



Pentecost Sunday
June 4, 2017

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	June 3 Amelia & Sabino Gaito and Sabino, Jr. and Drew McWilliams
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	June 4 William M. Smith and Michael Petrock Jack Wilkinsen and Martin Pizzariello Leopold Igielinski and Robert Gullickson Shannon Kraft Dalbo and Barbara Rinehart
Monday 8:00 am	June 5 Donald Zarou and Anthony and Steven Cagno
Tuesday 8:00 am	June 6 Joan Stecher and Hedy Ries
Wednesday 8:00 am 9:15 am	June 7 Gilbert Ciresa and Al Sorrentino Shannon Kraft Dalbo
Thursday 8:00 am	June 8 Nettie Petrozelli and Luke Klisart
Friday 8:00 am	June 9 Diane McGee and Living and Deceased Members of the Karasch & Zwick Families
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	June 10 Dorothy Berdel and Deceased Members of the Kuzma Family Deceased Members of the Desouza and Estrada Families and Deceased Members of The Aielli Family
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	June 11 Catherine Accorsy and John Dolan Mary Marino, Santa Maria Dettan and Renee Farrell Allen Vohden and John Michael Babbitt Mr. & Mrs. John Phelan, Sr. and Robert Chiarello

Mass Schedule June 10th & 11th

Fr. Bob	Sunday 7:30 am, 9 am & 11 am
Fr. Chris	Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 5 pm
<u>Reconciliation June 10th</u>	
Fr. Chris	Saturday 4-4:30 pm

During the summer months, there will be no 5 pm Sunday night mass starting June 25. It will resume in September. Daily 8 am mass will move from the church to the South Room beginning June 26.

Parish Support-May 28, 2017

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....	\$15,209
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....	\$11,680
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS.....	\$ 2,424

The Most Holy Trinity

June 11, 2017

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

The Lord appears to Moses on Mount Sinai and proclaims to him that the Lord is a "merciful God...slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to live in peace and harmony, and for the first time, invokes the Blessed Trinity.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

In this beautiful passage, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God loved his people so much that he "gave his only son." Jesus reveals to Nicodemus that anyone who believes in him will not die but will enjoy life with him for all eternity.

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of June 4th is in memory of Elizabeth and Sandy Norton given by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brockman.

The Candles on the altar the week of June 4th are in memory of Deceased Members of the Women of Mary.

The Flowers on the altar the week of June 4th 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, Evey Staromano, Caroline Palluzzi, Don Tracy, Mary Cecere and **for all our deceased** .

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us as we celebrate the three years Fr. Chris shared with our parish community and wish him well on his new assignment!

Sunday, June 18, 2017

12 noon (after the 11 am mass)
In the Fr. Ed Parish Center

Details to follow

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, June 5

Confirmation: 7:30 pm; Church
Rosary Group: 6:30 pm; South Room
Meditation Group: 7:00 pm; South Room

Thursday, June 8

Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room

Saturday, June 10

Meditation Retreat: 9:30 am-4:30 pm; Parish Center

Sunday, June 11

Chili Sign Up: Church Lobby
Appalachia Car Wash: 12 pm-5 pm; Parking Lot



From the Desk of Our Pastor

Pentecost

This weekend the parish engages in festivities marked as the birthday of the church, the Solemnity of Pentecost. Pentecost is to the church the equivalent of all that the 4th of July is to the United States. It is a day of celebration that invites us to universal solidarity as it reminds us that the Gospel can be understood in every language, culture, and time in that it fulfills the yearnings of the human heart, and that within the bewildering differences throughout the world, God's peace is possible. The church celebrates Pentecost on the 50th day after Easter as it puts closure on the Easter Season. Today's red vestments and altar cloth symbolize the flame of the Holy Spirit; and, at the conclusion of tonight's liturgy, the Paschal Candle is repositioned from its present position by the ambo to the Baptismal font.

Like any birthday celebration, Pentecost encourages us to count our blessings, and use our skills and talents to render the same enthusiasm that sparked early Christians to live their beliefs. The day invites us to be creative in the way we express our faith so that we evangelize the world with a message so that Christian values and beliefs are brought to all nations. Since many struggle to respect the language, country of origin, culture, and religions other than their own, the Holy Spirit gives us the readiness to persevere so that barriers are broken that compartmentalize people in accordance to gender, economics, education and tongue. Pentecost asks us to pause and consider ways that the Holy Spirit has been active in our lives. Do we make full use of the gifts that God has given us?

The roots of Pentecost are embedded in the Jewish Feast of Weeks (Shebuot), which was a harvest festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. The feast offered God the first fruits of the harvest; yet, as Judaism evolved the people redefined the Feast and equated it to the giving of the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament) at Mt. Sinai. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek "fifty days" and was adopted in Christian theology by the early church as the commemoration of the reception of the Holy Spirit; therefore, Pentecost is a feast of people who are the church as it marks the apostolic mission of early believers whom we follow so that the work of the Spirit is not blocked but welcomed.

