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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 Epiphany of The Lord



January 3, 2016

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

Rev. John P. McDonagh
Retired Priest in Residence

Deacon Richard R. Scheibe

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
Darlene DelVecchio.....962-2211

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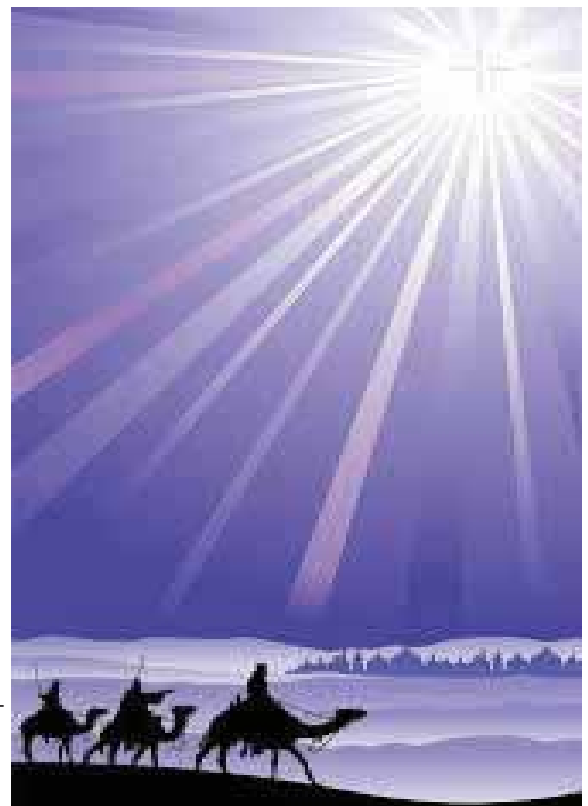
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday immediately after the 6:55AM Mass and 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

Lent & Easter 12:00 Noon

Saturday 9:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. January 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

6:55am Joseph Sorrentino, Jr.
 9:00am Rosemary Whalen
 12:00pm Mary Marshall

Tues. January 5-St. John Neumann, Bishop

6:55am Dora Barbaria
 9:00am Marion Landanno
 12:00 Mary Marshall

Wed. January 6-St. Andre Bessette, Religious

6:55am Msgr. James Cassidy
 9:00am Pasqualina Repetti
 12:00pm Robert Horton

Thurs. January 7-St. Raymond of Peryafort, Priest

6:55am Denis Pettit
 9:00am May & Lyle Schoonmaker
 12:00pm Mary Tirico

Fri. January 8

6:55am Walter Nojman
 9:00am Eleanor Kerrigan
 12:00pm John A. Orefice, Jr.

Sat. January 9

9:00am Rocco Cifone
 5:15pm Katherine Lewandowski

Sun. January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord

7:45am Sr. Sheilla Kelly (Living)
 9:00am For the People of St. Patrick's Church
 9:15am Joseph Spallone
 10:30am Madeline DePole
 11:00am Deceased Members of the McGann family
 12:30pm Joseph & Maria Andriano
 5:00pm Marc Napolitano

Collection December 27, 2015

Weekly Collection Last Year	\$22,111.00
Weekly Collection This Year	\$ N/A
Weekly Children's Collection Last Year	\$ 413.00
Weekly Children's Collection This Year	\$ N/A
December Pay Last Year	\$11,258.00
December Pay This Year	\$ N/A

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday, January 4	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)
4:15pm	Choristers Grades 5-8 (EC 109/110)
4:30pm	Religious Education (100,107,108,117)
6:30pm	Religious Education (Bld. A & B)
7:00pm	Bible Study (PCH, PCN, Lib)
7:30pm	Mass & Miraculous Novena Prayers (MC)
7:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop Meeting (Gym/107/108)
Tuesday, January 5	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Film (PCM)
10:00am	St. Patrick's Senior Board Meeting (LSC)
4:30pm	Religious Education (100,107,108,109,110,117)
6:00pm	Bereavement Group (PCM)
7:00pm	W/W General Meeting (PCH)
7:30pm	Adult Choir (MC)
Wednesday, January 6	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LC)
4:30pm	Religious Education (Bld. A & B)
7:00pm	Girl Scout Leader Meeting (PCH)
7:00pm	Columbiettes (EC 100)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
7:30pm	Teen Choir (MC)
7:30pm	RCIA (Rectory)
7:30pm	Al-Anon (EC 109)
Thursday, January 7	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Bible Study (PCH,PCM, Lib)
4:30pm	Choristers Grades 3-4 (EC 109/110)
4:30pm	Religious Education (100,107,108,109,110,117)
7:00pm	Bible Study (EC 107/108/109/110)
7:30pm	Adult Choir (MC)
8:00pm	Prayer Meeting (PCM)
Friday, January 8	
7:00am	AA (LC)
1:20pm	SPS 8 th Grade Pin Ceremony (MC)
7:00pm	St. Joseph's Workshop (PCH, MC)
Saturday, January 9	
7:00am	Men's Ministry (EC 107/108)
9:00am	K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest (Gym)
9:30pm	Centering Prayer (100)
12:00pm	Midnight Run Sandwich Prep (PCH,Kit)
6:30pm	High School Youth Group (EC 107/108)
Sunday, January 10	
8:00am	AA (LC)
10:15am	Hospitality (PCH)
10:15am	Library Opens
6:00pm	Venture Crew #173 (100)
6:30pm	Religious Education Catechist Mtg. (109/110)
8:00pm	AA (LC)



