



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 24 Deceased Members of the Tomeo Family and Lori Perillo McGowan
Sunday 7:30 am	September 25 Deceased Members of the Lagana Family and Theodore Demetriou
9:00 am	James Boler, Jody Chervenak and Nicholas Marconi
11:00 am	Luis Calero and James Tierney
5:00 pm	Lenny Cagno and John Coyne
Monday 8:00 am	September 26 Nicholas Marconi and Garrett McCormack
Tuesday 8:00 am	September 27 Gloria Zwick and Dorothea Eaton
Wednesday 8:00 am	September 28 Hal Flatau and Peggy Kamin
Thursday 8:00 am	September 29 Fr. Ron Amandolare
Friday 8:00 am	September 30 Gloria Zwick and Michael Wisneski
Saturday 8:00 am	October 1 Luke Klisart and Joan Stecher
5:00 pm	Manny Vito and Deceased Members of the Estrada and DeSouza Families
Sunday 7:30 am	October 2 Nancy Sapienza and Gloria Zwick
9:00 am	Maryon Maher and Robert Marcoux
11:00 am	Msgr. Fr. Carl Hinricksen and Manny Vito
5:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Schultz Family and John Cadmus

Mass Schedule October 1st & 2nd

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

Reconciliation (Confession) October 2nd

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

Parish Support-September 18th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$15,695
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$13,874

Blessing of Pets and Prayer for the Environment

All members of the parish community are invited to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, patron Saint of Animals and Ecology on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm. The blessing of the animals will take place outside of the Father Ed Center, rain or shine.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2016

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The prophet Habakkuk cries out despairingly to God because of the state Jerusalem has fallen into. He asks why God does nothing to stop the violence and misery. God assures him that a time will come when only the just and faithful will live.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Paul writes to Timothy from prison and urges him to continue to spread the gospel without fear or shame. He also tells Timothy to draw upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to help him face the hardships he will encounter while preaching.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies that "faith the size of a mustard seed could transplant a sycamore," indicating that a person either has faith, strong and complete, or none at all. Jesus also explains that a servant will not receive gratitude for simply following his master's orders. In the same way, we are all God's servants doing no more than our duty when we obey God's commands.

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of September 25th is in memory of deceased family members given by Mr. & Mrs. George Enright

The Candles on the altar the week of September 25th are in memory of Gabriel and Joan Cappucci given by Mr. & Mrs. Gabe Cappucci.

The Flowers on the altar the week of September 25th are in memory of deceased members of the Phelan and Cangemi families given by Josephine Phelan.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Anthony Cagno, Stanley Wisneski, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Deacon Maximo Paulino, Marlene Wisneski, Cecilia Ivashko and **for all our deceased especially Bridget DeLoach and Joan Stecher.**

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, September 26

Faith Formation Class: 4 pm; School
Rosary: 6:30 pm; Church
Meditation Group: 7:00 pm; Church

Thursday, September 29

Walking with Purpose: 9:30 am; Gym
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
Walking with Purpose: 7 pm; South Room
Rite of Creed Renewal: 7:15 pm; East/West Room

Friday, September 30

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room

Saturday, October 1

End of Life Presentation: 10:30 am; East/West Room

Sunday, October 2

Food Collection: Parish Center Lobby
RCIA: 12:30 pm; South Room
Women of Mary Silver Tea: 12:00 pm;
East/West Room
Blessing of the Animals: 2:00 pm; Parking lot



From the Desk of Our Pastor

Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation for Adults

As the church journeys through a Year of Mercy, it is sometimes forgotten that at St. Patrick Church as well as in all Catholic churches there are countless people who come to liturgy that are un-baptized, or members of a different Christian tradition. Others have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. In most cases these are faithful people who become comfortable in weekly worship at St. Patrick, yet hold back from taking a step toward full initiation in the faith. Many of these people were introduced to the faith through marriage with a Catholic partner, and wish to establish a bond of family unity aware that worship calls families to be together rather than engender separation.

