



Third Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 27 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
Monday 8:00 am	February 29 Ruth Cahill and Christine Barry
Tuesday 8:00 am	March 1 Rocco Rosa and Roderick Taboso
Wednesday 8:00 am	March 2 Dorothy Berdel and Rosemary Zimmerman
Thursday 8:00 am	March 3 Edwin L. Sprague, III and John Shreehan
Friday 8:00 am	March 4 Vicki Konicke and Myrtle Iossa
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	March 5 Dora DiCuia and Roger Luria Virginia and Carlo Miele and Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	March 6 Margaret B. Smith and Carmela Beninati Theodora Lesnewich and for the Protection Of the Unborn Peter Coviello, Sr. and Chester Karr Luke Klisart and Ruby Lee Robertson

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 29**
Faith Formation: 4-5:30 pm; School
Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church
Penance: 7-8:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Children's Room, Church
- Thursday, March 3**
Walking with Purpose: 9:30 am; East/West Room
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
Walking with Purpose: 7 pm; South Room
- Friday, March 4**
Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room
Stations of the Cross: 7:30 pm; Church
- Saturday, March 5**
Lenten Presentation: Frank Runyeon: 7 pm; Church
- Sunday, March 6**
Food Pantry Collection: Parish Center Lobby
Faith Formation: 8:15, 10:15 am & 7 pm; School
RCIA: 12:15 am; South Room

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

Mass Schedule March 5th & 6th

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

Reconciliation (Confession) March 5th

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

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of February 28th is in memory of Catherine Coleman given by the family.

The Candles on the altar the week of February 28th are in memory of Frederick Helmstetter 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, Fr. Gabe Coless, Joseph Gabriele, Theresa Degler, Joseph Crusella, Hedy Ries, Rob McTague and **for all our deceased.**



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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 4
IN THE CHURCH**





From the Desk of our Pastor

Human Suffering

Misfortune, pain, and suffering are some of the worse occurrences experienced in life. There isn't anyone who rises in the morning with hope of a day filled with mental or physical anguish. Many even live with spiritual suffering in that a desire to pray exists; but, this activity takes a back seat due to a spiritual dry spell that cannot be overcome or anxiety about chores that must be completed throughout the day. The Bible reveals an assortment of sufferings that good people endure; most notably Jesus who suffered physically with the cross and psychologically through disappointment with his disciples. Throughout history people have tried to make sense of suffering. One belief that I hold is that God does not inflict misery on people due to sin, or render blessings upon those who live a righteous life. Sometimes the best perspective to take on suffering, pain, misfortune, and blessings is to see it as a natural part of existence.

The 9th century B.C. Book of Job is a well publicized document that brings to light the reality of hardship, which is of much merit to our present times. The Book is classified as a poetic Book of Wisdom literature that addresses the meaning of human life; and, tackles the problem of innocent suffering and retribution. It is a honorable story for Lent in that Job is a model for us in any unwanted painful experience. Job's story consists of a man who has all the blessings of life (family, friends, health and wealth), and lives with great faith in God; therefore, he anticipates a life of comfort. Surprise enters his world when he is afflicted with a snowball effect of hardships that range from the loss of family and wealth to a horrible skin disease. Through a dialogue of speeches and replies between Job and his three companions, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, Job is led to believe that these tragedies have occurred due to his unfaithfulness to God, which was a normal realm of thought during this time and even with some today. However, Job refuses to believe his companions, and insists upon his innocence with strength to maintain faithfulness to God without clear cut answers that pertain to his torment. Job's misery takes us through 37 chapters of the Book before the Lord's speech to him in Chapter 38 that inclines him to come to terms with his desire to demand a reason for his misery and grief. This engenders mystery into Job's life in that he never comes to grasp the logic for his situation, but accepts his fate and repents. Although the Book never resolves the mystery of human suffering, it invites us to accept our limitations of knowledge about God.

