

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 Baptism of The Lord



January 10, 2016

CLERGY

Rev. Joseph F. Bisignano
Pastor

Rev. Thomas E. Kreiser
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Jeffrey M. Pomeisl
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan
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Rev. John P. McDonagh
Retired Priest in Residence

Deacon Richard R. Scheibe

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CREDO-Young Adult Group
Fr. Jeffrey Pomeisl.....962-5050

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 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 11
 6:55am John Mischico
 9:00am Margaret Kowalski

Tues. January 12
 6:55am August Fazzino
 9:00am Leon C. Cezar

Wed. January 13 - St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 6:55am Biagio & Orsola Bello
 9:00am Josephine & Deacon Paul Vorel

Thurs. January 14
 6:55am Antonio Reali
 9:00am Steven Murphy

Fri. January 15
 6:55am Patrick Werner
 9:00am Robert J. Sullivan

Sat. January 16
 9:00am John & Jean Kilroy
 5:15pm John Mills

Sun. January 17
 7:45am Deceased Members of the Puiatti & Aversano Families
 9:00am Anita L. Lucchesi
 9:15am For the People of St. Patrick's
 10:30am John Macaluso
 11:00am Carmen Cesareo
 12:30pm Deceased Members of the Blaz & Galant Families
 5:00pm Larry Ford

Collection January 3, 2016	
Weekly Collection Last Year	\$26,229.00
Weekly Collection This Year	\$24,404.00
Weekly Children's Collection Last Year	\$ 285.00
Weekly Children's Collection This Year	\$ 210.00
December Pay Last Year	\$19,850.50
December Pay This Year	\$ N/A

The Baptism of the Lord	
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:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday, January 11	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare (PCH)
4:00pm	Basketball (Gym)
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	Baptism Preparation Class (EC 101)
7:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop Meeting (Gym/107/108)
Tuesday, January 12	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Film (PCM)
4:00pm	Basketball (Gym)
4:30pm	Religious Education (100,107,108,109,110,117)
6:00pm	Bereavement Group (PCM)
7:00pm	Pastoral Council Board (Rect.)
7:30pm	Adult Choir (MC)
Wednesday, January 13	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Parentcare
1:00pm	Problems With Food - OA (LC)
2:30pm	Girl Scout Troop #1493 (107/108)
4:00pm	Basketball (Gym)
4:30pm	Religious Education (Bld. A & B)
6:00pm	Middle School Youth Group Meeting (PCH)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
7:30pm	Teen Choir (MC)
7:30pm	RCIA (Rectory)
7:30pm	Al-Anon (EC 109)
Thursday, January 14	
7:00am	AA (LC)
9:45am	Bible Study (PCH,PCM, Lib)
4:00pm	Basketball (Gym)
4:30pm	Choristers Grades 3-4 (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 15	
7:00am	AA (LC)
11:00am	St. Patrick's School Early Dismissal
4:00pm	Basketball (Gym)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
Saturday, January 16	
7:00am	AA (LC)
7:00am	Men's Ministry (107/108)
7:00am	Emmaus Men's Ministry (107/108)
9:30am	Centering Prayer (100)
1:00pm	Midnight Run Sandwich Prep (Kit, PCH)
6:30pm	High School Youth Group (107/108)
7:00pm	AA (LC)
Sunday, January 17	
8:00am	AA (LC)
10:15am	Hospitality (PCH)
10:15am	Library Opens
2:00pm	Basketball (Gym)
8:00pm	AA (LC)

St. Patrick's PARISH Senior Group will meet on **January 12, 2016** from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Guest speaker Detective Sean Lewis from the Yorktown Police Department will speak about scams to be aware of, among other things. All parish members are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please call Joan at (914) 962-2186 for further information.

St. Patrick's Library will show the heart-warming conclusion of The Woodcarver, on **Tuesday, January 12** after the 9am Mass and Rosary. Working along with a talented woodcarver to repair the damage he did, Matthew finds faith, family and friendship.

St. Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Does your faith need a boost? Faith is caught from other Catholics who share their strong belief in God and His love for us. Come to our meeting on Thursday night at 8:00pm in the meeting room, downstairs in the Main Church. Information: Joan (914) 526-6538.

