



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	March 5 Virginia and Carlo Miele and Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am	March 6 Margaret B. Smith and Carmela Beninati Theodora Lesnewich and for the Protection Of the Unborn
11:00 am 5:00 pm	Peter Coviello, Sr. and Chester Karr Luke Klisart and Ruby Lee Robertson
Monday 8:00 am	March 7 Peter J. DeMaria and Diane Cagianese
Tuesday 8:00 am	March 8 Anthony Petrozelli and Juan Estrada
Wednesday 8:00 am	March 9 Silvia Weisbecker and Eleanor Permahos
Thursday 8:00 am	March 10 Deceased Members of the Shanley Family And Pamela Pinglora
Friday 8:00 am	March 11 Michael Heanue and Edward Shalhoub
Saturday 10:30 am 5:00 pm	March 12 Thomas Peterpaul and John Taylor Babbitt Nicholas Cangemi and John A. Phelan, Jr.
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	March 13 Otto Perillo and Helen Marie Byers Darwin Zahn and Michael Heanue Living and Deceased Members of the Lagana Family and David Downs
5:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Estrada and DeSouza Families and Sally Quartararo

On Saturday, March 12, we will not celebrate our regularly scheduled 8 am morning mass due to the Liturgy of the Anointing of the Sick which will be celebrated at 10:30 am. This mass will include the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome to attend.

Mass Schedule March 12th & 13th

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

Reconciliation (Confession) March 12th

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.

Fifty Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.



Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of March 6th is in memory of Margot deTucker given by the family.

The Candles on the altar the week of March 6th are in memory of John Taylor Babbitt 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, Jim Bowles and **for all our deceased especially Mario Rubino.**

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



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



From the Desk of our Pastor

Anointing of the Sick

In his book, *Prophetic Anointing*, James L. Empereur S.J. states, "Anointing is one of the ways that the Church celebrates the events of Christ's own loving concern for those who are sick in the Church. It is a ritual, which recognizes that human beings are one in physical, emotional, mental and spiritual experiences. Through the symbol of anointing, the Christian community hopes to make it possible for the fragmented person to deal with the presence of disorder and weakness at whatever level these are experienced."

This Saturday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m. the parish will celebrate the annual Liturgy of the Anointing of the Sick. All are invited to this liturgy, which welcomes those seeking strength, peace, and courage within an illness or disorder to come forth to be anointed during the celebration of Eucharist. This Sacrament welcomes a person to unite with the cross of Christ as the community shares in the suffering and pain that many experience. Sometimes the greatest gift that emerges through an anointing is acceptance of one's state in life, which is a quality that instills trust in God's grace when it is discovered that the ability to be up to tasks that appeared so easy at one time in life no longer exists. Acceptance allows a believer to be patient for the things that can no longer be done without mentally beating oneself up for not having the endurance, good health, and strength that were enjoyed in earlier years of life. St. John Paul II possessed tremendous love for this Sacrament and communicated this message about it, "Through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church carries out Jesus' mission of compassion and healing of the sick. The one who is ill can also be a minister to others. By uniting their suffering to Christ, those who are sick can be signs of faith and witness of Christ's Resurrection to the entire community."

The Sacrament of the Sick may be celebrated anywhere, but usually in the home of a person living with illness, a hospital, or as a communal celebration within liturgy. It instills the reminder that anointing heals us through faith; and suggests that the Sacrament leads to newfound holiness that builds up the Body of Christ. Questions often evolve pertaining to who is invited to be anointed. The Church states, "Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive the sacrament." In addition to bodily illness, the Sacrament calls people hampered with addictions to drugs, alcohol, or gambling, as well as psychological disorders such as religious scrupulosity, codependency, abuse, work, perfectionism, anxiety, obsessive-compulsion disorder, or depression. It is for the mentioned that as a parish we focus on the Sacrament of the Sick throughout Lent in that it is a season that centers on healing in all capacities of life. The Sacrament of the Sick may also be repeated if an individual recovers after being anointed, and falls ill again; or, if the sick person's condition becomes more serious. Elderly people are summoned to the Sacrament if they become notably weakened even though no illness is present.

