



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
SAINT PATRICK

26 Hunter Street ✕ Highland Mills, New York 10930

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 2015

SERVED BY

Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris, Administrator
Rev. Jacob Mattappillil
Deacon Paul Weireter
Rev. Gerard P. Travers, Pastor Emeritus

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday

Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass.....5:30 PM
Sunday Morning..... 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Weekday

Monday thru Saturday.....9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass.....5:30 PM
Holy Day.....9:00 AM & 7:30 PM

NOVENA: Every Monday morning after the 9:00 AM Mass the Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Every First Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass until 10:00 AM concluding with Benediction.

PARISH OFFICE.....928-6027

Located under the Church 928-2982 - fax
Monday thru Thursday.....9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Friday.....9:30 to 11:30 AM

PARISH RECTORY

26 Hunter Street.....928-9219

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM.....928-6688

928-3189 - fax

PRE-SCHOOL.....928-3644

YOUTH GROUP.....928-9219

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:15 PM and anytime upon reasonable request.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Second & fourth Sundays at 1:00 PM. Expectant parents may contact the parish office to arrange for the baptism seminar class on the third Thursday of every month. The class is held in the Religious Education Building, Room 7 at 7:30 PM. Adults are baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil after completing the stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A process for those who wish to enter the Catholic Faith, or for present Catholic individuals who after being baptized need to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information, please call our Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program and Natural Family Planning (NFP).

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: If you are planning to enter the hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or homebound, call the parish office to arrange for the sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home. Communal anointing of the sick is celebrated at Mass during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: The Saint Patrick faith community warmly welcomes you! Please introduce yourself to the celebrant of the mass you are attending as you leave the church so that, on behalf of the entire community, you may be welcomed. You can register at the parish office and receive any information needed from the office receptionist.

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Patrick Parish is a Christian community of disciples in the Roman Catholic tradition, called by Jesus, united in Eucharistic worship and growing in faith, hope and love. Nourished through the sacraments and strengthened by God's transforming love, we are empowered to know the gospel message and to bear witness to others. As Christian stewards, we are thankful for God's many gifts and we commit ourselves to share our time, talent and treasure in Christ-like service within our parish community and beyond. We seek God's blessing and guidance to be faithful to this mission.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

7:30 For the People of the Parish
 9:00 Msgr. James F Doyle By Ron & Mary Hanley
 10:30 Medaglia Family By Sister
 12:00 Serafina Beltrani By Daughter

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015

9:00 George Leonido By John Smith

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

9:00 Roger Vitolo By Mary & T.J. Moroney

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015

9:00 Pat Browser By Bob & Rose Colbert
 5:15 Louis Di Pasquale By Family
 7:30 Nicholas Kay By William & Christina Watson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

9:00 Bill & Bella Mahoney By Family
 5:15 Frances Weissburg By Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

9:00 Thomas Michael McAdams By Steven Cataggio
 5:15 Jennie D'Erosmo By The Shea Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

9:00 James Clarkin By Quigley Family
 5:30 Stanley & Amelia Katta By Daughter
 Karen Weireter

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

7:30 For the People of the Parish
 9:00 Phillip Beltrani By Sister
 10:30 Florian Izold By Kostrna Family
 12:00 Joseph E. Shina By Wife & Daughter

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS

In the coming weeks there are many masses with no intentions. As we begin the Lenten season in a few days, parishioners will have the opportunity to have masses said for loved ones not only at the 9:00am mass but also the 5:15 Lenten evening mass. Mass may be offered for any intention, not just for loved ones who have gone before us. If you are interested in having a mass said for any intention, please call our parish office at 928-6027.

HYMNS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Entrance: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus BB-742

Preparation of the Gifts: There Is a Balm in Gilead BB-477

Communion Chant: Gift Of Finesty Wheat BB-328

Communion Chant 2: Your Words Are Spirit and Life BB-601

Sending Forth: I Know That My Redeemer Lives BB-581

Called Home to God

Rosita O. Sanchez
 February 5, 2015

Joseph P. Mirante
 February 8, 2015

May their souls rest in peace.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.

COLLECTION

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| February 1, 2015 | \$6,014.00 |
| February 2, 2014 | \$5,764.00 |

Catholic School Support \$1110.00

Attendance: 698 Envelope users: 183

NEW PARISH ENVELOPE COMPANY

For those of you who use weekly envelopes already know, we began using a new envelope company. All envelope users have received the latest packet that began February 1st and ends with the Good Friday collection on April 3rd. If there are any problems that some parishioners did not receive envelopes or addresses were incomplete, please call the parish office at 928-6027.



