

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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We, the St. Patrick's Parish Family, are a Roman Catholic community of sons and daughters of God the Father who are empowered by the Holy Spirit to commit our lives to worship, prayer, compassion, service, education and sharing our Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel with all others.

The First Sunday of Advent



November 30, 2014

CLERGY

Rev. Joseph F. Bisignano
Pastor

Rev. Augustine A. Addai
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Thomas E. Kreiser
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Jeffrey M. Pomeisl
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan
Pastor Emeritus

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday:
9:00 am to 12:00 noon,
1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

School Principal
Monica Virgilio 962-2211

Religious Education Director
Kelly Vardakas 962-5586

**Minister to Homebound
& Hospitalized**
Sr. Sheila Kelly, RGS..... 962-5050

Parenting Education
Nan Gollogly 962-5050

Music Ministry
Kathey Lewis, *Director* 962-5050
Barbara Castrataro, *Organist*

Parish Secretary
Ann-Marie Treanor..... 962-5050

Youth Group
Chris & Megan Genn 962-5050



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday: after 6:55am Mass, and 8:30 to 8:55am.
Saturdays after 9:00 am Mass, and 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents should come to the Rectory to pick up a Baptism Preparation Package to begin the process for Baptism.

MATRIMONY

Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding. Parishioners who are registered can make arrangements of date and time only after speaking with the Pastor.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Rectory.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome adults considering membership in the Catholic Church and those Catholics desiring to complete their initiation to inquire into the RCIA process.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE †

Main Church

Saturday 5:15 pm
Sunday 7:45, 9:15, 11:00 am,
12:30 & 5:00 pm

Stone Church

Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE †

Monday - Friday 6:55 & 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. December 1

6:55am Lou Romano
 9:00am Thomas & Mary McEntegart
 12:00pm Joan Goldberg

Tues. December 2

6:55am Marcella Rogers
 9:00am Diane Kopec
 12:00pm Susan Ruocco

Wed. December 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:55am Eileen Kenny
 9:00am Ruth Johnson
 12:00pm Fr. Martin Kenny

Thurs. December 4 - St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:55am Mary Valenti
 9:00pm Daniel Edward Mulvey
 12:00pm John & Mary Daly

Fri. December 5

6:55am Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Robert Borthwick
 12:00pm Dan & Loretta Thorpe

Sat. December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

9:00am Hilda Perrinez
 5:15pm Caleigh Stellwagen

Sun. December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:45am For the People of St. Patrick's
 9:00am Deceased Members of the Ionnon & Fama Families
 9:15am Gloria Hill
 10:30am Christine Quigley
 11:00am Deceased Members of the Panzarino & Patrissi Families
 12:30pm James Drake, Jr.
 5:00pm John Fitzpatrick

Collection - November 23, 2014

Weekly Collection Last Year	\$23,099.00
Weekly Collection This Year	\$ N/A
Weekly Children's Collection Last Year	\$ 196.00
Weekly Children's Collection This Year	\$ N/A
October Parish Pay Last Year	\$21,217.15
October Parish Pay This Year	\$23,605.73

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday : Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Monday, December 1, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)
4:15pm	Choristers (109/110)
4:30pm	Rel. Ed. Advent Confessions (MC)
4:30pm	Basketball (Gym)
6:30pm	Rel. Ed. Advent Confessions (MC)
7:30pm	Boy Scouts (Gym, 107/108)
7:30pm	Mass & Miraculous Medal Prayers (MC)
Tuesday, December 2, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Film (PCM)
10:00am	St. Patrick's Parish Seniors Board Mtg (LC)
4:30pm	Rel. Ed. Advent Confessions (MC)
4:30pm	Basketball (Gym)
6:00pm	Bereavement (PCM)
6:30pm	Legion of Mary (MC-CR)
7:30pm	Choir (MC)
Wednesday, December 3, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LC)
2:30pm	Girl Scout Trp. 1493 (107/108)
4:30pm	Basketball (Gym)
6:00pm	SPS Vespers Dinner Set-Up (PCH)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
7:30pm	RCIA (Rect.)
7:30pm	Teen Choir (MC)
7:30pm	Al-Anon (109/110)
Thursday, December 4, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
2:30pm	After School Program (PCM)
4:30pm	Rel. Ed. Advent Confessions (MC)
6:00pm	Children's Liturgy Rehearsal (MC)
7:00pm	SPS Advent Vespers/Dinner (MC,PCH)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
8:00pm	Prayer Meeting (PCM)
Friday, December 5, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:00am	Basketball (Gym)
1:40pm	SPS 1st Friday Mass (MC)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
7:30pm	Lessons & Carols (MC)
Saturday, December 6, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
7:00am	Emmaus Men's Ministry (107/108)
9:00am	Basketball (Gym)
9:30am	Centering Prayer (Art Rm)
6:30pm	SPS Dance Class (PCH)
Sunday, December 7, 2014	
8:00am	AA (LC)
9:15am	Family Mass (MC)
10:15am	Hospitality (PCH)
10:15am	Library Open
2:00pm	Basketball (Gym)
3:00pm	Boy Scout Pope Pius XII (PCH)
7:30pm	Marian Consecration Mass (MC)
8:00pm	AA (LC)

