



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2016

Holy Mass Intentions



Saturday 5:00 pm	April 30 Eileen Horan and Deceased Members of the Estrada & DeSouza Families
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am	May 1 Stephen Zieniewicz and Joseph Whiteman Terry Brown and for the Intentions of Red and Joan Mulholland
11:00 am 5:00 pm	Allen Vohden, Sr. and Barbara Barry Edward C. Nash and Joseph Celauro
Monday 8:00 am	May 2 Mario Rubino and Florence Snell
Tuesday 8:00 am	May 3 Philip Martinez and Mardon Rourke
Wednesday 8:00 am	May 4 Edward C. Nash and for the Intention of Living and Deceased Members of the Zwick and Karasch Families
Thursday 8:00 am 7:30 pm	May 5 Emma McGrath and Teresa DeSouza Agnes Lunetta and Helen Power
Friday 8:00 am	May 6 Marguerite Hubschman and Thomas Peterpaul
Saturday 8:00 am 5:00 pm	May 7 Ginny & Cecil Mercer and Rita Policastro All Mothers Living and Deceased
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	May 8 All Mothers Living and Deceased All Mothers Living and Deceased All Mothers Living and Deceased All Mothers Living and Deceased

Mass Schedule May 7th & May 8th

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

Reconciliation (Confession) May 7th

Fr. Bob	Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
FRIDAY, MAY 6
IN THE CHURCH**

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

This Thursday, May 5 is the Feast of the Ascension, which is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Diocese of Paterson. The Feast of the Ascension recalls a tender time in the birth of the church whereby the disciples were tempted to stand and stare upward in search of Christ rather to move forward. Where do you look for Jesus? Masses on the Feast of the Ascension are at 8:00 am and 7:30 pm.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit, and described seeing Jesus standing at God's right hand. Then he was dragged away and stoned to death before many witnesses who did not believe his words. Before dying he cried, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John hears a voice saying, "Remember I am coming soon!" This messenger for Jesus says that he will come to reward those who are deserving. Those who hear the call of the Spirit are encouraged to answer by accepting Jesus.

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for all the people who will believe in him through the words of his disciples. His prayer is that the world will live in unity, with Jesus living in us as he lives in God. Although we have not known God, we know Jesus was sent by God because of his love for us. He prays that this love will live on in all people.



Weekly Memorials

The Lamp burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of May 1st is in memory of Larry Weiss, Sr. & Jr. given by the family.

The Candles on the altar the week of May 1st are in memory of deceased family members given by Mr. & Mrs. Marc Meulener.

The Flowers on the altar the week of May 1st are in memory of deceased family members given by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Vogt.

Hear our Prayers for those who are ill especially Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Theresa Degler, Joseph Crucilla, Rob McTague, Jim Bowles, Rita Reardon, Roseann Giallenella, Kathleen McKenna, Antoninette Cecere, Anthony Cagno, James Tunny, Herb Cannon, Agnes Cirillo, Red Mulholland and **for all our deceased.**

If you would like to include yourself or a family member on the St. Patrick Parish prayer list for those who are ill, please contact the parish office. Your prayer intention will remain on the parish prayer list for three weeks.

Parish Support-April 24th

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$14,267
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$14,765



From the Desk of Our Pastor

The First Time at the Lord's Table

This weekend 50 children were invited to the Lord's Table for the first time in their life through the celebration of First Communion. Next weekend even more children will come, in that we have four 1st Communions which are on Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 8th, Mother's Day, at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. First Communion is a major stepping stone for children in that the excitement of something new in their spiritual lives awaits them. First Communion liturgies are saturated with much love and joy as they engender opportunities for families to get together in unique ways due to a highlight in the life of a child. The children become God's light in that they invite adults to ponder their own presence at the Lord's Table, which even has ways of bringing people back to church who have been absent for a long time. We all remember our First Communion as it is so common to recall "first" events in all capacities of life in that they leave a lasting impression. Last year at First Communion celebrations I showed the children a picture of myself receiving 1st Eucharist. Most found it difficult to believe that I was once a little boy who experienced the same liturgical stepping stones which they are presently enjoying. For most Roman Catholics, First Communion is the third sacrament received; however Byzantine Catholics (Eastern Rite) celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion on the same day as an infant's baptism.

In speaking about First Communions, Pope Francis explained that the word "Eucharist" stems from the Greek, and it means thankfulness. He went on to say "The Eucharist is more than just a mere feast. It's a way to remember Jesus' Passover, a mystery that's central to our salvation. But when we talk about "remembering" that doesn't mean that it's just a memory. It means that every time we celebrate this Sacrament we become part of the Mystery of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The Eucharist is the peak of God's Salvation." The pontiff went on to say, "First Communion is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Roman Catholic person's life. It is the first time that a person receives the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is the eating of consecrated bread and drinking of consecrated wine. Catholics believe these to be the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Most children receive their First Communion when they're 7 or 8 years old because this is considered the age of reason. Other people can receive communion for the first time whenever they've met all of the Catholic Church's requirements."

