



Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 3, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	April 2 William Downey, Sr., Mark Ilkow and Cyril DeSouza
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 am	April 3 Claire Mehalik and Hedy Ries Darwin Zahn and Mary Pesek Mark L. Brigham and Albert Sirianni Florence Fitzsimmons and Ernest Meulener
Monday 8:00 am	April 4 Elizabeth C. Morrison and Protection of the Unborn
Tuesday 8:00 am	April 5 Special Intention and for the Intention of Will Cody
Wednesday 8:00 am	April 6 Josephine Geczek and Ralph Martorelli
Thursday 8:00 am	April 7 Claire Mehalik and Bridget Burns
Friday 8:00 am	April 8 Dorothy Berdel and Helen Zoni
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	April 9 Thomas Peterpaul and Steven Johe Virginia & Carlo Miele, Living and Deceased Members of the Capuano Family, Mae Kane
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	April 10 Hedy Ries and Patrick Torrell Margaret Leonett and Mary Cunningham Florence Fitzsimmons and Allen Vohden Deceased Members of the Estrada & DeSouza Families and Protection of Unborn Children

Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The high priest chastised Peter and the other apostles for continuing to preach when they had been ordered to stop. Peter replied he would rather obey God than men, considering God's power even over death. They are again warned to stop speaking of Jesus, and then freed.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

John had a vision of many angels and all the living creatures of the world gathered around a throne. The angels cried out that the slain Lamb was worthy of receiving power, glory and praise. Then every creature on earth called out praise to God and the Lamb, and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel: John 21: 1-19

Jesus appeared to the disciples for the third time since his resurrection while they were fishing. They hadn't caught anything, and then Jesus advised them to cast their net from the other side of the boat. When they did this, they caught a great number of fish. Jesus then asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" When Peter said he did, Jesus asked him to tend and feed his sheep.

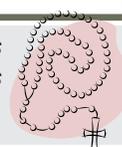
Mass Schedule April 9th & 10th

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

Reconciliation (Confession) April 9th

Fr. Chris	Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
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We welcome all who would like to pray the Rosary as we will continue to gather in prayer Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church during the 50 days of Easter.



Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of April 3rd is in memory of Deceased Members of the Salvo and Ranese Families given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ranese.

The Candles on the altar the week of April 3rd are in memory of Msgr. Ron Amandolare given by the family.

The Flowers on the altar the week of April 3rd are in memory of Thomas and Robert Chiarello given by Robin Chiarello.

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, Dorothy Sullivan, Bill Lanahan, Cathy Bedford, Hope Tinn Clark, Irene Buss, Roger Goodman, Maria Selca-Haher, Robert Olpp, Terry Gardner, Nora Ray, Carol Meyers, Pat Marciano, Maryanne Duffy McDermott, Kyle Noonan, Thomas Unger, Sandy Safier, Tony Caljean, William Virgilio, Mary Cecere, Kristin Curcio, Tony Capone, Michael Marino, David Johnson, Donald O'Brien, Fr. Gabe Coless, Joseph Gabriele, Theresa Degler, Joseph Crucilla, Rob McTague, Jim Bowles, Rita Reardon, Roseann Giallenella, Kathleen McKenna, Antoninette Cecere, Anthony Cagno and **for all our deceased.**

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, April 4

Faith Formation: 4-5:30 pm; School
Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Children's Room, Church

Thursday, April 7

Walking with Purpose: 9:30 am; East/West Room
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
Walking with Purpose: 7 pm; North Room

Friday, April 8

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room

Saturday, April 9

Marian Consecration: 8:30 am; South Room

Sunday, April 10

Chili Sign Up: Church Lobby

Parish Support-Easter: March 27th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....	\$40,389
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....	\$47,461



From the Desk of our Pastor

Sixth Annual Agnes Lunetta Scholarship Award

The Agnes Lunetta Scholarship was established by Larry Lunetta, Patricia Van Arsdalen, and Susan Fattel in memory of their mother, Agnes Lunetta. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded every year to a 7th grade student at St. Patrick School in honor of Agnes Lunetta who was a highly involved parishioner at the church, and an individual of great faith and integrity. The award is based on a student's essay about a personal faith journey at St. Patrick School. This year's winner is Charlotte Hamilton of class 7B. The award was presented to Charlotte at a school liturgy on January 21, the feast of St. Agnes. Her essay is as follows:

"When I was in third grade at St. Pat's we did a project on saints. We could pick whatever saint we wanted. I chose St. Bernadette for two reasons: I liked her name, and I did not think anyone would pick her. In researching the project I learned what a special and holy person Bernadette was. Her calling was to become a nun and devote her life to helping others. She was a true follower of Christ.

