



Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016



Saturday 5:00 pm	April 23 Peter Coviello, Sr. and Eileen Horan
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	April 24 Dorothy Greenfield and James Gilrane Nicolas Marconi and Hedy Ries Allen J. Vohden and John Birofka Dr. Chester T. Karr and Barbara Barry
Monday 8:00 am	April 25 Mark L. Brigham and Jack Duffy
Tuesday 8:00 am	April 26 Jim & Marie Meagher and Lillian & Dom Damiano
Wednesday 8:00 am 9:00 am	April 27 Sharon Phalon Smith and Herbert Morgan Emma McGrath
Thursday 8:00 am	April 28 Armond Johnson and Claire Mehalik
Friday 8:00 am	April 29 Steven Johe and Garrett McCormack
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	April 30 Matthew Linton and Al Sorrentino Eileen Horan and Deceased Members of the Estrada & DeSouza Families
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	May 1 Stephen Zieniewicz and Joseph Whiteman Terry Brown and for the Intentions of Red and Joan Mulholland Allen Vohden, Sr. and Barbara Barry Edward C. Nash and Joseph Celauro

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men informed the Gentiles that they must be circumcised if they wished to be saved, because of the Old Laws. Disciples then went forth to tell the Gentiles to honor only those rules which were strictly necessary, such as abstaining from eating meat sacrificed to idols and illicit sexual union.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John depicts Jerusalem coming out of heaven, sparkling with the radiance of precious jewels. Angels were stationed at each of its twelve gates, and each gate bore the name of one tribe of Israel. The city had no temple, because God was its temple. The glory and light of God and the Lamb also replaced their need for the sun.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.

Mass Schedule April 30th and May 1st

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

Reconciliation (Confession) April 30th

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

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of April 24th is in memory of deceased family members given by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Nugent.

The Candles on the altar the week of April 24th are in memory of Dr. & Mrs. J. Fiorino and Mary Madigan given by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Madigan.

The Flowers on the altar the week of April 24th are in memory of deceased family members given by Mr. & Mrs. Zucchi.

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, 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, James Tunny, Herb Cannon, Agnes Cirillo and **for all our deceased especially John McCann.**

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, April 25

First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30-5:15 pm; Church
Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church

Tuesday, April 26

First Aid Training: 2:30-3:30 pm; North/South Rooms
First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30-5:15 pm; Church

Wednesday, April 27

First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30-5:15 pm; Church

Thursday, April 28

Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30-5:15 pm; Church

Friday, April 29

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room

Saturday, April 30

First Communions: 10 am & 1 pm; Church

Sunday, May 1

Food Pantry Collection: Parish Center Lobby
RCIA: 12:15 pm; South Room
Rite of Prayer: 3:15 pm; East/West Room



From the Desk of Our Pastor

Mark, the Evangelist

Tomorrow, April 25, the church celebrates the Feast of St. Mark who is the patron saint of Egypt (tradition has it that Mark went to Egypt and founded the church of Alexandria), Venice (which claims that his body is in St. Mark's Cathedral, where it is reported to have been brought from Alexandria), and of notaries. One common symbol used to represent Mark is the lion. The feast of St. Mark holds much importance in the church calendar as most biblical scholarship consider Mark's gospel to be the first that was recorded as it dates back to 65 AD. It is also the shortest gospel even though eleven new verses not written by Mark were added to the original document. Contemporary scholarship holds belief that Mark's gospel is the primary source used by the authors of Matthew and Luke in that Matthew produces 550 verses from Mark, while Luke reproduces 420 of Mark's 670 verses.

In a book titled, *The Gospel of Mark*, William Barclay states, "The first three gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, are known as the synoptic gospels. The word synoptic comes from the Greek words which mean to see together, and these three are called the synoptic gospels because they can be set down in parallel columns and their common matter looked together. It would be possible to argue that of them all, Mark is the most important. It would indeed be possible to go further and to argue that it is the most important book in the world because it is agreed by nearly everyone that it is the earliest of all gospels and therefore the first life of Jesus that has come down to us. Mark may not have been the first man to write the life of Jesus. Doubtless there are earlier simple attempts to set down the story of Jesus' life; but Mark's gospel is certainly the earliest life of Jesus that has survived."

Unlike the gospels of Matthew and Luke, there are no infancy narratives found in Mark's gospel, which gives credibility to the fact that he is the first gospel writer. Since the gospels were written well over 30 years after the life of Jesus, these writings became a way that preserved oral tradition that circulated about Jesus. Infancy narratives were later additions that permitted the gospels of Matthew and Luke to respond to concerns about the early years of Jesus. Mark's gospel renders a basic skeleton for the development of Jesus' life, which begins with an introduction of John the Baptist, who is an important figure in Mark's gospel. Jesus is baptized by John and experiences an apocalyptic vision which keeps the identity of Jesus a secret, which is known as the messianic secret. Throughout his gospel, Mark portrays Jesus as a servant who defines the character of a messiah with focus on Jesus' ministry in Galilee. Although Mark places Jesus in the desert to be tempted prior to his public ministry, his temptation scene is extremely brief (two verses) unlike the lengthy temptations illustrated in Matthew and Luke. One common feature Mark makes clear is that discipleship entails renunciation which directs us to the fact that Jesus was involved in stages of controversy in order to get his point across. Mark uses this as a method to knit together people in early Christian communities.

