



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH STAFF

School Principal
Nan Gollogly. 962-2211
C.C.D. Director
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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 23, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$27,931.00
Tithing This Year 10,789.50
Children's Last Year 390.50
Children's This Year 111.00
Thank you for making St. Patrick's a Tithing Parish.

Monday - January 31 - St. John Bosco

6:55 Roy Brown
9:00 John A. Reynolds

Tuesday - February 1

6:55 Carol Kenny
9:00 Frank Sofo

Wednesday - February 2 - Presentation of the Lord

6:55 Martha and Frank Podolak
9:00 John Bailey

Thursday - February 3 - St. Blaise

6:55 John Burns
9:00 Diane G. Gabrielle

Friday - February 4

6:55 Deceased Members of the Laudadio Family
9:00 Resituta Cappuccitti

Saturday - February 5 - St. Agatha

9:00 Ciro Lippolis
5:15 James H. Donohue

Sunday - February 6

7:45 Fr. Michael Walsh
9:00 Barbara Hall
9:15 Mary Judith Geigan
10:30 Margaret Tesoriero
11:00 William and Ellen Kelleher
12:30 Sr. Teresa Houlihan
5:00 For the People of St. Patrick's

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - February 5

Msgr. Brennan

Sunday - February 6

7:45	Fr. Herb	11:00	Fr. Herb
9:00	Fr. Jim	12:30	Fr. Smith
9:15	Msgr. Brennan	5:00	Msgr. Brennan
10:30	Fr. Jim		

Confessions - Saturday

Msgr. Brennan

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Heb 11: 32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12: 1-4/Mk 4: 21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3: 2-4/Heb 2: 14-18/Lk 2: 22-40
or 2: 22-32
Thursday Heb 12: 18-19, 21-24/Mk 6: 7-13
Friday: Heb 13: 1-8/Mk 6: 14-29
Saturday: Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21/Mk 6: 30-34
Sunday: Is 58: 7-10/2 Cor 2: 1-5/Mt 5: 13-16

BLESSING OF THROATS

Thursday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise.

We will have blessing of throats at the
6:55 and 9:00 a.m. Masses only.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST LENTEN LECTURE SERIES will be presented at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. The three presenters are distinguished theologians and scholars who are visiting Professors at St. Joseph's. The series are all at 7:30 p.m. and will feature:

Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J.

Wednesday, February 16th

The Real Presence.

Rev. Richard Newhaus

Wednesday, March 2nd

The Eucharist and Christian Unity.

Rev. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R

Monday, March 14th

Eucharistic Adoration and Devotion -

Its Meaning to the Individual

For more information please call Jeannie Stapleton Smith at 968-6200 ext. 8292.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT programs presented at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls every third Friday of the month. Upcoming dates and topics include: February 18th - Forgiveness, The Healing of Hurts, March 18th - The Marriage Covenant - An Unqualified Commitment and April 15th - "Practical" Romance. Please call 845-297-5706 for information.

OPEN HOUSE AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY ACADEMY in Dobbs Ferry on February 6th from 1-3:00. If you are a 7th or 8th grade girl and are interested in attending an all girl's Catholic High School plan to be at the Open House. For more information, please call 693-1633.

VALENTINE'S DAY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point February 11-13. Remember your first Valentine Day together - the romance and excitement? Recapture those memories and fall in love again! For more information please call 212-371-1000 ext. 3190.

The Altar Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Lamp used in the New Church this week were donated by Jan Van Slyck and Family and Emilie Torrusio in memory of:

DINA PUIATTI

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by Jack and Peggy O'Reilly in memory of:

ANGELINA and WILLIAM RELLA

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by Celia Consiglio in memory of:

THERESA ZILLITTO

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by The McCarthy Family in memory of:

ANNA DANS

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Salvatore Coppla, Jack McQuillan, Ed McFadden, Harold Schmidt, Laurence K. Ettari, Concetta Barbaro, Frank Warek, Jean Mante (4), Richard Collier, Madeline Fox, Loretta Selvaggi, George Smith, Grace Terceira, Joseph O'Grady, Thomas Meehan (3), Robert Rebholz, **Special Intention:** Barbara Stofko, Cory Cole, Margaret Mannix, Mary Shanaghan, Michael Turner, Desmond C. Lawe, Rita Coughlin, Stevie Romero, Brunella Mastroddi, May Sullo, Rosemarie Samoyedry.

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY will continue the video series of talks *Seek First the Kingdom* by popular author and inspiring TV personality Fr. Benedict Groeschel. This week Father speaks about two powerful motivating forces in our lives, the desire for happiness and the desire to be loved. Join us on Tuesday, February 1st, after the 9:00 Mass and Rosary for hot coffee and soul-warming inspiration.

PENNY SOCIAL at St. Columbanus in Cortlandt Manor on Saturday, February 5th at 1:00. Free admission with Sweepstakes, door prizes and much more! For additional information or directions please call 739-1200. Snow date is Saturday, February 12th.