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

*Blessings come to those who pray
 The Family Rosary lovingly together.*

Rosary Novenas

RELIGIOUS devotion, public or private, for the duration of nine days to gain special graces, is called a Novena. Those who perform it with a lively hope of having their request granted, and with perfect resignation should it be refused, may be assured that Christ will grant some grace or blessing, though in His infinite wisdom and mercy He may refuse the particular favor which they implore.

Novenas originated in imitation of the Apostles who were gathered together in prayer for nine days from the time of Our Lord's Ascension to Pentecost Sunday. However, care must be taken less the power of any Novena be limited to the number *nine* rather than perseverance in fervent prayer.

The practice of saying the Rosary nine times in the form of a Rosary Novena in *petition or thanksgiving* is another way of heeding Our Lady of Fatima's admonition to *Pray the Rosary*.

All are welcome to join the Rosary Altar Society. Meetings are held on First Saturdays after the 9:00 am mass.

FROM FR. HERB

Dear Parishioners,

In November, the Archdiocese of New York introduced its new information system called *Flocknote*. Over the past few months, more than 200 parishioners have joined.

If anyone missed the chance to join, it is a very simple process. There are two ways to join *Flocknote*:

Visit our parish *flocknote* website at www.flocknote.com/saintpatrickny

or on your cell phone text **stpathm** to 84576

When you are asked to give your phone number, please give your cell number.

The second part of the revamped information tools of the Archdiocese is *eCatholic.com*. Every parish has the opportunity to receive, free of charge, a newly designed web site with up to the minute information that pertains to our Parish and surrounding vicariate. It is the wish of Cardinal Dolan that all parishes will take advantage of this opportunity. Representatives of *eCatholic.com* have contacted me and our website is already being worked on. There is hope that our new parish website will be unveiled by the end of the month.

Thank you to all who have returned their used palm that will be turned into ashes, for this coming Ash Wednesday. As mentioned last week, many parishes follow this practice. You may still drop off your palm in the church until this Tuesday, February 17th, the day before Ash Wednesday. You may place your used palm in the large box that is located outside the sacristy near the statue of Saint Patrick.

The Parish Lenten Healing Mass is scheduled for Saturday March 14th. Last week I mistakenly had it as February 14th. Sorry for the error. So, as we did a few months ago in Advent, I would like to celebrate a Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. **On Saturday, March 14th** at 9:00am. Anyone who suffers from any physical, spiritual or emotional need is more than welcomed to join us, at this mass, to receive the grace and mercy of the healing power of God.

God Bless all of you,

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris

Baptisms
On February 8, 2015

Niklaus Charles Jablonsky
Son of William & Melissa Jablonsky

Mia Elizabeth Maushardt
Daughter of Daniel & Jennifer Maushardt

CELEBRATE FR. JACOB

Having spent almost half of his ten-year priesthood in generous service to St. Patrick's and its parishioners, Fr. Jacob will soon be leaving for his next assignment. To show our appreciation for his devotion and care, a farewell gathering will be held immediately following each Mass during the weekend of February 21st and 22nd. Please join us for cake and coffee in the lower church as we express our thanks to our loving servant.

As a token of appreciation we would like to present Fr. Jacob with a memento of his time at St Patrick's. Please look through your photos, share a treasured story or have children make drawings that we can scan and include in this souvenir.

Items can be placed in the boxes at each church entrance or can be emailed to tweissburg@optimum.net. If you would like photos returned to you, please include your name and address with your submission.

Questions can be directed to the above email address, Mary Porcu at 928-6966 or Theresa Weissburg at 781-0347.



As stewards and disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your gifts and make a gift to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Please help support the educational, charitable and pastoral works of our archdiocese that help so many among us.

As of Tuesday, February 10th we have raised \$2,850.00. This puts us at 6% of our goal of \$48,000.00.

St. Patrick's Vacation Bible School

Our first volunteer meeting was very well attended and planning has begun for SonSpark Labs VBS. During the week of June 29th – July 3rd, we will discover the rich treasures of God's love through the life of Jesus. Each session of SonSpark Labs involves exploring an amazing aspect of God's life-changing plan.

Our next volunteer team meeting will be held on Saturday March 14th at 8:30am in the St. Patrick Religious Education Building.

Adult and teen volunteers are needed prior to and during the week of VBS. Whether it's a few days, we invite you to share your talents and find the joy that being part of the St. Patrick's volunteer team can bring. New faces are always welcome. Any questions: Theresa 781-0347 stpatrickshmvbs@gmail.com

AA MEETINGS

Every Monday, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm and Wednesday, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm and 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm, Double Meeting, in the Lower Church Hall.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

There will be no meetings during the deep winter months of January and February. The Bible Study Program will continue on March 5, 2015.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

St. Patrick's Religious Ed Program is looking for teachers and assistants (17 years and up) to work with our **Shamrock Program** on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings (6:15-7:15pm). If you are interested in working with very special children, please call the office – 928-6688.

