



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2017

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday	February 4
5:00 pm	Agnes Battista and Karl Buckman
Sunday	February 5
7:30 am	Julia Guardino and Robert Miele, Jr.
9:00 am	Jackie Ford and Faye Tiger
11:00 am	Dorothea Eaton and Anthony Stapleton
5:00 pm	Teresa Desouza and Donald Thelander
Monday	February 6
8:00 am	Leon Smith and Maureen Driscoll
Tuesday	February 7
8:00 am	Lisa Frank DeMartini and Michael Wisneski
Wednesday	February 8
8:00 am	Leopold Igielinski and Luke Klisart
Thursday	February 9
8:00 am	Stanley and Marlene Wisneski and Michael Clarke
Friday	February 10
8:00 am	John Duddy and Mary A. Tyrone
Saturday	February 11
8:00 am	Mark L. Brigham and Claire Mehalik
5:00 pm	Jackie Ford and Carolyn Zietkiewicz
Sunday	February 12
7:30 am	Mary O'Hara-Roth and Rick Carbia
9:00 am	Paddy McDonagh and Marilyn Losacco
11:00 am	Marilyn Goode and Thomas Chiarello
5:00 pm	Jennie Aielli and Paul Pallotta

Mass Schedule February 11th & 12th

Fr. Bob	Sunday 11 am and 5 pm
Fr. Chris	Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 7:30 am & 9 am
Reconciliation (Penance) February 11th	
Fr. Chris	Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of February 5th is in memory of Eleanor Gilsenan given by Gavin and Sharin Natelli.

The Candles on the altar the week of February 5th are in memory of Marguerite Ciccolini given by the family.

The **Altar Flowers** the week of February 5th are in memory of Robert and Thomas Chiarello given by Robin Chiarello.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Carmela Cecere, Marie Conlan, Mike Mulane, Fr. Patrick Brown, Evey Staromano, Tony Cecere, Deacon Tony Siino, Charles Spencer, Caroline Palluzzi and **for all our deceased.**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom—the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but the wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”



Parish Support-January 29th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....	\$12,911
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....	\$15,450
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.....	\$ 3,845

Monday, February 6

Faith Formation: 4 pm; School
Rosary Group: 6:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church

Tuesday, February 7

Finance Committee Meeting: 7:30 pm; South Room

Thursday, February 9

Walking with Purpose: 9am; East/West Room
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
SPYM Lollipop Making: 6 pm; Kitchen
Appalachia Envelope Stuffing: 7 pm; East Room

Friday, February 10

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room

Saturday, February 11

Pastoral Council Meeting: 8:30 am; South Room
YM Lollipop Sales: 6 pm; Outside of Church

Sunday, February 12

YM Lollipop Sales: After all Masses; Outside of Church
Faith Formation: 8:15 am, 10:15 am, 7 pm; School
RCIA: 12:15 pm; South Room

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH



From the Desk of Our Pastor

I Could Not Sing

Last week I spent an evening watching Meryl Streep in *Florence Foster Jenkins*. This is a biographical sketch about an American socialite with serious health problems who pursues her dream to become a singer even though she cannot sing. Florence reminded me of myself and my singing abilities in that it is a priority of mine to process down the aisle at the beginning and ending of mass with a worship aid or music book using my God given voice even though I may not be fit to join the choir. The film takes place in 1944 as World War II comes to an end; it exploits the vocal talents of Florence Jenkins that lead her to book Carnegie Hall for a one night concert where she gives away 1,000 tickets to soldiers returning from war. After her recital at Carnegie Hall that generates laughter and applause, a harsh review from a *N.Y. Post* critic causes the world of Florence to crumble apart as the movie concludes with her last words prior to her death, "Even though people can say I could not sing, no one can ever say I did not sing." To the surprise of many, Florence left her mark on the world in that her concert is the most requested archival program from Carnegie Hall.

Singing is a significant part of church celebration as music uplifts the liturgy. Each weekend mass at St. Patrick inspires congregations to sing to an assortment of liturgical music due to the variation in styles of music and age groups in the choirs at the parish. Sometimes I wonder if the richness from particular voices lead some in the assembly to feel inferior to those special voices in the choirs in that there are many like me who struggle to carry a note; however, church music is an invitation for all to sing regardless of musical abilities. Did you ever hold back from singing Happy Birthday at a party due to a lack of ability to carry a tune? I imagine if you did the guest of honor would feel hurt. The same may be applied to God. Gone are the days when only the choir took part in church music with the assembly sitting back to listen. Singing promotes unity to all in church as the songs that are sung are the songs of the whole church community that calls forth participation. There are particular songs that speak to us about the oneness of Christ's body which render a prayer through song to pray for unity among all believers appreciating the particular gifts that each member of the church brings to mass. In his article, *Singing the Mercy of God, Celebration*, September 2015, J. Michael McMahon states, "Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we sing and proclaim the compassion of God that reaches out to us in our sin and weakness."