I invite you to come and celebrate the Anointing of the Sick mass this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Our parish nurse ministry will be present as their lives touch countless people whom they assist through relationships that are maintained through this special vocation. A communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick is a Mass that begins in the usual way with special prayers designated for those to be anointed. After the homily, the faithful who are to be anointed come forth as a priest lays hands on each individual, and anoints the forehead of each person saying, "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." The individual responds, "Amen." Then he anoints the palms of the person's hands with the sign of the cross using the Oil of the Sick (Oelum Infirmorum) saying, "May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." The person responds, "Amen." After all are anointed, mass continues in the usual way with the general intercessions. Although the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick does not remove the mystery of human suffering, coming forth to be anointed is a rewarding experience and renders great peace as it helps believers gain insight into the religious meaning of illness and the longevity of life.

*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.

Fourth Week of Lent

"The kingdom of Christ is tension towards the definitive victory of Merciful Love, towards the eschatological fullness of good and grace, of salvation and life. This fullness has its beginning on earth in the cross and the resurrection."

~ St. John Paul the Great

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH

Rosary

6:30 pm in the Church

Reconciliation

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

Fr. Chris

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH

Parish Soup Supper

6:00 pm in the Fr. Ed Center East/West Room

Sponsored by the Women of Mary

All are welcome to enjoy a simple meal. A free will offering will be shared with those less fortunate.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm in the Church

Fr. Bob

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

Mass of Anointing

10:30 am in the Church

Followed by a reception in the Fr. Ed Center East/West Room

Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **Greg, Kelly, Avery and Greyson Bartolotta**. We look forward to getting to know you!



St. Patrick Parish recently received a check from our Diocese for \$34,339.01. This represents the third rebate returned to us as part of the *Partners in Faith* campaign. With these funds, we have added air conditioning in the school building, carpeted the parish office, upgraded technology in the school, and added new flooring in the sacristy and Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church. These parish funds are only available because of those parishioners who are making ongoing payments on their *Partners in Faith* pledges. We are so grateful to all who are consistent in paying their pledge. We ask any who may have fallen behind to re-commit to their pledge if possible. It is important to the work of the Diocese and our parish. God bless you for your generosity!

Shawl Ministry

While most of our knitting is done at home, our gathering takes place for fellowship, sharing and prayers for those in need of shawls. Knitters gather the second Tuesday each month from 1:00-2:30 pm. All are welcome. Patterns are available for those who knit and those who crochet!

Free AARP tax prep Thursdays at the Chatham Senior Center through April 15th. Simple returns prepared and e-filed for those with modest incomes. Call 973-635-4565 for appointment.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Anna Ivashko

Children's Choirs Assistant

Chorister girls, their parents, and I are most grateful for our new assistant Anna Ivashko. This lovely 22-year old Polish girl has a passion for sacred music and children's choirs. Since September, Anna has been helping with the St. Patrick Girls Choir for grades 3-8, and the Morning Song choir for grades K-3. Her beautiful voice, enthusiasm, and confident guidance help our children accomplish much more at rehearsal than they could with just one director/accompanist.

Anna was born in Ukraine to Polish parents, and attended school there through sixth grade. She was an active member of the Children's Choir at the Latin Cathedral in Lemberg. Her parents then moved to Chatham, NJ where she finished middle school, attended Chatham High, and became a parishioner at St. Patrick. Anna graduated from Seton Hall last May with a degree in Chemistry and Mathematics. Now she does laboratory research for Exxon Mobile. Anna joined the St. Patrick Choir two years ago after hearing that we needed new members. Since then, she has become one of our cantors, helped with music filing in the office, and assisted with two of our four choirs for students.

The St. Patrick Girls Choir is made up of 26 upper-elementary and middle school girls. The group learns sacred music with harmony and instruments. As choir assistant, Anna helps lead a section of the harmony, and plays bells or rhythm sticks. In addition, she is attentive to the needs of the girls as the rehearsal progresses. She keeps the girls' folders up to date, helps keep the girls on task during mass, and assists with music return and filing. Anna also assists Morning Song, our youngest choir. She directs sign language and other movements while the children sing, and helps the children with reading words and music during rehearsal. Anna is a witness to our faith for all of these children. Both rehearsals occur Wednesday evenings, after Anna has already completed a long day of scientific research at work!

Anna's efforts, like the efforts of many others, are a valuable ministry in our church, and an example of sharing a spiritual work of mercy. Thank you, Anna Ivashko!

Parish Meet & Greet

Join us after the 9 am mass on Sunday, March 13 for coffee and treats while enjoying Irish Step Dance! Dancers include Mary Kate Vowells, Maddie Morton, Delaney McKee, Kaitlin Kelly, Fiona McSweeney, Hannah LeRoux, Maura Hamilton, Ella Gigliotti and Danielle Doyle. Our annual soda bread contest will be held during this event!



