



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	August 20 Virginia & Carlo Miele, Mary Breheny and Joseph Gwozdziwicz
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	August 21 Maria Fatima Cirne and Rosalie Valgenti Marie Mirabelli and Clare Rizzolo Joan Einloth and Doretta Walker
Monday 8:00 am	August 22 Nicholas Marconi and Protection of Unborn Children and their Families
Tuesday 8:00 am	August 23 Paul J. Burke and Ted Eldracher
Wednesday 8:00 am	August 24 Daniello DeLos Reyes and for the Intentions of Kate Crosby
Thursday 8:00 am	August 25 Kathryn Ragold and Rosetta McCarthy
Friday 8:00 am	August 26 Hedy Ries and Claire Mehalik
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	August 27 Christopher Corcoran and Robert Allard Living & Deceased Members of the Lagana Family and Patrick Brennan
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	August 28 Steven Cagno and Mary Caputo Florence Fitzsimmons and Joan Einloth Msgr. Carl Hinrichsen and John Pek

Mass Schedule August 27th & 28th

Fr. Bob Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Fr. Chris Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 7:30 am

Reconciliation (Confession) August 27th

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

Summer Mass Schedule

Please be advised that we will not celebrate the **Sunday 5:00 pm** Mass during the summer months. We will resume the Sunday 5:00 pm mass on **Sunday, September 11, 2016**



We will continue to celebrate all other masses at their regularly scheduled times during the summer: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am and daily weekday and Saturday morning masses at 8:00 am.



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2016

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an un-touchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."



Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of August 21st is in memory of deceased family members given by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Read.

The Candles on the altar the week of August 21st are in memory of deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

The Flowers on the altar the week of August 21st are in memory of Frances and Robert Ludwig given by Mr. & Mrs. James Williams.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Anthony Cagno, Carmela Cecere, Will Cody, Jane Cunningham, Joan Stecher, Stanley Wisneski, Rita Reardon, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Alexa Amandolare, Gloria Zwick, Msgr. Patrick Brown and **for all our deceased especially Karl Buckman, father of Joan Corasaniti, Steven Cagno and Ann Powers.**

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 unless otherwise requested.

Parish Support-August 14, 2016

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$10,892
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$10,838



From the Desk of Our Pastor

Children at Mass (Part II of II)

In one of my former assignments I lived with a priest for two years who served as a hospital chaplain. He had no responsibilities at the parish; however, we would often eat together and chat during the evenings. One night he mentioned the way he memorized his homilies, however the slightest distraction steered him to forget his train of thought. He went on to relate an incident in his younger years as he made reference to a homily he was giving when a child began to cry and pout. He recounted the way anger grew within him as he could not concentrate, and lost control of his thoughts. This led him to walk down the aisle and scold the parent for not taking the child out of church. Years later he felt awful about the incident and expressed his inability to control himself under these circumstances. Like him I admit that there have been times when a crying or loud child has caused disruption to my thinking. During these moments I aim to realize that the value of bringing the child to church outweighs anything that I may be distracted from communicating to the assembly, which leads me to do my best to overlook the situation aware that I may have agitated others during my formative years at church.

Many parents become self-conscious whenever their child cries or becomes a distraction to others at liturgy. My advice to a family is dependent on the age of the child and the type of distraction. One recommendation to families with small children or even infants is to sit near the front of the church. Children are visual and the front of church renders the opportunity to see actions of the priest and other ministers in a clear, undisturbed way that makes it easier to follow the liturgy. I sense some parents find success in taking their children into the balcony for better viewing of the liturgy. Another option for children is the cry room whereby the mass is televised for all to see and hear. Taking a child into the cry room is not punishment or a room for games and breakfast, but it is a way to provide sensitivity to those who long to pray as well as maintain an environment for prayer in that a church building is intended to be sacred space for people to pray. Our "cry room" is located in the narthex and provides parents the opportunity to communicate to their children that respect for others is primary when we come to church to pray. The reminder for all in bringing a child to the cry room is that it is not play time or an opportunity to bring in food/drink/toys to quiet a child during the mass. It is a place for education and prayer.

