



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH STAFF

School Principal	
Nan Gollogly	962-2211
C.C.D. Director	
Susan Wallace	962-5586
Faith Formation Director	
Deacon Michael DeVivo.	962-5050
Parenting Education	
Eileen Murphy	962-5050
Music Ministry	
Kathey Lewis, Director	962-5050
Barbara Castrataro, Organist	
Youth Ministry	
Joanne Niece	243-9562
Facilities Manager	
Sal Greco	962-5051
Parish Secretary	
Dawn E. Granchelli	962-5050

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 9:00 - 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 9, 2005

Tithing Last Year	\$26,560.50
Tithing This Year	28,270.50
Children's Last Year	448.00
Children's This Year	621.00

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

Monday - January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbott

6:55 Pasqualina Repetti

9:00 Marianna Platti

Tuesday - January 18

6:55 James Pat Smith

9:00 Patricia Monette

Wednesday - January 19

6:55 Angelica DiSanto

9:00 Agnes Callahan

Thursday - January 20 - Sts Fabian and Sebastian

6:55 Rita Summer

9:00 Julia Kay

Friday - January 21 - St. Agnes

6:55 Michael Brennan

9:00 Agnes Gilbert

Saturday - January 22 - St. Vincent

9:00 James and Claire Kerrigan

5:15 Elvira "Vera" Gentile

Sunday - January 23

7:45 Arthur J. Benvenuti

9:00 Martin Duane, Jr.

9:15 John W. Nelson

10:30 Yolanda and Anthony Muscianese

11:00 For the People of St. Patrick's

12:30 Richard Conkling

5:00 John Peter Ereno

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - January 22

Fr. Herb

Sunday - January 23

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

9:00 Msgr. Brennan 12:30 Fr. Herb

9:15 Fr. Jim 5:00 Fr. Herb

10:30 Msgr. Brennan

Confessions - Saturday

Fr. Herb

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Heb 5: 1-10/Mk 2: 18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6: 10-20/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17/Mk 3: 1-6

Thursday: Heb 7: 25-8, 6/Mk 3: 7-12

Friday: Heb 8: 6-13/Mk 3: 13-19

Saturday: Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14/Mk 3: 20-21

Sunday: Is 8: 23-9, 3/1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17

Mt 4: 12-23 or Mt 4: 12-17

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS! To thank all those who so generously volunteer their time and talent to St. Patrick's Parish, we will hold our annual Volunteer's Wine and Cheese party on Saturday, January 29th. Invitations will be in the mail shortly but we want you to be sure to save the date now.

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A NIGHT AT THE RACES!

Beat the winter blahs!! St. Patrick's HSA is hosting a *Night at the Races* on Saturday, February 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. There is a \$5.00 admission charge. Advance registration is suggested. Book your baby sitter now! Plan to join us for a great night of fun! Please call 245-1872 for more information.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE...Next Sunday, January 23rd, at the 9:15 Mass we will welcome a new member into our Parish Community.

HELP NEEDED ON SUNDAYS IN THE RECTORY. Duties include cooking breakfast for the priests, answering the door/phone and writing out Mass cards.



This is a paid position. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please contact Rosemarie at the Rectory if you are interested.

A CLUSTER PRAYER MEETING will be held in the Parish Center this Thursday night, January 20th, at 7:45. Join us for song, prayer, praise, hearing God's Word in Scripture and sharing how God has worked in our lives. This prayer meeting is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Prayer Groups of Northern Westchester and Putnam. Bring your bible - and bring a friend! All are welcome. For further information please call 737-4286.

ULTREYA...Join us in the Parish Center Meeting Room this Thursday, January 19th, for a Pot-luck supper to welcome all new Cursistas. Gathering at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:00. Witness and grouping - DeColores.

The Altar Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Lamps used in the New Church and the Stone Church this week were donated by The Eaton, Rodgers and Vigilio Families in memory of:
GLORIA LIETO
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by The Walsh Family in memory of:
MARTIN J. WALSH

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: John Mercede, Michael Teehan, Andrea Kanovsky, James Creamer, Yolanda Gorrion, Joseph Delaney, Dick Sickinger, Joseph S. Johnston, Jr., James Delano, Jr., Jean Mante (5), Franzo Mingo, Margaret Timoney, Frederick Hogan, Giuseppa DiMaria, Jason T. Pinto.

ST. PATRICK'S SENIORS....Please note that we will meet this Tuesday, January 18th, at 10:00 a.m. at Club Fit (**not in the Parish Center**). A buffet luncheon will be available for \$5 per person for anyone interested. Please include this amount with your name in an envelope to be given to the tour guide, Andriana, upon arrival. We will be met by her at the main entrance. For more information please call Rose at 962-7561.

"COULD YOU NOT SPEND ONE HOUR WITH ME?" The Nocturnal Adoration Society invites you - and a friend - to join them for an hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday night, January 17th, from either 8-9:00 or 9-10:00 in New Church Chapel. Please call 245-7165 for more information.

SPECIAL TSUNAMI COLLECTION.... Once again you have shown your great compassion and concern for those in need. The special collection taken last weekend for the victims of the tsunami and earthquake that affected so many thousands of lives came to a total of \$38,600!! You may be sure that the Lord will reward you greatly for your remarkable generosity.





