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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 13, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$28,419.00
 Tithing This Year 24,844.66
 Children's Last Year 385.00
 Children's This Year 469.00

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



**Mass Intentions
 For the Week**

Monday - March 21

6:55 Joan Papa
 9:00 Mary Ann Comblo-Luzzi
 12:00 Kathleen and Ben Duffy

Tuesday - March 22

6:55 Carmine Ferrara
 9:00 Deceased Members of the Lewis and
 Clark Families
 12:00 Ethel LaVoie and Antoinette Kraiger

Wednesday - March 23

6:55 Sobeida Rae Moreno
 9:00 Martin Duane, Jr.
 12:00 Jason Foley

Sunday - March 27 - EASTER SUNDAY

7:45 Deceased Members of the Bulzacchelli
 And Gasperino Families
 9:00 Ben and Nora Clarke
 9:15 Elvira "Vera" Gentile
 10:30 Joseph DeLeo
 11:00 Michael Tavares and Maria DeMoura
 12:30 John A. Reynolds
 5:00 For the People of St. Patrick's

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - March 26

8:00 - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - March 27

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

NO Confessions on Saturday



WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 42: 1-7/Jn 12: 1-11
Tuesday: Is 49: 1-6/Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50: 4-9a/Mt 26: 14-25
Thursday: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11: 23-26/Jn 13: 1-15
Friday: Is 52: 13-53, 19/Hb 4: 14-16, 5, 7-9
Saturday: (See Lectionary)
Sunday: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43/Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8/Jn 20: 1-9

LOST & FOUND...Found in the New Church: (1)Miraculous Medal with chain (2) child's silver hoop earrings. Please call the Rectory.

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY will show the concluding talk of the video series Seek First The Kingdom by popular author and inspiring TV personality Fr. Benedict Groeschel on Tuesday, March 22nd, after the 9:00 Mass and Rosary. Plan to join us for this informative talk. Also keep in mind some of our inspiring videos for viewing at home - free of charge - during this holy season: King of Kings, Jesus of Nazareth, How Jesus Died - The Final 18 Hours, The Father's Gift - Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, I Am The Living Bread, and many more such wonderful films. Come in and browse or visit St. Patrick's web site for a full list of videos.

MAKE A CURSILLO WEEKEND - EMPOWER YOUR LIFE! Experience the Christian Vision and change your attitudes toward God, yourself, others and life. The weekend also gives you a method for living the Christian Vision of life and for growing in your personal and spiritual life and gives you a committed community to support you on your spiritual journey. Coming weekends at Bethany House, Maryknoll, are April 14-17 for men and April 28-May 1 for women. Please call Barbara or Bob at 245-5494 for more information or see the Cursillo web site at www.nycursillo.org.

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.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by her children and grandchildren in loving memory of: ANNA DANS
The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by friends in memory of: MICHAEL NICOSIA, SR.
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by The Healy Family in memory of: MARY LAMBERT
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by the Oliveira and Tavares Families in memory of: MICHAEL TAVARES and MARIA DE MOURA
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by the Gentile Family in memory of: ELVIRA "VERA" GENTILE

UNANNOUNCED MASS...Deceased: Doreen O'Callahan, Joan Freese, Jack McQuillan, Regina DelMonico, Join Graham, Mario Cosetta, Lou Pelley, Christine Ferzola, Matthew Ulla, Members of the Ruschil Family, Peggy Traynor (2), Special Intention, Edward Quinn, James Oliveto, Juan Jose Cruz, Mary Shanahan, Louis Romano, Silvio Rossi, John Faith, Marie Dalton (2), Mary Lou Teranna, Howard Greubel, Denise Engler, Michael Judge, Ted Mouyeos, Donald O'Connor (2). Special Intention: Mark Pizzurro.

"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, March 21, from either 8-9:00 or 9-10:00 in the New Church Chapel. Please call 245-71654 for information.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE...Mt. Alvernia Retreat House in Wappingers Falls is offering a healing weekend on April 15-17 for men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse due to death, divorce or separation. Are you ready to begin anew? Call 914-556-8902 or 914-484-4112.

Holy Week Schedule

Confessions

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

March 21-22-23

4-6:00 p.m. and 7-9:00 p.m.

No Confessions

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday

Liturgy of the Hours

(Readings and Morning Prayer)

10:00 a.m. - Stone Church

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Procession to the Repository

Adoration until Midnight

8:00 p.m. - New Church

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Hours

10:00 a.m. - Stone Church

Solemn Celebration

The Lord's Passion and Death

3:00 and 8:00 p.m. - New Church

Holy Saturday

Liturgy of the Hours

10:00 a.m. - Stone Church

Blessing of the Food

10:45 a.m. - Stone Church Lower Level

Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. - New Church

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Easter Sunday

7:45, 9:15, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Stone Church

9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!



BLESSING OF THE FOOD.....

Be sure to bring your Easter baskets, breads, foods, etc., to be blessed on Holy Saturday morning. We will have the annual Blessing of the Food in the lower level of the Stone Church at 10:45

following the Liturgy of the Hours.