Sometimes lack of familiarity causes people to hold back from singing in that some may feel uncomfortable with an unseasoned melody and lyrics, yet through time the musical piece becomes well known in the same manner that it does from a favorite songwriter or performer. The volume in singing that comes from an assembly during the Christmas Season as traditional Christmas songs are brought into the liturgy amazes me. Singing in church renders praise and love to God; therefore, holding back from singing due to the fact that there is fear in looking foolish or feeling awkward lulls us away from greater worship and praise to God aware that this mentality is only self-serving and does not honor God. Remember! Singing is a form of prayer. Many forget that in the same manner whereby we voice our needs before God in words, we do likewise in song. St. Thomas Aquinas spelled out the value of church music by stating, "A hymn is the praise of God with song; a song is the exultation of the mind dwelling on eternal things bursting forth in the voice."

Although the style of music in churches varies in accordance to the temperament and education of leadership and available instruments, we are fortunate to have an organ and piano to accompany the assembly as well as other instruments such as clarinets, trumpets, guitars, drums, and a harp for particular liturgies. Sometimes we all need a little urge to activate our voices in church in the same manner that we belt out Happy Birthday at a festive gathering or the Twelve Days of Christmas at a Christmas gathering. As this short month unfolds, it is a splendid opportunity to review your own presence within an assembly, and the value of song to your prayer. God provides us the ability to sing whether we are on key or not; music is an important part of church worship. Although many critics claimed Florence Foster Jenkins to be the "worst opera singer" to appear at Carnegie Hall, she left the world singing even though she could not sing.

*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

Madelyn Victoria Parcels
Daughter of Daniel and Jenna

Forget-Me-Not Weekend

Our monthly food collection is *this* weekend, **February 4th & 5th**. Your generous donations are shared with the local community as well as our brothers and sisters in Paterson! All food donations (your bags or ours!) can be brought to the Fr. Ed Center after masses or the basket in the back of church. *Thank you!*

33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat

Want an easy way to withdraw from everyday demands and enter into a peaceful reflection on your relationship with Christ? You are welcome to join a 6 week, do-it-yourself retreat using Fr. Michael Gaitley's *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Beginning February 16 we will explore the personal journeys of Saints Louis de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Pope John Paul II and discover how their lives were moved by the loving guidance of Our Blessed Mother to a deeper relationship with her Son. Join us Thursday evenings 7-8:30 pm in the South Room. To register: email your name, email address and phone number to MRRyan37@optonline.net or call Marie Ryan at 973-769-6504.

Do you feel called to be a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick?

Have you wondered about this ministry or if it is a place you might share your gifts? In our community there are those who are unable to attend Sunday mass for prolonged periods. The liturgy of the Eucharist is never self-contained but in its deepest meaning reaches out to the entire world. Those who carry Holy Communion to the sick and confined, continue the community's act of worship, extending its embrace to include those unable to be physically present. It is not necessary for an EM to the sick to be a Liturgical EM and training is provided.

We invite you to consider this ministry and welcome your questions. Please contact Peggy Gentile, 973-635-0625 ext. 25.

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.

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.*



YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Week in Youth Ministry

Spring Action Team Meeting: Mon., Feb. 6; 7-9:30 pm; YMC

Sophomore Gathering: Tues., Feb. 7; 7:15-8:45 pm;
In the YMC

Spring Antioch Team Meeting: Wed., Feb. 8; 7-9:30 pm;
At St. Pats

Lollipop Making: Thurs., Feb. 9; 6-9:30 pm; Kitchen

Service Opportunities

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

Lollipop Making: Thurs., Feb. 9, 6-9:30 pm; Kitchen

Lollipop Sales: Sat., Feb. 11, after 5 pm mass; outside Church

Lollipop Sales: Sun., Feb. 12, after all masses; outside Church

Food Pantry Restock: Sat., Feb. 18, 8:30-10:15 am

Pray the Rosary with Us!

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. We also gather to pray the Rosary on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Church and Thursday mornings at 10 am in the North Room of the Parish Office Building. Please join us. All are welcome.

FAITH FORMATION



Upcoming Faith Formation Classes: February 5th & 6th (no pm class due to the Super Bowl); February 12th & 13th



Super Bowl Weekend, February 4th & 5th:

Our 7th grade Faith Formation students will once again participate in the "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" to help "Tackle Hunger"! The idea started many years ago when some students in another parish reflected on the fact that while we are celebrating the Super Bowl there are so many people in our midst who don't even have a Bowl of Soup! They will be holding a **Bake Sale** after all the Sunday morning Masses in the lobby of the Fr. Ed Center. Funds collected at the **Bake Sale** and **Souper Bowl of Caring** will be used to support the Backpack Program. The money is used to fill bags with breakfast items (oatmeal, granola bars, milk), lunch items (mac and cheese, juice box), snack items (pudding, yogurt), and rice for the family to share at dinner. These bags will be distributed to preschool students in Paterson who are fed Monday through Friday at school and find themselves hungry on the weekend.

