



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 8 Peter Coviello, Sr. and Deceased Members of The Aielli Family
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	October 9 Gloria Zwick and John Crowley John Cleary and Barry Cregan James Tierney and John Ciborski, Sr. Steven Cagno and Arthur DeMartini
Monday 8:00 am	October 10 Dorothea Eaton and Rita Reardon
Tuesday 8:00 am	October 11 Nicholas Marconi, Gloria Zwick and Mary Kathryn Quinn
Wednesday 8:00 am	October 12 Faye Tiger and Tom Tyrone
Thursday 8:00 am	October 13 Nettie Petrozelli and Joan Stecher
Friday 8:00 am	October 14 Deceased Members of the Schultz Family and Joan & George Grimm
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	October 15 Betty Dooley and Anthony DiFiglia May Kepfer, George Golomb and Mary Congemi
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	October 16 Theresa Mulrain and Joan Stecher Mary Beth McKeown and Sandi Peduto Deceased Members of the Schultz Family and Karl Buckman Nancy Sapienza, Barbara Agostinelli and Melissa Greiner, 10th Anniversary

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Monday, October 10**
Faith Formation: 4 pm; School
Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7:00 pm; Church
Respect Life Meeting: 7:30 pm; North Room
- Tuesday, October 11**
Shawl Ministry: 1 pm; South Room
- Thursday, October 13**
Walking with Purpose: 9:00 am; East/West Room
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
Walking with Purpose: 7 pm; South Room
- Saturday, October 15**
Sacramental Journey Retreat: Gym
- Sunday, October 16**
Chili Drop Off: Priests' Garage
Faith Formation: 8:15 am, 10:15 am & 7 pm; School
RCIA: 12:15 pm; South Room

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2016

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Amalek and his people attacked the Israelites, so Moses instructed Joshua to lead some of the Israelites into battle the next day. While Moses kept his hands raised in prayer, the Israelites were winning. But when he put his hands down, they would begin to lose. So two others helped him keep his hands raised, and Joshua and the Israelites won the battle.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Paul tells Timothy that the Scriptures are inspired by God and are an excellent tool in teaching others about God's expectations of his people. Knowledge of the Scriptures, coupled with faith in Jesus, will lead many people to salvation. Paul urges Timothy to continue preaching the Gospel, although this will sometimes be a difficult task.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus speaks about a corrupt judge who lacked respect for either God or man. A widow repeatedly asked him to settle a case in her favor. He finally settled the case, only because he grew weary of listening to her requests. Jesus points out that if even this corrupt judge eventually listened, then God, who is just, will certainly answer the pleas of his people.



Mass Schedule October 15th & 16th

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

Reconciliation (Confession) October 15th

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

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of October 9th is in memory of Anthony DiFiglia given by Elizabeth DiFiglia.

The Candles on the altar the week of October 9th are in memory of deceased family members given by Mr. & Mrs. Zucchi.

The Flowers on the altar the week of October 9th are in memory of deceased members of the Dorsey and Bondsack families given by Mr. & Mrs. Dorsey.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Anthony LaFerrara, Stanley Wisneski, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Deacon Maximo Paulino, Marlene Wisneski, Cecilia Ivashko, Carmela Cecere and **for all our deceased especially Jackie Ford and Margaret Helmstetter.**

Parish Support-October 2nd

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$20,902
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$15,731



From the Desk of Our Pastor

The Sacredness of Human Life (Part II of II)

Last weekend the Catholic Church in the United States celebrated Respect for Life Sunday, which invited Christians to examine the splendor of human life, and approaches taken to uplift all human life born and unborn. Throughout the past two Saturdays I was part of a panel at the parish addressing “End of Life” issues whereby practical, legal, and spiritual practices were addressed that render care, support, advice, and love to those facing end of life concerns. I also took part in a three day convocation with priests that challenged priests to respect priests/parishioners of different cultures, educations, and theologies. This week begins to narrow down the reality that only five Sundays are left before the U.S. elections. Aware that people in politics provide an assortment of visions to the way the future of the United States should exist, I’d like to touch upon some ethical issues that confront us as a nation in that Pope Francis has stated, “A good Catholic mettle in politics, offering the best of one’s self so that those who govern can govern well.”

