



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	January 30 Deceased Members of the Coviello Family and Mary Harris
Sunday 7:30 am	January 31 Deceased Members of the DeLenac Family and Gene Finn
9:00 am	For all Catholic Educators and Administrators and Justine Tomie
11:00 am	Peter Coviello, Sr. and Sharon Marconi
5:00 pm	John A. Phelan, Jr. and Eileen Horan
Monday 8:00 am	February 1 Margaret Sluiter and Joan Grimm
Tuesday 8:00 am	February 2 Janine DiCostanzo and Rita Stevens
Wednesday 8:00 am	February 3 Amanda Block and John Stecher
Thursday 8:00 am	February 4 Faye Tiger and Alda Arpino
Friday 8:00 am	February 5 Agnes Battist and Jane Sweeny
9:00 am	Emma McGrath and Teresa DeSouza
Saturday 8:00 am	February 6 Rose Gavarian and Edward Nash
5:00 pm	Claire Mehalik and Peter Coviello, Sr.
Sunday 7:30 am	February 7 Richard Tabibian and Marth Jane May
9:00 am	Sue Daly and Dr. Chester T. Karr
11:00 am	Michele DiLeo and Barry Reid
5:00 pm	Peter Coviello, Sr. and Michael Macari

Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of January 31st is in memory of E.J. Schmeltz given by the family.

The Candles on the altar the week of January 31st are in memory of Nicholas F. Losito given by the family.

The Flowers on the altar the week of January 31st are in memory of Helen Sentiwany 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, Donald O'Brien, Theresa Zwick, Fr. Gabe Coless, Joseph Gabriele, Theresa Degler and **for all our deceased especially Luke Klisart.**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Isaiah recounts the awe he felt the first time he saw the Lord, who was surrounded by angels. He began to feel despair because he was a man of unclean lips, until an angel touched an ember to his lips and pronounced them clean. The Lord asked who he should send forth, to which Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me!"

Second Reading: I Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul reminds the Corinthians that Christ died for us to free us from our sins. He encourages them to remember the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. He admits that he initially failed to believe, and therefore was very grateful to be called an apostle and preach in the name of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke tells of Jesus preaching to a crowd, then joining Peter who was about to end a fruitless day of fishing. He told Peter to lower his net back in, and a great number of fish were caught. Upon seeing this, Peter and his companions, James and John, immediately abandoned their nets to follow Jesus.

Mass Schedule February 6th & 7th

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

Reconciliation (Confession) February 6th

Fr. Bob	Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
IN THE CHURCH**



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, February 1

Faith Formation: 4-5:30 pm; School
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Church

Thursday, February 4

Walking with Purpose: 9:30 am; East/West Room
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
Walking with Purpose: 7 pm; South Room
SPYM lollipop making: 6 pm; Fr. Ed Center Kitchen

Friday, February 5

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room

Saturday, February 6

Pastoral Council Meeting: 8:45 am; South Room

Sunday, February 7

Food Pantry Collection: Lobby
Faith Formation: 8:15 am, 10:15 am School
First Communion Parent Meeting: 10:15 am;
East/West Room
RCIA: 12:15 am; South Room
Sophomore Meeting: 3:15 pm; East/West Room



Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service

Today is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. The theme for this year is, "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." Many of us attended Catholic Schools in our formative years, which brought a transmission of faith and values through classroom experiences. Catholic schools originated through donations of immigrants who were determined to foster a spirit of the Catholic faith into their children as well as a high level education. Today over two million children are getting educated in more than six thousand Catholic Schools across our nation. In Annemarie Scobey's article, *Expensive Blessings, U.S. Catholic*, January 2016, the author quotes kindergarten teacher, Mary Anne Mullaney, St. Monica School, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, in response to the question, "why do people send children to Catholic Schools?" We were talking about saints and a little girl named Piper said, "There is no Saint Piper. So I'm going to be the first one. I don't really know how yet, but I'm going to try and find out how God wants me to do it!"

Last month in the 7th grade class that I teach at St. Patrick, I gave the students the assignment of a two page paper on a "living saint." Although nobody discovered a St. Piper in their life, I was surprised in the choices of many students as it revealed role models and important people in each of their lives. Although reluctant, most of the children read their papers in class for all to hear which revealed top notch qualities from the "living saints" that were chosen, which ranged from immediate family members to a child befriended in a hospital to Oprah Winfrey. Qualities such as encouragement, presence, affirmation, care, kindness, and love came through the reports. The children recognized these qualities in the person of their choice, and were appreciative of having these people in their lives.

