



Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 20 Peter Coviello, Sr. and Amelia & Sabino Gaito and Sabino, Jr.
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	February 21 Souls in Purgatory Protection of Unborn Children in the Womb and Darwin Zahn John Burns and Deceased Members of the Cangemi and Phelan Familiy Dr. Chester Karr and Emma McGrath
Monday 8:00 am	February 22 Claire Mehalik and Doris Holler
Tuesday 8:00 am	February 23 Paul J. Burke and Mary K. Pesek
Wednesday 8:00 am	February 24 Al Sorrentino and Marguerite Ciccolini
Thursday 8:00 am	February 25 Tony Leonett and Michelina Sangiovanni
Friday 8:00 am	February 26 John Taylor Babbitt and Margaret Babbitt
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	February 27 Anne Krawse and Luke Klisart Living and Deceased Members of the Capuano Family and Eileen Horan
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	February 28 Dorothy Berdel and Michael Wisneski Peter Coviello, Sr. and Darwin Zahn Dolores Skea and Mickey McNany Angelo Sangiacomo and Dolores Belvin

Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who I am."

Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

Mass Schedule February 27th & 28th

Fr. Bob	Sunday 11 am, Deacon Mark Homily
Fr. Chris	Saturday 5 pm, Deacon Joe Homily Sunday 7:30 am, Deacon Joe Homily Sunday 9 am, Deacon Mark Homily
Fr. Dennis	Sunday 5 pm

Reconciliation (Confession) February 27th

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

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of February 21st is in memory of Marguerite Ciccolini given by the family.

The Candles on the altar the week of February 21st are in memory of Albert Sorrentino 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 especially Albert Sirianni and Jennie Aielli.**

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, February 22

Faith Formation: 4-5:30 pm; School
Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church
Penance: 7-8:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Cry Room

Tuesday, February 23

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

Thursday, February 25

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 26

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room
Stations of the Cross: 7:30 pm; Church
Antioch Retreat: 7:30 pm; Parish Center

Saturday, February 27

Antioch Retreat: 9:30 am; Parish Center

Sunday, February 28

Faith Formation: 8:15, 10:15 am & 7 pm; School
Antioch Retreat: 9:30 am; Parish Center
RCIA: 12:15 am; South Room



Forgive Yourself

There is a story about a little boy with a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, to hammer a nail in the back fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Then it gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said "you have done well, my son, but look at the whole in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one."

This weekend the Church celebrates the Second Week in Lent, it brings to light a God of mercy and love who seeks to transform our lives so that we learn the meaning of forgiveness aware that God covers up the holes we drill into the fences of life in that his love is blind to the nail marks caused whenever a person loses control of his/her life. However, like the apostles in today's Gospel from Luke, sometimes we are asleep to his forgiveness as it is easy to miss the clues offered by God that enable us to learn the essence of his mercy, which also must come from ourselves.

When does God actually forgive you for a nail you place into a fence? How do you forgive yourself for wounds inflicted upon others? Do you accept God's forgiveness, but live with ongoing guilt that recalls incidents whereby you drove a nail into a fence that has left a scar in the life of a family member, friend, co-worker, or even a classmate. In today's Gospel it is evident that the apostles Peter, James, and John, see something new in Jesus as he points out to them that he is more than another good prophet such as Elijah or Moses; the experience changed their vision of Jesus.

Some people hold themselves responsible for every bad thing that goes on in their lives as they internalize bad experiences while others acknowledge God's forgiveness, but do not believe it since they cannot forgive themselves for a wrong action from the past. The person who accepts God's forgiveness is only able to do so due to the fact that he/she has learned how to forgive others as well as oneself. Self forgiveness steers a Christian to move on with life regardless of something that has occurred in the past. People who learn the art of self forgiveness maintain the ability to move forward in their lives aware that sometimes things are done that bring forth regret, which imposes much guilt into life. The ability to let go renders self forgiveness, which is a liberating experience, and one that teaches lessons to improve life.

The Church uses the Sacrament of Reconciliation to draw the value of forgiveness into people as it draws attention to the belief that God forgives even those who cannot forgive themselves. Throughout Lent every parish in the Paterson Diocese celebrates Reconciliation on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. which gives people ample time to come and experience the Sacrament. Although the Sacrament may foster anxiety in some who do not enjoy admitting a human weakness to another; the Sacrament provides the opportunity to see life from the eyes of an objective priest who aims to relieve a person of guilt that some cannot dismiss. Although the Sacrament does not take away the ability to forget past actions that were harmful to another, the comfort offered by the priest makes a penitent a wiser individual which disallows guilt to dominate a person's life.

Sometimes we all need to accept ourselves and admit our human limitations, which enable us to grow and become the person God calls us to be. God does not call us to be perfect, and does not reject us for being imperfect, but through his mercy and forgiveness God's eyes are closed to the holes in the fences that mark human sinfulness.

*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, vsalvatore@st-pats.org.

AROUND THE PARISH

Second Week of Lent

"Yet mercy triumphs over judgement." (Ignatian Exercises #s 48, 55). This seems too much to hope for. But it cannot be too much if the whole mystery of the Redemption hinges on this: the exercise of mercy is to be a portent of predestination and salvation."—St. John XXIII

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

Rosary

6:30 pm in the Church

Reconciliation

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

Fr. Bob

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 23RD

Reflection & Discussion on the Spiritual 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 *Spiritual Works of Mercy* have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbors in their spiritual needs."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm in the Church

Fr. Bob

By the sacred Anointing of the Sick and the prayer of the priests, the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them.

