



Mass Intentions for the Week

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday through Friday

7:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. - New Church Chapel

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday - 7:30 P.M. - Stone Church

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Third Monday of the Month

8:00 to 10:00 P.M. - New Church Chapel

PRAYER GROUP

Thursday - 8:00 P.M. - Parish Center Meeting Room

EARLY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Tuesday - 6:00 P.M. - Parish Center Library

PARISH COUNCIL

4th Monday of the Month - 8:15 P.M. - Parish Center

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY

Parish Center

Sunday 10:15 to 12:30

Tuesday 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

THE TRINITY GIFT SHOP

Parish Center

Weekdays - 9:30 to 12:00 noon

Saturdays - 9:30 to noon - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

GABRIEL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

1500 Front St. - Suite D - Yorktown - 962-8337

COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 2, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$26,945.50
Tithing This Year 30,662.50
Children's Last Year 497.00
Children's This Year 379.50

Thank you for making St. Patrick's a Tithing Parish.

Monday - January 10

6:55 Gilda and Eugene McCormack

9:00 Michael Meenan

Tuesday - January 11

6:55 Anna Leonard

9:00 Deceased Members of the Ferri and Cappuccitti Families

Wednesday - January 12

6:55 John Burns

9:00 Hazel Young

Thursday - January 13 - St. Hilary

6:55 Miriam Rankin

9:00 Lenny Paravati

Friday - January 14

6:55 V. Paul Vorel

9:00 Ben and Nora Clarke

Saturday - January 15

9:00 Elizabeth Ryder

5:15 Deceased Members of the Lynch and Creamer Families

Sunday - January 16

7:45 William Coughlin, Jr.

9:00 Alfred E. Fitzgerald

9:15 For the People of St. Patrick's

10:30 Elizabeth Harrington

11:00 Gaetano Gentile

12:30 Antonio Siniscalchi

5:00 John J. Mills

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - January 15

Msgr. Brennan

Sunday - January 16

7:45 Fr. Smith 11:00 Fr. Jim

9:00 Fr. Herb 12:30 Fr. Jim

9:15 Fr. Smith 5:00 Msgr. Brennan

10:30 Fr. Herb

Confessions - Saturday

Msgr. Brennan

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Heb 1: 1-6/Mk 1: 14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2: 5-12/Mk 1: 21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2: 14-18/Mk 1: 29-39

Thursday: Heb 3: 7-14/Mk 1: 40-45

Friday: Heb 4: 1-5, 11/Mk 2: 1-12

Saturday: Heb 4: 12-16/Mk 2: 13-17

Sunday: Is 49: 3, 5-6/1 Cor 1: 1-3/Jn 1: 29-34



31ST ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington on Monday, January 24th, is a peaceful non-confrontational march witnessing to the sanctity of life; the most vulnerable and defenseless, the unborn. Bishops, Rabbis and

political leaders speak at the rally in defense of life. The past four years, President Bush has spoken to us live - via phone - to encourage us to persevere. We begin the day with the Celebration of Mass at 5:00 a.m. in the New Church. The bus departs **promptly** at 5:45 a.m. and returns to St. Patrick's approximately 11:00 p.m. We will also be making a stop at the World War II Veterans Memorial. Please call the Rectory to make your reservation for the bus. For all other information, please call Maria at 962-1815.

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A CLUSTER PRAYER MEETING will be held here at St. Patrick's on Thursday, January 20th, at 7:45 p.m. Theresa Bonapartis will speak on "Where Mercy Meets Faithfulness." Ms. Bonapartis is the Program Coordinator for Lumina, a post abortion referral service. All are invited to attend. For more information, please call 737-4286.

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SDRC...A support group for all **separated** and **divorced** people meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Family Education Center from 7-8:30 p.m. Please join us on January 10th and experience a sense of belonging. You are not alone! Call Terry at 962-4303 or Pat at 245-8257 for more information.