At St. Patrick Church we welcome young children to "Liturgy of the Word" for children, which takes place at the 9:00 a.m. mass from September through May. This is a nice break for children to step outside of the ritual of the mass and relocate themselves with a leader of prayer to hear the scriptures in simplified ways, as well as respond to questions and hear reflections geared to children. Songs and symbols are also used by leaders to illustrate spiritual and moral messages that hold value in the life of a young child. Most children rave about this experience and are proud to describe their activity to me after mass. The Second Vatican Council states "The celebration of the Eucharist is the center of the whole Christian life both for the universal Church and for the local congregations of the church." It goes on to say "a fully Christian life is unthinkable without participation in the celebration of the Eucharist. Hence the religious initiation of children should have the same object. The aim of Eucharistic catechesis will therefore be to cultivate human values so that the children's appreciation of Christian values and their celebration of the mystery of Christ will keep pace with their age and their psychological and social condition. The Christian family has the greatest part to play in teaching human and Christian values."

It is evident to me that each child who comes to liturgy reacts differently to the environment of church. Distractions occur from children and even adults. Anytime situations take place that lull us away from active participation in the mass, it is important to analyze the situation aware that sometimes a child or even adult does not possess the ability to make it through a mass. However, if we believe in the sacredness of human life, we should ponder the beauty of the life that struggles through the ritual of mass; and, maintain our composure to continue in prayer aware that the precious life causing interference in prayer is part of God's creation, and provides a challenge to live all that we profess.

*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 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.



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AROUND THE PARISH

Baptisms

Alex Acevedo Perry
David Acevedo Perry
Sons of John and Maria

Gwyneth Hope Safer
Daughter of David and Mariana

Thank you to all who gave so generously last weekend to the mission collection for the Archdiocese of Imphal. Your generous support of \$2,129.00 will go towards the mission's efforts in Imphal, India.

Annual St. Patrick Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Join us at 11:30 am for Mass followed by food, fun, family, and friends with lots of activities for the kids!

Washington Avenue School Field

(In case of rain, the festivities will be moved to the Parish Center.)

Good food, music, activities, games for the kids, 50/50 raffle and much, much, much more! Bring your blanket or lawn chairs. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided and grilled by the Knights of Columbus!

This is a FREE event, but please bring along a non-perishable food item for our Food Pantry...Thank you!

There will be training for all students interested in becoming an altar servers on Monday, September 19 at 3:30 pm in the church. The first session should last about one hour. Any student in grade 4 or above is welcome. If school dismissal is later than 3:30 pm, please arrive as soon as possible.



As we transition into the fall season, many times clothes are "retired" as we put away our summer clothing and take out our winter ones. Please consider donating any clothing that you may not be using this winter or any from this past summer to Catholic Charities. Donation boxes are located in the St. Patrick Parish parking lot. Thank you!

Raffle tickets for the Vocationist Fathers will be sold after all masses *this* weekend, August 20th and 21st. The Vocationist Fathers work in many countries of the world to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Each year, they hold a raffle as a fundraiser to financially support the formation process of seminarians. The winning ticket will be pulled on November 19, 2016 at the dinner dance at the Hanover Manor and proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will help the order pay for seminarian education. Thank you!



Food Pantry News

The shelves at the Father English Center have been wiped out for weeks, since back in early July! Many of us are partaking of the multitude of summer vacation plans, barbeques, etc., but those who depend on the FEC Food Pantry are not even able to make ends meet. Thank you for taking the time during this busy season to support those in need. Thank you for your continued, consistent generosity.



Help us fill the food pantries at Fr. English Center in Paterson. One month only....today through August 31st.

To help meet their specific needs we invite you to...

Click—

The link below to access our Food Drive page at **YouGiveGoods**

Share—

What you can with those in need

Give—

Food items right from your computer that will be shipped directly to the Fr. English Center in Paterson.

<https://yougivegoods.com/st-pats-summerfooddrive>



MUSIC MINISTRY

Start dates for choirs and instrumentalists

God Unplugged (teenage singers/instrumentalists): Starts 9/18
Meet every Sun. at 3:45, sing for Sunday 5 pm masses

St. Patrick Boys Choir (grades 3-8): Starts 9/15
Meet every Thurs. at 6:30, sing for Sun. 9 am mass 2x/month

St. Patrick Girls Choir (grades 3-8): Starts 9/14
Meet every Wed. at 6:15, sing for Sun 9 am mass 2x/month

Morning Song Choir (grades K-3): Starts 9/21
Meet every Wed. at 5:30, sing for some 9 am masses and special occasions

St. Patrick School Choir (grades 1-8): Starts in September
Consists of church choir members who attend the school

Saturday Sound Choir (adult): Ongoing
Meet every Sat. at 4:00 pm. Sing for the Sat. 5 pm mass

St. Patrick Choir (adult): Starts 9/8
Meet every Thurs. at 7:30 pm. Sing for the 11 am mass, Advent Christmas Concert and Holy Week

Instrumentalists (middle school and up): Starts 9/14
Meet every Wed. at 7:15 pm. Play for any of the masses

Registration for choirs and instrumentalists:

Students: Registration form is available in the narthex and church side entrances for *God Unplugged* and all children's choirs.