Next weekend a formal invitation will be made to invite friends, family, or oneself to a gathering for adults who wish to inquire on the way the church formally accepts people into the faith. Throughout the scriptures there are numerous calls by God to a deepened commitment of faith, which are often answered after an internal struggle. Such was the case of the prophets Jeremiah and Samuel as well as many of the apostles and St. Augustine. Like these people, you or a loved one may be pondering the road to full initiation in the Catholic faith, but lack the confidence and reassurance to take the plunge. Participation in this process is known as the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

The R.C.I.A. is a process of Catholic formation that welcomes: a: Adult non-Christians into the faith through Baptism; b: prepares adult Catholics who have never received First Eucharist or Confirmation for the celebration of these sacraments; and c: invites non-Catholic baptized Christians into the Catholic faith. People who are un-baptized become "Catechumens" which comes from the Greek, "to hear," therefore, these are believers who are open to God's word, and respond to it. Others who enter the R.C.I.A. are called candidates, which are baptized Catholics who did not complete the initiation process through Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation; or baptized members of another Christian tradition who seek presence in the Roman Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction discernment, and formation based on the understanding that conversion is a commitment to an ongoing spiritual journey to live the Catholic faith. Although there is no timetable set since people are encouraged to go at their own pace, it is the goal of the parish to provide fellowship that supports those who begin this journey, which in most cases will climax at the Easter Vigil on April 15, 2017.

Those who choose to take this leap of faith gather on Sunday mornings to hear faith stories from members of the parish who testify to their beliefs. The candidates and catechumens get to participate in liturgical rites whereby the community welcomes them and prays for them. Since the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized; the parish community seeks to assist those who are searching for Christ by engendering a hospitable environment that makes participants feel comfortable, accepted, and welcomed. Catechumens and candidates are provided with a sponsor who stands with them during initiation. Sponsors are links to the Catholic community and give testimony through their life experience. Most sponsors are surprised by the amount that they grow in their faith through participation in the RCIA; hence the sponsor is often envisioned as a mentor since these believers offer encouragement, guidance, and honest feedback to the candidate or catechumen. Every member of the parish is also called to pray for the candidates and catechumens, and to speak honestly to them whenever possible to insure that these individuals live with confidence in exploring the history of their spiritual lives.

As the church continues to extend love through this Year of Mercy, if you, a family member, or friend have pondered taking the step to become fully initialized into the Catholic faith; be brave and come forth to complete the journey. Anyone who would like to further their knowledge of the R.C.I.A. may contact Dr. Deb Kuzma at 973-635-0625, ext. 23, or email her at DKuzma@st-pats.org

*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.

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

Have you visited our recently updated parish website?

Same domain name, different look! See all that our wonderful parish has to offer! One of the new features is the ability to order Mass Cards, Altar Flowers, Altar Candles and Memorial Lamp Intentions all online from our website! Upcoming Events, Parish News, Today's Readings and links to registration forms and sites are all housed on our site. Check it out! <http://st-pats.org>.



OKTOBERFEST!

All you can eat and drink of traditional German fare, wine and beer. Music from 7 pm—11pm in the Fr. Ed Parish Center. Enjoy an outdoor Bier Garten (weather permitting). \$40 per person, \$35 per senior. Ticket includes chance at valuable door prizes. Also, buy a chance to win a week's lodging in the Hamptons! RSVP to Anthony: anthonyjimgiozzi@gmail.com or 973-769-1056

Join the Women of Mary for their **Annual Silver Tea** on Sunday, October 2 from 12 pm until 2 pm. *This year, we will be honoring Rita Duane for her many years of service to St. Patrick Parish.* Brunch will be served along with induction of new members and the blessing and distribution of roses. Annual dues are \$10 and may be paid at the Tea. Reservations are necessary. Please call the Parish office at 973-635-0625 to RSVP with the number attending. All are welcome.

