



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 16 Dolores Skea and Peter Coviello, Sr.
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	January 17 Celine Mancini and Francis Larsen JoAnne Spragg Wermlinger and David R. Hillman Fr. Tom Coletta and George Sakarellos Clara Ann Barone and Deceased Members of The Taylor and Babbitt Families
Monday 8:00 am	January 18 Rosalie Galatioto and June Bosacki
Tuesday 8:00 am	January 19 Ronald Hart and Rev. Msgr. Ron Amandolare
Wednesday 8:00 am	January 20 Sylvia Ciolina and Fr. Ed Hinds
Thursday 8:00 am 9:00 am	January 21 Lindon Gahart and Theresa Hough Paul Polini and Agnes Lunetta
Friday 8:00 am	January 22 Michelina Sangiovani and Anne Waller
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	January 23 Paul J. Burke and Albert Sorrentino Linda Brabant, Nancy Chambers and Betty Tunny
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	January 24 Rev. Msgr. Ron Amandolare and Fr. Ed Hinds Michael High, Jr. and Cecilia Shregkast Angelina Cacciatori and Peter Coviello, Sr. Stephen Merritt and James Hauberger

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Monday, January 18**
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church
- Tuesday, January 19**
Finance Committee Meeting: 7:30 pm; North Room
- Wednesday, January 20**
Parish Nurses Meeting: 7 pm; North Room
- Thursday, January 21**
Walking with Purpose: 9 am; East/West Room
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
Walking with Purpose: 7 pm; South Room
YM ACRE Testing: 7:30-8:30 pm; Cafeteria
- Friday, January 22**
Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room
- Sunday, January 24**
Pancake Breakfast: 8 am –11 am; Gym
Faith Formation: 8:15 am, 10:15 am, 7 pm; School
RCIA: 12:15 am; South Room
YM ACRE Testing: 7:30-8:30 pm; Cafeteria

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.

Mass Schedule January 23rd & 24th

Fr. Bob	Sunday 7:30 am, Deacon Joe Homily
	Sunday 9 am, Deacon Mark Homily
Fr. Chris	Sunday 11 am, Deacon Mark Homily
	Sunday 5 pm, Deacon Joe Homily
Fr. Jim	Saturday 5 pm

Reconciliation (Confession) January 23rd

Fr. Jim	Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
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Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of January 17th is in memory of Rocco Rosa given by the family.

The Candles on the altar the week of January 17th are in memory of Cory Fuller given by the family.

The Flowers on the altar the week of January 17th are in memory of deceased members of the Bischoff family given by the family.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Kevin Hamilton, Robert Hartle, Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Denise Phalon Cascio, 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, Pat Marciano, Maryanne Duffy McDermott, Kyle Noonan, Thomas Unger, Sandy Safier, Tony Caljean, Warren Gramm, William Virgilio, Mary Cecere, Kristin Curcio, Tony Capone, Michael Marino, David Johnson, Luke Klisart, Donald O'Brien, Theresa Zwick, Fr. Gabe Coless and **for all our deceased.**

In Observance of the
Martin Luther King holiday,
the Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, January 18, 2016.





From the desk of our Pastor

Say Yes to Life

This Friday, January 22, endless paths will lead to our nation's capital as people journey to express their love for human life. This is an opportunity to give witness to the belief that human life is sacred and precious; and, must never be dehumanized, destroyed or disrespected. At the parish, we celebrate a liturgy at 8:00 a.m. that brings to light the good of those who work for human life issues, which is the mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life." Our liturgy invites us to review personal attitudes toward human life; and, give recognition to the value of life from conception until natural death.

Prayerful reflection on issues involving human life challenge us to ponder the roads we travel to nurture God's creation with honor and reverence in that it is so easy to devalue human life. I often discover that the devaluation of life often occurs during unforeseen incidents that may erupt within a day. As Christians we are called to promote a culture of life so that future generations come into a world where life is loved and defended at all costs. A healthy starting point consists of giving time and encouragement to individuals who suffer from illness, or through assistance to children who are unwanted by parents. These situations are so visible to us, but derive from words in the Gospel to love our neighbor as ourselves. If we cannot love lives visible to us, it becomes difficult to love lives we cannot see.

