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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.

First Sunday of Advent



November 29, 2015

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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

Monday - Friday immediately following the 6:55AM Mass & 8:30 to 8:55AM
Saturdays immediately after 9:00AM Mass, and 4:00 to 5:00PM.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. November 30

6:55am Michael Fitzell
 9:00am John & Mary Daly
 12:00pm Conrado Lota, Sr.

Tues. December 1

6:55am Louis Romano
 9:00am Mary & Agnes Carson
 12:00pm William Fitzpatrick

Wed. December 2

6:55am Gussie & Albert Mantovani
 9:00am Anna & John Leonard
 12:00pm Bill Kowalski

Thurs. December 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:55am Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Mrs. Rosa
 12:00pm Joe Parisi

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

6:55am Daniel Edward Mulvey
 9:00am Liberato & Providenza Aversano
 12:00pm Thomas P. Carney

Sat. December 5

9:00am Salvatore Dellorusso
 5:15pm Joan Seaboldt

Sun. December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:45am Ann & Joseph Griffin
 9:00am Marcella Rogers
 9:15am For the People of St. Patrick's
 10:30am Aldo Tambini
 11:00am Lauro Dimaranan
 12:30pm Deceased Members of the Caporase & Peter's Families
 5:00pm Jason Papa

Collection - November 22, 2015

Weekly Collection Last Year	\$21,912.00
Weekly Collection This Year	\$ N/A
Weekly Children's Collection Last Year	\$ 318.00
Weekly Children's Collection This Year	\$ N/A
October Parish Pay Last Year	\$23,605.73
October Parish Pay This Year	\$27,330.92

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36
Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
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
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday, November 30	
7:00am	AA (LSC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)
4:15pm	Choristers Grds. 5-8 (109/110)
4:30pm	Rel. Education Advent Confessions (MC)
6:30pm	Rel. Education Advent Confessions (MC)
7:00pm	Bible Study (PCH, PCM, Lib)
7:30pm	Mass & Miraculous Novena Prayers (MC)
7:30pm	Boy Scouts (107/108/109/110)
Tuesday, December 1	
7:00am	AA (LSC)
10:00am	St. Patrick's Senior Board Meeting (LSC)
4:30pm	Rel. Education Advent Confessions (MC)
6:00pm	Bereavement (PCM)
6:15pm	Legion of Mary (MC Crying Rm)
7:30pm	Adult Choir (MC)
Wednesday, December 2	
7:00am	AA (LSC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)
11:00am	St. Patrick's School Early Dismissal
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LSC)
4:30pm	Rel. Education (Bldg. A & B)
6:00pm	Middle School Youth Group (PCM)
6:15pm	Children's Liturgy Rehearsal (MC)
7:00pm	AA (LSC)
7:00pm	Columbiettes (101)
7:30pm	Teen Choir (MC)
7:30pm	RCIA (Rect)
7:30pm	Al-Anon (EC 109/110)
Thursday, December 3	
7:00am	AA (LSC)
9:45am	Bible Study CLOSED
4:30pm	Choristers Grd. 3-4 (109/110)
4:30pm	Rel. Education Advent Confessions (MC)
7:00pm	St. Patrick's School SPA Vespers (MC)
8:00pm	Prayer Group (PCM)
7:30pm	St. Patrick's School SPA
Friday, December 4	
7:00am	AA (LSC)
9:30am	Start of 24 Hour Adoration (Chapel)
1:40pm	SPS 1st Friday mass (MC)
2:30pm	SPS Teen Canteen (108/109)
7:00pm	St. Patrick's School Gingerbread Night (PCH)
7:00pm	AA (LSC)
Saturday, December 5	
7:00am	AA (LSC)
7:00am	Emmaus Men's Ministry (EC 107/108)
9:30am	Centering Prayer (EC 100)
6:30pm	Parish Advent Social (PCH)
Sunday, December 6	
8:00am	AA (LSC)
9:15am	Children's Mass (MC)
10:15am	Hospitality (PCH)
10:15am	Library Open
3:00pm	Boy Scout Pope Pius XII (PCH)
6:00pm	Marian Consecration Talk (MC)
6:00pm	Bou Scout Patrol/Committee (107/108)
8:00pm	AA (LSC)



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Help financially support the parish by purchasing the things you need through Amazon Smile.

How does it work? The Parish receives a contribution of 0.5% of all eligible purchases made through Amazon Smile. Your personal information will not be shared with the Parish or others. Donations are combined and submitted quarterly.

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- ◆ On the next screen, click on the yellow "select" button to the right of St Patricks Church.
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Call Bob Sourenian: 329-3987, sourenianr@aol.com or Hope Santoro: 318-2472, hhsantoro@yahoo.com.

1st Friday - 24 Hour Adoration

9:30AM Friday to 8:45AM Saturday

Please sign up for as many 1/2-hour increments as you can do. Sitting with Jesus brings incredible graces and blessings. Do not miss this opportunity. Sign up board is in the lobby of the Main Church.

Gently used baby items and toys, winter coats, hats, gloves & boots for children and adults, bedding, formula, and clothing are being collected by our Parentcare Program for a pre-Christmas delivery to First Way Life Center (a crisis pregnancy center) in Monticello. Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Center Kitchen and will be accepted up to **December 1st**. Thank you for your generosity!