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

The Deceased Members of the Keaney Family

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Main Church** this week was donated by Kathleen O'Keefe & Family in loving memory of:

John Devlin

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Main Church Chapel** this week was donated by Veronica & Michael Muldoon in loving memory of:

Betty Matuskovic

The Altar Bread & Wine used in the **Stone Church** this week were donated Anonymously for the special intentions of:

The Bernitt Family

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the **Stone Church** this week was donated by Michele Curran for the special intentions of:

Greg Osgood (Living)

UNANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Deceased: Frank Mastro(2), Edith Yorfino, Constantino Lapadula, Andrea Sarson, Madeline Connelly, Jack O'Donnell, Annie Dolan, Daniel Vickey, Patricia Winkelman, Vincent Verlezza, Frank Mastro, Roland Faucher, Laurence Ford

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.

43rd Annual March for Life, Friday, January 22. The March began as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on this somber anniversary every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, abortion. Thousands of New Yorkers will be heading south to Washington, D.C. on a pilgrimage and will join with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation and Canada. We go to the capitol to witness for life and to pray asking God to have mercy and restore us to a Culture of Life.

Join us for the Celebration of Mass at 5:00am in the Main Church and depart St. Patrick's parking lot at 5:45am sharp and return approximately at 11:00pm. For further information and to reserve your seat on the bus please call Maria at (914) 962-1815. A \$10.00 contribution is requested from St. Patrick's parishioners and all students. \$40.00 contribution requested from non-parishioners.

Donation Statements for 2015. 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 contact Tobie Staib at the Rectory, (914) 962-5050 or stpatricksfinance@gmail.com. Statements will be mailed out in mid-to-late January.

Our Next Midnight Run is Saturday, January 16. Posted sign ups 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. 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!

Holy Hour in Honor of Year of Mercy
Friday, January 15, 7:30 - 8:30pm, Main Church
Includes: evening prayer, reading, talk, quiet reflection and Benediction

Thank You! Thank You!
To Express our Gratitude for your
Volunteer Service
to
St. Patrick's Parish, School and Religious Education
You and a Guest are Cordially Invited to a
Luncheon
on
Sunday, February 7, 2016
After the 12:30pm Mass,
approximately 1:45(ish) to 4:00pm
Parish Center Hall
RSVP to the Rectory by email to
annmariet@parishmail.com or
Phone 962-5050 by January 27, 2016

Volunteers are the backbone of St. Patrick's Parish, School and Religious Education Program. Without all of you we would not be the wonderful, caring Parish we are today. That being said, this luncheon is to honor those parishioners who have worked so hard throughout the year 2015 for our Parish. Please consider yourself wholeheartedly invited no matter how big or small your contribution to your group, organization or ministries may be. You are sincerely welcome. **Please RSVP** so that we may have the proper amount of refreshments.

Have You Signed Up? FLOCKNOTE is an **effective** way for our St. Patrick's Family to communicate! Like sending "notes" to your "flock". **Flocknotes.** *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 at 772-1843, Ann-Marie at 245-9112 or visit the **FLOCKNOTE** web site.



St. Joseph's Corner: This year the Ministry for Families invites you to have more peace in your life by doing all of your daily activities out of great love for God. Each moment can become a prayer when regular duties are done to the best of your ability, with great love and a smile on your face. Washing dishes becomes building a home out of love. Smiling at a stranger allows them to encounter a piece of God's love. You will be amazed at how much peace will fill your heart when you do even little things out of love for God.

Year of Mercy – Months of Mercy: Each month we will highlight a different Act of Mercy to help celebrate the Year of Mercy. In January, we are encouraging all of our parishioners to "Instruct the Ignorant", which is a spiritual work of mercy. To "Instruct the Ignorant" means that you have the courage to be the voice of Jesus to the world. It can be as simple as encouraging friends to consider Catholic school for their children or publicly supporting a pro-life candidate. We ask our parishioners to pray that this Year of Mercy will bring our hearts, families, parish and Church closer to God.

From the desk of Fr. Tom Kreiser

WHAT ARE WE RESOLVED TO DO?

