



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 16, 2017

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 7:30 pm	April 15 <i>Solemn Easter Vigil</i>
Sunday 7:30 am	April 16 Living and Deceased Family Members
9:00 am	Living and Deceased Family Members
11:00 am	Living and Deceased Family Members <i>In the Church</i>
11:00 am	Living and Deceased Family Members <i>In the Parish Center</i>
Monday 8:00 am	April 17 Ethel E. Sprague, Claire & Gene Mehalik and Janice Sheldon
Tuesday 8:00 am	April 18 Peter Vicovari and Nicki Balsamo
Wednesday 8:00 am	April 19 Bruce Ferguson and Doris Murphy
Thursday 8:00 am	April 20 Robert Burns and Joseph Saltarelli
Friday 8:00 am	April 21 John Viola and Deceased Members of the Breheny Family
Saturday 8:00 am	April 22 Lillian Farro and Ellen Rauter
5:00 pm	Paul J. Burke and Joann Kleinsmith
Sunday 7:30 am	April 23 Claire Abrams
9:00 am	John Michael Babbitt and Michael Scagnelli
11:00 am	Antonio Fischetti and Thomas Wendorff
5:00 pm	Living and Deceased Family Members of the Wisneski Family and for the Intention of the Lagana Family

Mass Schedule April 22nd & 23rd

Fr. Bob	Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 7:30 am & 9 am
Fr. Chris	Sunday 11 am and 5 pm
	<u>Reconciliation April 22nd</u>
Fr. Bob	Saturday 4-4:30 pm

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of April 16th is in memory of deceased members of the parish.

The Candles on the altar the week of April 2 are in memory of deceased members of the parish.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Carmela Cecere, Marie Conlan, Mike Mulane, Evey Staromano, Tony Cecere, Deacon Tony Siino, Charles Spencer, Caroline Palluzzi, Anita Strollo, Don Tracy, and **for all our deceased.**

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 23, 2017

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

After His resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, April 17-Parish Office Closed

Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church

Tuesday, April 18

Respect Life Ministry: 7:30 pm; North Room

Thursday, April 20

Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room

Parish Nurse Meeting: 7 pm; North Room

Saturday, April 22

Pastoral Council Meeting: 8:30 am; South Room

Sunday, April 23

Faith Formation: 8:15 am, 10:15 am, 7 pm; School

Arbor Day Concert: 2 pm; Church

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30 pm; South Room



From the Desk of Our Pastor

Easter People

A police car pulled up in front of grandma Bessie's house, and grandpa got out. The polite police officer explained that the elderly gentleman said that he was lost in the park and could not find his way home. "Morris" said grandma, "You've been going to that park for over 30 years! How come you got lost today?" Leaning close to grandma, so that the police officer could not hear, grandpa whispered. "I wasn't lost, I was just too tired to walk home." Today we gather to celebrate the triumph of Jesus. Like Morris, it appeared that the message of Jesus was lost upon his crucifixion and death; however, God provided Jesus with a ride to new life. This promoted a joyful vision to his followers that changed the course of world history.

Did God really raise Jesus? If yes, how did it happen? There are multiple responses to this question that get recorded in the New Testament through people who proclaim "Jesus is Risen!" Although there was no eyewitness to Jesus coming out of the tomb, oral testimony from the disciples and Mary Magdalene paved the way for written testimony highlighted through the appearance narratives in the Gospels. Paul's Letters which preceded the Gospels render faith statements of his experience of the Risen Christ even though he did not know the historical Jesus. These faith statements redirected lives of those familiar to Jesus, and fostered belief that Jesus is the Messiah. Today, some 2,000 years later, many still ponder the question of Resurrection. An authentic test for belief is revealed through our lifestyles; yet one internal conflict for so many is the invitation to believe without seeing; this is called faith. Loyalty to that belief stems from the evidence of an Empty Tomb. Next Sunday, the scriptures will focus on the apostle, Thomas, who labored with belief in the Risen Christ. Throughout the fifty day Easter Season the church focuses on an assortment of biblical passages that demonstrate the strain of so many to recognize the Risen Christ.

The Easter Season begins in the darkness of night echoed through the Easter Vigil. People are baptized, a new Paschal Candle is lighted, baptismal vows are renewed, and the assembly is sprinkled with newly blessed water. This ignites the flame of Christ's victorious light in every corner of our lives, which makes us stand up and sing "Alleluia". As our Catechism states, "Easter is the feast of feasts, the focal point of the liturgical year. For this reason we call ourselves Easter People." The celebration of God's presence in the Risen Christ is a mystery that transforms areas of human darkness into belief in the possibility of all we can become. Since the light of the Risen Christ is highlighted through the Paschal "Passover" Candle which is blessed and lighted for the first time at the Easter Vigil, it gets positioned next to the ambo throughout the 50 day Easter Season as the flame glows at each mass until Pentecost. The candle speaks to us of Christ's power to dispel darkness discovered in the belief that Jesus "passed over" from death to new life.

