



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2015

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	August 29 Janet McHale, Robert & Thomas Chiarello And Raymond Rowe
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	August 30 Joseph Ulla and Msgr. Ron Amandolare Barbara Demenchuk and Giuseppina Lombardo Dorothy Berdel and Gerard Aguirre
Monday 8:00 am	August 31 Edwin L. Sprague, III and Ida & Russell Benigno
Tuesday 8:00 am	September 1 Mark Murphy and Joseph Sciarretta
Wednesday 8:00 am	September 2 Knud Larsen and Jeanette & Bruce Swerigen
Thursday 8:00 am	September 3 Grace Gonzalez and Carmen Armas
Friday 8:00 am	September 4 Elizabeth Donnelly and Ruth Bowden
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	September 5 Mark Brigham and John J. Reitter Robert & Thomas Chiarello, Louis Meade, Deceased Members of the Coviello Family
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	September 6 Charles Geisst and Gertrude Spencer Helen & Ray Cole and William Branagan Virginia Viola and Giuseppina Lombardo Helen Lyons and Samuel Blandino

Mass Schedule September 5th & 6th

Fr. Bob Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 11 am and 5 pm
Fr. Chris Sunday 7:30 am and 9 am

Reconciliation (Confession) September 5th

Fr. Bob Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm

Parish Support-August 23rd

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$15,483
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$12,785

MASS SCHEDULE AND LOCATION CHANGES

The Sunday 5 pm Mass will return on Sunday, Sept. 6, in the Church.

Daily 8 am mass will move from the Chapel to the Church beginning Monday, Sept. 7, 2015.



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First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.



Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of August 30th is in memory of deceased members of the Women of Mary.

The Candles on the altar the week of August 30th are in memory of deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

The Flowers on the altar the week of August 30th are in memory of Maria Corasaniti, Steven Johe, Michael Wisneski & Msgr. Ron Amandolare given by Mr. & Mrs. Vito Corasaniti.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Kevin Hamilton, Robert Hartle, Phyllis Monks, Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Emily Monks, Neiko Pagaling, Denise Phalon Cascio, Gene Hunt, Jim Milde, Frances Smith, Tom Warren, Judy Latalladi, Gregory Bozzo, Dorothy Sullivan, Bill Lanahan, Cathy Bedford, Hope Tinn Clark, Irene Buss, Roger Goodman, Maria Selca-Haher, Robert Olpp, Patrizia Astorino, Terry Gardner, Nora Ray, Carol Meyers, William McGuire, Pat Marciano, Maryanne Duffy McDermott, Kyle Noonan, Thomas Unger, Arlene Raymond, Sandy Safier, Janine DiCostanzo, Tony Caljean, Jo Marino, Warren Gramm, William Virgilio, Mary Cecere, Josh Fernandez, Donna Cali-Charles, Kristin Curcio, Claire Mehalik, Tony Capone, Frank Lehr, Jr. and **for all our deceased especially Sandra Rund.**



**EUCHARIST ADORATION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
IN THE CHURCH**



From the Desk of Our Pastor

Persecution in the 21st Century

Throughout the month of August at each liturgy in the parish a prayer for those in distant lands who are persecuted for their faith was recited after communion. It is common to overlook religious persecution in the 21st century; yet religious persecution pre-existed before Christianity and still exists today. As citizens of the United States we live with freedom to worship and express our convictions in a manner unlike most other lands. Prayers for those suffering religious persecution are a high priority within Respect for Life concerns in that it draws equal proportion to other Respect for Life matters. Pope Francis has asked that we keep the faith alive in helping the persecuted church by stating, "How many of you pray for Christians who are persecuted? Ask yourselves, do I pray for that brother or sister who's in difficulty for confessing their faith?"

Religious persecution existed in the world since pre-biblical times with almost every known religion suffering some type of persecution that led to alienation, discrimination, imprisonment, and execution. In our Judeo-Christian world, the giving of the Ten Commandments called people to worship the one, true God, which rendered much conflict when Imperial Rome extended its reach into the Middle East. The persecution of Christians dates back to the early days of Christianity when faith communities envisioned themselves as a movement within Judaism. As believers in Christ, many were persecuted by both Jews and leaders of the Roman Empire which controlled most of the land where Christianity was first practiced. It was on August 1, 258 that the Emperor Valerian issued a decree that all clergy should be put to death. Religious persecution is a recurrent theme within human history that is often triggered by religious bigotry. As it is today in the Middle East, religious persecution has turned into a form of great violence that lulls people away from living their beliefs and enjoying their homeland.