Just as He asked Bernadette, Jesus asks us to love and care for everyone. That can be difficult. It is hard to be nice to everyone especially the people who annoy you. Jesus wants us to be especially nice to those who annoy us. A follower of Jesus always tries his best to do this. Followers of Jesus believe in His teachings and message. They live His message in their own way in their everyday lives. The smallest of good deeds like helping a friend with their homework is following Christ's message. It is not about saving the entire world. It is about being better today than you were yesterday. Help with chores around the house. Do not talk back to your mom. Help a friend who has dropped their books in the hall. Christ is not asking you to do the impossible.

Everyone is invited to be a follower of Jesus. He loves all of us and wants us to be happy. We will find true happiness by living in his image. Being offered the opportunity to be a follower of Christ is a gift from God. Followers of Jesus help people in need. Sometimes their needs are huge and others are more manageable but we should help in every way.

Whether we are talking about doing the right thing daily in our lives or learning about the great works of saints as Bernadette, it all points to Christ. Jesus Christ performed the ultimate sacrifice. He practiced what he preached as he died to save each of us. The next time you have the opportunity to offer someone else a simple act of kindness, do not hesitate. Follow Christ's message. Be better today than yesterday." Charlotte Hamilton – 7B, St. Patrick School

On behalf of our school principal, Dr. Christine Ross, the school faculty, and Pastoral Staff at St. Patrick, I extend my congratulations to Charlotte. She clearly expressed the way a school assignment became a tremendous stepping stone in her faith journey. As the Easter Season calls for courage to express our faith in the Risen Christ, there are countless times in all of our lives that we struggle to believe; especially if we have been hurt in anyway from those who make up the Christian community. This weekend at liturgy the apostle Thomas hears those powerful words proclaimed in John's Gospel (John 20:29) from the Risen Christ, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us strive like those in the early church to grasp the energy of the early Christian communities so that the ideals of Christian living come to be experienced and passed on to future generations.

*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.

Congratulations and Welcome!

At the Easter Vigil, the St. Patrick Parish Community lovingly welcomed to our community the following five people who came through the RCIA process.

- **Pamela Lynn Edith Greene**-who was baptized, received First Eucharist and confirmed.
- **Tiffany Elizabeth Mortimer**-who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church, received First Eucharist and was confirmed.
- **Ellen Patricia Frances Veltri**-who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church, received first Eucharist and was confirmed.
- **Charles Anthony Paul Piasio**-a baptized Catholic who received First Eucharist and was confirmed.
- **Andrew Michael Daniel Lanskey**-a baptized Catholic who completed his full initiation in the Catholic Church through his confirmation.

Who will you invite to be part of this process for next year's vigil?

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd

3-4 pm ~ South Room, Parish Offices

Holy Hour with Reflection, Chaplet, Confessions and Benediction

FORGET-ME-NOT WEEKEND-Our monthly food collection is *this* weekend, **April 2 & 3**. Your generous donations are shared with the local community as well as our brothers and sisters in Paterson! All food donations (your bags or ours) can be brought to the Fr. Ed Center after masses or placed in the basket in the back of the church. *Thank You!*

Support Fr. English Food Pantry!

Once again, Carlos Roldan, Director of the Fr. English food pantry will be here selling 50/50 tickets outside our church after all masses the weekend of April 9 & 10.

Tickets will be drawn at their annual fashion show fundraiser being held Wednesday, April 20th. The food pantry relies heavily on this fundraiser which is their only appeal for the year. Please consider supporting this wonderful ministry!

The next altar server training class will be held Monday, April 11 at 3:30 pm in the church. Please let Dr. Kuzma know if you plan on attending this training. If you are interested in serving, and have a prior commitment at this time, please email Dr. Kuzma that fact as well, DKuzma@st-pats.org. This class is open for anyone in grades 4 and above.