Help our teens to "Tackle Hunger" by voting for the team you want to win the Super Bowl by donating money into the box with your team's logo. Boxes with team logos will be at the doors of the church and in the school. Stop by the Bake Sale after masses on Sunday and bring home some sweets. The total profit and the Saint Patrick winning team will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster

Students in middle school created poems about their school community. Students in fourth grade wrote compare and contrast essays about being a student at St. Patrick School in 1872 and 2017.

“Attributes of Our Community”

Serving one another
Teaching the ways of Christ

Participating in weekly Mass
Assisting the needs of others

Teaching all day long
Reaching the students’ goals

Imitating Jesus’ ways

Community like no other

Knowledge is gained

Supportive environment

Caring for one another

Helping those in need

Offering our love to others

Ongoing service to others

Love for one another

Mary Kate Vowells 8B

A Day in the Life of a Student in 1872 and 2017

It is 1872. The classroom pot belly stove has no coal to keep us warm right now. It’s really cold. My teacher says she’ll get some coal tomorrow. The new school I go to is called St. Patrick School, and I am in fourth grade. It opened this year. My teacher’s name is Sister Anne.

My classroom is small, but I like it. Sister Anne likes to teach Arithmetic. We are learning about adding and subtracting. It’s fun.

At recess, we play hopscotch, but I like to jump rope. My friend likes to play chess. For lunch, I usually bring a sandwich. My teacher, Sister Anne, usually gets angry when someone is talking. Then she reprimands us. This is what my school is like.

It is 2017. The smart board isn’t being too smart right now. So, my teacher, Mrs. Moran has to use the chalkboard. Soon, I will have to switch classes for Social Studies and Reading. The school I go to is St. Patrick School. I’m in fourth grade.

My homeroom teacher teaches Math. It’s really fun. We are learning about fractions. In the morning, we have to hang up our backpack on the hooks.

At recess my class usually plays, “Run from the Penguins.” I like to play four square. After recess, we have lunch. I usually get hot lunch. It’s really good. My friend Patrice plays chess. My other friend, Leah, likes to play four square, too. This is what my school is like.

Annie Farrell, Grade 4B



MUSIC MINISTRY

United Singing with the Spirit of Making a Difference

Hello friends,

Our congregation at St. Patrick is gifted with the spirit of caring. It can be observed at mass, where parishioners pray and connect with God through singing. It can be seen in our smiles, heard in our conversations, and witnessed in our many acts of charity.

I think we would all agree, that in the interest of making change in our world, along with reversing the decline in numbers of active Catholics, the *sustenance that fires our faith begins at mass*.

At mass, we want to connect with God, find a little peace for our aching hearts, and be in communion with our Catholic family. Is it possible to grow in the spirit and prayer we experience at mass? I believe it is always possible to grow. The church calls us to be active and conscious in our participating at mass (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*). If we put more action and consciousness into what we are doing, our caring to do so can inspire others and even change ourselves for the better over time. Doing a little more requires effort; effort requires caring.

Jesus called us to sing when he sang hymns with his disciples before going to Gethsemane. The Church calls us to sing over and over again in many documents, including “*Why We Sing*,” in *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*.

Music is a sign of God’s love for us and of our love for him.

St. Augustine claimed, “singing is for one who loves.” Our love of God, and hence our love for each other, is poured out in singing. Singing at mass can be nurtured so that the fire of our faith will be communicated. Sometimes people don’t sing because they are afraid they won’t sound good to others. But this is not the point. Congregational singing is not about being perfect or even correct—it is about caring. When we volunteer to do an act of charity, we always risk sharing our own imperfections. But we are better off because we made the effort! To sing, we also must risk sharing our own imperfections—and that is a beautiful thing! When we do something worthwhile, it often requires a little risk and a little discomfort, but it pays off big-time.

Choirs Share Love of Singing

I have often heard people say that they would sing if only more people were singing! This is their chance! In hopes of encouraging those who are shy or unaccustomed to singing, our choirs at St. Patrick will unite their voices with our congregation for a few masses in February. The only point of this effort will be to encourage and inspire more people to sing, or for those who are singing, to sing a little more. Choir members will *not* be judging, comparing, recruiting, or instructing. They will be praying like they always do, but with the congregation. May we be inspired by the immensity of our prayer and song united as one!

As your Music Minister, I look forward to the day when I can hear hundreds of imperfect voices (off-pitch, off-timing—it doesn’t matter—but filled with the love of God!) united in prayer and praise. Wouldn’t it be great if every person who entered our church was swept away by the fire of our faith blazing in song?

*Yours in Christ,
Maggie Hanson, Music Minister*