If you are seriously ill at home or in the hospital or are having major surgery and would like a visit, please notify Sr. Sheila Kelly at the Rectory @ 962-5050 ext. 19

"Midnight Run" will have its annual collection outside of all Masses the weekend of **December 6/7** to help defray the cost for *next year's* Midnight Run. We ask for your prayers and continued support.

A Special Mass for couples experiencing infertility or recurrent miscarriage. All are welcome. Please join us on **Friday December 12th** at 6:30pm. The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe & relics of St. Gianna Beretta Molla will be present. Dr. Anne Nolte, MD, of the National Gianna Catholic Healthcare Center for Women will speak after Mass. Please email GiannaMass1212@gmail.com to RSVP.

Catholic Infertility Support Group for Women. If you are facing infertility and long for some guidance and support, please join us for an introductory meeting on **Monday, December 1st** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Family Education Center, Room 101, here at St Patrick's. RSVP to toni.saintpats@gmail.com.

St. Patrick's Library will show the holiday film, **Christmas With a Capital C.** In the small town of Trapper Falls, the folks have always decorated in a big way for Christmas, especially the Nativity scene. A newcomer takes offense and wants the scene removed and "Merry Christmas" switched to "Happy Holidays." Join us on **Tuesday, December 2 and 9**, after the 9:00am Mass and Rosary.

Yorktown Community Help will be placing cards in the vestibule of the Main Church the weekend of December 6/7 with the age of a boy or girl. Please take a card and bring an **unwrapped** gift for that child **with the card attached** to the vestibule of the Main Church on the weekend of **December 13th or 14th**. Thank you for your generosity to the children of Yorktown.

Banns

- II Luigi Gentile & Natalie Fisco
- III Christopher Doyle & Casey Byrne

Wedding

December 6, 2014, Stone Church, 1:00PM
Christopher Doyle & Casey Byrne

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Please join us on this *Holy Day of Obligation*. The Masses are:

Monday, December 8, 2014
6:30 & 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
& 7:30 PM

St. Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Prayer changes things. Sometimes it changes the situation; sometimes it changes you! Come pray with us on Thursday evening at 8pm in the meeting room, downstairs in the Main Church. Information: (914) 526-6538.

Holy Comforter Christmas Gifts. Each year during Advent it is our custom to provide specific gifts for residents of Holy Comforter Nursing Home. The sign up charts are in the back of the Main Church. If you would like to donate a gift, please write your name and phone number next to the name of the resident you have chosen, and bring the gift to the **Main Church** next week. It is important that the gift be **wrapped and clearly labeled** with the resident's name and room number. Thank you for your kind generosity.

World Youth Day is an international Youth Festival that takes place every 2-3 years. The highlight of the trip is a Vigil and Mass with Pope Francis. This pilgrimage is both fun and inspirational. All teens and young adults currently in 7th grade or older are eligible. Dates are from **July 22 - August 1, 2016**. The cost is approximately \$3000/person. Our youth group will be fundraising to defer the cost. An \$800 deposit is required as soon as possible. Contact: Fr. Tom at the Rectory. We currently have several young people who wish to go to WYD but are having difficulty with the deposit. If you can sponsor a child by donating part or all of a deposit, please contact Fr. Tom at the Rectory. All contributions will remain anonymous.



