



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 MAY 15, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$23,124.00
Tithing This Year 23,973.00
Children's Last Year 315.50
Children's This Year 372.50

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

Monday - May 23

6:55 Toni Biggar
9:00 Frank Poli

Tuesday - May 24 - Bl. Louis Zepherin Moreau

6:55 Sobeida Rae Moreno
9:00 Hugo Piattelli

Wednesday - May 25 - St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

6:55 Anna and Bernard Capodiecici
9:00 Florence "Dolly" Patterson

Thursday - May 26 - St. Philip Neri

6:55 Fr. Patrick O'Leary
9:00 Dominick and Mary Donofrio

Friday - May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

6:55 Shaun Friary
9:00 John Fanning

Saturday - May 28

9:00 Deceased Members Nocturnal Adoration Society
5:15 Concetta and Pasquale Ianelli

Sunday - May 29 - THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

7:45 In Honor of all Veterans
9:00 Deceased Members of the Nocturnal
Adoration Society

9:15 For the People of St. Patrick's
10:30 Frank Sica

11:00 Dominick and Mary Donofrio

12:45 William O'Brien

5:00 Diane Cabriele

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - May 28

Fr. Jim

Sunday - May 29

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

Confessions - Saturday

Fr. Jim

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Sir 17: 20-24/Mk 10: 17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35: 1-12/Mk 10: 28-31
Wednesday: Sir 26: 1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10: 38-45
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10: 46-52
Friday: Sir 44: 1, 9-13/Mk 11: 11-26
Saturday: Sir 51: 12cd-20/Mk 11: 27-33
Sunday: Dt 8: 21-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10: 16-17
Jn 6: 51-58



Nicole Robinson and John Scerra
Kristan Shallow and Laurence Curran

Weddings

Saturday - May 28, 2005
3:00 - Stone Church

Lee Ann Page and Jay Lotaj

Sunday - May 29, 2005
3:00 - Stone Church

Nicole Robinson and John Scerra

TWO VIEWS OF THE MESSIAH is the title of a presentation to be made by Rabbi Stanley Urbas of the Yorktown Jewish Center and Msgr. Brennan at Beaver Farm Retreat Center (Underhill Ave. & Rt. 118) on Thursday, May 26th, at 7:30 p.m. This is not a debate but another presentation in the "Your God, My God, Our God" series sponsored by the Farm. There will be a Question and Answer session following the two talks. For information please call 962-6033.

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE! Those parishioners celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversaries any time during the year 2005 are invited to attend the 5:15 Mass on Saturday, June 11th where you will be honored and presented with a scroll. You and your family are then invited for a coffee and cake reception in the Parish Center following the Mass. Please call the Rectory no later than May 30th to register. **You must be registered in order to receive a scroll**

TODAY IS MSGR. BRENNAN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY and you're invited to a special Birthday Concert next Sunday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the New Church. It will feature the Valerie Capers Quintet, who have performed here on three previous occasions. If you like the good old standards played to perfection so they really swing, then you will surely enjoy Valerie's group. There is no charge so tell your friends to come and enjoy an evening of great music.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by Rene DeGiovanni in loving memory of:
REMO DE GIOVANNI
The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by friends in celebration of:
75th BIRTHDAY
MSGR. DERMOT R. BRENNAN
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Jeanne and Seth Jacobs in memory of:
JOHN VACCARO
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Froats Family in memory of:
JOHN FANNING
The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by The Mahoney Family in memory of:
JEAN MC NULTY

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Jack McQuillan, Mary Richardson, Eva Balogh (2), Peter Cutignola, Lee Parrell (2), Anthony Padilla, Mae Foley (2), Catherine Convery, Brendan Fraietta, Mario Valenti, Frank Raio, Joseph Sclafani, Glen Willman, Nemesio Quinones, Mr. Kincart. **Special Intention:** Paris Mastroddi, Mary Lippolis, Terry Garber, The Lawe Family.

A HEALING MASS, sponsored by St. Patrick's Prayer Group, will be celebrated here this Thursday, May 26th, by Fr. Tom Kreiser. Song and praise will start at 7:30 p.m. and the Mass at 8:00. Individual prayer for healing will follow the Mass. Bring your physical, emotional and spiritual needs to the Lord for His healing touch. Bring a friend! For information please call 737-4286.

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 May 23rd and experience a sense of belonging. You are not alone! Call Terry at 962-4303 or Pat at 245-8257 for more information.



Baptisms

May 15, 2005

MICHAEL JOSEPH...

Son of Christopher and Marybeth Abrenica

MARINO DEAN...

Son of Dean and Eileen DeRosa

REBECCA ANN...

Daughter of Michael and Annmarie Goldfarb

CAILEIGH MARIE...

Daughter of Kevin and Tanya Martyn

KATHLEEN MARIE and HANNAH LOUISE..

Daughters of Kevin and Margaret McCabe

MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER...

Son of Christopher and JoAnn Monroe

NATALIE MARIE...

Daughter of Lance and Elizabeth Phalen

AVA NICOLE...

Daughter of John and Rita Rourke

FRANCESCA SILVANA...

Daughter of Luca and Elizabeth Zanin

Move over Bob! "GOD THE BUILDER" is coming to St. Patrick's! Join us on Saturday June 11th 9:30 to 3:00 at St. Patrick's School Auditorium. See the School stage as it is transformed into a whole world that will entertain and educate parents and children alike! Keep busy with fun and activities that will strengthen your family ties built on faith in Christ. Donuts and lunch provided. Registration is \$10 per family. Please return the registration form to the Rectory before May 29th.