First Aid Training ~ Be ready to help.

For 7th & 8th grade students

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 3:30-5:00 pm
St. Patrick Church—Parish Office Building

In this FREE 90 minute session, you will gain the basic knowledge of First Aid to help you during a medical emergency. Topics include calling 911 (when & why), the importance of hygiene and controlling external bleeding. Space is limited and no CPR training is provided. This is an American Heart Association certified First Aid Course and an AHA First Aid Certificate/Card is available for \$15 (cash or checks made payable to Atlantic Training Center to be paid at the session). RSVP (required) to St. Patrick Parish Office at 973-635-0625. Sponsored by the St. Patrick Nursing Ministry and Presented by the Chatham Emergency Squad.

Shawl Ministry

While most of our knitting is done at home, our gathering takes place for fellowship, sharing and prayers for those in need of shawls. Knitters gather the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00-2:30 pm. Our next gathering is Tuesday, April 12 in the South Room. All are welcome. Patterns are available for those who knit and those who crochet!

Do you feel called to be a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick?

Have you wondered about this ministry or if it is a place you might share your gifts? In our community there are those who are unable to attend Sunday mass for prolonged periods. The liturgy of the Eucharist is never self-contained but in its deepest meaning reaches out to the entire world. Those who carry Holy Communion to the sick and confined, continue the community's act of worship, extending its embrace to include those unable to be physically present. It is not necessary for an EM to the sick to be a Liturgical EM and training is provided.

We invite you to consider this ministry and welcome your questions. Please contact Peggy Gentile, 973-635-0625 ext. 25.

Calling All Bakers!!!

Do you like to bake? Would you be willing to occasionally provide baked goods for parish events? If so, we'd like to add you to our new 'Bakers Call List.' When events are being planned we will put a call out to all bakers to see who might be available to help out. Many hands make for light work! It would be wonderful to have a large list of volunteers to share in this ministry. No obligation. When the call comes in, you decide if you are available. If interested email Peggy Gentile at the parish office at pgentile@st-pats.org or call 973-635-0625 ext. 25.



Consecration to Jesus through Mary

We invite you to join us in prayer over 33 days from April 10th through May 13th. To learn how to pray this devotion, there will be three instructional video presentations for a total of 1.5 hours on Saturday, April 9, April 30 and May 7 at 9 am following the 8 am mass. Instructional sessions will be held in Parish Office Building South Room. The concluding Rosary and Mass will be on Friday, May 13th at 7 pm in the Church. Those who have completed their consecration in the past can renew with us at this time. Attend class, if you wish, and join us for Mass on May 13th. Consecration is setting apart for God a person, place, or thing. Total Consecration is a giving of oneself to Jesus Christ through the hands of His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The person who makes this Total Consecration seeks to deepen his or her relationship with Christ that is established in baptism and to live it dynamically. Please RSVP to lisahartpt@yahoo.com or to mrryan37@optonline.net to participate and/or receive a book.

Online Giving Statements

Thank you for your support through our Online Giving Program. If you set up your own online giving account, you can retrieve and print out your online giving history for tax purposes. To do this, go to *GivingHistory*, located on the left hand side, second from the bottom after you sign in. Select the fund you want and then input the dates. For more information, please email or call Ginny at donnellon@st-pats.org or 973-635-0625 ext. 29.



OPEN HOUSE AT SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

Introducing our new Transitional Kindergarten

Join us to see what makes St. Patrick School so special.

Tuesday, April 9, 2016 from 9:00—11:00 am

or

Wednesday, April 20 from 4:00-5:00 pm
PK3-grade 8

Saint Patrick School, accredited AdvancED, is a co-educational, parochial elementary school which includes pre-school through eighth grade. Founded in 1872, we have been nationally recognized as a United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School, and a Diocese of Paterson Star School. With several options for preschoolers and full day kindergarten, our students embark on a challenging academic journey that affords them the security of a familiar community during their formative years. Our faculty and staff are committed to providing the highest quality education for each student. We are a STEM school that promotes student critical thinking and application throughout our curriculum in all grades. Our vibrant enrichment programs and dynamic (and championship winning) athletic teams give students many avenues to share their talents. We are currently accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.st-pats-school.org or contact the office to schedule a tour at 973-635-4623.