Easter Food Collection

Our monthly **Forget-Me-Not weekend** is this Saturday and Sunday. Donations can be dropped at the parish center before and after all masses.

Our **Easter Food Collection** will take place March 19th & 20th. Our collections are most fruitful when we receive a commitment in advance. Please consider signing up next weekend to bring **frozen** chickens, chicken or turkey breasts, and canned hams. Non-perishable items will also be collected: canned beans & fruit, rice, instant potatoes, cake mixes. All donations can be brought to the priests' garage before and after all masses. These will be distributed locally and also shared with those in Paterson. Monetary donations and gift cards can be sent to the parish office or put in the collection baskets marked Easter Food collection. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Your generosity is making a huge difference in people's lives! Thank you!





FAITH FORMATION

As part of our *Corporal Works of Mercy Lenten Service*, we are collecting the following for those in need:

- March 13/14 - New socks and underwear
- March 20/21 - Hotel (travel size) soaps, shampoo and lotion
- Or regular size shampoo and lotion

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

Lenten Resources

During this season of Lent, we are invited to transform our hearts and lives. Our Lenten practices; all that we do (or stop doing) during these 40 days should bring us to a deeper understanding of God's love revealed in Jesus. This is a personal journey and our choices will be varied. If you are looking for a new way to give of your time in service to people in need, here are some resources:

- Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry-<http://mcifp.org>
Committed to ending hunger and supporting self-sufficiency
- Morris Habitat for Humanity-www.morrishabitat.org
Moving faith to action
- Family Promise-<http://www.familypromisemorris.org>
Ending homelessness one family at a time

Online Giving Statements

Thank you for your support through our Online Giving Program. If you set up your own online giving account, you can retrieve and print out your online giving history for tax purposes. To do this, go to *GivingHistory*, located on the left hand side, second from the bottom after you sign in. Select the fund you want and then input the dates. For more information, please email or call Ginny at donnellon@st-pats.org or 973-635-0625 ext. 29.

The Chatham Emergency Squad will host a blood drive on Sat., March 12 at the Chatham Emergency Squad, 31 North Passaic Ave. The donation hours will be from 8:30am-2:30pm. Please call the blood center at 800-688-0900 with questions.

Monday, March 7

- 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

Tuesday, March 8

- Shawl Ministry: 1-2:30 pm; South Room
- Food Pantry Meeting: 7 pm; North Room

Wednesday, March 9

- Soup Supper: 6 pm; East/West Room

Thursday, March 10

- 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 11

- Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room
- Stations of the Cross: 7:30 pm; Church

Saturday, March 12

- Mass of Anointing: 10:30 am; Church
- St. Patrick's Day Party: 7-11 pm; Parish Center

Sunday, March 13

- Faith Formation: 8:15, 10:15 am & 7 pm; School
- Irish Soda Bread Contest: 10-11 am; Parish Center
- RCIA: 12:15 am; South Room

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

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. You may also visit our new website at <http://st-pats-school.org/>

Children celebrated Read Across America with special guest readers from the community this week. As part of this national Dr. Seuss celebration, classes worked with each other on literacy based projects.

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, 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, and support our school. 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.



Saint Patrick's Day Party and Raffle-Join us on Saturday, March 12th from 7-11 pm in the Father Ed Center for traditional Irish food, drink and entertainment with live music and dancers. There will be a raffle to win lodging in Ireland for a week! \$40 per person; \$35 per person for Seniors RSVP to: Anthony Migliozi 973-769-1056 anthonyjmigliozi@gmail.com

The Senior Club of the Chathams is sponsoring a trip to Ehrhardt's 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 8:30am. Tickets are available. Please call Angie Coiro at 908-273-3146 for more information.

NYC Holy Week Youth Mission is March 23-26 for high school and college age men and women. It includes outreach activities and prayer. Mary Rohe will be collecting items for this mission including adult size clothing, peanut butter, jelly, brown paper and Ziploc bags, small water bottles, juice boxes and travel size toiletries. Drop off items to 65 Highland Ave., Chatham by 3/22/16. For information or to register, visit www.regnumchristinyctnj.org

This week in Lent:

- † *Fast from hostility ~ Feast on comradery.*
- † *Fast from lethargy and laziness ~ Feast on forgiveness.*
- † *Fast from pride ~ Feast on compassion for others.*
- † *Fast from discouragement ~ Feast on hope.*