Here we are – another New Year. It is incredible to think that we are in 2016. It seems like yesterday we were turning the page on the year 2000. And before that, on so many other years that carry significant events in life. It feels so strange to be able to say “40 years ago I _____”. There are times when I still feel like a teenager because time has gone so fast.

Yet with the New Year comes the opportunity to make resolutions as to how we might change ourselves. Many of these resolutions often have to do with our physical selves – I will eat healthier, lose weight, exercise more regularly, etc. I have made a few of those myself this year. But do we ever think about spiritual resolutions? Most of us could use a few changes and tweaks to our spiritual lives as well as to our physical lives. Generically, we might say, “I will pray more this year,” but a generic resolution often does not come to fruition. I have found with resolutions that the more specific we are the better off we are at achieving them. And they don’t need to be spectacular feats of spirituality. They should be achievable, reasonable, and helpful. Here are some ideas.

- ◆ I will spend 10 minutes a day in prayer. More is OK, but at least 10 minutes will be devoted to God. How you spend it is up to you – talk to God, pray a rosary, read the Scriptures. It doesn’t matter, as long as we give the time to Him.
- ◆ I will go to Mass once a week besides Sunday. This can be a reasonable goal. Our morning Masses are at 6:55 and 9:00 AM, and during Lent and Easter we will again have a 12:00 Noon Mass. Pick a day of the week to come worship God and be fed with the Eucharist.
- ◆ I will forgive someone who I am finding it difficult to forgive. This may be the toughest one of all.
- ◆ I will invite one person, or one family, or one couple, back to the practice of their faith. There may be someone out there who is ready to come to confession and return to Mass who just needs an invitation. Once you have invited them, pray for them that they will be receptive to the invitation, and don’t be afraid to invite them a second, third or fourth time.
- ◆ I will read a good Catholic book. The parish just gave out the book Rediscover Jesus. That would be a great place to start.
- ◆ I will examine my relationships and see what I can do to improve them. I heard this on a radio program I was listening to. Make a list of all the significant people in your life and ask God what you need to do to improve that relationship. What a difference that might make.
- ◆ I will go to Confession regularly. To cleanse our soul, even when our sins are not that big, is an act of humility and brings us a great deal of grace. Try it – you might like it.
- ◆ I will get to know more about the Saints. They give us an example.
- ◆ There are so many others that you can strive for as well. Again, be reasonable and make your goals achievable. God appreciates quality, not quantity.

God bless you.

Dear St. Patrick's Parishioners,

Here we are at the end of another year and looking forward to another celebration of the Birth of Jesus and all that means to us. With all the add-ons that our culture has put in place for this celebration, it's so important for us to remember that NONE of that stuff would be happening if it weren't for the Birth of our Savior. December 25th would just be another date on the calendar. But praise God, we do have a God who loves us so much that He became one of us so we could become one with Him through His grace and THAT is what this wonderful season is really all about.

Just to bring you up-to-date on what's happening in my life (fully aware that some of you don't even know who I am - after all it's ten years since I left St. Patrick's - and hoping that the rest of you care! - here's what's been happening.

We all remember how bitterly cold it was at least here in New York. Although we had only half as much snow as we had in 2014, the often very bitter cold lasted almost into April, making it almost the coldest winter on record. Nonetheless, I once again led two weekend Retreats, one for the Holy Name Men of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (Scarsdale) in late January, the other for the women of St. Patrick's in March.

In between I conducted a Mission (5 days) at Immaculate Conception Parish in Stony Point (Rockland County) only to have two of the days cancelled due to snowstorms. (Did I say we didn't have a lot of snow??) The Mission was given again the week before Thanksgiving at St. Gregory's Parish in Garnerville (again Rockland County) with no weather interruptions! The theme of the Mission? "*Don't Just Receive the Sacraments, BECOME them*". The idea is that Jesus came among us to make God visible. Then He gave us the seven Sacraments (signs) so WE could become Signs to make HIM visible in today's world.