Easter renders a positive outlook to life as the Gospel writers provide us with help to uncover meaning in our lives which steers us to bring to light beauty over ugliness, and faith rather than doubt in the dark corners of human existence. Belief in Resurrection shattered the darkness of those who were imbedded with an image of the crucified Christ in that at the site of the Empty Tomb people with restricted viewpoints saw the absence of God; whereas people of faith brought forth the daring proclamation that Jesus had Risen. It is only through the eyes of Resurrection that the life of Jesus makes sense as the four Gospels written in the aftermath of Resurrection colored each evangelist's image of Jesus. Resurrection gives us the desire to experience new life in our abilities that take us from moments of chaos to the awareness of God's love.

Enjoy this festive season! May those familiar words, "Happy Easter" spring hope in the incredible possibilities that exist in your life. Grasp courage to stand up for your beliefs aware that like Morris who needed a ride home from the park, the Easter Season invites you to a ride which gives new vision to the incredible possibilities of all God can do in you. Happy Easter!

*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, vshalvatore@st-pats.org.



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Divine Mercy Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter, is April 23rd. Please join us for a Holy Hour, confession and talk with Father Chris at 3 pm, the hour of Divine Mercy, in the South Room. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Operation Rice Bowl

Thank you to all who have participated in Operation Rice Bowl this year. Please write a check for the amount you are donating and make the check payable to St. Patrick Parish. We will be sending one donation check to Catholic Relief Services. You may drop off your check in the large box marked Rice Bowl located in the church narthex (lobby). We will be accepting checks today through next Sunday, April 23.



Rides for Seniors!!!

A pilot program which will offer rides to senior residents of Chatham and Madison age 65 and older for a nominal fee, will be available April 1-June 30, 2017. On-demand transportation service will be provided by GoGoGrandparent who will transport you where you want to go, when you want to go, day or night. The cost is \$5.00 each way within a 15 mile radius. Seniors must register before using this program. Registration is simple, free, and can be done online or on the phone! For complete details, see the brochures at the church entrances or call the parish offices and speak to Peggy Gentile x 25 or the Parish Nurses x 34.

Provided by Tri-Town 55+ Coalition, a non-profit, community based organization committed to addressing the quality of life and diverse needs and interests of older adults and their families in the communities of The Chathams and Madison. An extensive needs assessment identified transportation as a concern. The GoGoGrandparent "Rides for Seniors" pilot program is one of the first key initiatives to be implemented by the Coalition.

St. Patrick Parish is using a new communication tool to send information to our parishioners. Our administrative staff will be sending emails, newsletters and/or texts through **Flocknote** to alert the parish community of any closures due to weather, important events occurring in the parish, and more! Mobile phone numbers and email addresses from many of our parishioners from different ministries have already been imported. To keep in touch with us via email and text, simply text the word **PAT** to 84576 from your smartphone. Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier and data rates may apply. View full privacy policy & terms at Flocknote.com/txt. If you have any questions or need to update your contact information, contact the parish office at 973-635-0625.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation K-8

Our last class will be on Sunday and Monday, April 23 & 24. All make-up sessions and online reviews should be emailed to catechists before the last day to receive credit.

Home Study Grades 3-7: All sessions need to be completed and online reviews emailed to the office by the end of June.

Home Study Grade 8: Folders with completed work needs to be returned to the office by the end of June.



Jesus Day Retreat for Grade 2

Saturday, April 29th

Starts in the Church at 9:45 am

Ends in the Fr. Ed Center Gym at 1:15 pm

Grade 8 Retreat-"You've Got a Friend in Me"

Saturday, April 29th

4-9:30 pm in the Fr. Ed Center Gym

All 8th grade Faith Formation students (home study and classes) are expected to attend. Please complete the short registration form with emergency contact information and number of pizza slices and allergies. The form was given out in class. It is also on the parish website. Please mail or drop off at the Parish Office. This retreat is planned, hosted and presented by Maggie Grady, Youth Minister and members of the High School Youth Ministry Program (SPYM) Confirmation Preparation.