A Mass will be said at 7:30pm

in the Main Church on *Monday, January 4, 2016* for the intentions of all who contributed for the Christmas flowers.

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 8:00pm in the meeting room, downstairs in the Main Church. Info. 526-6538.

St. Patrick's Library will show *The*

Woodcarver, a film about rebuilding faith in life and in people. Matthew rebels against his parents and his broken home. To avoid criminal charges, he agrees to repair the damage he caused. Join us on Tuesday January 5 after the 9am Mass and Rosary for part one. As always, refreshments will be served.

EARN, our parish's ministry to the unemployed,

will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, January 7th 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.

Members of Respect Life Committee

will be outside after all the Masses the weekend of **January 9 & 10**. Also, please note that the *The 41st Annual March for Life* in Washington will be held on *Friday, January 25th*. Further details will be in future bulletins.

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

Dianne Elizabeth Gallelo Scarcella

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

Paul Valentino

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

Joseph Andriano

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

Laurence Schroeder

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Stone Church** this week was donated by Joseph Lupo & Michael LoPilato in loving memory of:

Rocco Cifone

UNANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Deceased: Gilormina Caruso(2), Dr. Philip Riggio, Josephine Ballatta, Patricia Sweeney(2), George Davis, Jim McQuade, Diane O'Connor. Muriel Seiler, Rosemarie Caracciolo, Joan Martin, Kathleen Colella, Danny Zuliani, Frank Mastro, Kathleen

Special Intention: Joseph Troy

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

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.

Greetings from Fr. Augustine:

I'm alive well and kicking and so is the whole family in Ghana. My mom continues to do well. I'm currently in Sweden and will be staying longer after the initial assignment. It's not a completely new environment for me because I've been here before on a short stay. Kindly give my Christmas and New Year wishes and blessings to all the Priests and Staff and tell the parishioners who still remember me and have been asking you about me that I'm indeed still alive, well and kicking into 2016 with zest!!! I wish all a fantastic New Year full of grace, peace and God's abundant blessings.



St. Patrick's Parentcare Program will resume on **Monday, January 4, and Wednesday, January 6th** and from 9:45AM to 11:15AM in the Parish Center Hall. We welcome parents and children from birth to school age to join us for a complimentary visit. Come and see for yourself what the program can offer, learn and discuss parenting skills, make new friends while your children enjoy supervised playtime & a snack in the same room. Contact: Nan Gollogly, 962-5050.

The St. Patrick's PARISH Seniors are sponsoring three upcoming trips:

- 1) City Island/Arthur Avenue - Wednesday, May 4.
- 2) Sands Bethlehem Casino in Bethlehem, PA - June 22/23
- 3) NYC with lunch at Carmine's & "An American in Paris" on Wednesday, July 20.

Deposits for the first two trips are due promptly. Flyers are available in the vestibule with all details or call Theresa Tinger at (914) 243-9782. All are Welcome.

2015 Donation Statements: If you requested a statement last year, you will automatically get one this year – there is no need to contact the office again. If you did not request one last year but would like to receive a statement this year, please Tobie Staib at (914)962-5050 or stpatricksfinance@gmail.com. Statements will be mailed out in mid-to-late January.

St. Patrick's Widows & Widowers' support club will meet on **January 5th at 7:00pm** in the Parish Center Meeting Room. 845-628-4279.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual St. Patrick's Parish Volunteer Luncheon
Sunday, February 7, Parish Center Hall, 1:45PM

Help St. Patrick's School Earn Cash

- ◆ **Box Tops 4 Education** - Clip and turn in your Box Tops, for every 10 Box Tops you turn in, the school will earn \$1.00.
 - ◆ **Label for Education** - Clip and turn in your Labels from Campbell Soups, Pepperidge Farm and Swanson products, the school will earn free items like basketballs & jump ropes.
 - ◆ **Stop & Shop Courtesy Card** - Register your card to St. Patrick's School (school #16827), the school will earn money through the A+School Rewards Program.
 - ◆ **Target** - Register your Target Card (school #10977), the school will earn a percentage from your total purchase.
- Contact: Gina Cornacchio if you have questions.