One important virtue that I witness in our Catholic School at St. Patrick is teacher presence with the children. Each member of our faculty maintains special love for their students with a desire to steer each student in a direction that thrusts academic success and Christian values into their lives. Many faculty members take time out of their personal lives to accomplish this task. Mike St. Thomas in a column titled, *Unplugged but Connected, America*, August 31, 2015, illustrates the importance of student/teacher relationship and brings on the question, "Who Should a Catholic teacher be?" His answer is that Christ serves as a role model for all teachers in a Catholic school and adds "that for Christ, the most important thing was not relaying information but turning others toward him first by being present to them." The writer goes on to quote Pope Francis who stated, "the greatest challenge facing us today is to learn once again how to talk to one another, not simply how to generate and consume information." In knowing each one of our faculty and administrative staff at St. Patrick School, an enormous strength in our school is their ability to communicate verbally with students, which leads to a healthy encounter between student, teacher, and staff. I have also discovered that my own presence in the classroom leads to healthy relationships with students and faculty that otherwise would never develop.

St. Patrick School is an important component of the parish as it empowers young people with values and education. It also fuels the parish through school activities, enthusiasm, parental involvement, ministries, and liturgical presence. This nurtures the environment in the parish as well as the Chatham area. Parents who make the investment and sacrifice to send their children to St. Patrick School place confidence in the fact that their children are given a quality faith based education. In addition to academics, there are a number of extracurricular activities for students that stress friendship, teamwork, and character development which include basketball, track, cross country, volleyball, forensics, choir, and band. These activities foster intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual growth.

This year the Diocese of Paterson offered a challenge to students to draw a poster on "What Catholic Schools mean to New Jersey?" I am proud to say that the 1st place winner in the Paterson Diocese comes from our 8th grade, Cate Archer. This poster will be on display at the State House in Trenton on Thursday, February 4. In that we are a Blue Ribbon School, I am proud of all who make St. Patrick School a thriving institution of learning in the United States.

*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.

AROUND THE PARISH
Welcome New Parishioners

A warm St. Patrick welcome to those new to our parish especially **Matthew, Amanda and Preston DeRosa, Andrew, Christina and Catherine Jordan and Patricia Powers.** We look forward to getting to know you!

Blessing of Throats

Wednesday, February 3, is the Feast of St. Blaise. In memory of St. Blaise, the blessing of throats is conferred upon all at the 8:00 am mass immediately after the homily. The formula for the blessing is as follows: Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The blessing may be given by a priest, deacon or lay minister as it is a popular devotional practice. The blessing brings forth extended meaning if we remember that the throat is the passageway for much that enters our bodies. The throat gives us the ability to speak God's word; therefore, if we use the gifts of speech for words of love rather than bitterness, gossip or vulgarity, the throat becomes an instrument of God's peace that is pleasing to the Lord.

Retirement Fund for Religious

New Date for Collection: February 6 & 7, Due to the snow storm on January 23, the collection for the retired religious originally scheduled for January 23 & 24 will be taken on Feb. 6 & 7. This collection is 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.

FORGET-ME-NOT WEEKEND

Our monthly food collection is **next** weekend, **February 6 & 7.** 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 the church. *Thank you!*

Shop AmazonSmile to Support St. Patrick

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. Patrick's every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to St. Patrick Parish. To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Type *St. Patrick's Chatham* in the search box. Select St. Patrick Church in Chatham from the list and that's it!

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. Presented Fridays, 9-10:30 am in the South Room of the Parish Offices. Join us!

The Rosary is prayed every weekday morning before the 8 am mass at 7:40 am and the Novena is prayed after mass on Tuesdays. Please join us. All are welcome.

Save the Date: Saturday, March 5, 2016
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at St. Patrick Church

TV star Frank Runyeon will bring Scripture to life as he tells the stories Jesus told...a rich man and a poor man...a woman with a coin...a father with two sons...a traveler on the road...stories no one would ever forget. An honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University, Frank has received national acclaim as a translator and performer of biblical texts over the past 20 years. Save the date and join us!

PARISH LIBRARY

Book Suggestion—from our Parish Nurses

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End
by Atul Gawande, MD

Newly added to our Parish Library, this book, written by Dr. Gawande, gives us guidance on how to talk to patients, family and caregivers when discussing end of life issues and quality of life.

Dr. Gawande emphasizes to healthcare providers and caregivers of the sick, aging, and dying that we should not treat them as "one more clinical problem". People should be assisted to live with dignity and independence as long as they can. Dr. Gawande not only uses medical guidelines to assess an individual's needs, but compassion, love, and empathy. This book is suggested for anyone caring for a loved one!!

HELP TACKLE HUNGER!

Sponsored by our 7th Grade Faith Formation Students

Once again we get to vote for our favorite team on Super Bowl weekend and help to feed the hungry in our annual **Souper Bowl of Caring!** After mass, there will be receptacles decorated with the two teams playing in Super Bowl 50 at the doors of the church. Vote for your favorite team, either the Broncos or Panthers, by placing a donation in the receptacle decorated with that team's logo. The team with the most donations wins the *Souper Bowl* at St. Pat's. The *Souper Bowl* winner and donation totals, will be announced next week. This year, donations will support the *Back Pack Program*, a program that provides food for the weekend to children in need. *Thank you for your support!*

Bake Sale: Our middle-school age teens will be busy baking! Stop by the **Bake Sale** in the lobby of the Fr. Ed Center on Sunday, February 7 and pick up some goodies to take home. Proceeds will benefit the *Back Pack Program*.

