



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 13, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$20,919.00
Tithing This Year 26,302.50
Children's Last Year 219.00
Children's This Year 458.00

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

Monday - February 21 - St. Peter Damian

6:55 Joseph Cartwright
9:00 Beatrice Manfredi
12:00 Pasquale Criscitelli

Tuesday - February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter

6:55 Bernard C. Diggins
9:00 Ann DeRaddo
12:00 Mickey Scarcella

Wednesday - February 23 - St. Polycarp

6:55 Paul LaDonnick
9:00 Deceased Members of the Giaime and
Benedetto Families
12:00 Eugene Braddock

Thursday - February 24

6:55 Sobeida Rae Moreno
9:00 Edna and Jesse Wallace
12:00 Eugene Braddock

Friday - February 25

6:55 Steven Dorn
9:00 Carmine Boccia
12:00 Frances Rogers

Saturday - February 26

9:00 Robert Burke
5:15 Martin Walsh

Sunday - February 27

7:45 Deceased Members of the Chansky and
Mateyaszotis Families
9:00 Ross Huntington
9:15 For the People of St. Patrick's
10:30 Francis McGurk
11:00 Jason Foley
12:30 John J. Mills
5:00 James Drake, Jr.

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - February 26

Msgr. Brennan

Sunday - February 27

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

Confessions - Saturday

Msgr. Brennan & Fr. Jim

! Weddings !

Saturday - February 26, 2005
1:00 - Stone Church

Mary Danahy and Andrew Sammel

SILVER SPOONS PROGRAM at Northern Westchester Hospital is in need of volunteers. The volunteers assist patients during meal times and help with opening items on the trays, assisting those who have swallowing difficulties and provide companionship during meal times to encourage good nutrition. Training is provided by the nursing, nutrition and speech pathology staff. Please call 666-1925 or 666-1951 for more information on how you can help.

“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, February 21st, from either 8-9:00 or 9-10:00 in the New Church Chapel. Please call 245-7165 for information.

YOU'RE INVITEDThe Northern Westchester/Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee invites you to the Annual Installation of the Grand Marshal, Neil Mulhern, on Friday, February 25th at The Olde Lantern Restaurant from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$30.00. For more information please call 845-628-7100.



YORKTOWN HELP continues their food drive for the Easter Baskets going to needy families in our community. This week they are requesting donations of canned soups, cake mixes, frostings, pie

crusts/fillings, Jello, cereals, pancake mixes, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juices and other canned beverages. Donations of these items, and any other non-perishable items, may be left in the vestibule of the Church throughout the week. We thank you for your continued support of this important community ministry.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by The McInerney Family in memory of:

ANN DE RADDO

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

MARION NORTH

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by John and Lucille Sangalli in memory of:

MARJORIE A. CRONIN

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

ADELE SULLIVAN

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by Lydia Rainero in loving memory of her husband:

ROBERT RAINERO

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Dr. Anthony O. Rebholz (2), Teresa de Jesus Azevedo, Thomas Meehan (2), Jack McQuillan, Ellen Maloney, Harold Thomas, Rocco Sagiamo, Paul Bagala, Letty O’Keeffe, Sheila Bradley, Victor Sabo, John Schmall, Robert Marrero, Mary Farley (2), Thomas Healy, Tommy Kennedy, Dotie Kennedy, Frank Shkreli, Jerry Bruns, Chloe Uri, James Keegan, Desmond C. Lawe (5), Niamh Hanratty, Patrick Brosnan (2), William Stuczko, Louis Malazzo. **Special Intention:** Maria Gameiro, Vincent Cunningham, Michael Gilmartin, John DeFlavis, Helen Lowe, Raymond Mancinelli.

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Dt 9: 4b-10/Lk 6: 36-38
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5: 1-4/Mt 16: 12-19
- Wednesday:** Jer 18: 18-20/Mt 20: 17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17: 5-10/Lk 16: 19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-25a
Mt 27: 33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mic 7: 14-15, 18-20/Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 17: 3-7/Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8/Jn 4: 5-42
or 4: 5-15/19b-26, 39a, 40-42

ARE YOU A SENIOR THAT MAY NEED ASSISTANCE? Family Services of Westchester provides a free referral service for anyone who is in need of a capable and experienced companion, homemaker, housekeeper, nanny or driver. They refer mature, dependable persons over the age of 50 who possess the skills necessary to assist the elderly or disabled in our community. Please call 948-8004.

LENTEN "GROWL"....On March 4th and 5th, our Youth Group will participate in the annual Lenten Growl where the teens fast for 24 hours while participating in an overnight retreat at the Parish Center. This year our teens are raising money for Catholic Relief Services and the Angel Fund at Beaver Farm.



The retreat will be a time of service, reflection, prayer, community building, sacrifice - and lots of fun! If you would like to make a donation to "sponsor" a retreat member, want more information, or would like to help out with the retreat, please call Joanne at the Youth Office - 243-9562.

TARA CIRCLE (Yonkers) is offering classes on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning February 28 and March 2 for a 10 week period. Classes include bagpipng, tin whistle, violin, guitar, bodhran, ceili dancing, history, Irish language (4 levels), literature, knitting, children's arts/crafts and voice/singing lessons. For details please call Sr. Breda at 423-4292 or email tara-educ@verizon.net.