Baptisms
January 9, 2005

EMILY ROSE...

Daughter of Ralph and Andrea DeBenedictis

SAMANTHA NOELLE...

Daughter of Christopher and Dina Fabry

MATTHEW EAMON...

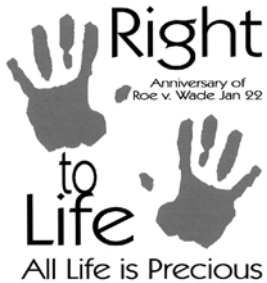
Son of Eamon and Lisa Fuller

AINE NOLEEN...

Daughter of Jan and Margaret Hoekstra

JOHN EDWARD...

Son of Edward and Mary Ann Romero



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.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS...For 30 years Birthright has been there for any woman in need of help during a difficult pregnancy. The services are FREE because of caring, trained volunteers. Do you have a good listening ear? Training dates are scheduled for this month in Peekskill or Ossining. Please call Tom Davis at 945-0711 for more information.

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. **Special "Sneak-Preview"** for Pre-K and Kindergarten families will be held at the school following the breakfast from 11-2:00. 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.



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL invites you and your family to a Spaghetti Dinner with entertainment -

Msgr. Brennan's Wonderful World of Magic - on Saturday, February 12th. The dinner will follow in the Parish Center Hall immediately after the 5:15 Mass. Cost of \$5.00 a person (\$20 per family maximum and children under 4 are free) includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, soda, water, coffee, tea. Please return the tear-off below to the Rectory no later than January 31st. For more information please call Adele at 962-8062 or Barbara at 962-7682.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of people age five and over: _____

Number of children four years and under: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (not to exceed \$20)

Would you be willing to volunteer to:

Set up _____ Clean up _____ Cook _____ Serve _____

From the Desk of Fr. Jim.....

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“And a voice came from the heavens, saying ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’ (Mt 3:17).” Jesus appears to John and asks for baptism. By his baptism, Jesus begins his public ministry. By his baptism, Jesus points to the fulfillment of his mission: his passion, death, and resurrection

During Advent, we became familiar with the mission of John the Baptist. The Savior is at hand, and John calls people to a baptism of repentance. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! (Mt 3:2),” he cries, for the people must prepare themselves to receive their deliverer. John’s baptism is not Christian baptism, but a foreshadowing of Christian baptism. By being baptized by John, the people acknowledge and renounce their sins, and prepare for the coming of the Savior.

Many people approach John to receive his baptism. At this point, Jesus appears, and he too asks for baptism. John protests, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me (Mt 3:14).” John recognizes Jesus as the Messiah promised by God. Why does the sinless one appear for a baptism of repentance?

Surely, Jesus announced the beginning his public ministry by this act, but Our Lord’s reasons for accepting baptism from John go deeper. Jesus identifies himself with sinners. He must allow himself to be ranked with sinners, so he can represent us all, and gain for us forgiveness of sin. For here, we see continued the mystery of God become man we celebrated on Christmas. Think of it. God who existed from all eternity is born in time. God who fills the whole universe by his power, becomes a man to share our human condition to experience fatigue, hunger, thirst, misunderstandings, rejection, suffering - all the human condition - and finally death itself. For he is one of us.

By identifying himself with sinners, Jesus also accepted his mission as the Suffering Servant of the Lord. Though sinless, Jesus appears before John the Baptist as our representative that he might express his solidarity with us and take our sins upon himself. Jesus, by his perfect obedience to the Father even unto death, will atone for the sins of the world. So John the Baptist proclaims Jesus “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (Jn 1:29).”

Already, Jesus is anticipating the baptism of his bloody death (Mk 10:38; Lk 12:50). Already, he is anticipating his total submission to the Father’s will; out of love, Jesus consents to this baptism of death for the forgiveness of sin. Later, during our Lord’s public life, James and John asked Jesus for the first places in his kingdom. Their ambition led them to misunderstand the nature of the kingdom proclaimed by the Lord. Jesus responded, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” (Mk 10:38).” Jesus was talking about his Passion and Death. To share in Jesus’ kingdom means first sharing in his Cross.

The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists, and receives baptism. The Father responds with delight to Jesus’ total self-offering: “This is my beloved Son; with you I am pleased.’ (Mt 3:17).” The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception now comes to ‘rest on him.’ The Spirit anoints Jesus for his task of messiah and Suffering Servant of the Lord.

Christian baptism allows us to be joined to the Lord’s dying and rising; by entering mystically into the mystery of the Lord’s own death, we gain a share in his resurrection (Rom 6: 1-12). Indeed, we become the very sons and daughters of the Father, children with an inheritance of everlasting life.

How are we to respond to so great a gift? Surely with joy and gratitude, first of all. But also obedience to God’s will, for we must live lives worthy of our baptismal dignity. We should be able to walk down the street with our heads held high, proud that we are God’s children. This is the one kind of pride that is praiseworthy. But being God’s children also is a call to responsibility. St. Paul speaks of this dignity and responsibility in his First Letter to the Corinthians: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body (1 Cor 6: 19-20).” Christians remember your dignity!

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