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

Brandon DiBona

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

Alfred & Katherine Lewandowski

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Main Church Chapel** this week was donated by Paul & Bobbe Spera in loving memory of:

Carol DeBrita

The Altar Bread & Wine used in the **Stone Church** this week was 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 Veronica & Michael Muldoon in loving memory of:

Frank DiBartolo, Sr.

UNANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Deceased:Frances Ghelarducci(2), Drew, Thomas Cutignola Carathanasis., Thomas Cutignola

EARN, our parish's ministry to the unemployed, will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, December 10th at 7:25PM** in the Parish Center Hall. Each EARN meeting provides job searchers with effective techniques to generate new job opportunities. Visit: www.earnatstpats.com.

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.



St. Joseph's Corner. As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving Weekend, let's take a moment to remember that each of our families is called to be like the Holy Family. Let's try to spend this Holiday Season preparing for the birth of Jesus by bringing His love into our homes. One of the best ways to bring more peace and love to your family is to unite yourselves to Our Blessed Mother by consecrating your life to Mary. The 33-Days to Morning Glory books are still available at the Rectory or you can go to www.formed.org and put in our parish code **7TJR6N**. To learn more about Marian Consecration, please come to a talk on Marian Consecration on Sunday, December 6th at 6:00 pm in the Main Church. Finally, we invite all of our parish family to join us for the Marian Consecration, which will take place after the Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th at 7:30 pm.

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.

The St. Patrick's Widows & Widowers' Group will **NOT** meet on **Tuesday, December 1th**. Sorry for any confusion that may have occurred.

The Advent Wreath used in the **Main Church** this season was donated by Lola Pizzuco in loving memory of:



Peter Pizzuco

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



Kennard Manse

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please join us on this Holy Day of Obligation.

The Masses are:

Monday, December 8, 2015

**6:30 & 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
& 7:30PM**

St. Patrick's Parish Advent Social

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Following the 5:15pm Mass, Parish Center Hall
Come spend quality time with fellow parishioners as we journey together into the glorious and blessed season of Advent. Feel free to bring cold appetizers, snacks and beverages to share.

Yorktown Community Help will be placing pink & blue cards in the vestibule of the Main Church with the age of a boy or girl on December 5/6. 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 14th and 15th for Christmas distribution. Thank you for helping us to make the Holiday happier for a local family.

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

In anticipation of the Year of Mercy, the Ministry for Families is planning to highlight Acts of Mercy each month throughout the next year. The Act of Mercy for the month of December is to Comfort the Sorrowful, which is a Spiritual Act of Mercy. We ask all our parishioners to become the "Ears of Jesus" by listening to people who need a friend. Those who have lost loved ones during the last year may find the Christmas season especially painful. It will be a special gift to Jesus if you take time to reach out to them. Please also pray for those who are sorrowful since prayers are a powerful way to bring God's graces to others. Finally, we encourage you to share God's blessings to you by giving gifts to the residents of Holy Comforter Nursing Home and to children through Yorktown Community Help. Each of these programs allow you to be Christ's Hands of Mercy to those in need. We hope that all parishioners will join together and pray that Jesus will change our hearts to become more merciful in our own lives and bring God's mercy to our neighbors as we celebrate the Year of Mercy.

From the desk of Fr. Tom Kreiser

POTATO CHIPS AND COFFEE

A very odd name for a column, I admit. But, after all, it is Thanksgiving weekend, and potato chips and coffee are two things that I am thankful for. Let me explain.

I was on retreat two weeks ago at a Trappist monastery. They are monks who do not talk much (really at all). So I had four days of relative silence, a time to pray and to reflect on life, God, and all the important things. The food at the monastery was pretty good, but I have to say that the coffee was not. I am not sure what brand it was, but it left a little to be desired. So I was grateful when I could get a cup of Dunkin' Donuts coffee (my favorite brand) on the way home.

I am also a late night snacker. I love to have some potato chips or something like that before bedtime. So naturally I brought some snacks with me on retreat. It was good to have them before I retired for the evening.

That brings me to the title of this column. During one of my prayer times, I really began to think about being thankful. I started with bigger things, like a house to live in, a car to drive, my life and the many blessings I have. But as I reflected, I thought to myself that there are many people who can't afford or don't have access to a cup of coffee or a bag of potato chips. It made me realize how thankful I am for those things, and for the few dollars that I have in my wallet to pay for them. I kept reflecting and came up with a bunch of things, mostly little things, that I am thankful for. And since this is Thanksgiving weekend, I thought I might offer some thoughts on things that we might thank our Heavenly Father for in our next prayer session. For instance,

- The food that was on our Thanksgiving table. Many people didn't enjoy that type of bounty.
- The television that we watched the football games or movies on.
- The house that we came together in. Many have no shelter.
- The family and/or friends that we were able to celebrate with.
- The oven to cook the food.
- The table on which we ate.
- The money that we had to buy the food.
- The time that we had off to spend together. Some who are in helping professions perhaps didn't have the day off.
- The car that took us wherever we went.
- Etc., etc., etc.

I guess the point of it is, there are so many blessings that we have that we take for granted. It is hard to remember to be thankful every moment of every day, but overall, we can adopt an "attitude of gratitude" even for the little things in life. When we think of so many people who don't enjoy what we do, it can really make us thankful for what we do have, and that might help us to complain a little less. Let's try and keep that attitude of gratitude all year long, not just on Thanksgiving Day.

God bless you.

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