Midnight Run Update: Our next visit to the homeless of NYC is **Saturday, January 16**. Posted signs in the back of the church are for food donations. Food items are due in the Parish Center Kitchen the week of January 11. Volunteers are invited to help prepare lunches on **January 16 at 1:00pm** in the Parish Center Hall. In addition, we are in need of the following: Blankets; sleeping bags; backpacks; gloves and hats. **For men:** hoodies and sweatshirts, sneakers, boots, dark jeans, winter jackets and insulated shirts. **For women:** hoodies and sweatshirts and bras. All items must be in good, wearable condition. We always accept new travel size toiletries, such as those from hotels. Non-food items can be left in the back of either church, labeled "Midnight Run". Please help our volunteers by bagging items in small bundles that are easy to lift!



St. Joseph's Corner: What does God want to do for you in 2016?

The Ministry for Families invites you to embark on a journey that will lead to the best year of your life. Jesus wants to give you a joy that rises above the situations of daily living. When you want what God wants, no situation, suffering or person can steal that joy because you know deep in your heart that God has a plan for you. This is why all of the saints had perfect joy and peace. God wants to help you become a saint so that your will is united to His Will. How can you become a saint? Join us on **Friday, January 8th at 7:00pm** in the Parish Center for St. Joseph's Workshop. See how you can have peace in your heart and joy in your life. Learn how you can share God's love with others – especially members of your family. Come and let us show you how St. Joseph's Workshop is building great saints and holy families.

From the desk of Fr. Tom Kreiser

MERCY ME – PART THREE

I have written in the last two columns about God's mercy on us and our mercy on one another. I think that there is one more area that needs to be covered when we talk about mercy, and that is being merciful to ourselves.

When I hear confessions, one of the greatest problems I encounter is people who cannot forgive themselves for sins that are long past, and sins that they have confessed already. So many people seem to have this problem, thinking that God cannot forgive them for what they perceive to be an unforgivable sin. Most often, it is something that they did in their youth, when we often don't think our decisions through completely. But the guilt and shame stay with people through their adult years, and often cripple them spiritually.

I often think of two people when I think of forgiving oneself. St. Augustine had a rather "checkered" past when he was converted to Christianity, having been rather promiscuous and even fathering a child. St. Paul is the other person I think of. He persecuted Christians and was responsible for the death of people before the Lord knocked him to the ground on his way to Damascus to kill Christians. Both St. Paul and St. Augustine went on to be outstanding preachers and teachers of the faith. They could not have done this unless they truly believed in the forgiveness the Lord gave them.

When we feel unable to forgive ourselves, we need to turn to the Scriptures. The Prophet Isaiah quotes the Lord saying, "As far as the east is from the west, so far have I put your sins away from me." Did you hear that? The Lord doesn't even remember our sins – he puts them away from himself and forgets them. Who are we, then, to deny that the Lord can forgive us? That is pure pride, to think that we are the one person in the world that the Lord can't forgive. And, even more than that, it is a trick of the devil. The evil one wants us to think that God can't forgive us, because it often keeps us bound in our sins. But it is a lie. God does have the power to forgive, and He truly has the desire to forgive. If not, He wouldn't have sent His Only Son to suffer and die. The very reason Jesus became one of us (the message of this Christmas season) is so that we might be forgiven of those things that separate us from God. God loves us and He wants us to know that love especially through forgiveness.

Guilt can be a good emotion, spurring us to repentance. But what we feel when we can't forgive ourselves is shame. What is the difference? Guilt is about what we do. We can (and sometimes should) feel guilty about what we do. But that guilt should go away the minute we have repented of our sin. Shame, on the other hand, is about who we are. It tries to convince us that we are bad people because of something we have done. Shame has no place in the life of a Christian. God forgives as soon as we say we are sorry, and we should too.

Forgiveness is a tricky business. Like a scar that remains after an injury, the memory of sin can remain with us for a lifetime. We need to find a way to manage it. I have learned to laugh at the devil when he tries to fill me with shame. And it works! Give it a try.

Whether it is God's forgiveness, our forgiveness of others, or our forgiveness of ourselves, mercy is an important part of our Christian experience. Let's make this Year of Mercy one that we will always remember.

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