



Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 8, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 7</b> All Mothers Living and Deceased
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>May 8</b> All Mothers Living and Deceased All Mothers Living and Deceased All Mothers Living and Deceased All Mothers Living and Deceased
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 9</b> Larry Weiss, Jr. and Lucille Freda
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 10</b> Albert Sirianni, Sr. and Albie Sirianni
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 11</b> Barbara Demenchuk and Anthony Vitale
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 12</b> Ed Danneberg and Maryellen Grunewald
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 13</b> Marianna Desiderio and Hedy Ries
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>May 14</b> Magdalena Zwick and Claire Mehalik Eileen Horan and Keith Vennard
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>May 15</b> Florence Fitzsimmons and John Duffy Nicholas Marconi and Allen Vohden, Sr. Karen Boyden and Albert Sirianni Basilia Trimañez and Philip Martinez

**Mass Schedule May 14th & 15th**

<b>Fr. Chris</b>	<b>Saturday 5 pm</b> <b>Sunday 7:30 am and 9 am</b>
<b>Fr. Dominic</b>	<b>Sunday 11 am and 5 pm</b>

**Reconciliation (Confession) May 15th**

<b>Fr. Chris</b>	<b>Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm</b>
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**Total Consecration to Jesus Christ Through Mary ~ Mass**  
**Friday, May 13, 2016 ~ 7 pm**  
**In the Church**



**Marian Prayer Group**

The St. Patrick Parish Marian Prayer Group offer prayers honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus and gather in the North Room of the Parish Office building at 41 Oliver Street every Thursday at 10 am. We pray for peace in the world, for the sick and homebound, for deceased members and friends of our Parish and more. Everyone is welcome to join us; come every Thursday or as often as you can. For more information, please call Barbara at 973-635-8869.

**Pentecost Sunday**

**May 15, 2016**

**First Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

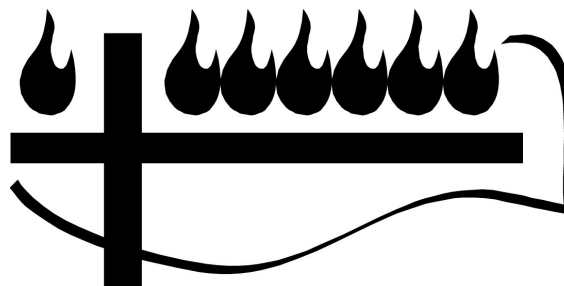
The disciples were celebrating Pentecost together when "tongues of fire appeared which parted, then came to rest on each of them." The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in foreign tongues. Visitors from many different countries were amazed that each guest could hear his or her native language being spoken as the disciples proclaimed God's glory.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

Each person has received different manifestations of the same spirit to contribute to the common good of all. All members of the church have been baptized into one body because of our belief in the Holy Spirit, who was sent to us by God.

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they had locked the doors in fear. Jesus then showed the disciples his hands and his side; and they rejoiced at his presence. He breathed on them saying "Receive the Holy Spirit." He then gave the disciples the power to forgive others or hold them accountable for their sins.



**Weekly Memorials**

**The Lamp** burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of May 8th is in memory of All Mothers Living and Deceased.

**The Candles** on the altar the week of May 8th are in memory of All Mothers Living and Deceased.

**The Flowers** on the altar the week of May 8th are in memory of All Mothers Living and Deceased.

**Hear our Prayers for those who are ill** especially Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Theresa Degler, Joseph Crucilla, Rob McTague, Jim Bowles, Rita Reardon, Roseann Giallenella, Kathleen McKenna, Antoninette Cecere, Anthony Cagno, James Tunny, Herb Cannon, Agnes Cirillo, Red Mulholland, Fr. Carl Henrickson and **for all our deceased especially Deacon Pat Van Ormen and John Merner.**

*If you would like to include yourself or a family member on the St. Patrick Parish prayer list for those who are ill, please contact the parish office. Your prayer intention will remain on the parish prayer list for three weeks.*

**Parish Support-May 1st**

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....	\$16,658
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....	\$15,955



*From the Desk of Our Pastor*

### She Was Just Me Mom

In the British musical, *Billy Elliot*, there is a charming vocal titled, *The Letter*. The lyrics stem from a letter composed by the deceased mother of Billy Elliot written prior to her death. Billy was not supposed to open the letter until his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; but, he could not wait. The song is a duet between the young man who plays Billy Elliot, and Billy's ballet instructor, Mrs. Wilkinson. It is a sensitive piece of music as the lyrics describe a mother's prayer for her son aware that she will not be around to watch him grow up. Phrases such as "I will always be proud to know you were mine" coupled with expressions which inform Billy that his mom will miss seeing him age, shout, cry and laugh demonstrate the love of Billy's mother. As the song concludes Mrs. Wilkinson looks at Billy and says, "Your mother, she must have been a very special person" and Billy responds in his cute British accent, "No, she was just me mom."