There are countless traps that some fall victim to in seeking to respect human life; I believe most sins committed against life are unintentional; but, stem from fear or an unhealthy self image. Unfortunately, many proclaim to respect life in one or two dimensions; but are blind to daily situations that erupt at home, work, school, or the neighborhood that present challenges to show respect for another life. The internet has become a means that some use to foster disrespect toward life through the practice of internet pornography. This has captivated many as it leads to addictive habits and behavior that produces a vineyard of wild grapes of selfishness and false pleasures. Surfing the internet for pornographic websites or chats with strangers about intimate secrets easily becomes a destructive force in life. Forgetful to these individuals is the beauty of St. Pope John Paul II's encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), which sheds light for all to see God's image in all human beings. In striving to generate a culture of life, a reflection on such issues as abortion, death penalty, generic enhancement, AIDS, the terminally ill, labor practices, political candidates, women's rights, foreign cultures, non Christian religions, and the freedom to die with dignity must be examined. In addition, sometimes little attention is given to the frequent sins committed against life through speech, neglect, silence, and education.

Education that is infused with values and virtues is a window that enriches many with newfound aspiration to defend life at the risk of a promotion in a career or personal goal. Support for those living in crisis pregnancy centers, or financial donations to those who assist unwed, pregnant women must also be reinforced. As a society, the attitudes, laws and approach to respect life issues will create a future for families that our nation will inherit.

In his address on June 16, 2013, Pope Francis declared, "Let us say, "Yes" to life and not death." Here, Pope Francis referenced the scriptures to make mention of an assortment of ways that God bestows life by stating, "all too often people do not choose life, they do not accept the 'Gospel of Life' but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life, because they are dictated by selfishness, self-interest, profit, power and pleasure. And not by love, and concern for the good of others...the Living God is replaced by fleeting human idols which offer the intoxication of a flash of freedom, but in the end brings new forms of slavery and death." As a parish, let us make strides toward the creation of a culture of life that begins with our daily routines, which sets in motion a tone to generate a harvest of respect for all who cherish our love.

*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, vsalvatore@st-pats.org.



AROUND THE PARISH

Baptisms

Eva Elizabeth Giamartino
Daughter of Vincent and Emma

Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **Nate, Therese, Shea and Bode Lyden and Mike Renfer**. We look forward to getting to know you!

CONGRATULATIONS to Pam Greene who was accepted into the order of Catechumens Sunday through the Rite of Acceptance. Through this Rite, Pam publicly declared her intention to continue her journey towards Baptism and becoming Catholic. At this Rite, Pam was asked to more fully embrace the gospel message with the help of God, and was also signed with the cross to show that she now belongs to Christ, the Shepherd of souls. The reason this Rite is always done at a weekend Mass is so the parish community can more fully participate in and pray for those in the RCIA process. This Rite places these catechumens in a formal relationship with the universal Church. By church law, the Pope and all bishops are to pray for those who have gone through this Rite. We encourage all parishioners to pray especially for Pam and for all these souls internationally, as they continue in the initiation process over the coming months to Easter, and to reach out to her as a fellow member of the Household of Christ.



Eva's Village Chili Drop Off This Weekend-

Those who signed up to make chili last weekend, please bring your **frozen** chili to the priests' garage this Sunday by 10 am. Our volunteers will transport your donations to Paterson. Many thanks!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend, January 23 & 24, a special collection will be held for the senior religious that have served our communities and dedicated their lives to sharing their faith. Your gift to the *Retirement Fund for Religious* helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous. Thank you for your support.

Attention Online Givers: Thank you for your support through our Online Giving Program. If you are a Managed Giver, having had us set up the account for you, you will receive your 2015 contribution statement this week. If you are an Independent Giver, having set up your own account, you can print out your own 2015 giving history for tax purposes. If you need help doing this or would like us to do it for you, please email us at donnellon@st-pats.org or call 973-635-0625 ext. 29. Thank you for supporting our ministries!

