

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 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ OCTOBER 19, 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.

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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. October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
 6:55am Clement Rivera
 9:00am Peter Pizzuco

Tues. October 21
 6:55am Robert Egan
 9:00am Philip Joseph Sclafani

Wed. October 22 - Bl. John Paul II, Pope
 6:55am Francesco Morgante
 9:00am Ralph A. Hinde

Thurs. October 23 - St. John of Capistrano, Priest
 6:55am John & Marion Gallik
 9:00am Jene Hutchenson

Fri. October 24 - St. Anthony May Claret, Bishop
 6:55am St. Patrick's Confirmation Candidates
 9:00am Brian Kelly

Sat. October 25
 9:00am Deceased Members of The St. Patrick's Prayer Meeting Group
 5:15pm Deceased Members of the Lynch & Creamer Families

Sun. October 26
 7:45am Carmela Litke
 9:00am Raffeala Drago
 9:15am James Landanno
 10:30am For the People of St. Patrick's
 11:00am John J. McGowan
 12:30pm Dominick J. Palumbo
 5:00pm Danuta Smykowska

Monday, October 20, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCM)
2:30pm	Girl Scouts Troop 1388 (107/108)
4:15pm	Choristers Grades 5-8 (109/110)
7:00pm	Bible Study (PCH, PCM, Lib)
7:30pm	Mass & Miraculous Medal Prayers (MC)
Tuesday, October 21, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
10:00am	St. Patrick's Seniors General Meeting (PCH)
8:00am	St. Patrick's School Annual Book Fair (Gym)
6:00pm	Bereavement (PCM)
6:15pm	Confirmation Rehearsal Grp. A (MC)
6:30pm	Legion of Mary (MC-CR)
7:00pm	SPS Meeting & Book Fair (Gym)
Wednesday, October 22, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LC)
4:30pm	Basketball (Gym)
6:15pm	Confirmation Rehearsal Grp. B (MC)
7:00pm	Beads for Peace (PCM)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
7:30pm	RCIA (Rect.)
7:30pm	Al-Anon (109/110)
Thursday, October 23, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Bible Study (PCH, PCM, Lib)
4:30pm	Basketball (Gym)
4:30pm	Choristers Grades 3-4 (109/110)
7:00pm	Common Sense Parenting (EC 117)
7:00pm	Bible Study (107/108/109/110)
8:00pm	Prayer Meeting (PCM)
Friday, October 24, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
2:30pm	Girl Scout Troop. 1472 (107/108)
4:30pm	Basketball (Gym)
6:00pm	Youth Group Grades 6-8 (107/108)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
Saturday, October 25, 2014	
7:00am	AA (LC)
7:00am	Emmaus Men's Ministry (107/108)
8:00am	Sharing Community (PCH, Kit)
10:00am	Confirmation (MC)
1:30pm	Confirmation (MC)
6:30pm	Basketball (Gym)
6:30pm	SPS Dance Class (PCM)
Sunday, October 26, 2014	
8:00am	AA (LC)
10:15am	Hospitality (PCH)
10:15am	Library Open
2:00pm	Baptism Class (101)
2:00pm	Basketball (Gym)
3:00pm	Boy Scout Pope Pius XII Class (PCM)
6:30pm	Rel. Ed Confirmation Conf. Grp C & D (MC)
8:00pm	AA (LC)

Collection - October 19, 2014	
Weekly Collection Last Year	\$20,285.29
Weekly Collection This Year	\$22,177.00
Weekly Children's Collection Last Year	\$ 259.00
Weekly Children's Collection This Year	\$ 395.00
September Parish Pay Last Year	\$20,197.00
September Parish Pay This Year	\$23,137.73

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
Monday:	Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 1/2. Contact: 77-NYS-WWME ext 3.

Are you looking for more for your child's education? Do you want your child to learn how to be truly happy? Then come visit St. Patrick's School and see why it's where faith makes a difference. We are holding Open Houses for Pre-K3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten on November 5 and 12 from 9:00AM to 11:00AM. Tours will also be available for grades 1-8. Please call 962-2211 for more information or to schedule a tour on another day.





St. Patrick's Library. Are you looking for entertainment that is inspiring and informative? We have over 130 DVD's, including a selection for small children. We also offer over 2000 books. The library opens at 10:15am on Sundays and 9:30AM Tuesdays. Please call 245-7253 for information, a printed video list, and to have items left for you at the Rectory.

St. Patrick's Prayer Meeting invites you to join us in prayer on Thursday nights. We meet at 8:00PM in the meeting room, downstairs in the Main Church. We praise God in joyful song, hear His word in Scripture, and share how God is working in our lives. What? He's not doing anything in your life? Maybe you're missing it. Come and pray with us. Information: Joan (914) 526-6538.



Father John LaFarge Columbiettes are hosting their Annual Card Party on **Friday, November 7** at 7:00PM in the Parish Center Hall. \$5.00 per person includes coffee and dessert, raffles for gift baskets and a 50/50 raffle. Pre-paid reservation by **October 31**. Please call June at (914) 739-8537.

Trinity Gift Shop Close Out Sale

After all Masses outside the Main Church **this weekend, October 18 & 19**. Proceeds will go to the Sisters of St. Francis. The Sisters of St. Francis were the original order of nuns at the opening of St. Patrick's School. Please come out and support this effort. Remember, Confirmation Day is right around the corner.