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION...Your help is needed to protect the Holy Places of the Holy Land. The Franciscan Missionaries in the Holy Land minister to the people there, help local Christian families build housing and give young pilgrims a place to spend the night. They protect more than the stones of ancient shrines from the ravages of time, armies or tourists; they express and protect the very idea of what it means to follow Christ. Your gift will give life to some and hope to others. When the annual Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land is taken on Good Friday, we ask that you respond as generously as your means allow.

BENEFIT CONCERT....

The Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor and Vincent Mitchell Entertainment will present "From Broadway to Galway" at the Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill on Sunday, April 17th at 2:00.

This is an exciting Irish-American musical celebration. All proceeds benefit the ministry and elder care needs of the Franciscan Sisters. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now. Please call 845-425-3624.

PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST sponsored by the Center for Life will be held at the Holiday Inn in Mount Kisco on Saturday, April 9th from 9-11:45. Guest speaker will be Lori Kehoe speaking on "Life, Politics and the Law." \$35 per person. Please call 232-1168 for information.

A HEALING MASS will be celebrated here on Thursday, March 31st by Fr. Bob Langone. Song and praise will begin at 7:45 p.m., the Mass at 8:00. Bring your physical, emotional and spiritual needs to the Lord for His healing touch. This Mass is sponsored by St. Patrick's Prayer Group. For information call 737-4286.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at St. Vincent's Hospital in Harrison for both patient and non-patient areas. St. Vincent's provides inpatient and outpatient mental health and chemical dependency services for children, adolescents, adults and their families. Training and orientation are provided. For more information please call Grace at 925-5563.

From the Pastor's Desk.....

OUR HIGH HOLY DAYS

There is always a great anticipation to the Feast of Christmas. It begins around Halloween (if not sooner) and gradually builds until the Big Day arrives. There is shopping, card writing, party planning, house decorating, tree trimming and other activities, all rising to a great crescendo until the Feast of the Lord's Birth. With all that, we need to recall that Christmas is *not* the most important feast of our Church year. No, Easter, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, is the pinnacle of our year, the day on which Jesus proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that He is truly the Son of God. Therefore our preparation for Easter, though it happens during Lent (when there is little shopping, probably no card writing, no party planning, no house decorating, no tree trimming), should have us concentrating more and more each day on the greatest of all feasts as the Lenten season draws to a close. How do we do that? Primarily by participating in the wondrous celebrations of Holy Week.

They start today, Palm Sunday, when we begin the Mass by recalling the procession of Jesus into Jerusalem with the crowds acclaiming Him to be the "Son of David" and "blessed" because He is coming "in the name of the Lord." But once that brief ceremony is over we are brought up short by the reading of the Passion of Jesus according to St. Matthew. We listen intently to hear the lengths to which God will go to show us how very much He loves each one of us, whether or not we love Him back. That experience should set our minds and hearts on all that will follow through the rest of Holy Week. It is a good thing to bring the palms home and place them in a prominent location in our home or on a loved one's grave, but all of that is of little spiritual benefit if we don't carry with us thoughts about the trial and passion of Jesus, all of which He went through for our sake, not for His.

It has been said that without the priesthood there is no Eucharist and without the Eucharist there is no Catholic Church. Both the priesthood and the Eucharist are celebrated on Holy Thursday evening at 8:00 in the New Church. Moreover, the purpose of both - to strengthen us to give loving service to

our brothers and sisters - is called to mind in the ceremony of the Washing of Feet in imitation of Jesus' action at the Last Supper. Yes, Holy Thursday calls us to celebrate and give thanks to Jesus for the gift of His Real Presence in the consecrated Bread and Wine which is at the heart of our Faith and the celebration of the Mass. The feast also calls to mind that we can have Jesus present in the Eucharist, offer Him to His Father in sacrifice for our sins and then receive Him as our Food precisely because He gave to the Apostles and their successors the power to share in His priesthood by continuing that sacrifice for all of us in the Mass. It is the priest who brings about that change, working with the power of the Holy Spirit, and it was at the Last Supper that Jesus established His Priesthood. So it behooves us to be present at that special Mass to give thanks to God for these two wondrous gifts.

The Solemn Celebration of the Passion and Death of Jesus on Good Friday should definitely have a place on our calendar. It is the day on which Jesus stretched out His arms between heaven and earth in the great sign of God's love for us. It is the feast on which Jesus showed us what he meant when He said, "There is no greater love one can have for His friends than to lay down His life for them." We observe that saving action twice on Good Friday, at 3:00 and again at 8:00. It is not a holy day of obligation because it shouldn't have to be. For what event in human history could bring us to church with a greater sense of gratitude and love than the Passion and Death of Jesus, the Son of God and our brother? He did it all for us. The least we can do is come and give Him our thanks.

The Easter Vigil and the Masses on Easter Sunday make Easter the Feast of Feasts. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and our sharing in that resurrection for it gives us the hope of spending eternal life in heaven, the only thing that makes life worth living. No wonder we sing "Alleluia", "Praise to God" for the Lord our God is truly risen, and we rise with Him! What a wonderful God our God truly is!!

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