Today our society takes time out to honor all those women who simply are, "Just our Moms" as it is the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of "Mother's Day." Honor goes out to those special women who tied our first pair of shoes, bathed our bodies when we were babies, took us to the physician when we were ill, kissed us goodnight when it was time for bed, and caressed us when we needed tenderness. These are also the women who cooked our first meals, made lunches for us to take to school, and helped us with our homework. We honor these women through expressions of love, attention and care as Mother's Day engenders the opportunity to say, "thank you" and envision life through the eyes of a mother since there are endless tasks that stretch mothers in boundless directions. The day is also a favorable time to give mom a gentle hug, gift, card, phone call, or meal that affirms her vocation since most moms are the glue that keeps a family together. Many moms say that motherhood can be exhausting and demanding as mothers frequently describe their lives as "nonstop" or "overwhelming;" however, most moms also say that they are grateful, blessed, and fulfilled in their vocation to motherhood.

In *Parade*, May 11, 2014, there is a captivating article titled, "Like Mother, Like Son, What I wish I could say to the Woman who gave birth to my Child," written by Susanne Paola Antonetta. The author describes her adopted Korean son, Jin, and makes mention that she often thinks about the biological mother of her son whom she has never met. She states that her son's mom shines through her son's face; and, the way her 16 year old son's adult face brings to light the faces of his birth parents which emerge more and more clearly. The writer goes on to say that she hopes her son's mother "understands that she is his mother, that he has been raised to think of her that way, and that she is as real a presence in his life as I am."

Sometimes we forget that our mothers need "mothering" in that they are human beings with strengths and weaknesses, faults and virtues. It can be easy for a mother who gets caught up in her activities to forget about taking care of herself. I make it a point to take my 91 year old mother out for an evening dinner at least once a week. I know she looks forward to these outings as she has her favorite restaurants as well as her favorite waiters; it is also impressive to see the way many restaurant managers and waiters give her special attention and are ready to prepare a particular meal for her even if it is not on the menu. She is also ready to listen to me over concerns that I have at the parish as it is pleasing for me to hear her objective thoughts on topics and situations that I bring to the table. I know that as busy or crazy as my life sometimes can be, it is critical to spend this time together as this type of evening slows down my pace of life, and makes me realize the importance of the person that I call mom.

Today as our country celebrates Mother's Day, the church focuses on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Easter Season as John's Gospel brings forth Jesus' prayer for his disciples. Let our prayers include all those disciples we call "mother" which includes grandmothers and other women who influence our lives whether they are living or deceased. Sometimes it is so easy to take moms for granted sensing that these special people are supposed to do all the things they do for us with the presumption "She's Just Me Mom."

*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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.st-pats.org) or contact Ginny, [vsalvatore@st-pats.org](mailto:vsalvatore@st-pats.org).

## AROUND THE PARISH

### FOOD PANTRY NEWS

**Virtual Food Drive**-A tremendous *Thank You* to you all! Our April **YouGiveGoods Virtual food Drive** surpassed all expectations! Our initial goal of 1,000 items ordered was surpassed in the first two weeks. We blew past our second, more ambitious goal of 2,500 items with days to spare! Thanks to your generosity over 2,700 items were ordered. These requested food items will be delivered directly to the Fr. English Center Food Pantry and Our Lady of Victories in the coming days!!

### DIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD DRIVE~MAY 28TH & 29TH

Mark your calendars! Once again, the Paterson Diocese has asked all parishes to contribute specific items to this annual collection. St. Patrick Parish has been asked to collect dry cereal & shampoo. All sizes, flavors and brands are welcome.

These items will be gathered and stored, with distribution coordinated by Catholic Charities throughout the summer months when our food pantries are most depleted. Please consider this drive as you shop throughout the month of May. Our main drop off will be on May 28th & May 29th at the Fr. Ed Center, but donations can be brought to the parish office throughout the month of May during regular business hours.



### EVA'S VILLAGE

We're Back! THIS WEEKEND sign up to prepare chili for Eva's Village. Everything you need to know about helping with this ministry is in the church lobby! Consider helping out. Make it a family project. **Sign up today.** Take a set of the pans provided with the accompanying recipe and instructions then return the two pans of chili you've prepared and **frozen** next weekend to the freezers in the priests' garage by 10 am. It's that easy! The food we provide is much needed and greatly appreciated. (Early drop off is available. Contact the office to make arrangements.)