On August 10 an article appeared in the *Star Ledger* by Karin Laub of the Associated Press titled, "Christians who fled IS militants are exiled." Laub's column highlighted the fact that tens of thousands of Iraqi Christians have fled their homeland in that it is not safe for these people to go back to Iraq; yet the difficulty lies that they are also barred from working in temporary asylum countries such as Jordan. The article drew attention to the fact that there are about 7,000 Christians from northern Iraq who have found refuge in Jordan with nearly 2,000 living in church sponsored shelters.

Two days prior to mentioned article, Dana Balout and Mohammad Nour Al Akraa provided a column in the *Wall Street Journal* titled, "Islamic State Seizes Syrian Christians." These authors brought to light a story of 230 people who were kidnapped from the Syrian province of Homs, among them were 60 Christians. The columnists directed their attention toward people in villages who watch fleeing families enter their towns on trucks and farm tractors traveling barefoot without belongings in search of freedom. Most of these Christians in Syria who are kidnapped are held for ransom or a swap of prisoners. This differs from those captured in Libya or Egypt who get executed.

On Saturday August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, in France and Switzerland church bells were rung to show solidarity with persecuted Christians in the Middle East. This was to coincide with events in Iraq a year ago with the fall of Mosul, then Qaraqosh, the country's largest town and all the plain of Nineveh, the Christian heartland of Iraq.

As the parish has spent this month in prayer for those suffering religious persecution, it provides us with an opportunity to review the way we see others who worship or believe differently than we do, aware that no religion is completely free of internal dissent. Do we accept them? We may also look at people within our society who are mistreated, and not seen as equal. As we wind down a month of praying for those persecuted for their beliefs, let us never forget believers who suffer religious persecution; as well as never persecute another through harsh words or actions for their beliefs or convictions. All are welcome to be a voice that takes a stand in defense of persecuted Christians with ongoing prayer at home, school, work or vacation.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Bob

BAPTISM: Arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling Deacon Joe Wisneski at 973-635-4976. Parents are expected to attend an instructional session with a Baptism Team. Baptisms are celebrated at 12:30 pm Sundays or at a Sunday Mass.

RCIA-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The R.C.I.A. invites non-baptized persons and those baptized into another faith to participate in a faith journey in preparation for becoming a Catholic. If you are interested in any aspect of R.C.I.A., please email Deb at Dkuzma@st-pats.org or call her at the parish office at ext. 23.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Congratulations! In order that we can together plan for your big day, couples should notify the Church and begin to prepare at least one year in advance of the date. Please email Fr. Bob at Fr.Bob@st-pats.org or call Fr. Bob at the parish office ext. 22.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOME BOUND: If a family member or someone you know is recuperating from a hospital stay or is homebound for any length of time and would like to receive Holy Communion, please let us know. It is a priority for the parish community to support and be present to those who cannot be with us for the celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like a priest or deacon to visit a family member who is hospitalized, contact Peggy at Pgentile@st-pats.org or call her at the parish office ext. 25.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the parish office at 973-635-0625 to arrange for a priest.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST: Children preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist begin preparation in first grade. To register, visit our website at www.st-pats.org or contact Ginny, vshalvatore@st-pats.org.

AROUND THE PARISH

Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **Tim, Genevieve, Miles, Mary Clare, Madeleine and Martha Grace Madigan and Tung Phan, Trung, Andrew and Aden Tran**. We look forward to getting to know you!

FORGET-ME-NOT WEEKEND

Our monthly food collection is **next** weekend, **September 5 & 6**. Your generous donations are shared with the local community as well as our brothers and sisters in Paterson! There are bags at the entrances of the church you can use for your donations. Food donations can be brought to the Fr. Ed Center after masses or the basket in the back of church. *Thank you!*

Job Opportunity-Childcare is needed during women's scripture study: *Walking With Purpose*. This is a paid position beginning late September. Mothers with little ones welcome! Contact Mary Rohe at marymax44@yahoo.com for additional information or to apply.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Registration

If you are a High School student who has not yet registered for Youth Ministry, now is the time to do so. Freshman and sophomores must register to be part of our 2-year Confirmation Preparation program and juniors and seniors must register to stay involved with our retreat teams, activities, service, Appalachia and events. Freshman, juniors and seniors register strictly for 2015-2016 SPYM year. Sophomores must also register for one of the three Antioch Retreats offered.