If you are interested in using Online Giving, it is easy to set up an account. Please go to www.st-pats.org and click DONATE under Quick Links. Watch the helpful video or call 973-635-0625 ext. 29 if you need help. Thanks!



MUSIC MINISTRY

Welcome to Billy Pellegrino and Drew Lanskey

The St. Patrick Choir is delighted to welcome three new members to our family. See last week's bulletin for information about Devin McGuire, baritone. Billy Pellegrino is a long-time member of St. Patrick Parish. He is a husband and father, carpenter and foreman, and great appreciator of music. He is now singing baritone with the St. Patrick Choir. Drew Lanskey just joined St. Patrick Parish with his parents and brother. He grew up in Madison, and sang in choirs from a young age, including the Madison High School Chorus. Drew intends to study criminal justice. He has joined the tenor section of our choir. Congratulations, Billy, Drew, and Devin!

Altar Serving Training

Any student in grades 4 and above that is interested in becoming an altar server, there will be training in the church on Monday, January 25 at 3:30 pm. The training should take about an hour.

Pizza Night with the Bishop-CANCELED

The *Pizza Night* with Bishop Serratelli scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2016 at Morris Catholic High School has been canceled. Quo Vadis discernment retreat has been scheduled for June 29- July 1. Check future bulletins or contact the Vocations Office at 973-777-8818 ext. 711 for more information.

First Part of Ordinary Time

liturgy

corner

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord last Sunday brought the Christmas season to a close. The Sundays of the major seasons of the year are distinguished by their relationship to the Solemnities of Christmas and Easter. The rhythm of these liturgical seasons reflects the rhythm of life-with its celebrations and its seasons of growth. Ordinary Time, meaning ordered or numbered time, is celebrated in two segments. 1.) From the Monday following the Baptism of Our Lord to the day before Ash Wednesday and 2.) from Pentecost Monday to the first Sunday of Advent. This makes it the longest season of the Liturgical Year. The church counts thirty-three or thirty-four Sundays of Ordinary Time (60% of the church's calendar), inviting us to meditate upon the whole mystery of Christ-his life, miracles and teachings-in the light of his Resurrection.

While the word "ordinary" in popular usage is used to describe things that are nondescript or dull, ordinary rather means customary, regular, and orderly. Ordinary Time may also be called Ordinal Time, which means numbered time. Ordinal comes from the Latin "ordinalis," which is a word meaning "showing order, denoting an order of succession." Hence, Ordinary Time is the standard, orderly, counted time outside of the other liturgical seasons. There is nothing "dull" about Ordinary Time!

The vestments for Ordinary Time are usually green, the color of hope and growth. The season of Ordinary time helps us to meditate on the mighty works of God through Jesus Christ. It is a time to grow in our faith in response to God's invitation to follow Jesus on the cross. We have a challenge to make our ordinary days extraordinary!

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal-Serving Christ Among Us

If you have not yet responded to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2015 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2016. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people.





FAITH FORMATION

NO CLASS this Sunday/Monday, January 17 & 18. Classes resume on Jan. 24 & 25, Jan. 31 / Feb. 1, Feb. 7 & 8 (No **Ses-sion IV 7 pm** class on Feb. 7 due to the Super Bowl), Feb. 21 & 22, Feb. 24 & 25.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting: Sunday, February 7th, from 10:15-11:45 am or Tuesday, February 9th from 7:30-9 pm. Both meetings will be held in the Fr. Ed Center EW rooms. One parent is required to attend one of the above meetings. Parents with children who received First Eucharist (Communion) here at St. Pats within the last few years only need to complete an Information Form and pick up the Parent Information Packet.

Fundraisers to Benefit the Back Pack Program: Organized by our 7th graders and catechists to raise money for the Back Pack Program.