Today the church highlights the Third Week in Lent; Luke's Gospel (Luke 13:1-9) draws attention to the conviction that it was common during the days of Jesus to believe that misfortune was a sign of God's disfavor; however this assumption is challenged by Jesus who asserts that those involved in contemporary disasters were not greater sinners than the other citizens of the community; hence, Jesus did not buy the idea that those who perished in a disaster or tragedy were the worse of the lot. Jesus turned this tragedy upside down by indicating that while the crowd was fixed on sin, he challenged the people to go out and bear fruit; however the passage from Luke's Gospel also plants a seed that actions have consequences which sometimes bring suffering to ourselves or to others; especially children or minorities; therefore, there is need to recognize the outgrowth of our actions, and the fact that the route forward is through individual responsibility that requires personal accountability.

At this midway point in Lent, it is a gift to believe that pain and suffering are natural parts of the human condition. All encounter experiences when God appears to be nowhere in sight as our lives are ripping apart at the seam; and there is a struggle to maintain connectedness to God. Some take a self-centered approach in pitying themselves by declaring life unfair, and cursing God through anger. Nobody longs for sickness, tragedy, or disaster; but, these unwanted occurrences steer us to deepened faith in God or rejection of God. Like Job, it is a virtue to maintain faithfulness to God throughout periods of grief and indefensible predicaments that await us through life, and to recognize the fact that tragedy and wretchedness are not punishments from God for sin.

*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.

Third Week of Lent

"How great is the power of Merciful Love, which, we await until Christ has put all his enemies under his feet, completely overcoming sin and destroying death as his last enemy!"

~ St. John Paul the Great

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29ND

Rosary

6:30 pm in the Church

Reconciliation

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

Fr. Bob

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm in the Church

Deacon Mark

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

Luke: Stories on the Road

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. Tickets available at the Parish Office or at the door: \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Teens, \$5 children. This event is recommended for children ages 8 and up.

7:00 pm in the Church

Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **John and Kathleen Capuano** and **Dan, Debbie, Meghan and Katie Sherer**. We look forward to getting to know you!

Congratulations to our School Principal!

St. Patrick Church extends congratulations to Dr. Christine Ross, our school principal, in receiving her Doctor of Education Degree (Ed.D) last week. An Ed.D is a doctorate which is discipline based that prepares an individual for work in the fields of academe, administration, and clinical or research positions in educational institutions.

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. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is not the Last Rites/Extreme Unction. It is meant to confer spiritual and physical strength to those who are seriously ill in body, spirit and mind, or suffering from addiction or chronic illness.

Every 3 seconds, a child is diagnosed with cancer. The students at St. Patrick School are shaving their heads for the St. Baldrick Foundation in unity with all the children of the world battling this disease. If you would like to learn more about the foundation or donate to our team, please visit our site at:

www.stbaldricks.org/teams/stpatrick2016. Thank you.

Bishop Serratelli, In Communion with Pope Francis, invites all to

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

MARCH 4-5, 2016



"By calling for an attentive listening to the word of God and encouraging the initiative '24 Hours for the Lord,' I sought to stress the primacy of prayerful listening to God's word, especially his prophetic word, [...] 'the mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first-hand.'" (Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2016)

The Church of Saint Margaret in Morristown, the Shrine of Saint John Paul II at Holy Rosary Church in Passaic, and Good Shepherd Church in Andover, will welcome all the faithful for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Penance at the times indicated below in order to facilitate the participation of Christ's faithful throughout the Diocese of Paterson in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. Please note that the schedules vary in these three parishes.

St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Sussex and Speedwell Avenues, Morristown, a Church with the Holy Door for the Year of Mercy, will begin the 24 hours of adoration on Friday at 2 pm and will end on Saturday, March 5th at 2 pm. During this time, The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and prayer. We will have confessions from 2 pm to 6:45 pm. There will be a Penitential Service at 7 pm to celebrate the Mercy of God with confessions until 12 midnight. The church will continue to be opened and different groups from the parish will be keeping watch throughout the night and day. We will hear confessions again on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm when we will close the 24 hours of adoration.

Holy Rosary Church, The Shrine of Saint John Paul II, 6 Wall Street, Passaic, a Church with the Holy Door for the Year of Mercy will begin the 24 hours of adoration on Friday, March 4 at 6 pm and will conclude on Saturday, March 5 at 11 pm.