To register, go to our website www.st-pats.org and click on the SPYM icon. This will bring you directly to the registration page. You must use google or firefox when registering. Once registered, you will receive all of our emails and information.

SPYM Bulletin Board

Our Youth Ministry bulletin board is located in the vestibule of the church on the left hand side wall. Please take a look at it when you attend church so that you can get involved in our activities and know what is coming up.

Mandatory Freshman Rite of Invitation

All SPYM freshmen and at least 1 parent must attend the mandatory rite of Invitation. There are 2 dates offered-Sunday, September 13th, 5-7:30 pm (begins at the 5 pm Mass and continues in the parish center) or Thursday, September 17th, 7:30-9 pm in the parish center (does not include Mass). An email will be sent to all registered freshmen the first week of September requesting your choice of dates. This Rite is an orientation into Youth Ministry and will explain our program (which is very different from Religious Formation classes) so it is very important that all freshmen attend.

Youth Ministry Center Needs

With meetings and activities ready to begin, Youth Ministry can always use donations of candy (variety bags of chocolate) and cans of soda. Donations can be marked "SPYM" and dropped off at the parish offices at 41 Oliver Street. They are very much appreciated. Thanks in advance!



FAITH FORMATION

Volunteers Needed! Teens Needed!

Classroom Assistants, Buddies and Safety Monitors are needed in sessions I & IV. Teens can volunteer as a classroom assistant or as a buddy. Buddies are assigned a child with special needs so they can be successful in class. It is a rewarding experience for both the child and teen. Teens in high school as well as those in 7th or 8th grade who do not attend Faith Formation classes are welcome to volunteer. Please contact Ginny at vsalvatore@st-pats.org or 973-635-0625 ext. 27 for more information.

***Children's Church and Liturgy of the Word With Children* will be offered at the 9 am Mass.**

These programs are a wonderful way to introduce children to Mass without sitting for an hour. With a few more volunteers for Leaders and Assistants, we are hoping to resume by Sept. 27. You will be scheduled once every 4-6 weeks at your convenience. Teens and adults are welcome to volunteer.

After the Opening Prayer, Father will invite the children to come up for a dismissal blessing. The children will be led downstairs by leaders and assistants and be separated into two groups. *Children's Church* is geared for children ages 3 through kindergarten. Children in this group hear a bible story, sing and make a craft. *Liturgy of the Word With Children* is for children in grades 1-3. The children in this group listen to the readings of the day from a Children's Lectionary. They sing the responses, a Psalm and reflect on the readings. The children receive a bulletin with the readings to take home and share with their family. Both groups of children return to their families as the gifts are brought to the altar.

For more information or to volunteer for *Children's Church*, contact Tammy O'Shaughnessy at wtoshau@verizon.net. To volunteer for *Liturgy of the Word With Children*, please contact Ginny Salvatore at vsalvatore@st-pats.org. Leaders of the Word will receive a Leaders Guide at the one hour training session.

Breakfast in Bethlehem-HELP needed

Yes, that's right...Christmas is in the air and we're looking for a coordinator for this annual event. This is a community building event sponsored and supported by the Knights of Columbus. It is *free* and open to the entire parish. We would like to see this wonderful tradition continue and need your help. This year's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12th from 9am-12pm. If you are interested in learning more about coordinating this annual event, please contact Peggy Gentile at 973-635-0625 ext. 25.

Caring Ministry-Drivers Needed!

So you need a ride? Our Caring Ministry coordinates rides to doctor appointments for parishioners during the week as well as to church functions. If you need a ride, please call the parish offices and leave a detailed message several days in advance on ext. 34. Our coordinator, Jerry Medina, will put out the word to our volunteer drivers and get back to you. We Need Drivers! This ministry is a much-needed resource for our parishioners and a wonderful opportunity to connect with others from the parish. Please consider adding your name to the list of drivers. When a request comes in for a ride, an email will go to ALL volunteers. The more volunteer drivers we have, the more people we can help. Thank You!



MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Patrick Choir Needs Eight More Members

The 11:00 am adult choir at St. Patrick needs new volunteers to sing with them starting in September.