On Saturday, March 12th at 10:30 am, we will celebrate a Mass of Anointing which includes the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Those who suffer from a physical, mental or spiritual burden, who suffer with addiction or who are scheduled to have surgery, please consider being anointed at this liturgy. Please remember that the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is not the Last Rites/Extreme Unction. The change of name reflects the restored meaning of the sacrament: to confer spiritual and physical strength to those who are seriously ill in body, spirit and mind, or suffering from addiction or chronic illness.

Homebound? If you or a family member is hospitalized and would like a visit from a priest or if you or a family member is in need of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact our parish office at 973-635-0625.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Lent

By David Haas

God,
Time and time again you have shown us
A glimpse of your glory;
And yet, each time, you summon each of us
To return to the everyday life of broken promises.

Help me to see your hope in all this;
May the dazzling miracle of your splendor
Keep me going forward without cynicism.

For I know and believe
That the miracles you send
Are signs of our ultimate destiny and promise.

Today I sing and rejoice,
Believing that it truly is
"Good to be here" with you.

Amen.

By David Haas, composer of hymns and sacred choral music.
From *With Every Note I Sing*, GIA Publications, 1996, p. 60.

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 Pater-son Diocese. As human beings, we have the right to live and grow in peace. Because we have that right, we have the responsibility to make sure others, too, enjoy the same opportunity. This second week of Lent, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family-and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? 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.



During this Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has invited the Church to rediscover and to celebrate the centrality of God's mercy in our world and our lives. In the celebration of the Mass, we frequently call on the mercy of God. There are specific prayers or moments when the mercy of God is explicitly acknowledged or sought.

Three important prayers in which we, the assembly, invoke God's mercy are the Penitential Rite, the Gloria, and the Lamb of God. During Lent, the Gloria is omitted, so we are called to concentrate on the Penitential Rite and the Lamb of God as we plead for mercy. In the Penitential Act, we humbly petition: Lord, have mercy/Christ, have mercy/Lord, have mercy. The Rite ends as the priest prays: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." The other time the assembly petitions for this mercy is in the Lamb of God: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us." As we concentrate on asking God for His mercy during this holy season of Lent, may these prayers be especially significant to you as you ask God for His unending mercy.

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2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal-Serving Christ Among Us

If you received a final request from our Bishop asking for your support of the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please respond as your means permit. The appeal is essential to the work of the Church in reaching out to those in great need who come to our Catholic charities agencies. It also supports seminarian education, inner-city area education and our priests' retirement residence. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today. May God bless you for your support!



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. 28 /29- Juice boxes, baby juice, formula, 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.



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 Action Team Meeting: Mon., Feb. 22; 7-9:30 pm, YMC

Spring Antioch Team Meeting: Wed., Feb. 24; 7-9:30 pm, YMC

Spring Antioch Retreat: Fri., Feb. 26—Sun., Feb. 28
Parish Center

8th Grade Retreat Team Meeting: Sun., Feb. 28; 7:30-9 pm;
YMC

Service Opportunities

Food Pantry Restock: Sat., March 19; 8:30-10:15 am

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 Miglioizzi 973-769-1056



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

Parish Support-February 14th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....	\$13,620
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....	\$20,239



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Home and School Association News

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

As the Lenten season continues this week, the St. Patrick School Community will be showing various ways to show Mercy to others, as designated by Pope Francis. A Lenten tree has been set up in the main school hallway, where children PreK-8th grade will place a tag that identifies a Corporal Work of Mercy they will perform during Lent. On each floor of the school, the students created prayer walls where they will post their special intention for the Lenten season. In addition, Mrs. Ross has given every child a prayer coin and prayer that they recite together each morning. We wish everyone a blessed Lenten season and welcome you to join us during our weekly 8 am masses.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 24th ~ Engineer Night for K-5th grade

Like St. Patrick School on Facebook so you can learn about many of the exciting things going on in our school.

Re-enrollment and new registration have begun. If you are interested in learning more about our school, please contact the office to schedule a tour, 973-635-4623.

Adopt-A-Student

Saint Patrick School has been committed to offering academic excellence and a faith-filled education for students since 1872. A *National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*, *AdvancED* accredited, and a *Star School of Excellence*, St. Patrick School, with the help of faculty, staff, parents, and parishioners, is a place where children grow both academically and spiritually. For some families, this requires a great financial sacrifice. In an effort to support these families and students, the *Adopt-a-Student* program is being established. Living the school motto, "*Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith*", parishioners can help provide a student with access to a St. Patrick School education with a tax-deductible donation. For more information or to make a donation, please contact the school at 973-635-4623. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Mark your calendars!! Basket Bonanza, St. Patrick's School's largest fundraiser, is planned for Saturday, March 19th. We have many terrific baskets and live and silent auction items featured. Come out, support our school and see if your luck will bring you home a winning item. Stay tuned for ways to purchase tickets for the event. Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, contact basketbonanza2016@gmail.com



The Senior Club of the Chathams is sponsoring a trip to Ehrhardts for a "St. Patrick's Day Festival" on Wednesday, March 16. The cost is \$40 for members, \$45 for non members, which includes a choice of luncheon. The bus will leave Corpus Christi parking lot at 8:30 am. There are still tickets available. Please call Angie Coiro at 908-273-3146 for more information.

This week in Lent:

- † *Fast from words that pollute ~ Feast on phrases that uplift.*
- † *Fast from discontent ~ Feast on gratitude.*
- † *Fast from anger ~ Feast on patience.*
- † *Fast from pessimism ~ Feast on optimism.*