



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 MARCH 6, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$27,252.00
Tithing This Year 29,579.50
Children's Last Year 411.00
Children's This Year 392.00

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

Monday - March 14

6:55 Msgr. John McEvoy
9:00 George Ryder
12:00 Deceased Members Carcaterra and
Conway Families

Tuesday - March 15

6:55 Attilio and Rosaria DelGrasso
9:00 Camille Bonelli
12:00 Marie J. Iodice

Wednesday - March 16

6:55 Bernard Hotter
9:00 Ben and Nora Clarke
12:00 In Honor of St. Joseph

Thursday - March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

6:55 Shaun Friary
9:00 Phyllis Johnson
12:00 Sr. Teresa Houlihan

Friday - March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

6:55 Rosemary Sanfratello
9:00 Eileen Lynch
12:00 Santo Mastroddi

Saturday - March 19 - St. Joseph

9:00 Joseph DeLeo
5:15 Michael Tavares & Maria DeMoura

Sunday - March 20 - PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

7:45 For the People of St. Patrick's
9:00 Betty Starnella
9:15 Elvira Gentile & Michael Tavares
10:30 Ann Inserra
11:00 Deceased Members of the Ryder and
Peterson Families
12:30 Louis Guerci
5:00 Deceased Members of the Risi and
Leno Families

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - March 19

Msgr. Brennan

Sunday - March 20

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

Confessions - Saturday

Msgr. Brennan



Christy Harford and Charles Ingallo

! Weddings !

Saturday, March 19, 2005

5:00 - Stone Church

Christi Harford and Charles Ingallo

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES....Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary any time during 2005 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Egan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, April 10th, at 2:00. Pre-registration is required no later than Tuesday, March 29th. Call the Rectory for reservations.

"PASSION OF THE CHRIST"....This movie will be shown in our Family Education Center on the evening of Palm Sunday, March 20th, beginning at 7:00. Please note this movie is rated "R". Plan to join us and invite your family, friends and neighbors! Seating is limited to 80 people so please contact Deacon Michael at the Rectory if you plan to attend.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH?

We are offering five sessions on "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" presented by Fr. Frances Corry. Sessions will be held on Thursday evenings, April 7, 14, 28, and May 12, 26 from 7:30 to 9:00. To register for the sessions or for more information, please call Deacon Michael at the Rectory or e-mail devivo@stpatricks-yorktown.org. More information available on the flyers and at the website.

A GRIEF UNVEILED: MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND THE DEATH OF A CHILD - A JOURNEY OF LOSS AND HOPE is the topic for a day being held at St. John's in Yonkers on Saturday, April 16th or at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers on April 5th. The death of a child is one of the most painful losses a family can experience. Call 212-371-1000 - Sr. Mary Elizabeth for more information.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by The Mahoney Family in memory of: ROBERT FREAL. The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by Celia, Burnie and Bob Byrne in memory of: MARY GILDEA. The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by The Cerabona Family in memory of: BEN COZZA. The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Toporoff Family in memory of: CRISPIN GASTARDO. The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by Betty Belliveau in memory of: ROGER BELLIVEAU.

UNANNOUNCED MASSES.....Deceased: Jack McQuillan, Desmond C. Lawe, Robert Peduzzi (2), Guiseppe Chiazzeze (3), Louis Caronia, Rosa Maranaccio (2), John P. Ryan, Frank Turoci. Special Intention: Dermot Lynch, Maureen & Larry Cassidy, Rita Coughlin, Marge McCarrick, Claire & Family, Timothy O'Donovan.

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

BENEDICTION....On Friday, March 18th, the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. in the New Church will be followed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and pray with us in preparation for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
Dn 13: 41c-62/Jn 8: 1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21: 4-9/Jn 8: 21-30
- Wednesday:** Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8: 31-42
- Thursday:** Gn 17: 3-9/Jn 8: 51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20: 10-13/Jn 10: 31-42
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4: 13: 16-18, 22/Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Sunday:** Mt 21: 1-11a, 50: 4-7/Phil 2: 6-11/Mt 26: 14-27, 66 or Mt 27: 11-54



YORKTOWN HELP will be at the doors after all Masses next weekend requesting cash donations for the Easter baskets going to needy families in our community. The cash is used

to buy fresh meats and, for those with children, an Easter basket for each child. During this last week of their food drive, any non-perishable items may be left in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for your continued support of this important community ministry.

CALL CABRINI! Caregivers who are finding it difficult to cope with the changing needs of an aging parent or chronically ill spouse are invited to “Call Cabrini” - St. Cabrini Home Health Care Services in Dobbs Ferry. This is more than just a nursing home - they provide health care in your own home anywhere in Westchester. Please call 693-6800 ext. 516 or 550 for more information.

LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW at the VIP Country Club in New Rochelle sponsored by Archbishop Stepinac High School on Sunday, April 17th at 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$50 per person and must be purchased by April 8th. Please call 762-4488 for information.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Palm Sunday, March 20th, at 3:00 and an Adult Day of Reflection on Tuesday, March 22nd from 9:30 to 2:00 are being offered at Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries in Garrison. For more information on either event, please call 845-424-3609.



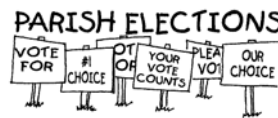
EASTER FLOWERS....

The flowers that adorn our Sanctuaries for Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter Season may be donated in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. If you receive monthly envelopes there is a “flower” envelope in your latest packet. If you do not receive envelopes there are additional envelopes available in the vestibule of the Church. Just fill in the name/names of those you want to have remembered in a special Mass offered for these intentions on Monday night, March 28th, at 7:30 in the Stone Church. Return the envelopes to the Rectory or put them in with the regular Sunday collection.



WE NEED A SACRISTAN!

Scott Bernitt, who has served so well as one of our sacristans for several years, is moving on and we need someone to replace him. The position calls for opening both churches on Saturday morning at 8:30, setting up and being present for the 9:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses on Saturday and being available during Saturday for any scheduled weddings or funerals. It also includes doing the set-ups in the Stone Church on Sunday morning for the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses and then helping out at the 12:30 Mass in the New Church. It is not difficult work but requires someone who is dependable, punctual and can see a need and respond to it quickly. To achieve a smooth transition, it would help if this person is available soon to assist with the Holy Week liturgies. The salary is negotiable depending on age and experience. If interested, please call Msgr. Brennan.



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL

will be holding their annual elections in May. We are once again looking for parishioners to serve in this important ministry. Please begin to think about responding to the gifts and talents that God has given you. Please be sure to read the flyer in next week's Bulletin for more details. We need *YOU!*

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

OBJECTIVE MORAL NORMS AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

How do we know the difference between right and wrong? Are moral norms really objective and knowable, or merely matters of conflicting opinions, completely subjective in character and utterly without content? What is the relevance of morality to the life of a Christian? If Jesus' death on the Cross is all-sufficient, does morality matter at all?

Jesus' Cross is indeed all-sufficient (Rom 3:22-26), definitively reconciling us with the Father, but now we must live lives worthy of so great a salvation: "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow in the Spirit (Gal 5:24-25Z)." Christians are living stones, built into a spiritual house "to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ (1 Pt 2: 4-5)." Our whole lives should be spiritual sacrifices to God - our worship and prayer, our human work and family life, our treatment of others and respect for our own human dignity.

Morality, then, is very relevant to the Christian, for it is no less than an exercise of the general priesthood of the baptized (1 Pt 2:9). But what is the basis of Christian morality? Do Jesus' moral teachings have any specific content?

Christian morality is based on the dignity of the human person. All human beings are made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:27), and through Baptism, Christians become adoptive sons and daughters of the Father (Rom 8: 14-16), partakers of the divine nature (2 Pt 1:3-4), and inheritors of everlasting life (Rom 8:17). Human dignity is not a gift of the state, nor of majority opinion, nor of our subjective opinions. It is God given.

Naturally, we should live lives worthy of so great a dignity, and treat others with the respect due their human dignity. The Father "delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins (Col 1:13-14)." We are children of the light: "Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires...present yourselves to God raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons of righteousness (Rom 6:12-14)."

Jesus' Great Commandment of Love (Mt 22:37-40) is the heart of morality-to love God above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. The Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-17) and the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-12) make explicit what this concretely means. Nor are these norms mere vague generalities, but have real content (Lev 17-26; Mt 25: 31-46); Gal 5: 16-26, 6: 7-10). God offers love and forgiveness, but we must respond with repentance, faith, and the commitment to live holy lives. Moses set before the Chosen People two ways-the way of life (obedience to God's commandments) and the way of death (infidelity to God's commandments) (Dt 30: 15-18).

Similarly, Christians have a choice-to live in the Spirit (human nature redeemed by Christ) or to live in the flesh (human nature in rebellion against God) (Gal 5:16-26). To live in the Spirit leads to life; to live in the flesh leads to death. Jesus and St. Paul are very frank in warning us that some forms of behavior are utterly incompatible with eternal life (Mt 25:31-46); 1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:16-26). Jesus and Paul do not remain on the level of generalities; they are quite specific. Christian morality does have real content, rooted in the dignity of the human person.

The common precepts of morality regarding life and the sexuality then are not simply the opinions of men. Far from being merely the opinions of a few old men in the Vatican, moral norms are God's Law. Far from enslaving us to rules of men, objective moral norms liberate us from the tyranny of our passions and egoism. Far from stifling our joy, God's moral law reveals the way to everlasting joy. Genuine happiness can only be found in union with God, a union possible only by obedience to God's will.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Pt 2:9)."

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