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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 20, 2015

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Parochial Vicar

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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. December 21
 6:55am Stefano Dilluvio
 9:00am Restituta & Antonio Cappuccitti
 12:00pm Sean McGillicuddy

Tues. December 22
 6:55am Joseph Francis Iocco
 9:00am Rosina DiIanni
 12:00pm Vincent P. Lota (**Living**)

Wed. December 23
 6:55am Sean McGillicuddy
 9:00am Michael Mazzella
 12:00pm James Coder

Thurs. December 24
 6:55am Maria Linda C. Gastardo
 9:00am Bahlert & O’Callaghan Families
 4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s
 5:00pm Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s
 7:30pm Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s
 12:00pm Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s

Thurs. December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord
 7:45am Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s
 9:00am Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s
 9:15am Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s
 10:30am Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s
 11:00am Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s
 12:30pm Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s
 5:00pm Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s

Sat. December 26-St.Stephen, The First Martyr
 9:00am Deceased Members of the Ocana & Ereno Families
 5:15pm Anthony Mammato

Sun. December 27-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 7:45am Laura Burke
 9:00am Laura Treanor
 9:15am Loretta & Dan Thorpe
 10:30am Madeline DePole
 11:00am George & Eleanor Kerrigan
 12:30pm For the People of St. Patrick’s
 5:00pm Barbara Annunziata

Monday, December 21, 2015	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:00am	Mass & Miraculous Novena Prayers (MC)
4:15pm	Choristers Grd. 5-8 (MC)
7:30pm	Boy Scouts (Gym)
8:15pm	Nocturnal Adoration Society Meeting
Tuesday, December 22, 2015	
7:00am	AA (LC)
6:00pm	Bereavement (PCM)
7:30pm	Adult Choir (MC)
6:15pm	Legion of Mary (MC-CR)
Wednesday, December 23, 2015	
7:00am	AA (LC)
8:45am	St. Patrick’s School Christmas Band Concert
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LSC)
1:40pm	St. Patrick’s School Advent Mass (MC)
7:00pm	AA (LSC)
7:30pm	Teen Choir (MC)
7:30pm	Al-Anon (EC 109/110)
Thursday, December 24, 2015	
7:00am	AA (LC)
Friday, December 25, 2015	
7:00am	AA (LC)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
Saturday, December 26, 2015	
7:00am	AA (LC)
7:00am	Emmaus Men’s Ministry (107/108)
9:00am	Basketball (Gym)
Sunday, December 27, 2015	
8:00am	AA (LC)
10:15am	Library Open
2:00am	Baptism Class (101)
3:00pm	Boy Scout Pope Pius XII (PCM)
6:00pm	Venture Crew (109/110)
8:00pm	AA (LC)

Collection - December 13, 2015	
Weekly Collection Last Year	\$23,302.00
Weekly Collection This Year	\$25,552.65
Weekly Children’s Collection Last Year	\$ 236.00
Weekly Children’s Collection This Year	\$ 269.50
December Parish Pay Last Year	\$19,850.00
December Parish Pay This Year	\$ N/A

Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22- 25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Christmas Blessing
 By Rev. Augustine Addai

May the birth of Jesus fill you with joy.
 May the song of the Angels give you peace of mind.
 May the visit of the Wise Men inspire you to generous giving.
 May the Holy family of Nazareth renew and strengthen your faith
 May the coming New Year bring you fulfillment in everything you do.
 May the hand of God Almighty bless and protect you now and forever.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 22, Main Church
4:00 - 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 23, Main Church
5:00 - 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 - 9:00 P.M.

(No Confessions on Christmas Eve)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

Main Church: 4:00 P.M., 7:30 P.M. and
12:00 Midnight

Stone Church: 5:00 P.M.

Friday, December - CHRISTMAS DAY

Main Church: 7:45, 9:15, 11:00 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.

Stone Church: 9:00 and 10:30 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Main Church Vigil Mass: 5:15 PM

Friday, January 1, 2016 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Main Church: 9:00, 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.

**There is a 12:00 Noon Mass held in the
Main Church Monday - Friday
during the Seasons of
Advent & Christmas.**

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

Eugene Whooley

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

Marc Napolitano

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

James Prendergast

The Altar Bread & Wine used in the **Stone Church** this week was donated by Renie DeGiovanni in loving memory of:

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DeGiovanni Family**

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

**Deceased Members of the
DaRonco Family**

UNANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Deceased: John Garvey, Gerald Pluhar, Carmen Cesareo, Lillian Matchus, Mary Teligades, Louis (Gary) Marinelli, Jack Togher

Special Intentions: Lydia Petrini, Sheila Ferguson, Margaret Hughes, Debbie Panebianco, Helen Walsh

St. Patrick's Library has a wide selection of videos with a Christmas theme. You can enjoy The Nativity Story, The Fourth Wise Man, The Christmas Blessing, Homeless for the Holidays, The Christmas Choir, and more. For small children we have The Littlest Angel, Nicholas - The Boy Who Became Santa, The Legend of the Candy Cane, and The Story of Christmas. Please call 245-7253 for information, a printed video list, and to have items left for you at the Rectory.

Have You Ever Wondered How the Doctrine of the Church and God's Salvation Plan in Scripture Go Together?