A Path for Communicating About Health and Healing

Tuesday, April 5, 1-2 pm

Led by Karen Knops, MD, topics will include advanced care planning, getting a new diagnosis and overcoming miscommunication. They will discuss the importance of self compassion, self care and being an advocate for ourselves and the people we love. Presented by SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street in Summit. Reservations required. Please call 908-598-5548.

Bereavement Support Group

Wednesdays beginning April 6, 2-3:30 pm

Kathy Larkin, LSW, Manager of Infocare, SAGE Eldercare, will facilitate this 8-week support group for people 60 and older who have lost a loved one in the past year. Grieving is a part of the healing process after loss, but it is not easy. These gatherings offer an opportunity to understand the grieving process, gain emotional support and share coping strategies. Presented by SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street in Summit. Reservations required. Please call 908-598-5548.

The Power of the Paschal Candle

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The Paschal Candle stands tall and is given a place of importance in our church, but most especially during the Easter Season. At the Easter Vigil, everything used in the previous liturgies is replaced with new. The fire is built and the new Paschal Candle is lit from this fire. The ceremonial lighting of the Paschal Candle is one of the most solemn moments of the service. A new Paschal Candle is blessed and lit every year at Easter, and is used throughout the Paschal Season which is during Easter and then throughout the year on special occasions, such as baptisms and funerals. On Holy Thursday, the entire church is darkened by extinguishing all candles and lamps. This represents the darkness of a world without God.

At the opening of the Easter Vigil, a “new fire” is lit and blessed. The symbols on the Paschal Candle are traced while the priest says: “Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending. To Christ belongs all time and all the ages; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever. Amen.”

The Paschal Candle is the first candle to be lit with a flame from the sacred fire, representing the light of Christ coming into the world. This represents the risen Christ, as a symbol of light (life) dispelling darkness (death). As it is lit, the priest may say words similar to: “the light of Christ, rising in Glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.”

The candle is presented three times. The first time it is the only flame to be lit. This represents the power of Christ dispelling all darkness. Then the priest lights his taper from the Paschal Candle. The second time, the candle is presented at the Baptistry, representing the connection to our Baptism Call. At that time, all tapers are lit and only from the flame of the Paschal Candle in order that we, too, share in this magnificent Light of Christ; no lighters or matches are used. We hear the call in the exulted that is then chanted by the deacon: **Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided but undimmed, a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.**

The Paschal Candle will remain in the sanctuary throughout the Easter Season. After the last mass on Pentecost, it will be placed by the Baptistry and is to only be used for Baptism and Funerals.



FAITH FORMATION

Jesus Day Retreat: Saturday, April 23rd from 9:45 am—1 pm
The day will begin in the church and end in the Fr. Ed Center gym.

First Communion

Sat. April 30 at 10 am

Rehearsal

Mon. April 25; 3:30-5:15 pm
Tues, April 26; 3:30-5:15 pm

Sat., April 30 at 1 pm

Wed., April 27; 3:30-5:15 pm
Thurs., April 28, 3:30-5:15 pm

Sat., May 7 at 10 am

Mon. May 2; 3:30-5:15 pm
Tues, May 3; 3:30-5:15 pm

Sat., May 7 at 1 pm

Wed., May 4; 3:30-5:15 pm
Thurs., May 5; 3:30-5:15 pm

Sun., May 8 at 11 am

Friday May 6; 3:30-5:15 pm

Please note that parents are required to attend the second rehearsal date with their child from 4:45-5:15 pm with the exception of the May 8th communion when parents are expected to meet from 4:30-5 pm. All rehearsals are in the church.

Appalachia Golf Classic

Fundraiser for the Appalachia Help Weeks

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ballyowen Golf Club in Hamburg, NJ

Please choose one of the following:

- **Golf, lunch, soft drinks, beer/wine** (donuts & muffins provided in the morning) \$175.00 per person.
- **Dinner & Cocktails** only at \$50.00 per person
- **Sponsorship** \$200.00...I want to see my name in lights or at least on a sign at a Tee or Green

Please contact Fred Mercadante for a registration or sponsorship form: fredmercadante@gmail.com. Registration Deadline: May 8.