



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 9 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 30, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$27,931.00
Tithing This Year 28,549.50
Children's Last Year 390.50
Children's This Year 457.00

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

Monday - February 7

6:55 Ethel Scolpini
9:00 Frank Sofo

Tuesday - February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani

6:55 Gilda and Eugene McCormack
9:00 James Schiavo

Wednesday - February 9 - Ash Wednesday

6:30 Carmine Ferrara
9:00 Jack DiRienzo and Diane Cabriele
12:00 James and Claire Kerrigan
7:30 Bernadette Hughes

Thursday - February 10 - St. Scholastica

6:55 Joseph Cartwright
9:00 Vincenzo Bauco
12:00 John Bell

Friday - February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

6:55 Deceased Members Stofko & Hanusik Families
9:00 Barbara Ross Sullivan
12:00 Richard Rescigno

Saturday - February 12

9:00 Margaret Kamocsai
5:15 Angelo Longhi

Sunday - February 13 - First Sunday of Lent

7:45 Gregory Lasser and Rose O'Brien
9:00 For the People of St. Patrick's
9:15 Francis Frail
10:30 Phyllis Johnson
11:00 Catherine Ruff
12:30 Florence Kobiliak
5:00 Deacon V. Paul Vorel

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - February 12

Fr. Herb

Sunday - February 13

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

Confessions - Saturday

Fr. Herb

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Gn 1: 1-19/Mk 6: 53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1: 20-2, 4a/Mk 7: 1-13
- Wednesday:** Jl 2: 12-18, 2/Cor 5: 20-6, 2
Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Deut 30: 15-20/Lk 9: 22-25
- Friday:** Is 58: 1-9a/Mt 9: 14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58: 9b-14/Lk 5: 27-32
- Sunday:** Gn 2: 7-9, 3, 1-7/Rom 5: 12-19 or
Rom 5: 12, 17-19/Mt 4: 1-11
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ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY will continue the video series of talks *Seek First the Kingdom* by inspiring author and popular TV personality Fr. Benedict Groeschel. This week Fr. Groeschel discusses the desire to love and the desire to find God. Fascinating stories are used to illustrate these yearnings which we all experience. Join us on Tuesday, February 8th, after the 9:00 Mass and Rosary. As usual, refreshments will be served. All are welcome!
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ST. PATRICK'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY NETWORK will meet on Monday, February 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Our network is made up of Democrats, Republicans and Independents who are committed to promoting passage of national, state and local laws that support Catholic social and economic teaching. We invite you to attend this important meeting. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call Mary at 962-3921 or Betty at 245-2584 (after 8:00 p.m.).
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PUTNAM COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY in Carmel is in desperate need of funding for new quarters. Please contact their website at www.puthumane.org to see the poor conditions at the facility. They are also in need of

Karanda dog beds, garden hoses, cat litter, dog/cat food and blankets. Please call Lisa at 845-228-0910 and she will be glad to go into all details for you.



The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by Adele Kivel, Dorothy Rolfes and Barbara McEneny in memory of:
GEORGE LOTAKIS

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by Laura and John Ranagan in memory of:
JACK REIN

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by friends in memory of:
GEORGE RABASCO

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Helvetian Acres Women's Club in memory of:
HAROLD KINDLE

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

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Thomas Meehan (2), Joseph Lages, Sr., Jean Mante, Jenny Fiorito, Ann M. Wittenborn, Rose Loia, Hugh Roden, Ida Sarubbi, Irma Encarnacion, Lorraine McGrath, Michaelangelo Rinaldi, Joseph Barrett, John Sheeran, Joan Fealy, Bernard Kelly (2), George Singler, Frank Davla. **Special Intention:** Dick Bell, Rose Walits, Desmond C. Lawe.
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YOUNG ADULT (20-40 years old) LENTEN RETREAT will be held at Blair Lodge in Putnam Valley from 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 4th to Sunday, March 5th after lunch. Please contact Sr. Deanna Sabetta at 212-371-1000 ext. 2803 or Sr.Deanna.Sabetta@Archny.org for information.
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WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND... "Away for A Way" is a weekend of faith, fun and refreshments beginning on Friday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, February 27th at 10:30 a.m. Registration of \$95 includes room, meals and materials. Please call Capuchin Family Ministries in Garrison at 845-424-3609 for more information.



Baptisms

January 30, 2005

ABIGAIL GRACE...

Daughter of Robert and Bridget Abatecola

SANTINO JOSEPH...

Son of John and Rosemary Bartolotta

ALEXIS PATRICIA...

Daughter of Stephen and Stacy Gajda

MARIBELLE IRIS...

Daughter of Stephen and Carmela Slansky

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING - ONE NIGHT ONLY...