First Communion celebrations render much joy to me especially here at St. Patrick Church where children take great ownership of the liturgy, which provides them with greater enthusiasm in the mass. Without active participation in the liturgy it becomes easy for a child to sit through a good portion of mass anxiously pondering the moment for the reception of Eucharist without engaging in the rest of the celebration. This year I spoke with children in our 7th grade class about their First Communion. One young girl bravely stated that she still remembers giving me the wrong answer to a question that I asked the children during the homily. She continued to say that her brother who was also receiving communion intentionally whispered the incorrect answer to her. This joyful 7th grader will probably tell that story to her children and grandchildren for the rest of her life. At my own First Communion I vividly recall the new white suit, shirt, tie, shoes, and socks that I wore, and kneeling at the altar rail waiting for the priest to provide me with communion, and the altar boy placing the paten below my chin. Times have changed in that boys no longer wear white suits, we have altar girls, most children receive Eucharist in the hand, the guidelines for fasting have changed, and children are privileged to share from the chalice. This is a bit of progress since my childhood days.

My prayer for all First Communion families is that as children respond "Amen" to the prayer, "The Body/Blood of Christ". Their acknowledgement to the presence of Christ in the bread and wine becomes a lived experience with hope that nothing prevents them from returning to Communion each week so that they are fed with the Lord's presence, which strengthens them to live out the values and virtues of Jesus Christ.

*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

Ella Rose Dailey

Morgan Kristie Dailey

Daughters of Sean and Jill

Oliver John Britto Rajappa

Son of Rajesh and Kristin

VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD

On Sunday, May 15, 2016, Mr. & Mrs. William and Tammy O'Shaughnessy will receive the annual Vivere Christus Award at 3:30 pm at St. Philip Church, 797 Valley Road, Clifton. This is the 8th Annual Award presented by Bishop Serratelli that is presented to a member/family of each parish in the diocese. Family, friends, and all parishioners are invited to the ceremony; a light reception for the honorees and their families follows in the parish auditorium.

Food Pantry News

Forget Me Not-Our monthly food collection is THIS 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!



Eva's Kitchen-Chili

I'm sure you've all been missing our pans in the back of the church each month! Eva's has been most fortunate to have an abundance of extra donations these past few months. We'll be back on schedule next month so mark your calendars! Sign up for the month of May will be May 7 & 8.

Baby Shower-May 14 & 15

St. Patrick's Respect Life Committee invites you to contribute to it's annual Baby Shower. This event benefits babies and mothers. Donations are shared with Birth Haven and Several Sources. Gifts can be dropped at the Fr. Ed Center before and after all masses on May 14 & 15. Check our website under *Upcoming Events* for requested items.



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 in the back of 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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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 3 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.

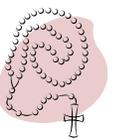
The Posture and Gesture of Reverence for Holy Communion

liturgy **corner**

Standing for Holy Communion, an ancient practice in the Eastern and Western Church, was restored in the liturgical reforms of Vatican II. Just as we stand in reverence and joy to receive the Word of God proclaimed in the Gospel, so we stand in reverence and joy to receive the Lord's Body and Blood in Holy Communion. The revised GIRM permits the bishops of each country to choose the posture appropriate for the reception of communion. The bishops of the U.S. have retained the ancient posture of standing for receiving Holy Communion. It is not in accord with the GIRM to genuflect or kneel. "*The norm for the reception of Holy Communion in the dioceses of the United States is standing.* Communicants should not be denied Holy Communion because they kneel. Rather, such instances should be addressed pastorally, by providing the faithful with proper catechesis on the reasons for this norm" (GIRM #160).

As we come forward, we bow in reverence, then lift our eyes as the minister of communion says, "The Body of Christ," and we respond with our strong "Amen." We then process to the sacred cup where we repeat our gesture and response. While we receive our Lord, whole and entire, whether we eat his body or drink his blood, "...sharing in both Eucharistic species reflects more fully the sacred realities that the Liturgy signifies" (US Norms #11). The revised GIRM retains the choice of the communicant to receive the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue. This is the choice of the communicant, and not of the minister. When receiving communion in the hand, we place one hand, palm up on top of the other hand (our dominant hand under our other hand), creating a throne for Christ. We then take one step to the side and place the host in our mouth and consume it. It is not appropriate for the communicant to hold the host in one's hand, bless themselves with the host, dip it in the cup or wait to consume it until returning to the pew. We never cup the host into our mouth, using the same hand in which it was placed, nor consume the host while walking away from the minister. When receiving the Precious Blood, after the bow of the head and the response of "Amen" the communicant takes the cup of the Precious Blood, drinks from it, and returns it to the minister who wipes the outside and inside of the rim of the cup with a purificator and turns the cup a quarter turn to prepare for the next communicant.

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. We will meet for two more weeks, May 2 and May 9. Please use the side door closest to the school.