WOODBURY BOYS SCOUT TROOP #149

Troop #149 meets Monday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at the Carriage House behind the Gate House next to Falkirk Golf Club. Please come and be our guests for an evening by the fire and tour our facilities. For more information, call Scoutmaster, Kevin Steinhauer, at 845-837-9548 or email kevstein@yahoo.com.

BIRTHRIGHT Pregnancy Help Center

Birthright of Orange County is located in Middletown and is in need of volunteers to service families in their office distributing baby items, etc. Training is provided. They are also asking for the following items: Gently used or new baby clothes, always in need of diapers, especially sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6, baby wash and baby wipes! They also accept maternity clothes. If anyone would like to knit sweaters, hats, etc., Birthright would be so appreciative! This month we are asking that you bring in any of the above items. Contact: Rosemarie Morello – 928-9762

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Praise the Lord who heals the broken Hearted.” Don't become broken hearted in your marriage. Learn how to keep your relationship alive and vibrant on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call 1-877-NYS-WWME Ext 3.

Sacred Heart Outreach: Our Father's Kitchen is in need of additional drivers to deliver meals to the homebound on Wednesday Evenings. The time commitment is about 1 hour once or twice a week approximately once a month. You will need a generous spirit, and a car and a valid driver's license! If you are interested, please email Betsy @ parishoutreach@gmail.com. A background check and viewing of the Safer Spaces Video is mandatory.

Ministry to Separated and Divorced Catholics:

This is a support group for separated and divorced Catholics which meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Rectory Meeting Room of St. John's Church, 71 Murray Avenue, Goshen, N.Y. For additional information, please contact Helen at (845) 563-0604

MASS FOR THE HEALING With Anointing of the Sick

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, New York is inviting parishioners, from all parishes in the Orange County Vicariate, to a healing mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on February 26th and again on March 26th. All healing masses will begin at 7:00 pm.

The Address of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is; 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY 10940. Anyone wishing for more information is asked to call 845-343-1879 or email nsolmc@warwick.net.

**Jesus was
moved with pity**

CAMP VERITAS 2015

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2015; July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburg, NY, July 26- August 1st at Summit Lake Camp in Emmetsburg, MD and August 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment is now open and the price for each week is \$400 per camper. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.

To find a Crisis Pregnancy Center near you:

1-800-848-LOVE Birthline.net
1-800-395-Help OptionLine.org
1-888-51-Help-U www.HeartBeatInternational.org

If you are suffering after an abortion:
1-800-5-WE-Care or 1-877-586-4621 (Lumina) or
1-800-395-HELP (Silent No More wareness.org)

LENT 2015

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Lent is the penitential time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving as a personal sacrifice meant to draw Christians more deeply into the sacred mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. **Ashes will be distributed at our Ash Wednesday Masses at 9:00am, 5:15pm and 7:30pm.**

By the threefold discipline of **fasting, prayer, and almsgiving** the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful should undertake serious practice of these three traditions.

FASTING

"When you fast, see to it that you groom your hair and wash your face. In that way no one can see that you are fasting except your Father who is hidden; and your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

- Matthew 6:17

The Lenten Regulations for the Season of Lent are as follows:

- **Abstinence from meat** is observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on **Ash Wednesday**, on all of the **Fridays of Lent**, and on **Good Friday**.
- **Fasting** must be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 60. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Fasting is strongly encouraged Mondays through Saturdays of Lent.

There is a serious obligation to observe these penitential practices in a substantial way. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday fast and abstinence – or from the fast and abstinence of Good Friday. The tradition of "giving up" something for Lent is a way to "fast" from those habits that keep us from focusing our lives on God. We can also consider "taking on" an extra practice during Lent: daily Mass, praying Morning or Evening Prayer, serving in a soup kitchen, visiting the sick, or even practicing greater patience with our loved ones.

PRAYER

"In the days when Christ was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications...and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when perfected, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." - Hebrews 5:7-9

During Lent, parishioners will have the opportunity to enhance their prayer life by attending the 9:00am mass or our evening mass during Lent at 5:15 pm. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Friday evenings at 7:30pm. Private devotion is possible throughout the day in the Church that will remain open until the conclusion of the 5:15 evening Mass.

ALMSGIVING

"In the light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance." - US Bishops' statement on penitential observances, 1966.

Lent allows the continuing opportunities for parishioners to give to various needs such as Catholic Charities, Birthright, Recourse Exchange, The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, or even an opportunity to enhance their weekly donation to Saint Patrick's Church.

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