In *The Book of Joy, Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Buddhist leader Dalai Lama trade intimate stories and shared spiritual practices that reveal ways people may live a life brimming with joy. The book provides eight pillars of joy that render a foundation for lasting happiness, which were noted in a recent News Note from The Christophers. The eight pillars are: Perspective (The ability to see situations from many viewpoints); Humility (A grounded understanding of our own limitations); Humor (The ability to take ourselves and circumstances lightly); Acceptance (What Christians call an attitude of surrender to the will of God); Forgiveness (The ability to let go of grudges and past hurts); Gratitude (The recognition that all of life, no matter what the circumstances is a gift); Compassion, (The understanding that we do not suffer alone and that joy is selfless) and Generosity (The spirit of a cheerful giver).

Sometimes people impede the work of the Spirit that prevents these joys from surfacing due to fear or rigid interpretation of church law and doctrine. The Holy Spirit beckons us to personal responsibility aware that a Christian community can never be anything that people are not; therefore, we must be wise to the links that bond Christians in order to draw appreciation for differences that some hold on significant church matters. Sometimes both our church and society make it hard to cross barriers established along racial, economic, political or educational lines in that so many feel threatened if today is not a carbon copy of yesterday. As we celebrate Pentecost, our reading from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians makes us aware of the assortment of gifts, service, and workings within the church, and bids us to nurture the gifts of all. Let us strive to use our gifts and accept the blessings of others so that all are united in Christ regardless of differences that we may hold politically, theologically, or socially.

*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.



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AROUND THE PARISH

A note from Fr. Chris

It was with great joy three years ago that I learned I had been assigned to St. Patricks in Chatham after my ordination. I heard that it was a great community and wonderful parish. My experiences over the last three years have done nothing but confirm what I heard. That is why it was bittersweet when I received my new assignment as Chaplain to DePaul Catholic High School in Wayne, NJ from our bishop. Sweet, for the opportunity to work with young men and women at a critical time of their lives when for many faith can become difficult though needed now more than ever and bitter because it means leaving a parish in which I have found a welcoming home.

It is hard to believe three years have passed since I finished my studies in the seminary, was ordained, and came to St. Patricks. I have learned many things and had many great experiences that have helped shape the beginnings of my priesthood. Whether through the different parish groups and ministries in which I was able to participate or join and the various councils and committees I was able to observe and serve on, I have learned how to apply many of the lessons learned from seminary to pastoral ministry and administration within a parish. I thank you for the many opportunities and examples you have given me through your welcoming invitations and encouragement over the past three years. Having a parish school certainly brings life and excitement to pastoral work and having the opportunity to work with different classes throughout the year as well as teaching and attending many school events has been a joy as I've had the opportunity to see the joy filled potential of our students as they grow and mature.

I would also like to thank all the school faculty and parish staff for welcoming me to share in their ministry and so generously sharing their knowledge and experience with me. Also, to Fr. Bob for being a gentle mentor, good example, and great help as I began my priesthood. I ask that you continue to support me through your prayers as I begin this new chapter of my ministry. Change is never easy but as Blessed John Henry Newman said, "to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often". Please know of my continued prayers for you all and may St. Patrick, patron of our parish, watch over, protect, and intercede for us all!

Forget-Me-Not Weekend

Our monthly food collection is *this* weekend, **June 3 & 4**. 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!*



Appalachia Help Weeks Fundraiser

Help our volunteers raise funds as they help our brothers and sisters in Preston County, West Virginia this summer!

When: Sunday, June 11th

Where: St Patrick's Parking Lot

Time: 12 pm-5 pm

Cost: \$8.00 for a pre-sold ticket

\$10.00 "drive in"

Tickets will be sold after all masses on June 3 & 4.

FAITH FORMATION

Catechist Meeting

There will be a catechist meeting with Fr. Bob on Wednesday, June 7 in the East/West Room at 7 pm to discuss the 2017-2018 Faith Formation school year. All catechists, assistants and safety monitors are encouraged to attend.

Faith Formation 2017-2018 Registration

There will be a short delay in opening Faith Formation registration this year. Please check future bulletins or the website for details on the date registration will open. Families with children currently in our program will be alerted via email or text message once the portal is open. If you have a child going into first grade in the fall or are new to the parish and would like to receive the electronic notification, please visit our website, www.st-pats.org and register your contact information into Flocknote, located at the bottom, left-hand side of the HOME page. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

Diocesan Corpus Christi Food Drive-June 17 & 18

Mark your calendars! Once again the Paterson Diocese has asked all parishes to contribute specific items to this annual collection. St. Patrick has been asked to collect **shampoo** and **conditioner**. These items will be gathered and stored and distribution will be coordinated by Catholic Charities throughout the summer months when our food pantries are most depleted. Please consider this drive as you shop throughout the next few weeks. Our main drop off will be on the 17th and 18th of June in the Fr. Ed Center, but donations can be brought to the parish office during regular business hours.