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ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY will continue the video series of talks **Seek First the Kingdom** by popular author and TV personality Fr. Benedict Groeschel. All the daily anxieties of life and all temporal goods, even legitimate and necessary ones, pale in comparison to the importance of seeking personal sanctity. Join us Tuesday, January 11th, after the 9:00 Mass and Rosary.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by Patricia and Larry Doucet in memory of:
MICHAEL IACOVINO
The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Miller, Kraiger and LaVoie Families in memory of:
CHARLES and ANN KRAIGER
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Frank and Rosemarie Bulzacchelli in memory of:
GEORGE RABASCO
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by Fran Little and Children in loving memory of:
JOE LITTLE
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Madonna Family in memory of:
GUSSIE and ALBERT MONTOVONI

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: John J. Courtney, Sr. (2), Diane Gabriele, Pat Vellucci, Joseph Sclafani, Thelma Cecere. **Special Intention:** Teresa Doyle.

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SECOND COLLECTION....Next weekend, January 16th, our second collection will be the Archdiocese combined appeal for Catholic Communications and the Catholic University of America.. Catholic Communication Campaign has four new radio programs, a new TV special *Faith Works - Across the USA* and new public service announcements continuing the theme *It Starts With Faith*. CCC is an ongoing Catholic presence in the media. Catholic University in Washington, D.C. offers the nation's only ecclesiastical programs in canon law, philosophy and theology and the Catholic world's leading Biblical Studies program. They also offer a \$3,000 guaranteed and annually renewable grant to every recommended high school senior from our parish admitted to the university.



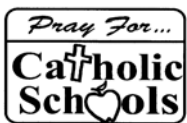
ROSARY MAKERS GUILD... *"Beads for Peace"* will meet this Wednesday evening, January 12th, from 7-9:00 in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Learn to make Rosaries for the military, missions, children's hospitals and the elderly. The Guild will repair your Rosaries, accept damaged Rosaries as donations, and make Rosaries for special occasions.



VALENTINE RETREAT... Partners in Life and Love is the theme of a weekend celebration for married couples at the Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls February 11-13. \$250 per couple includes

bedroom with private bath, Friday dinner, three meals Saturday, two meals Sunday, snacks and refreshments, Saturday evening Social. Renewal of Marriage vows at closing Mass. Please call Carmela and John at 845-724-4483 or Fr. Roch at 845-2976-5706 ext. 12 for more information.

ST. PATRICK'S SHARING COMMUNITY, founded by Fr. Duffell, cooks a planned menu and feeds the homeless in Yonkers once a month. All food is delivered to the Parish Center kitchen on the fourth Saturday of the month and the assigned group serves. In March we will be celebrating our fourth year in this ministry. If you would like to join us or would like more information, please call Maria at 962-3472.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins on Sunday, January 30th. You are invited to join the friends and families of St. Patrick's School to celebrate the Liturgy at the 9:15 Mass

that day. The celebration will continue after Mass in the Parish Center with a Continental Breakfast. New families are invited to the Open House at the School on Monday or Tuesday, January 31st or February 1st from 9-1:00. For in-school families, Open House will be on Wednesday, February 2nd. Registration forms for next September (grades Pre-K through 8) may be obtained at the Open House. Registration will begin on Tuesday, February 15th. For further information, please call the School at 962-2211.



GRAND OPENING! Our new St. Patrick's Trinity Gift Shop (formerly the Marian Shop) will open next Sunday, January 16th, from 10-2:00. Stop down to the Parish Center to see the fine array of Rosaries, medals, Bibles, Sacramentals, Prayer

Cards, statues, Baptismal, Communion and Confirmation items, holy water fonts, framed house blessings and religious pictures, all occasion cards (including invitations and thank-you), and much, much more. For your shopping convenience, the shop will be open weekdays from 9:30 to noon, Saturdays from 9:30 to noon and 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 10:00 - 2:00. If we don't have what you're looking for we can order it for you! Please call Joanne at 243-9562 for more information.