### BABY SHOWER-MAY 14 & 15

St. Patrick's Respect Life Committee invites you to contribute to it's annual Baby Shower. This event benefits babies and mothers. Donations are shared with Birth Haven and Several Sources. Gifts can be dropped at the Fr. Ed Center before and after all masses on May 14 & 15. Check our website under *Upcoming Events* for requested items.



### SCRIPTURE STUDY

#### **Six Weeks with the Bible-Psalms, An Invitation to Prayer Fridays 9-10 am in the Parish Offices Building**

Our latest study is underway but it's never too late to stop in. We'll gather weekly for the next four weeks for sharing, discussion and prayer. Join us!

Raffle tickets for the 10th Annual **John Taylor Babbitt Foundation Walk with Heart** will be on sale after all masses this weekend, May 7 & 8. Dedicated to prevent sudden cardiac death, *Walk with Heart* will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 10 am at the Pingry School in Basking Ridge and will include a 2 mile walk/run, food/refreshments, and a raffle. Visit the JTB Foundation website [www.jtbfoundation.org](http://www.jtbfoundation.org) for more information.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Confirmation

This year, both confirmation ceremonies will be officiated by Bishop Marconi. Those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:30 pm have practice in the church with their sponsors on Monday, May 16th from 7:30-8:30 pm. Those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 24th at 7:30 pm have practice in the Church with their sponsors on Monday, May 23rd from 7:30-8:30 pm.

*We welcome all who would like to pray the Rosary as we will continue to gather in prayer Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church during the 50 days of Easter. Our last meeting will be Monday, May 9. Please use the side door closest to the school.*



### **Plant and Flower Sale ~ Appalachia Fundraiser**

Pick up some beautiful plants and flowers all while benefitting the Appalachia Help Weeks! Simply complete the order form online at <https://goo.gl/qRdQK1> and return the form with cash or a check to the Parish Office or submit your order online. Deadline for all orders is Monday, May 9. Pick up your order after any Mass on May 21 or May 22. Thank you for your generous support!

### **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 of each month from 1:00-2:30 pm. Our next gathering is this Tuesday, May 10 in the South Room. All are welcome. Patterns are available for those who knit and those who crochet!



## FAITH FORMATION

### **Congratulations to All who Celebrated Their First Holy Communion this Weekend**

*Samantha Cassanelli, Mia Lombardo, Carter Rasmuson, Moira Smith, John D'Antoni, John Underwood, Caroline Monks, Keira McManus, Anthony Costa, Georgia Barrett, Charlotte Dezenzo, Santino Nigido, Luke Doroski, Sloane Reali, Colin Daley, Caroline Van Raaphorst, Caden Brown, Emily Kelley, Madison Martin, Ava LaMonica, Regan David, Gracie Meulener, Braden Lutz, Kylie Ferro, Olivia Wells-Roth, Shepard Boyd, Jake Keltz, Kathryn Pignatello, Ava Linn, Patrick Roskell, Charles Murray, Olivia Matter, Hunter Rezvan, Sabrina Pasko, Johnny Roskell, Leah Tapper, Avery Clark, Connor Walls, Tommy Matthews, Isabella LaRussa, Mackenzie Hodges, Madelyn Huth, Christopher Neuner, Anna Heflin, Bridget Sherman, William Shehadi, Hunter Bigham, Matthew Guerrero, Gaspard Marion, Robert Johnsen, Michelle Moran, Jonas Wilcox, Fintan Reichard, Ella Dunn, Dylan Bartoli, Isabella Pribula, Nicolette Grossman*

**Online Registration for 2016-2017** for fall classes grades K-8 opens Monday, May 9. To register, log onto the parish website: [www.st-pats.org](http://www.st-pats.org). At the top of the page, click on **Faith Formation**, grades K-8. On the side menu, click on **Register Now** and follow the prompts. Classes are limited in size. Register early and save \$5 while getting the class and schedule you want. *Children entering grade 2 need to register for a class and the **Sacramental Program** by choosing the date and time for their child's First Communion.*

**Catechists are always needed.** Please consider sharing your faith! Contact Ginny Salvatore at 973-635-0625 ext. 27 or [vsalvatore@st-pats.org](mailto:vsalvatore@st-pats.org).



## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

### **St. Patrick Children's Choirs Sing for First Communions**

Student members of the Morning Song Choir, Boys Choir, and Girls Choir sang for the two First Communion masses last Saturday and are singing again for two more this Saturday. Doyle Keane, 6th grader, and Mary Kate Bolster, 5th grader, served as cantors last Saturday. This weekend, Katie Caviness and Caroline Reichard, 7th graders, serve as cantors.