- **Movie Night for 7th Graders:** Friday, January 29th
- **Super Bowl Weekend:** Vote for your favorite team after Mass
- **Bake Sale:** Sunday, February 7 after all Masses in the Parish Center Lobby



YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week in Youth Ministry



Spring Action Team Meeting: Mon., Jan. 18; 7-9:30 pm; YMC

Sophomore Gathering: Tues., Jan. 19; 7:15-8:45 pm; YMC

Spring Antioch Team Meeting: Wed., Jan. 20; 7-9:30 pm; YMC

ACRE Testing -10th Grade: Thurs., Jan. 21; 7:30-8:30 pm; Parish Center Cafeteria

8th Grade Retreat Team Meeting: Sun., Jan. 24; 7:30-9 pm; YMC

ACRE Testing for 10th Grade: Sun., Jan. 24; 7:30-8:30 pm; Parish Center Cafeteria

Service Opportunities

Making Valentine Lollipops: Thurs., Feb. 4; 6-9 pm; Parish Center Kitchen

Selling Lollipops: Sat., Feb. 6-Sun., Feb. 7; After all masses; Church



St. Patrick School Athletic Association Parents' Half-Time Event

When: Friday January 22 — 7-11 pm

Where: Father Ed Center Gym

What: Food, beer and wine served

Cost: \$50 per head

The St. Patrick School Athletic Association invites you to join us for the 5th Annual Parents' Half-Time Event on Fri., Jan. 22nd in the Father Ed Parish Center. The evening is open to all past and present St. Patrick School and Parish adults. It is a great evening out while supporting the St. Patrick School athletic programs. The event includes plentiful appetizers, beer, wine, games, free-throw shooting contest and music. Please register for the event on Community Pass <https://register.communitypass.net/chatham> Select Chatham St. Patrick School Athletics and 2016 Halftime Event. You may also send a check to the school office payable to *St. Patrick Athletic Association* or pay at the door.



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

The Week Ahead

Fri., Jan. 22: 7-11 pm Athletic Association Half Time Event

Sat., Jan. 23: Home Basketball vs. St. Vincent Martyr

10:30 am 5th grade girls
 12:00 pm 7th grade boys
 1:30 pm 6th grade girls
 3:00 pm 6th grade boys
 6:30 pm 5th grade boys

Catholic Schools Week 2016 January 31-February 6



Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide. St. Patrick School invites the parish to join the faculty, students, and parents in the 2016 National Catholic Schools Week celebration.

Catholic Schools Week kicks off on Sunday, January 31 with Mass at 9:00 am followed by a Meet and Greet with the Principal from 10:00 am –11:30 am in the Fr. Ed Center Gym.

Book Fair in the Parish Center

Sunday, January 31: 8 am—3 pm

Monday, February 1: 7:45 am-3:15 pm

Tuesday, February 2: 7:45 am-3:15 pm; 6-8 pm

Visiting author Marissa Klein 6:30-7:30 pm

In the preschool building

Wednesday, February 3: 7:45am-10:30 am

Join us this week for ongoing tours to learn more about our wonderful faith-filled school. Contact the office for more information at 973-635-4623.

The Appalachia Help Weeks

Come find out how you can help others help themselves this summer!



Inquiry Meeting: Sun., Jan. 24

Time: 10:00 am (Between Masses)

Where: Fr. Ed Center East/West Room

Who is Invited?: ALL Youth

(Sophomores and up registered in SPYM)
All Adults (No Maximum Age!)

We especially need handy men & women!

The Appalachia Help Weeks are scheduled for:

June 26-July 2, July 3-9, July 10-16, July 17-23,

July 24-30, July 31-August 6

Youth Registration Day is March 20 at 12 pm in the East/West Room. Please see the Appalachia page on the parish website for more information: www.st-pats.org.

DVD Presentation: *Catholicism*—Each Friday morning we will present a lesson from the series *Catholicism* from Word on Fire. This DVD presentation is hosted by Fr. Robert Barron who presents a wide range of topics. Next week: Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus. Fr. Barron journeys from Galilee to Krakow, Warsaw, NYC, Kampala and beyond and presents throughout what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Presented Fridays, 9-10:30 am in the South Room of the Parish Offices. Join us!

Spiritual Adoption: Month 4: "I had a dream!"

Our baby's brain has begun maturing. Taste buds are working. Facial expressions similar to the baby's parents can be seen. REM's have been recorded—a sign of dreaming. Please continue to pray for our *Spiritual Adoption* baby.