SINCEREST THANKS... Yorktown Community HELP has written us in part: "...thank you for the generous donation of food and gifts for the holiday food distribution at the food pantry, both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Again, the parishioners of St. Patrick's were very generous to those less fortunate than themselves.Your help in this endeavor is greatly appreciated by all the families who receive food from the food pantry on the third Wednesday of each month as well as at holiday time. We could not continue to assist the many local families in need without your compassionate and unselfish support."

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS? Here's an easy and enjoyable one with great benefits: visit our Parish Library for inspiring and informative videos and books. Go to St. Patrick's web site for a list of our available videos. Browse through our collection of over two thousand books. We have something for everyone. Come on in - you'll be glad you did!

From the Pastor's Desk.....

A POST-ELECTION REFLECTION

Now that the national elections are over, I have to say that I was very surprised that only 17% of young adults exercised their right to vote, the same percentage as four years ago. Thinking that age group was the great unknown factor in this election because they primarily use cell phones which cannot be contacted in pre-election polls and aware that there were so many moral issues at stake (as the exit polls indicated, much to the chagrin of some of the more liberal news people), I felt that the young adults had the real possibility of being the deciding factor in which way the election would go. Because of their overall lack of participation, I was not only surprised but disappointed and am seriously concerned for several reasons.

First, it appears that they don't feel that their vote really counts, which is so unfortunate since every vote *does* count; witness the difficulty in settling the final tally in the election of the State Senate seat from Yonkers. Such disinterest reveals a saddening lack of historical knowledge.

Second, they apparently just don't care. It appears that if the candidates are not dealing with issues that will directly affect *them*, they are not interested. However, all those moral issues *will* affect them as they are dealt with in the next several years. The resulting perception is that many of those young adults just live for the present with goals that primarily concern themselves. It's a kind of "I've got to get mine" attitude, one that surely does not concern itself with the common good of the whole society. A pragmatic individualism has replaced idealism. Yet these are the fathers and mothers of the future and one has to wonder what impact they will have if they pass these self-centered values on to their children.

The third possibility, one which leads me to be very concerned not only for the future of this nation but even more for the future of the Church in our nation, is that they really don't care about what laws are made. They are governed by a mind-set that is amoral rather than immoral, that is, they feel they can do whatever they want and no one can stop them and, ever more, there will be no negative consequences to their actions. We see this

among many young adult Catholics who, either acting out of ignorance of what the Church teaches or showing disdain for those teachings, feel they can make whatever decisions they wish and still consider themselves "Catholic," expecting the Church to accept their way of life. We see this most obviously in the large number of young adults who attend Mass only a few times a year but think nothing of receiving Holy Communion when they do go, even though they haven't been to Confession in months or even years. Others consider it perfectly acceptable to live together as husband and wife for as long as they choose before marriage and then expect the Church, without any corrective comments at all, to provide all the ingredients of a "church wedding" even a year or more after cohabiting has begun.

The impact of the media in forming these amoral values cannot be denied. The so-called situation comedies that continually offer the losing of one's virginity as a sign of "growing up" and the all too often mocking references to any person or organization that advances the cause of restraint and abstinence, honesty and respect for others, all contribute to this "I can do anything I want and no one can stop me" attitude that more and more is pervading our society. It is an attitude which all but denies that they ever do anything wrong. (It was the late, great Pope Pius XII who stated in the 50's, "The world has lost its sense of sin." How prophetic!)

It is my hope that through increasing efforts to try to reach out to these young adults - especially through their peers - they will see how ultimately self-destructive this approach to life can be and begin to turn back to do God's will as revealed through the Church's teachings. I also thank God that there are a goodly number of young Catholic adults who *do* adhere to the way that Jesus teaches and I pray that they, by the power of their example, will be a strong influence for good in the months and years ahead.

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