Thank you for your generosity and helping to provide food for those who may not have enough food each weekend for their family.



What are we saying when we say
Consubstantial with the Father?

liturgy
corner

In the Nicene Creed, we profess our faith *Consubstantial with the Father*. Declared at the Council of Nicea (325), Christ is 'the same substance of the Father.' Jesus is God, not simply like God. The Trinity is comprised of Father, Son and Holy Spirit; three equal in one omnipotent God. By stating this in the Creed, we declare our belief that there are three persons in one, true God.



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes scheduled in February: Feb. 7 & 8 (No Session IV 7 pm class on Feb. 7 due to the Super Bowl), Feb. 21 & 22, Feb. 28 & 29.

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 E/W 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.

- **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



Dodgeball is Back!

The SPYM annual dodgeball tournament will take place on Saturday, February 13th, 7-11 pm in the gym. Each participant **MUST** hand in a registration form signed by their parent. Get your team of 6 together (no substitutes), make some awesome team shirts and get your registration forms back ASAP. We will accept the first 16 teams registered. Don't want to play? Why not come support your friends! It's a fun night for everyone. Refreshments will be sold (pizza, drinks/desserts).

Mandatory Sophomore Session

On two consecutive Sundays, February 7th and February 14th, there are **MANDATORY** sessions for all sophomores from 3:15-6:00 pm. You only have to attend one of these sessions. This session will begin in the parish center with a reflection on the Mass (which is an important component before the celebration of Confirmation) and will be followed by the celebration of the Sunday 5 pm liturgy which will be completely planned and instituted by the sophomores in attendance (readings, petitions, ushers, greeters, etc.). Parents, family and friends are asked to join us for this liturgy. Response is required as to which date you will be attending.

This Week in Youth Ministry

Spring Action Team Meeting: Mon., Feb. 1; 7-9:30 pm; YMC
Sophomore Gathering: Tues., Feb. 2; 7:15-8:45 pm; YMC
Spring Antioch Team Meeting: Wed., Feb. 3; 7-9:30 pm, YMC
8th Grade Retreat Team Meeting: Sun., Feb. 7; 7:30-9 pm; YMC

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
Food Pantry Restock: Sat., Feb. 20; 8:30-10:15 am



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith

Please Join Us in Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

Sunday 1/31/16: Celebrating Our Parish

Mass 9 am
Book Fair 8 am-3:00 pm, Parish Center
Meet & Greet with the Principal- 10-11:30 am, lobby
 Home Basketball vs. St. Elizabeth-Gym
 2:00 pm 8th grade girls
 3:30 pm 7th grade boys
 6:30 pm 8th grade boys
 8:00 pm 6th grade boys

Monday 2/1/16: Celebrating Our Nation

Red, White & Blue Dress Down Day-Donations to benefit the Wounded Warriors Foundation
Book Fair 7:45 am-3:15 pm, Parish Center

Tuesday 2/2/16: Celebrating Vocations

Open House Tours 9:00 am-11:00 am
K-8 Jump Rope for Heart Morning, Gym-Benefiting the American Heart Association
Book Fair 7:45 am-3:15 pm & 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Parish Center
Visiting Author, Marissa Klein Pajama Party
6:30 pm-7:30 pm Preschool

Wednesday 2/3/16: Celebrating Our Community

Open House Tours 9:00 am-11:00 am
PK Trike-a-thon 1:00 pm gym-Benefiting St. Jude's Research Hospital
Book Fair 7:45 am-10:30 am Parish Center

Thursday 2/4/16: Celebrating Our Students

SPS Spirit Wear Day
Open House Tours 9:00 am-11:00 am
Annual Team Handball Game with OLP 9:00 am Gym
Gr. 7-8 Volleyball Game-Afternoon Gym

Friday 2/5/16: Celebrating Our Families

Family Morning Celebration (Continental Breakfast)
7:45 am-8:15 am, gym
Mass 9:00 am
Basketball Game: Teachers and Staff vs. 8th Grade
7 pm, gym

Saturday 2/6/16: Celebrating Our Faculty & Staff

Mass followed by Faculty & Staff Appreciation Dinner

If you would like to join us for a tour, please call 973-635-4623 or come in during Open House times. We look forward to showing you what makes St. Patrick School so special.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Worship, Worship Aids, and the Environment

The article "Worship, Worship Aids, and the Environment" was printed on the main page of our bulletin last week. You may have missed reading the bulletin due to the blizzard (speaking of the environment!). In response to Pope Francis' *Encyclical on the Environment* and concerns about paper conservation, the article addresses the needs of our liturgy with regard to conservation of paper and the resources of our parish. The condensed article appears in the 1/24/16 bulletin, which is available in the narthex of the church. A more complete analysis is on the parish website at www.st-pats.org. From the home page, click on the link under "News and Updates" to read the article.

Parish Support-January 24th

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 LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$17,089



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