As many of you know, the Archdiocese of NY went through a vast make-over project called "Making All Things New" which resulted in a number of parishes being closed or joined together with another parish (or two!). I am still helping out most Sundays at St. Gabriel's in Riverdale and occasionally St. Margaret of Cortona, also in Riverdale. I continue going to Mt. St. Michael Academy five mornings a week, actually to Champagnat Hall, the Retired Marist Brothers Residence, for Mass, about once a month to Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in the South Bronx to offer Mass for the students and one Sunday a month to Good Council College in White Plains. I also have added a monthly Mass at a Good Counsel Home in the South Bronx for the women there dealing with unplanned pregnancies. The Homes were founded by a great Catholic layman, Chris Bell and his wife, Joan, and the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel.

Speaking of homes, our Residence here is undergoing an enormous construction project. The O'Connor Clergy Residence accommodates 34 priests in fine fashion. But the number of retiring priests is growing so steadily that another building is needed and almost ready for occupation (hopefully by early April) to accommodate 44 more men. It will also feature assisted living, rehab facilities, and extended care, their own kitchen, dining room and chapel. The net result: a priest can die here instead of in a rectory or some nursing home. That's why refer to our house as "God's Waiting Room" (also the "Home for Unwed Fathers"! I'm here ten years and it's great.

This past year marked my 51st year at Camp Marist! I am still Chairman of the Board and we have two major projects underway: Finding and hiring a Development Director so we can keep everything up-to-date (E.g. very much needed new stables will cost about \$160,000) and working to bring about a settlement with the Town of Effingham, NH which suddenly decided that we are not a charitable organization and therefore must pay them taxes (\$96,000/yr.) We have a very good lawyer working on that but the whole process has prevented us from hiring a development person and planning further improvements. Please pray for us.

As for me, I developed a Baker Cyst behind my knee last Fall which has led to quarterly cortisone shots and more recently, 2/wk physical therapy sessions to strengthen the muscles so as to cut back on the shots. My annual physical was very good so in general I continue to enjoy very good health. (If only Mr. Arthur Itis in my knees would take up residence somewhere else - outside of me!) As you know, I celebrated my 85th Birthday in May with a special Mass at St. Patrick's where I got to see many longtime friends at the parish.

My Magic Career has ground to a halt - I used to be able to do 25+ shows a year, mostly in our Catholic Elementary schools - but it's just too much work loading the car, driving to the show, setting up everything, doing the show and then reversing the whole process. One must make an occasional concession to an aging body!

You may recall that I was Chairman of the Board of the Beaver Conference Farm in Yorktown when we sold it for about 2 million dollars, and then distributed that among a number of charitable programs. Two of those are special playgrounds for children with disabilities. The one in Yorktown was dedicated a couple of months ago; we hope to dedicate the one in Somers before or during the Christmas holidays. They are well-planned areas and great assets to the respective communities.

This past August after over thirty years, Sister Antonia Maguire retired as chaplain at Taconic Correctional Prison for women in Bedford hills where I had been celebrating Mass on most Saturdays. I now share that with the pastor of St. Mary's in Katonah, but we greatly miss Sister's guidance and total dedication to the women whom she misses as much as they miss her. She is now serving as a Council member at her Convent, Mt. St. Francis in Peekskill.

As is true every year, we send some special people home to God; this year was no exception. There was Cardinal Egan, Fr. Cyprian Murray, OFM cap (a fellow magician and at one time, National President of the Society of American Magicians), and dear friends Al LaPerch, Greg Thompson, Leigh Erickson (from Camp), Carol DePalo, and Fathers Dan Flynn, Al Croke and Tim Collins.

Once again we tried for a family reunion at Thanksgiving in Florida but only my sister-in-law Francine (my older brother Jerry's widow) and four of my nine nephews and nieces (and spouses and offspring) were able to make it, not untypical of today's scattered families.

That should bring you up-to-date on me and mine, so let me close with my annual plea for prayers for an increase in vocations among our young Catholic men and women for the Priesthood and Religious life. As noted above, more priests are retiring than are being ordained so the shortage continues to grow. Your prayers are powerful so I ask urgently that you offer them for this intention. You will be blessed for your efforts.

I wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and New Year filled with a multitude of blessings, good health and that Joy that only God can give. And be assured that you will be remembered in all the Masses I will celebrate during the Christmas Season.

With much love,

Msgr. Dermot Brennan, Pastor Emeritus

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