The church renders no assistance to political candidates, yet is challenged to tackle some of the contentious issues that people face as elections draw near. All Catholics are called to build a culture of life, which nurtures and supports all human life (born and unborn); hence the dignity of each human person is a foundational political concern for us. In his General Audience on June 18, 2015, Pope Francis declared, “The great gift of life is the first gift we have received. Sometimes we risk forgetting about this, as if we were masters of our existence while instead we are radically dependent. In fact, it is a source of great joy to hear that at every age in life, in every situation, in every social condition, we are and remain sons and daughters.”

Since life has been given to us, we owe the same gift to others. In my homily for Respect for Life Sunday, I made mention of a group of Syrians known as the “White Helmets” who are the first responders to tragic events in Syria as I touched upon the life of a young Islamic man who demonstrated his respect for life by scrapping through mountains of debris to rescue an infant in the aftermath of two hospital bombings. He and the “White Helmets” were named ABC’s “Person of the Week” even though the culture and religion of these people would lead many in the U.S. to avoid wanting them as neighbors. Like the infant who was given an opportunity to live, we are called to strive for laws that promote life, especially vulnerable lives that may be discarded through abortion, end of life care, medical care, and global climate change. The church teaches that “we are obliged to build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means so that the weak and vulnerable are defended.” In his 2007 visit to Austria, Pope Benedict XVI expressed concern over the freeness of abortion in Europe making mention that “rather than legalizing abortion, governments create a climate of joy and confidence in life...in which children are not seen as a burden, but rather as a gift to all.”

Beginning and end of life issues are quite weighty for Catholics, however, “Sacredness of Life” embodies countless other matters that plague our world such as immigration and refugees, the environment, the economy, racial justice, global peacemaking, religious freedom, medical ethics, care for the poor and disabled, and global climate change. To dismiss these concerns in choosing candidates for public office does not uphold the message of the Gospel. Two useful tools to better our citizenship on “life issues” may be found in guides titled, “Forming Consciences for the Faithful Citizenship” which is put out by the Catholic Bishops; and, a document titled: “A Revolution of Tenderness: A 2016 Election Pope Francis Voter Guide” which is put out by a multiplicity of concerned Catholic organizations.

Each day presents a challenge to make visible Christ-like ethics that promotes the “Sacredness of Human Life;” sometimes it is as simple as the way we talk and communicate with others. If we cannot overcome small infractions that cause disturbances to others, it becomes an uphill battle to bring about a culture of life that strives to change the bigger picture of issues such as abortion, immigration, health care, and euthanasia. If we respect our own lives, it becomes natural to respect the lives of others. In this Year of Mercy, strive to foster greater respect for all life both born and unborn.

*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.



AROUND THE PARISH

Baptisms

Viviana Rose DiTonno

Daughter of Jason and Liliana

Aryanna Juliet Pena

Daughter of Frenny and Crystal

Mya Bella Pena

Daughter of Frenny and Crystal

Adult Scripture Study

An opportunity to delve into scripture and explore our faith.

James-Pearls for Wise Living

One of the most practical books of the bible, James is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. Our scripture study is an eleven part bible study, Friday mornings beginning October 21st. Materials are \$25. RSVP by Oct. 14th. Contact Peggy Gentile for information or to learn more: www.biblestudyfor Catholics.com.

Eva's Village

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 priest's garage by 11:30 am. It's that easy! The food we provide is much needed and greatly appreciated. (Early drop off can be made to the parish offices during regular business hours.)