St. Patrick's Parish Council

FAMILY NAME: _____

PARENT'S NAMES: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CHILD(S) NAME(S) AND AGE(S): _____



MEMORIAL DAY MASS....Next Sunday, May 29th, the 7:45 Mass will be offered for all the members of our parish and our families who have served in the Armed Forces and who have

either given their lives in service of our country or are still living with the effects of combat or military incurred injuries. We pray for the repose of the souls of those who paid the supreme sacrifice for all freedom loving people and for those who, in the cause of freedom, have had their lives forever changed.

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY will show *With God in Russia*, the inspiring story of Fr. Walter Cizek who survived 23 years in Russian prison camps. Fr. Cizek made his way into Russia, offering secret Masses for the oppressed Catholic population. He was soon arrested by the KGB, accused of spying and sent to the Gulag prison system in Siberia. In 1963 he was finally allowed to go home. His incredible faith and trust in God have made an enormous impact on Catholics in Russia today. His cause for canonization has been opened. The film will be shown on Tuesday, May 24th, after the 9:00 Mass and Rosary. Please note that the Parish Library will be open all Summer and the Tuesday film festival will resume in the Fall.

IT'S BACK! The Great American Olde Tyme Circus will return to St. Patrick's on Friday, June 3rd, sponsored by St. Patrick's HSA. This is a fun-filled show for all ages featuring animal acts, feats of daring, clowns, acrobats, and much more. The Big Top will be erected on our upper field and the shows are at 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$9 per person - \$11 the day of the circus. We encourage you to buy your tickets early as the HSA will receive 50% of all advance ticket sale proceeds. This is a major fund raiser for the School. Volunteers will be selling tickets after all Masses May 29th. Tickets are also available at the Rectory. Please call the School for more information at 962-2211.

VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL will meet on Wednesday night, May 25th, at 7:00 in the meeting room of St. Ann's Church in Ossining. All are welcome. Come share your thoughts. Please call Eileen @ 941-6286 or Sue @941-4686.

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Three weeks ago in my homily, I made a reference to birth control, urging that Natural Family Planning be used instead. Since I have been criticized whenever I spoke of adult themes at Mass "in the presence of our children", I am taking this opportunity to discuss this very important subject in print (presuming that children don't read what I write since many adults don't). One of the reasons for my doing so results from taking an informal poll at the Engagement Days we conduct five times each year. I find that at least half the women and probably two-thirds of the men have never even *heard* of Natural Family Planning (NFP). Here, then, is the occasion for them to learn about it.

Let's start by saying why birth control is wrong. It is the teaching of the Church (speaking for God, as is its role) that there are two purposes in marriage; the mutual expressions of love between the wife and husband and the procreation of children. It was God Himself who said that "the two shall become one," and then, "increase and multiply." (Cf. Genesis 2.) Both of these principles are of *equal* value, neither taking precedence over the other. The first, of course, is obvious. It's only natural that the couple should express their love in a whole host of ways. The second is of equal importance and, when properly understood, contributes to the deepening of the marital relationship by producing a child as the sign of their love. What happens if at some particular time a child is not desired? Then many couples resort to the use of some pregnancy preventing device: a condom, a pill, an IUD, a diaphragm, etc. or the action of withdrawal. But what is at the heart of that decision? It is a message sent to God that they want to experience the pleasure of the act of intercourse without the possible consequence, viz. the conception of a child. What the couple is really saying to God is, "We will tell you when you can create and when you can't", thus assuming the role of God. That may seem strong but, in essence, that is what is taking place.

No wonder, then, the church forbids artificial birth control. It is anti-God...and anti-life. Further, once that mentality "we are in control of life" takes

over, the domino effect kicks in so there is "justification" for removing an "unwanted" child. Someone plays God and ends the child's life either by direct abortion or the "morning after" pill which is an abortifacient. Since *we* now control life, we can promote Mercy Killing (what the Terry Schiavo case was really about), and capital punishment (we end someone's life), and, since the use of sex is now reduced to only a pleasurable act, extra-marital sex or even same gender sexual actions become acceptable. All of these are the result of promoting artificial birth control.

What, then, is Natural Family Planning? It's *not* the rhythm method because that is based on passed menstrual cycles and really is not trustworthy. NFP teaches a couple to recognize the bodily signs that occur in every woman over the course of her cycle, thus recognizing when she is fertile or infertile. It gives factual scientific information that they can use to plan their family. It even works during irregular or variable cycles, while breastfeeding or as menopause approaches. How reliable is it? Specific studies have indicated that its reliability is **over 99%** when properly taught and used and 2-3 times more effective than IVF.

Why have so many people not heard about it? Because there is nothing to buy so there is no advertizing! What are the benefits? A few are that it involves ingesting nothing into the woman's body so there are no possible side effects. It involves both spouses in the planning of their family, promoting mutual love and affection, and encouraging better communication, intimacy and understanding. It can be used to delay having children as well as to achieve pregnancy. It is morally acceptable since it allows a couple to cooperate with the nature given them by God and with His plan for their family. Because it is a shared venture, studies show that couples using NFP have only a 3% divorce rate compared to the 40% rate of those who don't. Need I say more?

To learn more about NFP just call (212) 371-1000 ext. 3189. You'll be very glad you did!

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