



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 FEBRUARY 6, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$26,945.50
Tithing This Year 25,333.50
Children's Last Year 456.50
Children's This Year 414.00

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

Monday - February 14 - Ss Cyril and Methodius

6:55 Piotr Choma
9:00 Betty Starnella
12:00 David Cadwallader

Tuesday - February 15

6:55 Joseph Cartwright
9:00 Josephine and John Bonelli
12:00 Edna Kreiser

Wednesday - February 16

6:55 Chiara LaMacchia
9:00 Helen and George Fleming
12:00 Edna Stark

Thursday - February 17

6:55 Rose Colasuonno
9:00 Josephine Apicella
12:00 Joseph Cartwright

Friday - February 18

6:55 Sr. Marion Duggan, SC
9:00 Michael Neumark
12:00 Sidney Adams

Saturday - February 19

9:00 Ciro Lippolis
5:15 James A. Muscarella

Sunday - February 20

7:45 Marion Burrell
9:00 Philip Rendine
9:15 Veronica and Robert Peterson
10:30 For the People of St. Patrick's
11:00 Elvira "Vera" Gentile
12:30 Albert F. Melino
5:00 John Ereno, Sr.

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - February 19

Fr. Jim

Sunday - February 20

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

Confessions - Saturday

Fr. Jim

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Lv 19: 1-2,11-18/Mt 25: 31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55: 10-11/Mt 6: 7-15
- Wednesday:** Jonah 3: 1-10/Lk 11: 29-32
- Thursday:** Est C 12: 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7: 7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18: 21-28/Mt 5: 20-26
- Saturday:** Deut 26: 16-19/Mt 5: 43-48
- Sunday:** Gen 12: 1-4a/2 Tm 1, 8a-10
Mt 17: 1-9

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 February 14th and experience a sense of belonging. You are not alone! Call Terry at 962-4303 or Pat at 245-8257 for more information.

ST. PATRICK'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY NETWORK will meet tomorrow, 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.).



YORKTOWN HELP will begin their food drive for the Easter Baskets going to needy families in our community. This week they are requesting donations of pasta, tomato/spaghetti sauces, macaroni & cheese, packaged macaroni meals, canned hash, stews or any other non-perishable one

meal items. Donations may be left in the vestibule of the Church throughout the week. We thank you for your continued support of this important community ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. PATRICK'S BOY SCOUT TROOP #173



on their brilliant performance during the 2005 Mohegan/Manitoga District Klondike Derby. Our troop won **both** first place trophies, one for the highest score in an eight

event competition and the other for first finish in the sled race. You've made us all proud!

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

MARJORIE CRONIN

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by friends in memory of:

KATHLEEN THERESA HARKINS

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Josephine Stella in memory of:

JENNIE GALANTE

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

JEAN MANTE

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by Gaetano Gentile and Melissa Tavares in memory of:

ELVIRA "VERA" GENTILE

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Thomas Meehan (2), Grace Minichelli, Carlos Rivera, Adele Mahoney, Mary Russo (2), Mickey Paese, William Isolano, Baltasar Straub, Mrs. Nackley, Robert Baglio, Bill Tamboia, Robert Newcomer, James Boudle, Frank Zukar, Antonia Santiago, Paul Bagala (2).
Special Intention: The Field Family, James Vincent O'Halloran, Vinny Curtin, Dan Folchetti.

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 this Thursday night, February 17th, from 7:30 to about 9:30 in the Stone Church. The meeting 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.



Baptisms
February 6, 2005

JOSEPH ROBERT...

Son of Mark and Lori Baumblatt

JORDAN NICKOLAS...

Son of Pedro and Sadia Roman

THE LIVING STATIONS...Our parish will host a very special musical and dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evening, February 25th at 7:30 in the New Church. This work for choir and 14 piece chamber orchestra (which originated at St. Mary's in Katonah) narrates the Stations in 14 moving songs. Don't miss it! A wonderful Lenten treat.

CARDINAL COOKE GUILD... March 1st would have been the 84th birthday of the Servant of God Terence Cardinal Cooke, our former Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar. A Mass of remembrance will be celebrated that Tuesday at 12:10 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Manhattan. All are welcome. During this commemorative time, the Guild reminds everyone that they accept prayer petition requests which are remembered in daily prayer services and monthly Masses, from prayers for those who suffer to the safe keeping of soldiers serving overseas. Anyone with a prayer request or interest in enrollment should contact the Guild at 212-371-1000 ext. 2740.