Shawl Ministry

Our shawl ministry will gather this **Tuesday, October 11** in the Parish offices from 1-2:30 pm. The shawls that the group produces are shared with the ill or homebound of the parish. Baptismal clothes are used at all infant baptisms at our parish and at our sister parish, Our Lady of Victories. These shawls and cloths are tangible symbols of love shared with those for whom we pray as a parish and in our gathering. Join US! We have patterns or you can use your own! Bring a friend!

Childcare Volunteer for program needed-Substitute!

Walking with Purpose, our women's scripture group is looking for some help. No huge commitment! Our regular childcare providers have three days they are short-handed. Please consider volunteering for any or all of these 2 1/2 hour Thursday morning gatherings, 9:15-11:45 am. Dates needed are October 13, January 5, 2017 and January 12, 2017. Contact Jennifer Dudeck-Lenis, dudeckjm@yahoo.com, 908-397-7452.

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1966 or 1991? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany on Sun., Nov. 6, 2016 at 4 pm. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office at 973-635-0625. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!



MUSIC MINISTRY

Prayer for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ps. 98:2: "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."

Ever living God, we open our hopeful hearts to your healing touch.

We ask you to reach into the core of our being, into our innermost sorrows,
to free us from the bondage that keeps you out.

With the healing rays of your Son, Jesus Christ, warm us in your compassion and love

so that your Holy Spirit may dance in our being to make us fully alive once again,

so that we may sing a new song to the Lord.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer by Peggy Lovrien, Diocese of Winona, Winona, Minnesota
For the Sunday Word for Pastoral Musicians

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Flu Prevention Tips from our Parish Nurses:

1. **Get the Flu Vaccine**-Chatham Township residents ages 50+ can get a free flu vaccine on Oct. 26 from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Chatham Senior Center.
2. **Avoid close contact with people who are sick**-When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too.
3. **Stay home when you are sick**-If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick to help prevent spreading your illness to others.
4. **Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing**-It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
5. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth**-Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
6. **Practice other good health habits**-Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work, or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation K-I classes scheduled in October:

October 9 & 10

October 16 & 17

October 23 & 24

Sacramental Journey Retreat: Sat., October 15, 2016

This retreat is for children preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Penance) and First Eucharist (Communion).

10 am-12:30 pm for children enrolled in Faith Formation Sessions II and IV.

11:30 am-2 pm for children enrolled in Faith Formation Session I and children attending Catholic Schools.

Retreat will take place in the Fr. Ed Center gym. Children must be accompanied by one parent.





YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week in Youth Ministry

Fall Antioch Team Day: Sun., Oct. 9,

begins with 12 pm Mass at St. Vincents

Fall Action Planning Meeting: Mon., Oct. 10, 7-9:30 pm
In the YMC

Fall Antioch Retreat: Fri., Oct. 14-Sun, Oct. 16 at St. Vincents

Food Pantry Restock: Sat., Oct. 15, 8:30-10:15 am

Service Opportunities

Sign up on the SPYM board in the lobby of the Church or by emailing Maggie at mgrady@st-pats.org

Backpack Program Packaging: Tues., Oct. 18, 3:45-4:30 pm
In the Parish Center

College Cookie Baking and Packaging: Thurs., Oct. 20, 5-10 pm
In the Parish Center

Mandatory Freshmen Intro Group Session

All freshmen teens must attend one of the two Mandatory Intro Sessions. The dates are Sunday, October 23, 7:30-9 pm and Thursday, October 27, 7:30-9 pm. An email has been sent asking for your date request. Please respond promptly.

Youth Center Donations

With the amount of meetings we have each week with the teens, we could really use donations of individually wrapped candy or cans of soda/drinks (not water as we have a Poland Springs dispenser). Anything you can donate would be appreciated. The teens never refuse food. You can mark the donations "Youth Ministry" and drop them at the parish offices (41 Oliver St.). Thank you!

Save those Coats!