- Six choir members have recently moved away, and several others can no longer sing regularly due to professional obligations or health concerns.
- It takes many volunteers to make strong sections for choir harmony. The sections in our choir need new members in order to continue singing music with the same amount of harmony and quality they've enjoyed for the past few years.
- The choir leads our masses in musical prayer, and provides harmony which adds beauty and depth to our singing. Singing and harmony brings life and spirit to the mass.
- Therefore, our desire is to find a minimum of 8 new adult singers. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings starting in September. Training, fun, and fellowship are provided. Please sign up now if you'd like to try singing with the choir this fall. Information is available in the lobby. Call or visit Maggie Hanson at the church office for more information.

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) is honoring two Filipino Saints-St. Lorenzo Ruiz and St. Pedro Calungsod, on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at Our Lady of the Valley Church, 630 Valley Road, Wayne. This year's theme is "Pamilyang Pilipino, Nagkakaisa Kay Kristo" (Filipino Family United in Christ).

Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, will be the principal celebrant at the Holy Mass. Please come at 12:30 pm for the rosary and novena followed by Mass at 1 pm.

Fellowship and a simple program will immediately follow at the Parish Hall. Come and celebrate with us!

A Catholic's Divorce Survival Series: *Bringing hope and healing to divorced Catholics.* Practical advice meets pastoral care, with the help of experts and others who have suffered through divorce. The 12-week program takes place on Monday evenings, beginning September 21, 2015, 7:30 -9:00 pm at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church, 75 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ. For more information and/or to register, visit their website at www.ndcarmel.com.

Prayer for Those Suffering Religious Persecution

Good and gracious Father, whose own Beloved Son suffered Violence and death for the salvation of the world, Listen graciously to our cry for all who are being persecuted for their faith.

In your great mercy, comfort them with the Holy Spirit. Give them strength in the face of hostility and courage in the face of trial.

Open the eyes of those who raise their hands in violence to see others as their brothers and sisters, children of the one Father of all.

By your grace, turn their hearts from hatred to love.

Through the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Queen of Peace, may justice and peace prevail

So that all may have the freedom to worship you, the one true God and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

What is the Penitential Rite?

The Penitential Rite is the first Act of Penitence within the Mass. What the Church celebrates in the Liturgy is the Risen Christ who becomes fully present to the gathered assembly. As Christ comes to find his people he comes as a loving and merciful Lord. The mercy of God should not be understood as a type of 'pity' for the awful sinner, but rather mercy in the sense of 'Misericordia'-the willingness to enter into the pain and brokenness of another. In the Act of Penitence (led by a deacon if present), the assembly is not called to make an 'examination of conscience' but rather to make a proclamation of faith in a God who is loving, kind, and the source of all reconciliation and healing. The focus is not on the sinner but on the overwhelming incarnational mercy of God.

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ARE YOU A NON-CONFIRMED CATHOLIC?

If you are a senior in high school or older, it is not too late to be confirmed within this upcoming Easter Season 2016. Come and join in the discussions on Sunday mornings after the 11 am Liturgy, and let it be your individual and important venue for leading YOU to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. There is a close relationship between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. While Confirmation is a distinct and complete sacrament in its own right, its purpose is to complete in us that which was begun in Baptism, where we were born spiritually and became sharers in the divine life of the most Blessed Trinity. If you are interested in receiving the third and final sacrament of initiation (Baptism and Eucharist being the other two), please contact Deb at 973-635-0625x23 or DKuzma@st-pats.org to say you will be there. Sundays don't work for you? Then tell us what does. Meetings will begin September 27th.

Walking with Purpose

Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? Would you like to see how the scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining *Walking with Purpose*. This is a weekly reflection that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussions, the group helps to link everyday challenges and struggles to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Church.



Beginning in September-Full details and registration form are on our website. Interested in learning more? Contact Mary Rohe: marymax44@yahoo.com or Maria Spinelli: mspinelli5@aol.com.

Chatham Emergency Squad Blood Drive

The Chatham Emergency Squad (CES) will host a blood drive on Saturday, September 12th at the Chatham Train Station in conjunction with the "Chatham Borough/Chatham Township Sustainability Fair". The hours of donation will be from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Donors, ages 17-76, should be in good health and have some form of identification with them. Teenagers, age 16 can also donate with parental permission; forms for this will be available at the site.

Flu Shots-Save the Date

The Chatham-Madison Board of Health will offer flu shots in the Fr. Ed Center on Saturday, September 26th from 9 am-11 am.