Gimme Shelter ~ Movie Screening and Discussion for Teens Thurs., Oct. 6, 2016 from 6:30-9:15 pm in the Parish Center

A pregnant teenager flees life with her drug-addicted mother and ends up living on the street before being welcomed into her first real home in *Gimme Shelter*, an extraordinary tale of survival and redemption. Inspired by actual events and the real-life, David-and-Goliath story of Several Sources Shelters founder Kathy DiFiore. Join the discussion facilitated by Fr. Chris - Pizza & snack will be served

What am I doing to evangelize? Do I know what it means to evangelize? Evangelization is not just "sharing our faith" as people commonly describe it. ***Evangelization is first and foremost a process by which we build relationships.*** We build relationships of trust and mercy with others. Then, we invite them into a relationship of trust with Christ himself. Our mission statement states we will strengthen the spiritual life of all parishioners through truth and love. To evangelize, we must heal, proclaim and then and only then, we teach. Here are four ways each of us can help heal:

- Reach out to someone who feels left out.
- Invite someone to join one of my social groups.
- Welcome interruptions by others
- Listen attentively to other people's stories.



MUSIC MINISTRY

An Evening of Music and Prayer with Dan Schutte

Composer of many of our favorite religious songs (Here I Am Lord, Table of Plenty, You Are Near, and many more), Dan will offer an evening of music and prayer focused on the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The event is hosted by St. Therese Church at 120 Monroe Avenue in Cresskill, NJ, on Friday, October 14, at 7 pm. There will be a free will offering. For more information, call Adrian Soltys: 201-567-2528 ext. 313.

It is not too late to join our music ministry!

We need: men (tenor and bass), women (alto), boys of all ages, middle school and teenage girls, instrumentalists, guitarists. We have a lot of talent in our parish that have not yet shared their gifts in church! Please go to the parish website or contact Maggie Hanson for more information.

Rehearsal Schedules:

God Unplugged (teenage singers/instrumentalists):

Meet every Sun. at 3:45, sing for Sunday 5 pm masses

St. Patrick Boys Choir (grades 3-8):

Meet every Thurs. at 6:15, sing for Sun. 9 am mass 2x/month

St. Patrick Girls Choir (grades 3-8):

Meet every Wed. at 6:15, sing for Sun 9 am mass 2x/month

Morning Song Choir (grades K-3): Starts 9/21

Meet every Wed. at 5:30, sing for some 9 am masses and special occasions

St. Patrick School Choir (grades 1-8):

Consists of church choir members who attend the school

Saturday Sound Choir (adult): Ongoing

Meet every Sat. at 4:00 pm. Sing for the Sat. 5 pm mass

St. Patrick Choir (adult):

Meet every Thurs. at 7:30 pm. Sing for the 11 am mass, Advent Christmas Concert and Holy Week

Instrumentalists (middle school and up):

Meet every Thurs. at 5:30 pm. Play for any of the masses

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

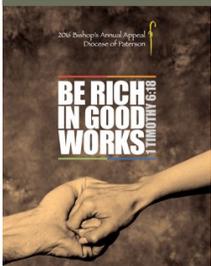
Couples, were you married in 1966 or 1991? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany on Sun., Nov. 6, 2016 at 4 pm. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office at 973-635-0625. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

Flu Shots for Seniors-The Chatham Flu Clinics are scheduled for Saturday, October 8 from 9-11 am at the St. Patrick Parish Center for Chatham Borough seniors age 50+ and on Wednesday October 26 from 1:30 -3:00 pm at the Chatham Senior Center, 58 Meyersville Road, for Chatham Township seniors.

2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal-Be Rich in Good Works

Did you know that, in addition to returning your pledge card with a check, you can make a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal online? Simply go to www.2016appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today if it is convenient for you.

Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an online donation, your support is most welcome and greatly needed. Please consider participating in this worthy cause!





YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week in Youth Ministry

- Sophomore Rite of Creed Renewal:** Sun., Sept. 25,
3:15-6:00 pm in the Fr. Ed Parish Center
- Fall Action Retreat Registration:** Mon., Sept. 26, 7 pm
In the Parish Offices (41 Oliver St.)
- Fall Action Planning Meeting:** Mon., Sept. 26, 7-9:30 pm
In the YMC
- Fall Antioch Planning Meeting:** Wed., Sept. 28, 7-9:30 pm
At St. Vincents
- Sophomore Rite of Creed Renewal:** Thurs., Sept. 29,
7:15-9:00 pm in the Fr. Ed Center

SPYM Emails

A few emails have already been sent with important SPYM information. If you are registered and not receiving our emails, please contact Maggie.