We will be accepting donations of new and gently used coats before and after all masses on October 22 & 23. Donations to benefit the 25th annual Market St. Mission Coat Giveaway taking place on the Morristown Green on November 5 from 10am-2pm.

Are you someone who can be described in the following way...

- You have questions about what it means to be in a relationship with God.
- You're wondering who Jesus Christ really is and why the information about him is called "Good News".
- A fiancé, spouse or family member has been urging you to become Catholic, but you're not sure if this religion is really right for you.
- You are raising your child Catholic and want to know more about the faith
- You've heard things about Catholic practices and beliefs that you don't like or don't agree with and now you're wondering if it's really true.
- You like the open-ended format of discussions and don't want to sit in a classroom following a pre-set schedule of topics and materials.
- You'd like to take care of yourself holistically including your spiritual side.

Why not try out an RCIA question/inquiry session. Our first session will be October 9 at 12:15 pm in the South Room in the parish office building.



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

This week all the students from Pre-K through Grade 8 attended the *Dancin' with the Honeybees* program presented by Cliff Sunflower. Using honeybees as his focus, Cliff reaches all levels of students and adults with concepts, facts and ideas about the ecology of the natural world. *Dancin' with the Honeybees* uses storytelling, poetry, prose, puppetry, music, dance and participatory theater. The follow-up "Bee Touch Me Museum" lab reinforces the science concepts presented in the main assembly. As a STEM school, this program gave the students the opportunity to apply concepts learned to real-world problems in a fun and exciting way. The whole school was able to participate in the *Dancin' with the Honeybees* performance.

St. Patrick Middle School Teacher, Dr. Janet Gibbs, published her novel *So Much More* on September 21, 2016. Dr. Gibbs, who has published numerous poems, articles, and biographical anthologies has now authored her first novel. *So Much More*, tells the story of three young women in Morristown at the turn of the 20th Century. We congratulate Dr. Gibbs on the latest in her line of literary achievements and invite everyone to read her work. You can find *So Much More* on iTunes, Amazon.com and B&N.com in paperback or eBook.

Dr. Gibbs has already shared so much of herself and her accomplishments with the St. Patrick's family. As a teacher, colleague, mentor, coach and friend, we have gained enormous wisdom from her involvement at St. Patrick's through her life achievements. We salute our friend on another completed chapter in the anthology of her life and look forward to seeing what she will share with us next.

Rides for Seniors

Do you have some time throughout the week? We have a group of drivers who volunteer to provide rides to parishioners for local appointments. When a request comes in, an email will go out to all drivers to find an available ride. No formal schedule! The more volunteers we have the better we can serve those in need. Please consider joining this team of volunteers. Contact Jerry Medina to join or for additional information at 973-635-8869 or jerry.medina73@gmail.com.

Madison Ambulance Corps Bus Trip to Harrah Resorts Casino

Please join the Auxiliary of the Madison Ambulance Corps November 10, 2016 for a bus trip to the Harrah Resorts Casino. The bus departs at 8:30 am and returns at 7:30 pm from the North Star Club, North Street, Madison, NJ. The bus trip is \$35 per person and participants will get \$20 back to play the slots. Please send a check, made payable to AMVAC with your phone number listed on the check, to Rosemary Ward, 14 Buckingham Dr., Madison, NJ 07940. Contact her at 973-822-2446 with questions.

Genuflect or Bow?

**liturgy
corner**

Why do we genuflect in some churches and bow in others when entering the church? As Catholics, we genuflect (touch our right knee to the floor) for the Blessed Sacrament. Whether we genuflect or bow depends on the placement of the tabernacle within a church. In some churches, the tabernacle is housed within the main sanctuary; therefore, parishioners genuflect towards the altar. *If the tabernacle is located in a chapel for private adoration, like it is here at St. Patrick Church, then parishioners only need to bow towards the altar and crucifix upon entering the church.* Genuflection is not needed in this instance.