Baptisms
January 23, 2005

EDWARD RICHARD V

Son of Edward and Melissa Schluter

ST. PATRICK'S WIDOW/WIDOWERS SUPPORT CLUB will meet on Tuesday, February 1st, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. For information, please call 845-628-4279.

EARN (Employment Assistance & Resource Network) will host its monthly meeting this Thursday night, February 3rd, starting at 7:45 in the Parish Center. Expect to gain valuable insights into job search issues from our guest speaker, to learn about job leads and area seminars and to network. All are welcome.

CIRCOLO DA VINCI ORGANIZATION invites you to their monthly dinner meeting at Miraggio's on Thursday evening, February 3rd, at 7:00. \$25 per person. Featured speaker will be Stephen Acunto, President Emeritus of the NYS Athletic Committee and expert on the science of boxing. He will discuss optimum conditioning, discuss some of boxing's greatest champions (Rocky Marciano, Willie Pep and more). Snow date is February 10th. For more information please call Dorothy LaScala at 245-2316.

SUPPORT CONNECTION, a not for profit organization offering free and confidential breast and ovarian cancer support services, announces their winter calendar of free support groups and wellness programs for women dealing with cancer. These programs include general support for women with breast cancer, a group for breast cancer survivors age 40 and younger, a program for those women who have been recently diagnosed with breast cancer, and an ongoing wellness program open to all women with cancer. Please call 962-6402 for dates and times of the various programs.



Spaghetti Dinner

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL

invites you and your family to a
Spaghetti Dinner - With Entertainment!
Msgr. Brennan's Wonderful World of Magic

Saturday, February 12th.

Dinner will follow in the Parish Center Hall
immediately after the 5:15 Mass.

Cost is \$5.00 a person
(\$20 per family maximum - children under 4 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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER RESERVATION

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 Pastor's Desk.....

WHAT EXACTLY IS AL-ANON?

Very likely, someone in your family or among your close friends has a drinking problem. You probably would not label them an "alcoholic" because you think that alcoholics are those people who get so drunk that they are either falling down or are already lying in the gutter. Actually, an alcoholic is someone who can't deal with stress or can't "have a good time" without getting drunk. They may even be able to hold a job and do it well throughout the week, but then they drink a lot on weekends. These people are afflicted with an illness called "alcoholism." It is not a moral weakness but a real illness that has two unique features: (1) the only one who can cure it is the sick person him/herself and (2) it will seriously affect at least seven other people to whom they are related or with whom they work. Let's talk about that second group.

It has been demonstrated that every alcoholic affects seven other people. It does so by making their lives very difficult, sometimes unbearable. It leads those people to make excuses for the alcoholic, keep the alcoholic's behavior a secret, focus all their attention on the alcoholic and in other ways allow the alcoholic's addiction to directly affect their own lives. We know that there is an excellent program for the alcoholic; it is called Alcoholics Anonymous or "AA". When that program is tried and embraced, it can change a person's life in a way that was thought not possible. But what about all those people who are directly affected by the alcoholic's behavior? What is there for them?

There is an allied program called "Al-Anon" and it is intended to aid those whose lives are affected by another's alcoholism to get their own lives back on track and to learn to deal with their own feelings. It focuses on *them*, not on the alcoholic. I know firsthand about both programs: I have a brother who is an alcoholic and I have been a member of Al-Anon. Both programs work exceedingly well but *only if the person in need of the program gets involved in it and works at it*. Let me explain.

Many of those people whose lives are negatively

affected by another's alcoholic illness feel that all they can do is put up with it and "make the best of a bad situation." Wrong! You can begin to take care of *yourself*, begin to deal with your feelings of anger, frustration, confusion and even failure, and change your life so as to understand the source of your feelings and learn to deal with them. You can bring sanity and peace back into your life without turning your back on the alcoholic. You can learn to pray for them and even help them to deal with their problem, but to do that, you have to first take care of yourself. That's not selfishness, it's "survival!"

Our parish has sponsored an Al-Anon program for over a year and it has helped many people in their plight. However, I know that there are many more people in the parish who are dealing with one or more alcoholics and who are not taking care of themselves, are not going for the help *they* need to face up to *their* feelings and frustrations and get *their* lives under control. **You can't help the alcoholic; you can only help yourself.** What's more, you owe it to yourself to do that, to get into a program, Al-Anon, that has helped thousands of people to bring sanity back into their lives. As noted above, I have been there and done that. Next to the grace of my priesthood, I consider Al-Anon to be the second greatest grace in my adult life. I'm not sure I would be functioning today without it, and I'm not sure that my brother would be sober today if I hadn't joined Al-Anon. If you'd be interested in hearing my story, I would be happy to share it with you. Even more, I would strongly encourage you to come to a few meetings of our Al-Anon group and try it. It will cost you nothing and could be one of the most significant things you have ever done for yourself.

You are not alone! Many people are dealing with this problem and you can help yourself deal with it by coming to the meetings every Wednesday night at 7:30 in Room 109 of the Family Education Center. You owe this to yourself and you will benefit from experience. I guarantee it!