Summer fun is just around the corner! Why not take something off of your "to-do" list and sign-up for Online Giving? Online Giving is simple and easy to use. You can decide to have weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly deductions via a credit card or ACH withdrawal from your bank. As an extra bonus, you can view your online giving activity and history at the touch of a button! Changes can be made at any time by you or a designated family member. You can even make a one-time donation at any time! To get started, go to our website, www.st-pats.org and click on the Online Giving button in the left-hand column of the webpage. Follow the directions for opening a new account. It's that easy and one less thing to think about as we head into the lazy days of summer!

Online Giving

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site: www.patersondiocese.org.



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

This past week the students in St. Patrick School had their annual Field Day. Led by our new physical education teacher, Mrs. Kassab, the students moved to many different stations that had them demonstrating their skills and working together as a team to complete the challenges. It was a wonderful morning, that could not have been possible without the many parent volunteers! In the afternoon, the students attended a carnival in the parking lot celebrating the 145th Anniversary of the school. Games, prizes, food, bounce house and obstacle course made for an afternoon of fun and smiles. The celebration ended with a treat from the ice cream truck! An exciting afternoon for all students, teachers, and parents in attendance. Thank you to the parents who made the celebration possible!

St. Patrick School students have talent! Our students put their many gifts on display for our Talent Show sponsored by the Student Council.

Car Wash Tickets on Sale this Weekend!

Teens volunteering their time to help our brothers and sisters in Preston County, West Virginia this summer will be selling tickets to their Car Wash fundraiser after all masses this weekend! The Car Wash will be held next Sunday, June 11 from 12 pm-5pm in the parish parking lot. Tickets are \$8 per car if purchased in advance. Thank you for your support!



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

Three Day Program Focuses on Mary *Mary: Mother of Jesus and Model Disciple*

St. Paul Inside the Walls holds its 4th annual Benedict Institute June 26-28. Space is limited for this program taught by Rev. Johann Roten S.M., a renowned Marian scholar and former student of Pope Benedict XVI. The program runs from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm daily. Lunch is included. Cost is \$125.00 per person. Please contact Allan Wright at 973-377-1004 with questions or to register, visit www.insidethewalls.org.

Join our Meditation Group on retreat! On Saturday, June 10, Fr. Jeremiah Shryock will present *Into the Deep: Growing in Intimacy with God through Silent Prayer*. This day retreat will explore the importance of silence in developing a deep relationship with God and will allow time to experience, and to be comfortable with, silence as a prayer practice. Fr. Jeremiah M. Shryock was ordained a priest in 2011. He is the author of *Letters of Hope and Consolation* and has recorded over 20 podcasts exploring different aspects of faith and spirituality. The retreat will be from 10 am until 4 pm in the St. Patrick Fr. Ed Parish Center. Lunch will be provided. Registration is \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. For more information, please contact Jay Stewart at 201.572.3844 or stewart.jaybird@gmail.com.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Year-End Schedule and Celebrations!

June 4: 5 pm Mass: Senior Recognition, Scholarship, Choir Graduates, God Unplugged Thank-you.

June 5: 6:15 pm arrival for Confirmation: All musical teenagers and college students.

June 7-8: Rehearsals are over for the summer. No rehearsals for students or adults these days.

June 8: 5-6 pm-Picnic at Castle Park! For all musicians grades K-8. Pizza, sides, and desserts provided.

June 11 and 18: Last two Sunday evening masses for God Unplugged. Arrival at 4:15 these days.

St. Patrick Choir adult picnic: In the planning stages. Date to be announced!

Adults are invited to continue singing at masses throughout the summer. Rehearsals will be at 4:15 pm on Saturday, and 10:15 am on Sunday. If you are not a choir member but would like to sing with us, please get in touch with me!

*Blessings,
Maggie Hanson, Music Minister*

The Chatham Emergency Squad (CES) will host a blood drive on Saturday, June 10th, "Fishawack Festival Day" in the Borough. The bloodmobile will be located at the corner of Fairmount Ave. and Main St. The hours of donation will be from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. In the summer, blood donations tend to diminish as people go away on vacations. Please try to donate on June 10th. 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.

In anticipation of its 50th anniversary, Bishop George Ahr/St. Thomas High School wants to reconnect with all of its alumni. We have a news article on the website www.bgahs.org asking alumni to update their most recent contact information. You may reach us at dchippendale@bgahs.org, the alumni office, so we can keep you informed of the events planned for our upcoming milestone celebration.

Why did Jesus "ascend" into heaven and why was Mary "assumed"? What is the big significance and difference between the two ways of getting to heaven?

Jesus was God, so he ascended into heaven. In other words, He went there by His own power. Mary was not God, so she was taken up into heaven by Jesus-she was "assumed."

What is the meaning behind the making of the cross on our forehead, mouth and heart before the reading of the Gospel?

It mirrors the blessing a Deacon receives prior to proclaiming the Gospel- "may God be in your mind, on your lips and in your heart as you proclaim His holy Gospel."

liturgy corner