6-7 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

7 pm: Mass and Stations of the Cross in Polish

9 pm: Mass, chaplets, and confession in Spanish

11 pm: Lenten Lamentations in Polish

12 am: Mass in Polish

3 am: Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Polish

7 am: Morning prayers to the Blessed Mother & Mass in Polish

9 am: Mass and Chaplet of Divine Mercy for children & youth
In English

12 pm: Angelus in English

3 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Polish

5 pm: Mass and Chaplet of Divine Mercy in English

7 pm: Mass and Rosary in Polish

10 pm: Lecture on Divine Mercy in Polish

10:30pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Closing Prayers in Polish

**Confession will be available all the time, during all Masses and Devotions.

**The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church or chapel from 5 pm on Friday, March 4.

Good Shepherd Church, 48 Tranquility Road, Andover, will begin with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions at 8 pm on Friday, March 4 and conclude at midnight.

8 pm: Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

8 pm to Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

12 midnight: Benediction



FAITH FORMATION

A Corporal Works of Mercy Tree, located on the bulletin board in the Fr. Ed Center, has a heart signed by each Faith Formation student, 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:

March 6/7 - Gently used books for children/teens

March 13/14 - Hotel soaps, shampoo and lotion

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week in Youth Ministry

Spring Action Team Meeting: Mon., Feb. 29; 7-9:30 pm, YMC

Living Stations of the Cross Practice: Tues., March 1;

7:30-9 pm; YMC

Sophomore Gathering: Wed., March 2: 7:15-8:45 pm, YMC

Service Opportunities

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

Attention Bayley-Ellard Class of '66

It's that "golden time" for our "50th" Reunion

Where are your classmates?

Please call Ann Marie (Sandello) Brady at (973)714-8638.

St. Cecilia's LIFE Runners Morristown Pro-Life 5K

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Morristown, NJ
Participants should start arriving at 1:30 pm to sign in for the 5K which starts at 2:30 pm. Register and order your LIFE Runners T-shirt at www.liferunners.org. Contact 973-664-9460 or jaidanbyrne@optonline.net for information.

The *Friends of the Library of the Chathams* will be collecting books in good condition, DVDs and CDs until March 1 to be sold at their annual **Book Sale** on March 12. Textbooks, condensed books, magazines, VHS tapes, encyclopedias or soiled or damaged items cannot be accepted. *Thank you!*

Are you seeking a parish community in which to pray, to learn and to be of service to others? Our doors and hearts are open to you-Welcome! Contact Peggy Gentile at the parish offices for additional information at 973-635-0625 ext. 25.

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



Parish Support-February 21st

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$14,756

LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$14,827



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Home and School Association News

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

Our regular season basketball league is coming to a close this week and most teams finished in 1st or 2nd place in their league! Next weekend, grades 6th-8th will enter the MCCBL play-offs. This past weekend our 6th and 8th grade teams competed in the Our Lady of Sorrows 42nd February Frenzy tournament. St. Patrick 8th grade girls brought home 1st place and 6th and 8th grade boys brought 2nd place! Congrats to all the teams!

To celebrate National Engineer Week, Dr. Ross and the faculty hosted a Family Engineer Night. This was last Wednesday and was a huge success! It was a special evening for parents to come together with their children and work on various STEM projects. Also, SPS is offering an enrichment program for the middle schoolers to teach them design skills to use with our 3-D printer.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 4th~12:15 pm dismissal for Teacher In-Service
Monday, March 7th-Friday, March 11th~Terra Nova Testing
Saturday, March 19th~Basket Bonanza

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. Visit our website, www.st-pats-school.org/hsa where you will find the invite and other ticket information. Thank you in advance for your support.



This week in Lent:

† *Fast from worry ~ Feast on the happiness & joys of life.*

† *Fast from complaining for what we don't have ~ Feast on gratitude for what we do.*

† *Fast from negatives ~ Feast on the positives.*

† *Fast from feeling pressure & stress ~ Feast on the solace of prayer.*