number, email and the number in your party. Diners will receive a confirmation call or email.

This week in Lent:

† *Fast from judging others~Feast on Christ dwelling within them.*

† *Fast from emphasis on differences~Feast on the unities we share.*

† *Fast from apparent darkness~Feast on the reality of light.*

† *Fast from thoughts and worries of illness~Feast on the healing power of God.*



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

Please check out our newly launched website at www.st-pats-school.org.

Eighth grader, Cate Archer, won the poster contest about *What Catholic Schools Mean to New Jersey*. Her poster was on display at the Statehouse and will find it's permanent home in our school. Congratulations to Cate!

Our Varsity Forensics team swept the competition at the Mount St. Mary's Forensics Meet. Mary Kate Vowells and Molly Farrell won first place in their divisions. Maddie Morton and Charlotte Hamilton won second and third places respectively.

Our students raised money for St. Jude's again this year. Our K-8th grade participated in a math-a-thon and the PK held a trike-a-thon. The children were enthusiastic and happy to support St. Jude's Hospital!

Home Basketball Schedule

Wednesday, February 17—St. Patrick vs. St. Pius

8:00 pm 8th grade boys

Saturday, February 20—St. Patrick vs. St. Vincent DePaul

9:00 am 5th grade girls

10:30 am 5th grade boys

12:00 pm 6th grade boys

1:30 pm 6th grade girls

6:30 pm 8th grade girls

8:00 pm 8th grade boys

If you would like to learn more about St. Patrick School and what makes it so special, please call the office for a tour at 973-635-4623. Registration is now open for our PK through 8th grade.

PARISH NURSES

February is American Heart Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. Common risk factors of heart attack and stroke are high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking and obesity. Controlling these risks with some simple lifestyle changes can reduce the risk for heart attack and stroke by more than 80%. One of the easiest ways to make a simple lifestyle change is to increase daily activity levels. Exercising just 20-30 minutes a day will help control and decrease these risk factors. Even a walk around the neighborhood or mall will make a difference! So this month, consider how you can add exercise to your daily routine and make your health a priority. For more information on other ways to decrease your risk for heart disease, contact the parish nurses at 973-635-0625 ext. 34, your physician, and the American Heart Association.

Next weekend, February 21, after the 9 am mass, our parish nurses will be available to take your blood pressure. Stop by and have it checked!

Spiritual Adoption

Month 5: "Mommy felt me kick!"

This month marks the halfway point to birth, and the baby is very active. Sleep habits develop and the mother can feel the baby move and stretch especially when she's resting. Babies born at this age have survived and are capable of feeling pain. Please continue to pray for our *Spiritual Adoption* baby.

Parish Support-February 7th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$17,957
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$15,450