YOUNG ADULT GRIEF-SUPPORT WORKSHOPS is a free and professionally led bereavement group providing a confidential and safe environment for young adults in their 20's and 30's to discuss their loss, learn ways to cope with feelings and relationship changes and begin the healing process. The workshops are sponsored by Hospice Care Westchester/Putnam and will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Yorktown February 22, March 1, 8 and 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For information please call 666-4228 ext. 514 or 336.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS...After the 9:15 Mass each Sunday our many volunteers, under the leadership of Diane Maddock, serve coffee, tea, juice, bagels and buns in the Parish Center. This gives our parishioners a chance to meet with old friends and to make some new ones! Our thanks to all who volunteer for this ministry and to those local businesses that give us such special prices - Yorktown Bakery for the crumb buns, Goldberg's for the bagels, and a parishioner for the coffee. If you would like to volunteer to help out please call Diane at 245-6918.



God's Commercials: A fifth grade teacher in a Catholic school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God.

Here are some of the results:

God is like...

Bayer Aspirin: He works miracles.

God is like...

Ford: He's got a better idea.

God is like...

Coke: He's the real thing.

God is like...

Hallmark : He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like...

Tide: He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like...

General Electric: He brings good things to life.

God is like...

Sears: He has everything.

God is like...

Alka-Seltzer: Try him, you'll like Him.

God is like...

Scotch Tape: You can't see Him but you know He's there.

God is like...

Delta: He's ready when you are.

God is like...

Allstate: You're in good hands with Him.

God is like...

Dial Soap: Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like...

The U.S. Post Office: Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

THE 2005 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL is now underway. Every member of our parish family is asked to consider making a gift to help support the educational, charitable, and pastoral works of our Archdiocese. By now you should have received a request from His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan asking your support. You will also be receiving a follow-up call from our parish volunteers. Please consider making a sacrificial gift to the 2005 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. Our goal is \$159,000.00.

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

LENT: TRAINING FOR THE GREAT SPIRITUAL CONTEST



Lent is a season of spiritual stretching, of training for a great spiritual contest. Good athletes train daily. Cross country runners can't simply appear at the race without preparation. Football players practice. They also work out with weights to build body mass. Athletes overcome the human tendency to laziness in order to excel. Athletic excellence and victory make the sacrifices and the pains of training worthwhile.

The very same thing is true in our spiritual life. Unless we are willing to stretch ourselves, challenge ourselves, sacrifice ourselves; unless we are willing to undertake the sometimes painful but always rewarding training in the spiritual life, we cannot grow. In fact, we grow weaker. The fire of Jesus' love will diminish in our hearts.

How then can we give ourselves over to Jesus? How can we begin our spiritual training in being a disciple of Jesus? I think there are five ways we can train for the great spiritual contest.

1. Frequent Confession. Before we can turn to Jesus, we have to turn away from those things which separate us from the Lord - our sins. Jesus gives us a sacrament for the forgiveness of sin, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus not only forgives all mortal and venial sins we confess, he offers us a powerful help in overcoming those tendencies that lead us to sin.

Frequent confession is really a necessary part of a converted life. Going once a month would be an excellent practice. During this Lent, if we make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, we would have advanced far in putting Jesus at the center of our lives.

2. Frequent Communion. When we turn away from sin, we turn to Jesus and we find Jesus especially in the Eucharist. The Mass is the center of our lives as Catholic Christians, because Jesus himself comes to us.

Faithful participation in Mass on Sundays and holy days is the foundation of genuine Christian life. Here, Jesus comes to us. Here, he nourishes us with his very body and blood, that we might share his own life.

3. Faithful Daily Prayer. We also get to know Jesus in our private prayer. There is no getting around the fact that we cannot have an authentic, personal relationship with Jesus without prayer. Prayer is communion. We all know human relationships develop through shared activities, interests and in-depth conversations. So too in our relationship with God. A disciplined prayer life means setting aside time to be with the Lord. Just like athletic training, we must remain faithful to this daily schedule.

4. Works of Charity. A critical part of giving ourselves over to Jesus is getting out of ourselves and attending to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. A person who is closed in on himself cannot be open to receive Jesus. But perhaps the best opportunities to attend to the needs of others can be found in just our ordinary daily lives, at home, at work, and at school. Encouraging a friend who is down with a letter, using our gifts to help others, seeking reconciliation with those with whom we've had problems, volunteering to help a neighbor to shovel a driveway - all these are ways of almsgiving in the truest sense.

5. Fasting. And finally, we come to giving up things we like. Traditionally, this has been expressed in fasting. But fasting extends to other things besides Food. Giving up a favorite food or TV show. Giving up time to help a friend. Overcoming our natural irritability to bring joy to those around us. Being gracious and courteous with people we actually find annoying or who have hurt us.

There are a multitude of hidden sacrifices we can do that discipline us and help others. And why? Again, they are part of our spiritual training. An athlete can't just eat or do anything he or she wants while in training. Training the body and the will makes us better athletes. Spiritual discipline makes us better Christians!

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