In addition to having an Advent wreath as part of your family's Christmas celebration, create your own Advent calendar of actions that you and your family can take each day to bring you closer to Christ. Write the schedule of activities on a calendar that is prominently posted. These activities could include donating toys to the Yorktown HELP collection for children, purchasing a gift for one of the residents of Holy Comforter Home, bringing used clothing to a collection for homeless people, donating food to the Yorktown HELP collection for the needy, volunteering at a soup kitchen, reading a Christmas poem or story aloud, attending Mass together or placing a crèche in your home.

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, (Peekskill Franciscans) who served St. Patrick's from 1953 until 1987 are celebrating their 150th Anniversary and they are extending their invitation to you. Located at Mount Saint Francis, 250 South Street, Peekskill, NY, the opening ceremony will be a Vespers service on December 5th at 7pm followed by light refreshments. Then on December 6th at 11am, there will be an Anniversary Year opening Mass followed by a luncheon. If you would like to attend, please RSVP as soon as possible by calling 914-737-3372.

The Advent Wreath used in the **Main Church** this season was donated by Richard & Barbara Burroni loving memory of:



Rose & Gary Nicotra & Caroline & Ted Burroni

The Advent Wreath used in the **Stone Church** this season was donated by Carol Manse in loving memory of:

Kennard Manse



The Altar Bread & Wine used in the Main Church this week were donated by Veronica & Michael Muldoon in loving memory of:

Beloved Nephew Kevin Curran

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Main Church this week was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Calicchia in loving memory of:

Vittorio Ebbri

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Main Church Chapel this week was donated by The Staib Family in loving memory of:

Margaret Sauerhoff

The Altar Bread & Wine used in the Stone Church this week were donated by Tom & Marie Jordan in loving memory of:

Fr. Bernard Smith, O.F.M., Cap.

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by Diane Vijacki & Family in loving memory of:

Agnes Hirsch

UNANNOUNCED MASSES:

Deceased: Keith Manfredonia, Jr., Helga Davais

The Sanctuary Lamp and Bread and Wine for 2015 are available.

This is a special way to remember a deceased family member or to honor or celebrate a special event. The remembrance begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday of that week. The Main and Stone Church Bread & Wine Offering is \$25.00. The Main Church and Stone Church Sanctuary Light offering is \$15.00 and the Main Church Chapel Sanctuary Light offering is \$15.00. Due to high demand there is a limit of **4** Main Church Bread & Wine & Main Church Sanctuary Lamp offerings per family. Some dates are blocked out until mid-2015.



At the request of Parishioners we have added and a 12:00 Noon Mass to be held in the Main Church Monday - Friday during the Season of Advent.



From the Desk of Fr. Tom Kreiser

GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE

Thursday we all celebrated the wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I must say that Thanksgiving is among my favorite holidays because there isn't a lot to do. We have but one Mass in the morning, and then I am free to enjoy the day.

This year I am sooooo thankful for so many things. My family, my health, my life, my material blessings. They are signs of the goodness of God.

I am thankful for the Ministry Fair that went so well. It was "my baby," and seeing so many people come out and support it is great. We will have many new people in ministries because of it. I am also thankful for those who ordered pies, and for the youth who made them with me. It is a great tribute to their dedication to the faith, and we made a good start on our fundraising for World Youth Day.

But as I go deeper, I am also thankful for the things that don't go so right in my life. They are a reminder to me that God is there even in the rough times. He doesn't cause suffering, but He allows it. And sometimes it is a real challenge to our faith. To accept it, and even be thankful for it, is not easy, but it is possible. With Jesus as our model, we can endure suffering for the sake of our souls and the souls of others, and be grateful not for the suffering itself, but for the grace that comes from enduring it.

As we end this holiday weekend, let us look at our attitudes toward our blessings and our sufferings. Are we living an attitude of gratitude to God, and if not, maybe we can start.

God bless you.

Consecrate Your Life to Mary

Do you want to learn about the easiest way to become a saint? Join us on Sunday, November 30th from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Main Church for a prayer service and inspirational talk led by Fr. Pomeisl about Marian Consecration and the ways it will change your life.

The Consecration Mass will be on **Sunday, December 7th at 7:30** pm in the Main Church. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will also be displayed. Fr. Pomeisl will celebrate this Mass and all are encouraged to take the opportunity to come together to consecrate their lives to Jesus through Mary. If you would like more information about this program, please contact the Ministry for Families at 962-5050.