Then join us on "A Journey to Emmaus" as we explore not only what the Church teaches but **WHY!** The Bible Study Program is offering a 12 week study on the **First Pillar of the Catechism: "The Creed"**, beginning in January, on Monday evenings: 7-9 starting, January 4th, or Thursday mornings, 9:45-11:45am beginning January 21st. We have some extra study kits available for \$25. If interested, please call Barbara Turro ASAP at (914) 245-7410. It is a great way to deepen your faith, and be better equipped to share it with others.

Help Keep Our Mailing Cost Down & Parishioner List Up-to-Date! Do you have a change of address or a correction to your current envelopes? If so, please email the Rectory at stpatryorktown@optonline.net or call us at 962-5050. Thank you for your assistance.



The flowers that will adorn both Churches for the Christmas Season may be donated in memory of your loved ones. If you receive monthly envelopes, there is a special “flower” envelope in the packet that you can fill out and return to the Rectory. If you do not receive envelopes, they’re available in the vestibule of the Churches. A Mass will be said at 7:30PM on **Monday, January 4** for the intentions of all who contributed for the Christmas flowers.

In Honor of the Holy Year of Mercy, the Ministry for Families is highlighting 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. 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.

Grocery store gift cards make

great gifts for family, friends, teachers, seniors and those on fixed incomes? 5% - 7% of your total purchase is returned to St. Patrick’s. Gift cards are on sale for ACME, Shoprite, Turco’s and Stop and Shop after all Masses, at both the Stone Church and the Main Church as well as at the Rectory Monday through Friday; 9:00am - 5:00pm.



Our Religious Education Program wishes every one a very blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year. Religious Education Classes will resume on **Monday, January 4, 2016**.

Bereavement Support Group for those who have lost a loved one meets each Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Healing is effected through means of interacting with others and the knowledge that we are not alone in this life experience. Please call 245-2742 or 245-6488 for further information.

Sponsor Forms for Baptism & Confirmation

It is required throughout the country, that if you are asked to be a godparent or sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation, you need a sponsor form from your parish church. In order for one of our priests to sign a sponsor form for you, the following requirements need to be met:

- I am a registered Parishioner of St. Patrick’s Church.
- If married, my marriage is recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.
- I am at least 14 years of age and have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation and receive the Sacraments of the Church regularly.
- I am prepared to assist the parents in their Christian duties by my support.

Please call or stop by the Rectory if you need a sponsorship form.

Did you know that you can now make contributions to St. Patrick’s Church online? If that would be easier and more convenient for you, just go to www.ParishPay.com for more information or call the Rectory.



St. Joseph’s Corner: How can I prepare my heart for Christmas?

The Ministry for Families invites our families to celebrate this Season of Advent by making a home in their hearts for Jesus. We hope all of you will take the opportunity to go to Confession before Christmas so your spiritual home is ready for the coming of Our Savior. God is so loving and so generous that He forgives our sins and gives us the graces we need to live happier and more joyful lives. It’s easy to get overwhelmed by all of the many things that we do to prepare for Christmas. But if we go to Confession and then take time each day to pray, then God can give us peace in our hearts – a present that only He can give.

From the desk of Fr. Tom Kreiser

THE “O ANTIPHONS”

Did you notice that Advent is divided into two periods? From the beginning of Advent until December 16th, the focus of Advent is on the joyful expectation of Christ’s return. Starting on December 17th, however, the focus of Advent shifts to the expectation of the celebration of Christ’s birth (this is why we traditionally wait to put up Christmas decorations until then).

The seven days between the 17th and the 23rd have traditionally been called the “O Antiphon” days. That is because there is a liturgical antiphon (a small verse used during Mass and/or during the Liturgy of the Hours) for each of these days. In this case, they are used as the gospel acclamation at Mass and the Antiphon for the Canticle of Mary at Evening Prayer. The antiphons each use an Old Testament name for Christ and end with an invocation for him to come and help us. They are, by the way, the basis for the song “O Come O Come Emmanuel.” In my family we used to pray the O Antiphons with the prayer around the Advent wreath before dinner. I know that you won’t get these until the 20th but maybe you could start the tradition as well. Here are the prayers.

December 17th – O Wisdom, who issued from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from beginning to end, ordering all things mightily yet tenderly – COME to teach us the way of prudence.

December 18th - O Lord of Lords, and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the bush’s flaming fire and gave to him the law of Sinai – COME to redeem us with outstretched arms.

December 19th – O Root of Jesse, a standard to the peoples before whom kings are mute, to whom all nations shall appeal – COME to deliver us; delay, please, no longer.

December 20th – O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no man dares shut, you shut and no man dares open – COME, deliver from the chains of prison those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 21st – O Rising Dawn, radiance of eternal light and Sun of Justice – COME, enlighten those sitting in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 22nd – O King of Nations and their desired One, cornerstone who binds two into one – COME and save man whom you fashioned from the slime of the earth.

December 23rd – O Emmanuel, God with us, Our King and Lawgiver, The Awaited of the people and their Savior – COME to save us, O Lord our God.

These prayers are an older translation of the prayers. I am sure that a google search could find a more modern translation, but personally I like these. We also had seven ornaments that we received from a Jesuit priest who used to work here at St. Patrick’s many years ago. Each one represented one of the O Antiphons and they were always the last seven ornaments that we would hang on the tree. My dad’s tree is still adorned with them. They are not only a beautiful reminder of the traditions of my youth, but a great reminder of the “reason for the season”. If you would like to know what they look like, just ask me. I hope your family will start this and other Advent customs.

God bless you.

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