Details about the life of Mark are sketchy other than the belief that he was a companion of Peter, and he wrote his gospel from that relationship. Mark also holds a relationship with Paul as he accompanied him on his initial missionary journey. As an evangelist, Mark writes for Gentiles which are non-Jewish Christians. Debate still exists over the location used by Mark to write his gospel in that some scholars believe Mark wrote out of Rome while others claim Syria. Mark frequently speaks of the conversion of the Gentiles as well as his miracle stories contain Gentiles who are unfamiliar with Jewish customs. Miracle stories are commonly used by Mark and broken down into four unique types which include healing, exorcism, resuscitation, and nature miracles. Miracles in Mark demonstrate the manner that evil is overcome through God's works. As the church gives attention to the Feast of St. Mark on Monday, the day draws our attention to the man who was first to compose a document called a gospel that set forth an outline for others to follow.

*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.



Baptisms

Bode Keane Lyden
Shea Patrick Lyden
Sons of Nathan and Therese

Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **Lauren and Eric Christensen**. We look forward to getting to know you!

ANNUAL SENIOR TEA

Wednesday, May 4, 2016
12:00-2:00 pm

Fr. Ed Hinds Parish Center



Grandparents, friends, and family are welcome. Tea sandwiches and desserts will be served. Please RSVP by April 27th to the Parish Office at 973-635-0625. For information, please contact Kim McKee at 973-822-0940.



First Aid Training Class ~ FREE **For 7th & 8th grade students**

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

The Chatham Emergency Squad will be presenting a free 90 minute class to all interested 7th & 8th graders. Learn critical skills to respond to and manage emergencies. Details on our website. Limited space still available. Registration is required. Call the parish offices to RSVP at 973-635-0625.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Forget Me Not-Our monthly food collection is NEXT weekend, **April 30 & May 1**. 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 the basket in the back of church. Thank You!

Virtual Food Drive Update-Thank You! Hundreds of items have already been purchased online for this drive. They will be shipped directly to Fr. English Center and Our Lady of Victories. There's still a week remaining so it's not too late to donate. Details are on our website. Share the link!



In Need of Care and/or Prayers?

Please remember that in accordance with HIPPA laws, hospitals cannot contact the parish with the names of our parishioners who have been admitted. If you know of someone in a hospital or nursing home who would like to be contacted or prayed for, please call the parish office. This information is confidential and can be passed on, if requested, to our Nurses, Caring Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and included in our prayer intentions.

Parish Support-April 17th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$15,286
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$12,508



MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Member Highlight-Joe Haggerty

Joe Haggerty, baritone, started singing with the Saturday choir at the 5 pm mass in 1991. This year is his 25th anniversary as a choir member.

Joe loves music of all kinds! He and his wife, Maureen, enjoy going to concerts and shows. Frequently Joe does research on music we are singing at mass and brings us his findings. He always loves to stay and listen to the organ postlude, and has a mental list of his favorites. While singing, Joe thinks about what he is doing and often shares his observations with the group. For example, Joe noticed it is easier for him to learn a melody by listening to and repeating small sections. He likes using his ear. Sometimes he records our rehearsals so he can listen in his spare time!

In 2008, Joe began to co-cantor with Hedy Ries in addition to singing with the choir. When Hedy passed on last month, Joe courageously sang for her funeral and spent time with her family at the repast.

Joe works developing software for embedded microprocessor systems at Advanced Power Technologies in Randolph. Joe also has experience with ham radio, which has been a positive influence for speaking and singing in front of a congregation. He shares his interest in technology and sound systems with the church by helping with microphones, assisting with set-up at the picnic, and helping in the office with audio software.

Joe loves his family and his church in addition to his love for music. He likes spending time with his twin granddaughters. After singing for the Saturday 5:00 pm, Joe enjoys attending the 9:00 am Sunday mass with Maureen the next day. His love of music, people, family, and church is an inspiration to us all. Thank you, Joe, for your 25 years of choir ministry!

Maggie Hanson, Music Minister

Plant and Flower Sale ~ Appalachia Fundraiser

Pick up some beautiful plants and flowers all while benefitting the Appalachia Help Weeks! Simply complete the order form online at <https://goo.gl/qRdQK1> or the one included as an insert in this bulletin, return the form with cash or a check to the Parish Office or submit your order online. Deadline for all orders is Monday, May 9. Pick up your order after any Mass on May 21 or May 22. Thank you for your generous support!



