



Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	March 12 Nicholas Cangemi and John A. Phelan, Jr.
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	March 13 Otto Perillo and Helen Marie Byers Darwin Zahn and Michael Heanue Living and Deceased Members of the Lagana Family and David Downs Deceased Members of the Estrada and DeSouza Families and Sally Quartararo
Monday 8:00 am	March 14 Carlton Smith and Charles Andrew Doyle
Tuesday 8:00 am	March 15 Frances Cassidy and Msgr. Ron Amandolare
Wednesday 8:00 am	March 16 Mary Corcoran Pesek and Fr. Ed Hinds
Thursday 8:00 am 9:00 am	March 17 Mona Jenkins and Rocco Rosa Emma McGrath and Mary Corcoran Pesek
Friday 8:00 am	March 18 Special Intentions for Mrs. Butkus
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	March 19 Mark L. Brigham and Edward Domigan Deceased Members of the Coviello Family and Josephine Sirianni
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	March 20 Bill Branagan and Tom Guckian Darwin Zahn and Joan Kearney Vater Peter Coviello, Sr. and Dolores Skea John Taylor Babbitt and Robert Carroll

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 20, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

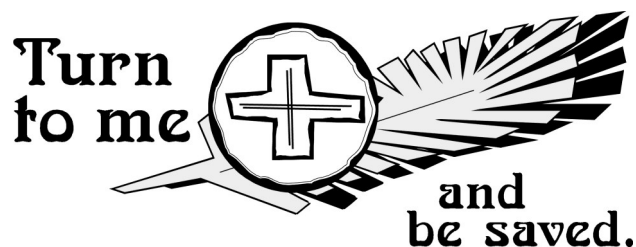
Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.



Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of March 13th is in memory of Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus.

The Candles on the altar the week of March 13th are in memory of Deceased Members of the Women of Mary.

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 Safer, 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 Crucilla, Rob McTague, Jim Bowles and **for all our deceased especially Hedy Ries.**

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.

Mass Schedule March 19th & 20th

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

Reconciliation (Confession) March 19th

Fr. Bob	Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
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Parish Support-March 6th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....	\$22,488
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....	\$15,891



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

A God of Mercy

In an address given by Pope Francis on October 6, 2013 he stated, "The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful...it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he or she has high cholesterol...You have to heal the wounds; then we can talk about everything else." In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, I've listed eleven Biblical verses that pertain to mercy that I came across in *Celebration Magazine*, March 2016. May each verse render inspiration to you.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrew 4:16

But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51:1-2

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Psalm 103:8

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 1 Peter 5:10

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and world passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age. Titus 2:11-12

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. Micah 7:18

He has saved us and called us to a holy life, not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time. 2 Timothy 1:9

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord are good. Psalm 25:6-7

Yet the Lord long to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him? Isaiah 30:18

Today the Church celebrates the 5th Sunday in Lent, John's Gospel (John 8:1-11) focuses on the mercy that Jesus extends to a woman caught in adultery, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." As Holy Week approaches, ponder times in life when you experience the great temptation to throw the first stone.

*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.

Fifth Week of Lent

"The Crucified and Risen Christ is the utter revelation of Merciful Love. He is the King of our hearts...This is therefore the kingdom of Merciful Love. This kingdom is the gift 'prepared from the foundation of the world,' the gift of Love."

~ St. John Paul the Great

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

Rosary

6:30 pm in the Church

Reconciliation

7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the Church
Fr. Chris & two additional priests

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH

Scriptural Stories of Mercy

7:30 pm in the Parish Office South Room
Please enter using the Washington Avenue door.

Join Abbot Joel for a Scripture Study as he leads us in discussion and reflection on the Stories of Mercy during this Holy Year of Mercy. You may bring your bible, but it is not required.

Presented by Abbot Joel Macul, OSB

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH

Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm in the Church
Fr. Chris

Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH

Morning Prayer— 8 am, South Room

Mass of the Lord's Supper- 7:30 pm, Church
Eucharistic Adoration until 11:45 pm, South Room

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

Morning Prayer— 8 am, South Room

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion— 3 pm, Church
Living Stations of the Cross— 7:30 pm, Church
Saint Patrick Youth Ministry

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

Morning Prayer— 8 am, South Room

Blessing of Food— 10 am, Church

Easter

SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH-SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL

8 pm in the Church-St. Patrick Choir

SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH- MASS SCHEDULE

7:30 am in the Church-Cantor

9 am in the Church-Children's Choirs

11 am in the Church-St. Patrick Choir

11 am in the Fr. Ed Center-Saturday Sound & God Unplugged



MUSIC MINISTRY

Hedy Ries

Our beloved parishioner Hedy Ries passed away Sunday evening, March 6. Hedy had a recurrence of cancer spread in her pelvis and spine. She stayed with her sister in Orangeville, PA for the last few weeks, where her sister, her niece Kerry, and Hospice took care of her and kept her company. The doctors were able to get Hedy's medication adjusted so that she could get up once or twice a day to sit in the living room and enjoy the fire in the fireplace. Hedy listened to music recordings of our choir members singing to help her fall asleep. Hedy's sister and her niece were both present when Hedy passed. Kerry said that Hedy looked peaceful.

