

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.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ✕ March 29, 2015

CLERGY

Rev. Joseph F. Bisignano
Pastor

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

LENT SCHEDULE: Monday - Friday after the 6:55 am & 9:00am Mass
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.

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



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
Lent & Easter 12:00 Noon
Saturday 9:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. March 30

6:55am George Nicholson
 9:00am William Charlonis
 12:00pm Lauro DiMaranan

Tues. March 31

6:55am George T. Hough
 9:00am Rocco Russo
 12:00pm John Lizzo

Wed. April 1

6:55am Carmela Saggese
 9:00am Mary Kehayas
 12:00am Betty Gonzales

Thurs. April 2

10:00am Tenebrae (Stone Church)
 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri. April 3

10:00am Tenebrae (Stone Church)
 3:00pm Lord's Passion
 7:30pm Lord's Passion

Sat. April 4

10:00am Tenebrae (Stone Church)
 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Sun. April 5 - Easter Sunday

7:30am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's
 9:00am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's
 9:15am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's
 10:30am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's
 11:00am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's
 12:00pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's
 12:45pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's


Collection - March 22, 2015

Weekly Collection Last Year	\$22,650.00
Weekly Collection This Year	\$21,437.00
Weekly Children's Collection Last Year	\$ 218.50
Weekly Children's Collection This Year	\$ 279.00
February Parish Pay Last Year	\$20,838.48
February Parish Pay This Year	\$23,778.38

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

Monday, March 30	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH) CLOSED
4:15pm	Choristers Grades 5-8 (EC 109/110)
4:30pm	Volleyball (Gym)
7:00pm	Bible Study (PCH, PCM, Lib) CLOSED
7:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop Meeting (Gym)
Tuesday, March 31	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Film (PCM) CLOSED
10:00am	W/W Steering (PCH)
4:30pm	Volleyball (Gym)
6:00pm	Bereavement Group (PCM)
6:30pm	Legion of Mary (MC-Crying Rm)
7:30pm	Choir (MC)
Wednesday, April 1	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH) CLOSED
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LC)
4:30pm	Volleyball (Gym)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
7:00pm	Columbiettes (100)
7:30pm	Teen Choir (MC)
7:30pm	RCIA (Rectory)
7:30pm	Al-Anon (EC 109)
Thursday, April 2 (Holy Thursday)	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Bible Study (PCH, PCM, Lib) CLOSED
4:30PM	Choristers Grade 3-4 (EC 109/110) CLOSED
7:00pm	Bible Study (EC 107/108/109/110) CLOSED
Friday, April 3 (Good Friday)	
7:00am	AA (LC)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
Saturday, April 4 (Holy Saturday)	
7:00am	Emmaus Men's Ministry (EC 107/108)
9:30am	Centering Prayer (Art Rm) CLOSED
Sunday, April 5 (Easter Sunday)	
8:00am	AA (LC)
8:00pm	AA (LC)



In the past, some parishioners have been ticketed. The Yorktown police do patrol the grounds and will issue tickets to those improperly parked. Please obey all signs and park accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.


The Annual Good Friday Collection allows for care of Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people living in the Holy Land. Many Christians in this region depend on the collection for their lives. This is the only collection all year for the Holy Land. Please be as generous as you possibly can.

Catholic Infertility Support Group for Women. If you are facing infertility and long for some guidance and support, please join us every 1st Monday of the month from 7:30-8:30 at St. Patrick's Parish Family Education Center, Room 101. The next meeting will be held on **April 6th, 2015.** RSVP to toni.saintpats@gmail.com.

The Franciscan Sisters of Peace wish to express their heartfelt thanks for your overwhelming support of our April Calendar Raffle. Your spirit of generosity, prayers and support of our Mission are very much appreciated. We hope that St. Patrick's will have many winners!

Tired of Winter? Think Vacation Bible School, August 3-7 from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon. Ages 4 through 11. Join us for a fun-filled week of Bible stories, songs, crafts and games. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.



 Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on **Saturday, June 20th or Sunday, June 21st.** The closing date to register for the Mass is Thursday, May 30th. Please contact Ellen Schulz at 962-5050. Many couples desire a **Papal blessing** to commemorate this special anniversary. To learn how to obtain a Papal blessing go to <http://nyfamilylife.org/via-amoris>, hit the quick links 50th Anniversary Mass tab and download the instructions.

Our Centering Prayer Group will not meet on Holy Saturday, April 4. We will resume our usual practice on **Saturday, April 11** after the 9:00AM Mass. During our Lenten season we have been viewing Fr. Keating's teachings on "*The Gift of Life, Death and Dying*". Following Jesus in his Passion, Death and Resurrection, we have also been experiencing in prayer, fasting, good works, confession and study our "little deaths" to our ego and self importance during these 40 days of Lent. Please feel free to join us. Contact: Annette Noto, 962-3788.

The Archdiocese Youth Ministry Office is hosting New York Catholic Youth Day, held at St. Joseph's Seminary on **Saturday, April 11th!** The theme for 2015 is: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" (Mt 5:8). Contact: Christopher and Megan Genn at stpatsyouth137@gmail.com.

EARN (Employment Assistance & Resources Network) will host its monthly meeting on **Thursday, April 9th** starting at **7:25PM** in the Parish Center Hall. Expect to gain valuable insight into job search issues. All are welcome. Information visit: www.earnatstpats.com.


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 @ 962-5050.

Bereavement Support Group for those who have lost a loved one meets each **Tuesday** from 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

Easter Flower Offering Envelopes are available in the Church vestibule. Remember a loved one by donating towards the flowers and plants that will decorate our Church for Easter.

Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or returned to the Rectory office. The **Monday, April 6th** 7:30pm Mass will be offered for the intentions of all who donated toward this year's **Easter Flowers**.

The Palm branches that we receive on Palm Sunday are **BLESSED** – and therefore, holy – objects. Please try to be aware of this and care for them properly. Carry them with you and place them in your home where they can remind you of the season we celebrate.

 5 - 7% of that big EASTER food bill could be returned to St. Patrick's Church if you purchase the **Food Store Gift Cards** that are available before and after all Masses, at both the Stone Church and the Main Church. A&P, Turco's, Shoprite and Stop & Shop food cards are also available at the Rectory Monday through Friday; 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ✠ March 29, 2015



Get important updates from the Parish and Archdiocese in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose how you'd like to receive information, via email or text message; you can unsubscribe at any time.

You can get started by going to www.flocknote.com/stpatsyorktown or Text: stpats to 84576.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Benvenga at 772-1843 or visit the **FLOCKNOTE** website.

The Altar Bread & Wine used in the **Main** Church this week were donated by Julia Morreale in loving memory of:

Charles P. Morreale

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The Altar Bread & Wine used in the **Stone** Church this week were donated by The Gonfiantini Family in loving memory of:

Aldo Tambini

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Stone** Church this week was donated by Your Friend in loving memory of:

James Scott Bumgarner

Important Mass Times Changes:

The Parish Easter Vigil

Blessing of the New Fire, Service of Light,
Solemn Liturgy of the Word, Baptism,
Confirmation, Eucharist,

8:00 PM – Main Church

NO 5:00 PM Mass



Easter Sunday

7:45 AM Mass is changed to **7:30 AM**

12:30 PM Mass is changed to **12:45 PM.**

Additional Mass

12:00 Noon - **Stone Church**

NO 5:00 PM Mass



Wedding Banns

- I Andrew Kaplan & Caitlin Newman
- Eugene Crespo & Jennifer Sullivan
- Daniel Gomes & Michele Gatto

Archdiocesan Day for Confessions Reconciliation Monday

March 30, Main Church, 3:00 – 9:00PM

all parishes of the Archdiocese of New York and Dioceses of Brooklyn & Rockville Centre will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available.

Due to Reconciliation Monday, the March 30th Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be said **following** the **9:00am** Mass.



UNANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Deceased: Josephine Sypher, Alice Lemischak, Dorothy Graham, Alice Catapano, Hilagard Pfeiffer, Walter G. Mitchell, Jr., Lynn Muccigrosso, Richard Werner, Patrick Kavanah, Lucille Arnold, John Ryan, Patrick Hynan, Anne Rosa

Special Intention: The Sheldon Family, Margaret Hughes



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter (**April 12th this year**) is Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II instituted Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Church in response to the marvelous mercy of our Redeemer as revealed to St. Faustina. On Divine Mercy Sunday, at 2:30pm in the Stone Church, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Daytime Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed. At 3:00pm, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by scripture and a reflection. The celebration will end with Benediction.

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

From the desk of Fr. Tom Kreiser

WHIP IT GOOD (OR NOT)

One time, several years ago, I was moving a bunch of palm for Palm Sunday. The bundle was pulled back and suddenly released, hitting me in the arm. Let me tell you – IT HURT. That palm can really whip you if you are not careful.

It got me to thinking about the Palm we get on Palm Sunday. We hear the story of the people waving the palm branches in the streets to hail Jesus as the Son of David. But within a week, they were (figuratively, at least) using those same palm branches to whip Him and say “Crucify Him, crucify Him.” It didn’t take long for their opinion of Jesus to switch, simply because He was not going to be the kind of leader and Messiah they wanted – one that would make them an invincible nation with power over everyone else. Jesus’ way of being a Messiah was the way of love, peace and forgiveness.

As I reflect on my own life, I realize that there are times when I hail Jesus and wave the palm, and times when I whip Jesus through my sinfulness. Whenever I get selfish, egotistical, arrogant or downright mean, I can whip Jesus in my harsh words, my gossip, my judgmental nature, or my jokes about others. I can whip Jesus when I speak ill of another, even if that someone deserves it. I can whip Jesus when I refuse to help another because I am “too busy” but really just couldn’t be bothered putting myself out for someone else. I can whip Jesus in the lies I tell, the disrespect I show for another, the hateful or lustful thoughts I have, or the disregard I have for another, or even for myself and my well being. The roots of the commandments go deep. We do not avoid whipping Jesus simply by avoiding killing, stealing and adultery. We must avoid those things which underlie the bigger sins in order to keep them from coming on. It isn’t easy to do, because sometimes those “little” sins come pretty naturally to us, but it is possible to continue to get better each and every day.

I don’t want to make this merely a negative examination, however. Think also of the times when you have avoided the gossip, the arrogance, or the judgmental attitude. Think of the times when you have helped another and come to their aid, even if it put you out. Think of the times when you sacrificed like our Lord did for the good of another. Those are the times when we have waved the palm, when we have hailed Jesus as our Lord and Savior by seeing Him in others. Remember what a good feeling those times gave you. When we are in union with Jesus and His will, our mood is generally better and we continue to do the right thing. This is God’s grace active within us. It is like a circle. We get grace, then we give it away in our good works, then God gives us more. God is a generous giver and He will continue to shower grace upon us. It is our job to use it.

So the decision is up to us. As you look at the Palm you received this Palm Sunday, think about how you wish to use it. We can wave it to hail Jesus or whip it to hurt. The choice is ours. Chances are our humanity will lead us to do some of each. But how much we can manage to let good triumph is the gauge of our lives.

God bless you.