For those interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, you are invited to attend a training session sponsored by the Parish Council on Thursday night, February 17th, from 7:30 to about 9:30. The meeting will be held in the Stone Church and will include theological as well as practical training (where to stand, etc.). If you would like to become a part of this important ministry, please call the Rectory to register for this training session.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS has written to thank all those who so graciously supported their fund raiser to benefit Rosary Hill and Hospice of Westchester/Putnam. Between the nine area Churches they raised \$10,320. this year. The winner of this year's raffle was one of our own parishioners, A. B. O'Connell.



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.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST - a Lenten reflection utilizing Mel Gibson's film to proceed to a Gospel reflection of the Passion event as a model for the human journey from alienation to full life. This series will be offered at the Center for Spiritual Development at Archbishop Stepinanc School in White Plains on Fridays, February 18, 25 and March 4 from 10:00 to noon. Please call 946-5729 for details.



Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday

February 9th

Ashes will be distributed **during** all Masses
6:30 & 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday

6:55 and 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7:30 p.m. - New Church

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of
Fast and Abstinence.

There is a limit of one full meal on these days
for all between the ages of 18 and 59.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

All who have reached their 14th year
are bound to abstain totally from meat.



St. Patrick's Day Party

IRISH AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB

will host their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance on Saturday, February 26th beginning at 7:00 in the Parish Center. Buffet Dinner (with reserved seating) will begin at 7:30 and include Corned

Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Francese, Penne Pasta, Irish Soda Bread, unlimited draft beer, wine and soda, coffee, tea, cookie platter. Entertainment will begin immediately following dinner featuring The Cunninghams and the Irish American Social Club Pipe Band. Price is \$45 per person. For reservations please contact Tom & Donna O'Gorman at 739-0032 or Tagmusic@optonline.net.

From the Pastor's Desk.....

DON'T JUST GIVE UP - GET STARTED!

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the holy season of Lent. The term "Lent" is an Olde English word which means "spring" and Spring marks new beginnings for much of nature. Therefore, Lent should mean new beginnings for all of us. For many, it will mean giving up something and that's a good thing. However, we often have ulterior motives for "giving up" something. We give up sweets and other fattening foods so we can lose weight and look better or we give up watching TV so we can get more work done at home. These are good works of self-discipline but what happens after Lent is over? Too often we revert to our former ways so there is little ongoing spiritual growth.

Lent is really a time for us to get our spiritual lives in order by introducing or reviving spiritual works which produce longer lasting growth, so allow me to make a few suggestions. The finest thing we can do is to try to come to Mass during the week, not only for the discipline but because we thereby share in the celebration of the Death/Resurrection of Jesus more than once each week. There is no greater act that we can perform than participating in the re-presentation of Jesus' saving work and then receiving Him in Holy Communion. To make that possible for more people, we will have a Mass at 12:00 noon Monday through Friday, as well as the usual Masses at 6:55 and 9:00 a.m. As in previous years, we will pray Morning Prayer, the official prayer of the Church, each weekday morning at 8:45. (We provide the books for that.) We also have a group who stay after the 9:00 a.m. Mass each weekday morning to pray the Rosary of Our lady. Feel free to join them.

If Lent is a time for new beginnings then the best way to do that is to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. We hear Confessions every Saturday following the 9:00 Mass and we will have two priests hearing Confessions from 4-5:10 each Saturday afternoon during Lent. We will also have a Penance Service with individual Confessions on Sunday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. with several priests

available. It has been said that Confession is good for the soul; it is also a fine way to make a new beginning.

One of the special devotions in the Church, especially during Lent, is the Stations of the Cross. These will be conducted every Friday evening at 7:30 and this year we will have an added event: *The Living Stations of the Cross*. These have been presented in neighboring parishes with a wonderful response from those who have attended so we will bring this special event to St. Patrick's on Friday, February 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the New Church.

Spiritual Reading is another fine way to provide spiritual growth and we have two excellent sources that we can recommend. The first is the special Lenten material that will be available in the Reading Room in the main entrance to the New Church and to the left in the entrance to the Stone Church. The second is a large selection of excellent Lenten reading available at no cost in our parish library in the Parish Center. We urge you to nourish your mind and soul with good spiritual reading during this holy season.

Of course, we encourage you to observe the practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays of Lent as well as setting aside time each day for personal prayer. To enhance that prayer time, we strongly suggest that you develop the habit of stopping into the New Church and going to the chapel (down the stairs to the left of the tabernacle) to pray before Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, exposed for your adoration and petition. It's as close to a face-to-face meeting with Jesus as you will have in this life. The chapel is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

So don't just *give up* something for Lent; *add* something to your life that will result in a deeper and longer lasting relationship with God. That's what Lent is really all about.

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