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.

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. Please use the side door closest to the school.





SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Bravo! Congratulations to the Saint Patrick School Middle School students on a wonderful performance. It was a true delight to watch each eighth grade student shine as a character from the beloved story *Beauty and the Beast*. Grade seven came together as a terrific chorus, and grade six worked diligently painting sets and sewing costumes. It would not have been possible without the help of so many: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Herrell, Miss Fox, Mr. Hertzog, Mrs. Block, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Schenone, Mr. Bunero, Dr. Ross, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Feit, the class moms and the Middle School teachers.

The Governor's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 contained a 6.8% funding cut in nonpublic school programs. Specifically, the cuts were made in security (the total elimination of the Nonpublic School Security Program), nursing services, and technology. It is vitally important that our school community be aware of these potential cuts and how they directly affect St. Patrick School. Please go to the Saint Patrick School web page to find out more information and how you can help keep these vital services.



RCIA is for anyone who wants to learn more about their faith, those who want to become Catholic, those who want to try to understand the teachings of the Catholic Church or those who simply want to deepen their faith if they are already Catholic.

Please contact Deb Kuzma at dkuzma@st-pats.org for more information.



YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week in Youth Ministry

Freshman Gathering: Mon., April 25; 7:15-8:30 pm, YMC

8th Grade Retreat Follow-up: Thurs., April 28; 7-8:15 pm

Freshman Rite of Prayer: Sun., May 1; 3:15-6 pm;
Parish Center East/West Rooms

Service Opportunities

Food Pantry Restock: Sat., May 21; 8:30-10:15 am

Confirmation

Sponsor Sheets were due on April 8th. If you have not yet sent yours in, you must do so ASAP in order to be included in the Confirmation Celebration Booklets. This year, both confirmation ceremonies will be officiated by Bishop Marconi. A list of confirmation date assignments was emailed out 2 weeks ago. Those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:30 pm have practice in the church with their sponsors on Monday, May 16th from 7:30-8:30 pm. Those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 24th at 7:30 pm have practice in the Church with their sponsors on Monday, May 23rd from 7:30-8:30 pm.

Freshman-Mandatory Rite of Prayer

The last **mandatory** session this year for all Freshmen is the Rite of Prayer. This Rite focuses on the importance of prayer in our lives through a reflection on the Lord's Prayer. There are 2 opportunities to attend (Sunday, May 1st from 3:15-6:00 pm including Mass or Thursday, May 5th from 7:30-9:00 pm). All freshmen received an email requesting you to choose a date. Please respond!



FAITH FORMATION

Online Registration for 2016-2017 for all classes K-8 will be available by the end of April or early May. Families with children in our program will be sent an email with the link to register. New registrations can check the bulletin and our website.

Catechists are always needed. Please consider asking a friend to share the responsibility of a class with you. Catechists and co-catechists receive one free tuition as a token of our appreciation. Safety Monitors, Teen Buddies, and Classroom Assistants are also needed. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to volunteer. For more information, contact Ginny Salvatore at 973-635-0625 ext. 27 or vsalvatore@st-pats.org. It would be ideal if we had all our volunteers before registration opens so that classes don't have to be canceled in the fall.

First Communion

Sat. April 30 at 10 am

Sat., April 30 at 1 pm

Sat., May 7 at 10 am

Sat., May 7 at 1 pm

Sun., May 8 at 11 am

Rehearsal

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

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

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

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

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.



Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower

Our spiritually adopted babies are due in June!

St. Patrick's Respect Life Committee will be sponsoring a baby shower for moms and their babies at crisis pregnancy centers. We will be collecting items and monetary donations on May 14th and May 15th in the Fr. Ed Center. Donations needed for mothers include gift cards to grocery stores, gas cards, etc., new pillows, comforters and sheet sets, new breast pumps, and new women's bathrobes. Baby items needed include new and gently used baby clothes size newborn to 9 months, diapers, baby wipes, bottles, new baby monitors, thermometers, vaporizers, boppy pillows, car seats/stroller combo sets and gently used strollers. The shelters need cleaning supplies and laundry detergent. Checks can be made payable to "Birth Haven" or "Several Sources Foundation." Thank you for your generous support.

Summer Retreat

Family Retreats for parents and their children are being offered at a retreat center near an ocean beach in Duxbury, MA July 3-8 and July 31-August 5. Please contact Deacon John & Peggy Scarfi at 845-621-7000 or visit their website for more information.

Community Paper Shred

Saturday, April 30, 10 am-1 pm

All of your confidential papers safely shredded for \$10/box or \$5/grocery bag. Proceeds to benefit the Chatham Senior Center!