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD to JFK Catholic High School! The Kennedy Catholic Theatre Company will present "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday and Saturday, February 25/26 at 7:00 p.m, on Thursday, March 3rd at noon, and on Friday and Saturday, March 4/5 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7.00 advance tickets, \$5 children under 12. Advance tickets must be picked up at the school. Please call 232-5061 for tickets/information.

"COME AND SEE" RETREAT WEEKEND will be offered by the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor April 1-3 for single, Catholic women between the ages of 18-40 considering a call to religious life. For information please call 845-424-3623 ext. 283.



T H E L I V I N G STATIONS...Our parish will host a very special musical and dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross this 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. A wonderful Lenten treat - don't miss it!

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY will continue the inspiring video series of talks *Seek First the Kingdom*, by popular author and TV personality Fr. Benedict Groeschel. This week Father will discuss our search for the peace of Christ, that inner peace that can be ours regardless of circumstances. Lent isn't just about giving up things we enjoy - it's about seeking God and His will for our lives. Join us on Tuesday, February 22nd after the 9:00 Mass and Rosary.

GAELIC MASS will be celebrated here on Sunday, March 6th at 3:00 in the New Church by Fr. Matthew Grier. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center following the Mass.

PLAN TO JOIN US....More than 1000 Catholics from across NYS will meet in Albany for the 2005 Public Policy Day on Tuesday, March 8th. Cardinal Egan, bishops and priests will be celebrating Mass and welcoming us. The Keynote speaker is Detective Steven MacDonald, who was shot and paralyzed while on duty. He gives uplifting talks and will speak on moral issues of our Catholic Faith. Some topics on the agenda will be abortion, parental consent, stem cell research and health care. We will have a bus leaving from the parking lot at 6:45 a.m. and will return approximately 6:00 p.m. There is no bus charge for parishioners and \$10 for non-parishioners. Please call the Rectory to reserve your seat. For more information please call Maria at 962-1815.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ACADEMY in Dobbs Ferry will host their 3rd Annual Card Party on Friday, April 8th at 7:00. Advance tickets are \$10/\$15 at the door. Please call 693-1633 ext. 123 for information.

From the Pastor's Desk.....

A CALL FOR RESPECT AND REVERENCE

I have just returned from officiating at a burial at which a military honor guard conducted their interment ceremonies. It was a masterpiece of simplicity, dignity and respect, not only for those watching but also for those who were conducting the ceremony. It reminded me of the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery which our parish school eighth grade class witnesses as part of their annual trip to our nation's capitol. The ceremonies themselves are uncomplicated to the point of being stark, yet they are carried out with such disciplined precision, as well as understanding and respect for what the honor guard is doing, that one always comes away with a deep sense of pride and the patriotism that lies behind that pride. Whenever our young people see that ceremony in Washington, D.C., they come away in awe, and well they should.

Now let's transfer that to our parish church. It is a very special place, not just because it is a church, and therefore a holy place, but it is also the place where Jesus Christ, the Son of God and our Savior, is truly present under the appearance of bread which is reserved in the tabernacle. In the Old Testament, before the Temple was erected, the most sacred place for the Jews was the Ark of the Covenant. It was actually a portable tent and what made it so holy was the presence within it of the stone tablets on which were written the Ten Commandments. It was believed that God was therefore somehow present within the Ark.

St. Patrick's Church is the place where Jesus is *truly* present under the appearances of bread. The bread is not just a symbol as the stone tablets were. The bread is the sign that Jesus is truly PRESENT. That is what we believe because Jesus told us it is true. That's why we refer to His presence, immediately after the priest consecrates the bread, as The Mystery of our Faith. After Mass, He is kept in the tabernacle to be brought to the sick and because He is reserved there, we are able to visit with Him whenever the church is open, just as we would visit a friend. In light of that Real Presence in the church I wish to make some observations.

People have become so casual about their conduct in the church that one has to wonder if those in attendance really *believe* that Jesus is present, not just during the Mass but in the tabernacle at all other times. That casualness has resulted, I feel, in a certain amount of irreverent behavior.

There was a time when, aware of the mystery of Jesus' Presence in the church, there was little or no talking anywhere in the church. When conversation was necessary, it was carried out in a whisper. Today we hear conversations being carried on not only at the entrance but even within the pews, and not only before and after Mass but even during the Mass...and it's not all teenagers! There was a time when everyone who entered the church took holy water with which they blessed themselves, a reminder of their Baptism. Then they would proceed to one of the benches and, before entering the bench, genuflect to Our Lord in the tabernacle. It was a sign of reverence and adoration. Today we have to teach our second graders how to make the Sign of the Cross and genuflect, because they are not being taught by their parents. There was a time when people going to church dressed in what was called "our Sunday best." Today, with casualness as the order of the day, *but not at business or some important social event*, many people come to Mass and to receive our Lord in Holy Communion dressed as if going on a picnic or to participate in some sports event.

So I ask you to think about your conduct when you enter the church. Do your actions and your silence say that you believe you are entering a sacred place, made even more sacred by the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle? Does your conduct during the Mass indicate that you understand the awesome mystery that is taking place? When you receive Holy Communion, do your subsequent actions indicate that you have actually received GOD? In short, do you really believe in His Real Presence or do you just *say* you believe? Actions always speak louder than words.

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