The youngest children who sing are members of the Morning Song Choir in grades K-2. Singing at First Communions gives these small children an opportunity to see the beauty and importance of children receiving Christ at mass. They begin to look forward to their own First Eucharist in the near future. Members of the Boys Choir and Girls Choir are primarily in grades 3-8. For them, singing at First Communion is an opportunity to relive the experience of First Eucharist each year that they sing. It is a treat to watch the excitement of the older children as they observe their younger siblings and friends receiving for the first time.

Most of the music sung at these masses remains constant from year to year, allowing our children to learn these songs exceptionally well. Some of the songs are Carey Landry hymns for children, like "We Are the Church," and "We Come to Your Table." Others, such as "You Are the One," and "I Am the Bread," come from larger collections by Christopher Walker. Others come from our hymnal. I expect that our choir children will always think of First Eucharist when they sing these songs later in life.

Sometimes we find that the rituals in our lives are very important to our development and sense of joy and security in this tumultuous world. We thank Ginny Salvatore for the beautiful ritual of First Eucharist masses at St. Patrick, and we thank the children in all of our choirs for making the ritual joyful with music year after year. We pray that the presence of Christ in the lives of our children will make all the difference for a positive future.

*Blessings to all,  
Maggie Hanson, Music Minister*

*John Corr Family Resources* presents:  
**The Celestial Conversations Workshop**

Open to all who want to learn how to use transpersonal journaling as a healing tool for their grief. Lo Anne Mayer, author of Celestial Conversations: Healing Relationships After Death, will teach her personal process of prayer, meditation and journaling as a means to release the "unfinished business" held after the death of a loved-one. The workshop will be held at the Paglia Center/Villa Walsh in Morristown on Saturday, May 21 from 10am-4pm. The cost is \$40. To register or for more information, please call 201-787-0961.

### **A Retreat for the Seriously Ill**

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with serious illness will be held May 21-22 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center located in Kearny, NJ. Although some people who come may be advanced in their illness, others are in remission or are struggling with the fear or disability of their illness. This Retreat focuses on God's love, his forgiveness, and his faithfulness. Facilitated by Spiritual Directors there is also a staff of medical personnel and a caring team of helpers present to assist retreatants. ALL are welcome. This retreat is FREE. To register or for additional information, contact Hilare Reinhold at 732-566-7237.



## **SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL**

*Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith*

### **OUR NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM**

*Starting in the Fall 2016*

#### **Sprouting Shamrocks**

*5 Year Old Transition to Kindergarten Program*

(Must be 4 years old by April 1; 4 1/2 years old by October 1st)

*Sprouting Shamrocks* is an academically-based program designed for children who do not meet the age requirement for Kindergarten because of the October 1st cut-off date or for children who need the gift of time to prepare for Kindergarten. This program provides a full academic curriculum that gives students a solid foundation to make the transition to Kindergarten with confidence. Students learn basic core concepts in the areas of Math, Reading, Religion and Language Arts. Students also participate in our STEM, world language and fine arts programs. Our *Sprouting Shamrocks Program* gives students a loving and supportive academic, social and spiritual environment to grow into confident and prepared kindergartners. Students attend for five full days a week.

This new program will complement our existing early childhood programs for three year old and four year old students (*Little Warriors*). You can find more information on these programs on the school website [www.st-pats-school.org](http://www.st-pats-school.org).

### **In Need of Care and/or Prayers?**

Please remember that in accordance with HIPPA laws, hospitals cannot contact the parish with the names of our parishioners who have been admitted. If you know of someone in a hospital or nursing home who would like to be contacted or prayed for, please call the parish office. This information is confidential and can be passed on, if requested, to our Nurses, Caring Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and included in our prayer intentions.

**Our Lady of Peace Country Fair** at 111 South Street, New Providence will be held on May 18th from 6-10pm, May 19th, from 6-10 pm, May 20th from 6-11 pm and May 21, 1-11 pm with food, beer garden, rides, crafts, raffles and prizes. Pre-purchase tickets at a discounted rate for rides (while supplies last) are on sale at the OLP Rectory until the week of the fair.

**The Academy of Saint Elizabeth** in Convent Station is holding a *7th Grade Visit Day* on Tues., May 10 from 8 am-12:30 pm. For more information or to register, visit their website at [aoseni.org](http://aoseni.org) or call the Admissions Office at 973-290-5225.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

#### **Monday, May 9**

Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church

Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church

#### **Tuesday, May 10**

Shawl Ministry: 1 pm; South Room

Food Pantry Committee Meeting: 7 pm; North Room

#### **Thursday, May 12**

Walking with Purpose: 9:30 am; East/West Room

Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room

#### **Friday, May 13**

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room

Marian Consecration: 7 pm; Church

#### **Sunday, May 15**

Chili Drop Off: Before 10 am; Priests' Garage