Hedy was a long-time member of St. Patrick Parish and the Saturday choir. Since 1998, she was also a cantor for that mass. Hedy was an assistant for sister Margaret Foster, worked in the church office, served on the liturgy committee for several years, wrote letters for the Mass of Remembrance, and helped in the music library. Hedy also donated a keyboard and a beautiful altar cloth to the parish. Hedy was an executive at Sandoz Pharmaceuticals (now Novartis) before she retired in 1997. As a young lady, Hedy sang harmony with the *a cappella* group, "The Sweet Adelines." She loved music—especially vocal harmony—more than anything. Her second love was bridge; she became an avid bridge team player in recent years.

Hedy's love for music and her parish was contagious. She inspired many people. People have described her as being humble, trustworthy, reliable, the quintessential musician, fun, a leader, and dedicated to her faith and to faith through music. Her contributions to the liturgy committee were always thoughtful and helpful. Several choir members have commented on how fun it was to sing with Hedy, and how much they learned when they sang with her. Hedy attended every single Saturday mass year after year. She missed only about one day out of the whole year, when she would visit family.

There will be a mass for Hedy at St. Patrick Church. The date will be determined soon and shared with all.

We will always have Hedy in our hearts and remember her with great love.

Yours in Christ,
Maggie Hanson, Music Minister

Easter Food Collection

Our **Easter Food Collection** will take place **next weekend**, March 19th & 20th. Our collections are most fruitful when we receive a commitment in advance. Please consider signing up this 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!



ANNUAL SENIOR TEA

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Fr. Ed Hinds Parish Center



Grandparents, friends, and family are welcome. Tea sandwiches and desserts will be served. Please RSVP by April 20th to the Parish Office at 973-635-0625. For information, please contact Kim McKee at 973-822-0940.



FAITH FORMATION

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

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.

Remaining Faith Formation classes for this school year:
March 13/14; March 20/21 and April 3/4

APPALACHIA HELP WEEKS **June 26th-August 6th, 2016**

Pre-registration for high school sophomores and older *with an adult family member* ends on March 19. All youth who do not have an adult family member sign-up with them to go to Appalachia or are unsure if an adult family member will participate must register **in person** on Registration Day: Sunday, March 20 at 12 pm in the Parish Center. (doors open at 7 am)

Registration forms are available for print on the parish webpage: www.st-pats.org. Please read the Registration Policy **VERY** carefully. Thank you!



Appalachia Golf Classic *Fundraiser for the Appalachia Help Weeks* Monday, May 16, 2016 Ballyowen Golf Club in Hamburg, NJ

The tax-deductible contribution for each participating golfer is \$175.00

Please choose one of the following:

- **Golf, lunch, soft drinks, beer/wine** (donuts & muffins provided in the morning) \$175.00 per person.
- **Dinner & Cocktails** *only* at \$50.00 per person
- **Sponsorship** \$200.00...*I want to see my name in lights or at least on a sign at a Tee or Green*

Please contact Fred Mercadante for a registration or sponsorship form: fredmercadante@gmail.com. Registration Deadline: May 8.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, March 14

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
Respect Life Meeting: 7:30 pm; North Room

Wednesday, March 16

Parish Nurses Meeting: 7 pm; North Room
Lent Event-Abbot Joel: 7:30 pm; South Room

Thursday, March 17

Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room

Friday, March 18

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

Saturday, March 19

Basket Bonanza: 11 am-4 pm; Parish Center
St. Patrick's Day Party: 7-11 pm; Parish Center

Sunday, March 20

Easter Food Collection: Parish Center Lobby
Faith Formation: 8:15, 10:15 am & 7 pm; School
RCIA: 12:15 am; South Room



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

Saint Patrick School will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 16th from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Families who are interested in touring the school and receiving application information are welcome. Please call 973-635-4623 to RSVP. Please visit us at our new website at: <http://st-pats-school.org/>



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.

Our parish nurses will be available to take blood pressures after the 9 am mass this Sunday, March 13, in the Parish Center. Come over to the Center, enjoy some coffee and light refreshments, Irish Step Dancing, the Irish Soda Bread Contest and have your blood pressure taken!

Because Passover began at sundown, the Holy Thursday Liturgy takes place, marking the end of Lent and the beginning of the sacred "Triduum," or three, of Holy Week. All other activities in the church cease, all preparations are concluded, and we solemnly enter into the sacred Triduum. These days are the three holiest days in the Catholic Church. This Mass stresses the importance Jesus puts on the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water, a symbol of baptism. Also emphasized is the critical importance of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Christ's Body, which we now find present in the consecrated Host. *The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed. Designated persons pick up the cloths on the Lord's table and the pulpit and other hangings, banners, candlesticks, and decorations and quietly carry them from the sanctuary. This is to be done in silence, or Psalm 22 (UMH 752) may be used. The church then remains bare and the church dark and silent throughout the remainder of the evening. The altar is bare until the Easter Vigil, when the process is reversed.*

At the conclusion of the Mass, all churches worldwide fall dark and silent; the faithful are invited to continue Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night, just as the disciples were invited to stay up with the Lord during His agony in the garden before His betrayal by Judas. We will have sacred Adoration at the altar of repose from the conclusion of Mass until midnight. The altar of repose is located in the South Room Chapel with entry directly from Washington Avenue. Although we ask certain ministries to try to cover certain time frames, all parishioners are encouraged to spend some quiet time with the Lord. Please set this time aside now so you can be with Jesus before He faces His most trying time.

This week in Lent:

- † *Fast from depression ~ Feast on joy*
- † *Fast from lethargy and laziness ~ Feast on enthusiasm.*
- † *Fast from negative thoughts ~ Feast on inspiration.*
- † *Fast from sorrow ~ Feast on serenity.*

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