First Communion Celebrations

Saturday, May 6th at 10 am

Rehearsals: Mon., May 1st from 3:30-5:15 pm

Tuesday, May 2nd from 3:30-5:15 pm (parent/child rehearsal from 4:45-5:15 pm on Tuesday only)

Saturday, May 6th at 1 pm

Rehearsals: Wed., May 3rd from 3:30-5:15 pm

Thurs., May 4th from 3:30-5:15 pm (parent/child rehearsal from 4:45-5:15 pm on Thursday only)

Saturday, May 13th at 10 am

Rehearsals: Mon., May 8th from 3:30-5:15 pm

Tuesday, May 9th from 3:30-5:15 pm (parent/child rehearsal from 4:45-5:15 on Tuesday only)

Saturday, May 13th at 1 pm

Rehearsals: Wed., May 10th from 3:30-5:15 pm

Thurs., May 11th from 3:30-5:15 pm (parent/child rehearsal from 4:45-5:15 pm on Thursday only)

Sunday, May 14th at 11 am

Rehearsal: Friday, May 12th from 3:30-5 pm (parent/child rehearsal from 4:30-5 pm)



Parish Support-April 9, 2017

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$19,748
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$17,657



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

Basket Bonanza yields new tech for St. Patrick School!

St. Patrick School held its annual Basket Bonanza fundraising event. Thank you to all of the families, parishioners and alumni who supported the event. During the evening, a special live auction was held to purchase new Promethean ActivPanels for the classrooms. The appeal raised over \$35,000. The new interactive touch panels will be available in classrooms in Fall 2017.

St. Patrick School Grade 7 students participated in the Living Voices of Morris County program sponsored by the Morris County Historical Society and the New Jersey Consortium for Gifted and Talented Program. The goal of the program celebrated "Living Voices," a comprehensive oral history project undertaken by students from across Morris County. Students presented multimedia presentations based on oral histories they collected from a wide selection of individuals under the direction of Miss Rosa. Presentations were given at the Headquarters Museum auditorium, Morristown. Our students were commended for their excellent work which ranged from a study of friendship to religion and encouraged to leave digital copies of their work. As part of the day, the class was honored to be asked to take part in the flag raising ceremony at Washington's Headquarters.

St. Patrick School is currently accepting applications for substitute teachers. NJ Certification or equivalent 60 college credits recommended. Please email a resume and letter of interest to: Dr. Christine Ross at principal@st-pats.org.

Appalachia Golf Classic Monday, May 15, 2017

Ballyowen Golf Club, Hamburg, NJ

Fundraiser for the Appalachia Help Weeks

The tax-deductible contribution for each golfer participating is \$175.00.

Please choose one of the following:

- Golf, Lunch, Soft drinks, Beer/Wine (donuts & muffins provided in the morning) at \$175.00 per person.
- Lunch and 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 at fredmercadante@gmail.com for a registration or sponsorship form.

Deadline to register is May 8, 2017.

Chatham Spring Clean Needs Volunteers!

Are you community minded? Earth friendly? Environmentally aware?

Join us Saturday, May 6th between 8 am and 1 pm to help!

Meet at Reasoner Park gazebo and dress for the weather. We will be weeding, picking up trash, spreading mulch and doing other springtime chores as we freshen up our downtown public spaces. Free T-shirts while they last! Pre-register to reserve yours now! Contact Janice Piccolo, Director of Community Services, communityservices@chathamborough.org or 973-635-0674 ext. 200.

liturgy

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Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is the most important holiday in the Christian calendar. It is celebrated on Sunday and marks the end of Holy Week, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

The Easter date is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. The date of Easter is determined by the moon. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the spring equinox.

In the Gospels, the precise details of the Easter narrative vary slightly, but none of these variances are critical to the main story, and many believe that the variances are simply matters of style and not substance. Despite the variances, the key aspects of the Easter story all match. Above all, they agree that the tomb of Christ was indeed empty, which is the most essential fact.

Sunrise services are common, but are more common with our Protestant brothers and sisters than in the Catholic faith. Sunrise services are gathered before dawn and reflect the arrival of the women at Jesus' tomb early in the morning. The services take place outdoors, often in the church yards, cemeteries, or in parks, and are timed so the sun will rise during the course of worship.

Following Easter Sunday, the season of Easter begins and lasts for seven weeks, ending with Pentecost.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Happy Easter!

No rehearsal this week! The normal schedule resumes next Saturday, April 22.

SUMMER CAMP!

**June 26th—August 4th, 2017 from 9 am until 1 pm
All children entering Pre-K4 to Grade 3 are invited!**

Come and join us for up to six weeks of summer fun! Camp features a weekly theme and daily activities that blend play-based learning with a focus on art and STEM in our indoor and outdoor play areas. Staffed by St. Patrick School faculty members, our camp provides campers with an exciting summer adventure for every child. Contact the school at 973-635-4623 for more information or to register.

Position Available Immediately

Assumption College for Sisters is in need of a part time RN. The position requires 10-12 hours per week. Days and hours are flexible. Please send resume to Sister Joseph Spring at president@acs350.org.

Community Paper Shred!

April 22 from 9 am-12 pm
Chatham Train Station
\$10/box \$5/grocery bag

This semiannual event is an important fundraiser for The Chatham Senior Center. All your confidential papers safely shredded!