Adults: Please email or call Maggie Hanson regarding your interest: maggiehansonmusic@gmail.com 973-635-0625

Instrumentalists: Please email or call Maggie regarding your interest: maggiehansonmusic@gmail.com 973-635-0625



FAITH FORMATION

Classes begin on Sunday, September 25 and Monday, September 26. Students must be registered before they can attend a class. Parents will receive a welcome email from their child's catechist before classes begin.



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

School is almost here! September 6th is the first day of school for Saint Patrick School students in Grades 1-8. This day will be a full day session (7:50 am to 2:40 pm) and all students should be in full uniform. Morning prayer and announcements will begin in the gym at 7:50 am. The parking lot will be open for drop-off, and parents are welcome to join the faculty and students for morning prayer for the first day. Pre-Kindergarten, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students do not begin school until September 7th, but should come with their parent to the orientation at 9:00 am on September 6th. On this day, students do not need to be in uniform and only stay for the orientation. Many blessings on the last few weeks of summer to all families!

Why do Catholics Use Incense?

The Old Testament Jews used incense in their worship, so the practice probably simply carried over. Today, Catholics use incense to symbolize their prayers rising to Heaven, to create the ambiance of Heaven, to symbolize sanctification and purification, and to remind us that Mass transcends the physical building and reaches to Heaven as well.

liturgy
corner

St. Patrick School in Chatham is looking for part-time classroom aides for the 2016-2017 school year. Certification is preferred.



Interested candidates should forward resume and list of references to the St. Patrick School principal, Dr. Christine Ross at principal@st-pats.org. For further information, please contact Dr. Ross at 973-635-4623.

Join **St. Margaret of Scotland Church** at their
Annual Parish Carnival
August 25-28

6 Sussex Ave., Morristown
American, Central American and South American Food
Rides, Games, Prizes & 50/50 Raffle



YOUTH MINISTRY

Registration is now open for all high school youth including those entering into 9th grade.

Please go to our parish website at www.st-pats.org and click on the Faith Formation tab at the top of the webpage and then click on grades 9-12. The Youth Ministry webpage can also be accessed under *Quicklinks, Youth Ministry* on the left hand side of the page. If you have any questions, please call the St. Pat's Youth Ministry office at 973-635-0625 ext. 28.

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Support Group for the Divorced and Separated

Are you separated or divorced? Do you know someone who is? The Divorced and Separated Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights is offering a twelve week support group designed to provide comfort and healing before, during and after the divorce process. The group will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 14 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm and will continue through November 30.

The group features video presentations from The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide followed by discussion. Some of the topics covered are: Finding Strength and Help, Getting Through Your Anger, Learning to Forgive, Handling Money Wisely, and Relearning How to Date. The group is open to all denominations. **Registration is required.**

Anyone wishing to attend or to receive more information, please contact divorceministry.lf@gmail.com or call the church office at 908-464-1585.

RCIA is for anyone who wants to learn more about their faith, those who want to become Catholic, those who want to try to understand the teachings of the Catholic Church or those who simply want to deepen their faith if they are already Catholic.

Please contact Deb at dkuzma@st-pats.org for more information.

The Chatham Emergency Squad (CES) will again host a blood drive on Saturday, September 10th at the Chatham Train Station in conjunction with the Farmer's Market.

The hours of donation will be from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Donors, ages 17-76, should be in good health and have some form of identification with them. Teenagers, age 16 can also donate with parental permission; forms for this will be available at the site. Anyone with questions about donating can call the blood center at 800-688-0900.

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Reflection

"Some who are last will be first and some who are first will be last."

Luke 13:30

There is no guarantee that we'll get credit for our hard work. A steward's job is to sow the seeds, not worry about who harvests the crop.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, August 22

Rosary: 6:30 pm; South Room, Parish Office Building

Meditation Group: 7 pm; South Room,
Parish Office Building



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Like us at St. Patrick Parish: Chatham, NJ