A Retreat for the Seriously Ill

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with serious illness will be held May 21-22 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center located in Kearny, NJ. Although some people who come may be advanced in their illness, others are in remission or are struggling with the fear or disability of their illness. This Retreat focuses on God's love, his forgiveness, and his faithfulness. Facilitated by Spiritual Directors there is also a staff of medical personnel and a caring team of helpers present to assist retreatants. ALL are welcome. This retreat is FREE. To register or for additional information, contact Hilare Reinhold at 732-566-7237.



FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to All who Celebrated Their First Holy Communion this Weekend

Frederic Liam Tolleson, Ethan Wagner, Jase Catullo, Lauren Byrne, Caroline Byrne, Thomas Haines, Samuel Williams, Luca Visentini, Nolan Keane, Matthew Roldan, Kevin Shuster, Kristina Dangler, Ryan Bancone, Marco Mannino, Lane Purcell, Amanda Thornton, Esteban Izurieta, Nathan Hefferon, Karina Gilmore, Rynne Henwood, Lena Clark, Christopher Windels, Ava Paone, Anthony Paone, Christian Honer, Olivia Azzaro, John Barrett, Peyton Furst, Paige Zucchi, Grace Callahan, Michael MacAniff, Ryan Hoffelder, Evan Saik, Mary Stephanie Hughes, Alexander Koulichkov, Megan Cincotta, Sammy Garton, Brady Byrne, Sadie Apgar, Dylan Basile, Tiegan Luzi, Bridget Boler, Sean Clark, Shea Welburn, Shannon Welburn, Audrey Welz, Luke Leskauskas, Lindsey Bowling, Molly Niekerk, Sophie Meikle, Jack Burdorf, Luke Martinez.

Online Registration for 2016-2017 for all classes K-8 will be available 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 sharing your faith! Contact Ginny Salvatore at 973-635-0625 ext. 27 or vsalvatore@st-pats.org.

First Communion

Sat., May 7 at 10 am

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Sun., May 8 at 11 am

Rehearsal

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.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Member Highlight-Amanda DeRosa Welcome to the St. Patrick Choir

Amanda DeRosa joined the St. Patrick Choir just three weeks ago. Here is her story:

On a whim, I decided to try the St. Patrick Choir this April. I thought it might be a fun way to get more involved. In high school, I was a member of the choir and also performed in the color guard with the marching band and absolutely loved it. I look forward to St. Patrick rehearsals on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings as it has become a way for me to give back to the church. I enjoy the fellowship within the choir. Also, it's wonderful to focus solely on singing for just a few hours a week and to concentrate on the Word of the Lord through music, which gives me great joy.

I listen to worship music at home and in the car with our two year old son, Preston. He's been in music classes since he was an infant and loves to dance and sing. I grew up in Chatham, and this past December finally moved back with my husband Matt and son; we couldn't be happier. We knew before we moved from Scarsdale, NY we were going to join this parish so we did right away. I also enjoy the Women's Walking with Purpose Bible Study program. My son comes along and plays with the other children in the next room. St. Patrick Church really feels like home. We've been so welcomed and it means a lot to our family. Thank you for the great opportunity to be a part of the parish family and the St. Patrick Choir!

Welcome, Amanda, to singing with the St. Patrick Choir!

Maggie Hanson, Music Minister



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

This week the students in Saint Patrick School are working hard! Our second grade is working hard on learning cursive and preparing for First Holy Communion. Third grade is studying the Oregon Trail, while Fourth Grade has finished their Leni Lenape Villages.

Liberty Science Center came to school to facilitate various STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities. Each student participated in a grade level classroom workshop focused on a particular topic. From dissections to experiments, the students learned so much!

Congratulations to our SPS Track Team! The team finished 8th out of 23 teams at the Union Catholic Meet on Sunday, April 24th. This was the first meet of the season and many students set school records. Way to go!

Saint Patrick School is currently accepting applications for the Little Warriors (Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4), Sprouting Shamrocks (5 year old Transitional Kindergarten), and Grades Kindergarten through 8. Classes are filling quickly! Call the school to arrange a tour. Log on to www.st-pats-school.org for more information and an application. Saint Patrick School: Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith.

The Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Paterson, is seeking applicants for the 2016-2017 school year for the following positions:

- Principal, St. Andrew the Apostle Elementary School, Clifton, NJ
- Principal, St. Therese Elementary School, Succasunna, NJ

Information and application materials can be found at :

<http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings>

Closing date for applications is May 15, 2016.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

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

Wednesday, May 4

Senior Tea: 12 noon: East/West Room
First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30-5:15 pm; Church

Thursday, May 5

Walking with Purpose: 9:30 am; East/West Room
Marian Prayer Group: 10 am; North Room
First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30-5:15 pm; Church
YM Rite of Prayer: 7:30-9:30 pm; East/West Room

Friday, May 6

Adult Scripture Study: 9 am; South Room
First Communion Rehearsal: 3:30-5:15 pm; Church

Saturday, May 7

First Communions: 10 am & 1 pm; Church

Sunday, May 8

Chili Sign Up: Parish Center Lobby
Appalachia Plant Sale: After Masses;
Parish Center Lobby
First Communion: 11 am; Church
RCIA: 12:15 pm; South Room
Rite of Prayer: 3:15 pm; East/West Room