Freshmen Action Retreat

As discussed at the Rite of Invitation for freshmen, registration for the Fall Action Retreat is an in-person registration which will take place on Monday, Sept. 26th beginning at 7 pm at the Parish Center offices (41 Oliver Street). Registrations will be accepted on a first come/first served basis up to 54 teens after which a wait list will be started.

MANDATORY-Sophomore Rite of Creed

The Rite of Creed Renewal for all sophomores is a mandatory meeting (for teens only). There are 2 opportunities to attend:

Sunday, September 25th, 3:15-6 pm (5:00 pm Mass included)

Thursday, September 29th, 7:15-9 pm

A flyer was emailed to all registered YM sophomores asking for your response as to which date you will be attending.

Service Opportunities

Sign up on the SPYM board in the lobby of the Church or by emailing Maggie at mgrady@st-pats.org

Helping with the Parish Oktoberfest: Saturday, Oct. 8, 7-11 pm
or work a shift 7-9 pm or 9-11 pm

Food Pantry Restock: Saturday, Oct. 15, 8:30-10:15 am
(Adult drivers needed)

Backpack Program Packaging: Tues., Oct. 18, 3:45-4:30 pm
In the Parish Center

Youth Center Donations

With the amount of meetings we have each week with the teens, we could really use donations of individually wrapped candy or cans of soda/drinks (not water as we have a Poland Springs dispenser). Anything you can donate would be appreciated. The teens never refuse food. You can mark the donations "Youth Ministry" and drop them at the parish offices (41 Oliver St.). Thank you!

20/20 Pro-life Vision Conference: Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016

Please come to the 20/20 Vision Conference on Sat., Oct. 1, 2016 from 8:30 am to 5 pm at Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ. This historic, non-denominational event is designed to educate the public about the humanity of the babies in the womb. World-class pro-life speakers include: Stephanie Gray (Love Unleashes Life), Maureen Condit, PhD (University of Utah), and Tina Whittington (Students for Life). Cost is \$65 and pre-registration is required. Please call 973-497-4500 or visit BabiesintheWombFeelPain.com for more information.



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

This week our Student Council Officers and Class Representatives were installed in a ceremony in church. The officers were elected by their classmates and are moderated by three faculty members.

Saint Patrick School has welcomed many new families this school year. Last week, parents of students in Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 to 3 met the teachers and learned about all of the exciting activities and plans for the year. Parents with students in our Intermediate School (Grades 4 & 5) and our Middle School (Grades 6-8) also visited classrooms and met the faculty at Back-to-School Night.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation K-I classes begin this Sunday and Monday.

Sunday Session I: 8:15-9:45 am

Sunday Session II: 10:15-11:45 am

Sunday Session III: 7-8:30 pm

Monday Session IV: 4-5:30 pm

Our Catechists, Classroom Assistants, Buddies, and Safety Monitors are ready to welcome our students and families to another year of learning, sharing their love and faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church.

By working together, parents, catechists and pastoral staff can provide our children/teens with a positive knowledge to help them grow in their faith as they develop a personal relationship with God. Attending Mass on a regular basis and teaching them to serve will help them to be disciples of Jesus.

Are you someone who can be described in the following way...

- You have questions about what it means to be in relationship with God.
- You're wondering who Jesus Christ really is and why the information about him is called "Good News".
- A fiancé, spouse or family member has been urging you to become Catholic, but you're not sure if this religion is really right for you.
- You are raising your child catholic and want to know more about the faith
- You've heard things about Catholic practices and beliefs that you don't like or don't agree with and now you're wondering if it's really true.
- You like the open-ended format of discussions and don't want to sit in a classroom following a pre-set schedule of topics and materials.
- You'd like to take care of yourself holistically including your spiritual side.

Why not try out an RCIA question/inquiry session. Our first session will be October 9 at 12:15 pm in the South Room in the parish office building.

1st Anniversary Mass for the Soul of Rev. Msgr. Thomas Coletta

Tuesday, October 6 at the 6:00pm mass followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall Our Lady of Victories - Corner of Broadway & Memorial Dr., Paterson

We remember the former pastor of our sister Parish, Our Lady of Victories. Join us in a loving tribute to this much loved pastor.