The Knights of Columbus, Father John LaFarge Council #4012, in Yorktown Heights, NY will be recruiting men at all the Masses (Main and Stone Church's) on **October 19th**. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. The Knights are dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting Catholic education and actively defending Catholicism. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men aged 18 and older. If you are interested, please see our Knights of Columbus Brothers, either before or after the Mass you will be attending on October 19th.

Election Day is Coming -- Make Sure to Vote as a Catholic. We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable. We get the public officials we deserve. Their virtue -- or lack thereof -- is a judgment not only on them, but on us. Because of this, we urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest. -- *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life.*

Wedding Banns

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Robert Harrigan & Anne Marie Norberto

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 962-5050, Ext. 19.

IMPORTANT:

Saturday, October 25 & November 1, 9:00AM Mass will be held in the **Stone Church**. This change has been made due to the heavy flow of traffic expected for Confirmation Masses. In addition, confessions will **NOT** be heard on these Saturday mornings. **Additionally**, please note that **Saturday, November 1st, All Saints Day** is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

If you have lost a loved one this past year (November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2014), you and your family and friends are invited to attend a special Mass in honor of those deceased loved ones on **Saturday, November 8th** at 11:00AM in the Main Church.

All Souls Novena If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones in a Novena of Masses to be offered beginning November 2nd, please fill out your intentions on the envelope in your monthly packet. If you do not receive monthly envelopes, envelopes are available in the vestibule of either Church. Please be sure to return the envelope in the collection or to the Rectory by **November 1st**.

Save the Dates

St. Patrick's Annual Craft Fair

Saturday, November 15th

10:00AM - 4:00PM, School Auditorium

Stephanie @ (845) 621-9453.

Irish American Social Club Harvest Dance

November 15, 7:00 - 11:00pm

Parish Center Hall, Donation: \$40.00/per person

RSVP & Payment by November 10, 2014

245-7211 or creevagh@optonline.net

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

Vittorio Ebbri

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

Margaret Glynn

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

Margaret Sauerhoff

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by MaryAnne & Eugene Nojman in loving memory of:

Gregory Sigas

UNANNOUNCED MASSES:

Deceased: Roland Rushin, Mario Borgatti, Clemente Rivera, Clarita Weber Varquez

St. Patrick's Senior Club will meet on **Tuesday, October 28** at 10:00AM in the Parish Center Hall.

Are you struggling with infertility?

Come to an Introductory Session and learn about the Creighton Model of FertilityCare™ and the new women's health science of NaPro Technology - which offer hope and healing to couples longing for the gift of a child. Contact: Kelly at 962-5586.

Don't Throw It Away

We are collection: Wearable & usable clothing (men's, women's, & children's), Shoes, Belts, handbags, Linens, Stuffed Animals, & hard Toys. St. Patrick's School will receive a donation for the total poundage that is collected. Please place items in **well sealed** plastic bags. Please contact us if you would like to drop off before November 1.

Date: November 1st
Drop Off Times: 9:00AM to 1:00PM
Drop Off Location: Front of the Family Ed Center
Contact: SPA@SPSYorktown.org

HONESTY (WITH GOD) IS THE BEST POLICY

As I write this today, we are celebrating the feast of St. Teresa of Avila, a wonderful Spanish Saint who died in the late 1500's. She, along with St. John of the Cross, did much to reform the Carmelite religious order, and although she met with great resistance, she was a tireless worker for holiness. She authored several books on the spiritual life and is known as a Doctor of the Church, the first woman ever to receive that honor.

St. Teresa was a tough cookie. One day, while returning to her convent, she went to get out of her carriage and fell in the mud. Looking up to heaven, she shook her fist at God and said, "Lord, if this is how you treat your friends, it is no wonder you have so few." What an honest assessment of her feelings. She didn't sugar coat the fact that she was frustrated (and maybe a little bit angry), but rather she expressed it to God.

Now don't get me wrong. I am not saying that we should scream and yell at God every time something goes wrong. That would be foolish, disrespectful, and frankly, sinful. But acknowledging that we have feelings of frustration, disappointment, and even anger is a part of our spiritual life that must be attended to. We cannot pretend that everything is wonderful when it is not. And we must not bury our feelings, thinking that somehow they are unchristian. Feelings are feelings, and they will come whether we like them or not. And some of those feelings are negative. That is just the human condition. Isn't it better to admit them to God and let Him work on us, trying to help us accept them and move on, rather than squashing them down and letting them fester. I often say that feelings are like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. If you keep squishing them down, then the jelly starts to leak out the sides. Our feelings are the same way. If we do not attend to them, they will come out of us another way. So better to be honest with God about how you are feeling, even if you are a little annoyed at Him. The key is, of course, not to let any anger settle in your heart, and to realize that whatever happens to us, God is always there. When we are through acknowledging our feelings, we can move past them.

And what is beyond them? Our **will**. That means that when we have expressed our feelings, we need to make the choice of how we will deal with them. And the best way to deal with them is to pray for acceptance of whatever comes our way. God does not directly will suffering, but He allows it in our lives. And once we have dealt with the feelings of frustration and disappointment, we can pray for the acceptance that is the real key to the spiritual life. And trust that God is there, pulling alongside you in your struggles, ready to help if only we ask Him.

Honesty is the best policy, a wise man once said. And that is true with God as well. If we try to pretend that all is well when it is not, we mock God's knowledge. He already knows how we feel. How much better to express it to Him, and then let Him work on us to gain acceptance and peace of mind. God bless you.