



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 29, 2005

Tithing Last Year

Tithing This Year 22,297.00

Children's Last Year

Children's This Year 275.00

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

Monday - June 6 - St. Norbert

6:55 John Fanning
9:00 Emelia Mastroddi

Tuesday - June 7 - St. Ephren

6:55 Franklin Sullivan
9:00 Dolly Patterson

Wednesday - June 8

6:55 Gilda and Eugene McCormack
9:00 George Barsanti, Sr.

Thursday - June 9

6:55 Patricia Flanagan
9:00 Richard Ryan, Jr.

Friday - June 10

6:55 Paul Boccia
9:00 George D. Ryder

Saturday - June 11 - St. Barnabas

9:00 Claire Maier
5:15 Angelina and Augustino Covino

Sunday - June 12

7:45 Hazel Young
9:00 Diane G. Cabriele
9:15 Joseph Cartwright
10:30 Margaret Tesoriero
11:00 Ben and Nora Clarke
12:45 Angel and Anna Dans
5:00 For the People of St. Patrick's

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - June 11

Fr. Herb

Sunday - June 12

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

Confessions - Saturday

Fr. Herb

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 2 Cor 1: 1-7/Mt 5: 1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1: 18-22/Mt 5: 13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3: 4-11/Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3: 15-4, 1, 3-6/Mt 5: 20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4: 7-15/Mt 5: 27-42

Saturday: Acts 11: 2b-26, 13: 1-3/Mt 10: 7-13

Sunday: Ex 19: 2-6a/Rom 5: 6-11/Mt 9: 36-10, 8



Roseann Russo and Sean Dunn
 Kathleen Stuart and Shawn Pelkey
 Sharon Pietro and Michael DeBrino

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, for children ages 4 to 11, will be held from August 1st through August 5th. The program will introduce children to Biblical themes and Catholic prayer, as well as lead them through group activities such as arts/crafts and sing-a-longs. Cost for the week is \$35 per child. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church and must be returned **no later than June 27th**. Please call 962-7278 for further information.

FATHER'S DAY is June 19th and we will offer a Novena (nine Masses) beginning on June 21st to honor all fathers. If you would like to remember your father (son, brother, uncle, Godfather, etc.) either living or deceased, please fill out the envelope available in the vestibule of the Church and return it to the Rectory.

A HEALING MASS will be celebrated at St. John's in Mahopac on Thursday, June 9th, by Fr. Peter Taran, S.A. 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. For information, please call 845-628-5393. There will not be a Prayer Meeting here at St. Patrick's that night.

LOST & FOUND....(1) 2005 School Ring - St. Barnabus (2) man's silver Miraculous Medal (3) Sean Briody's blue jacket (3) gold hoop earring (4) child's gold bracelet "Tara" (5) silver Wedding band. Please call the Rectory.

MARYKNOLL SISTERS 3RD ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC will be held on June 27th at the Garrison Golf Club. Sign-up at 10:30 and shotgun start at noon. Cocktails and dinner will follow at Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant in Peekskill. Cost is \$150 per golfer or \$100 for golf only and \$75 for dinner only. Proceeds support the Maryknoll Sisters Residential Care Unit. Please call Bob Macaluso at 941-0783.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by Carl and Lucia Landicino in memory of:
GUISEPPE CHIAZZESE

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by Yolanda Novelli in memory of:
ADELINE DA RONCO DA RIN

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Mr. and Mrs. DiPierro in memory of:
WILLIAM BETTS

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by Dorothy and John F. Fanning in loving memory of their son:
JOHN FANNING

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by Jim Toomey in
CELEBRATION of the CONFIRMATION
 of
KEVIN SPILLANE

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Jack McQuillan, Hilda Hope, Karl H. Tepper, Richard Brewer, Pauline Olivapotenza, Frank Matyas, Theresa Pia Caragliano, Georgia Lasche, Paddy Shallow, Carmella Calvi, Mary Curran, Mary Margaret McBride. **Special Intention:** Victor Rodriguez.

ST. PATRICK'S WIDOW/WIDOWER'S SUPPORT CLUB will meet on Tuesday evening, June 7th, at 7:30 in the Parish Center. For more information please call 845-628-4279.

SOMERS ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB will host a Community and Family Event on Saturday and Sunday, June 11/12 from 10-5:00 at the Somers Firemen's Field on Rt. 202. There will be over 40 vendors, face painting, inflatable attractions for children, and plenty of good food! Please call Ann at 767-0974 for more information.

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YOU'RE INVITED! Please join us at the 12:30 Mass next Sunday, June 11th, as Msgr. Brennan celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving as he prepares to leave our parish after 20 years. Following the Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Center where you will have the opportunity to meet fellow parishioners, town officials, area clergy members, some of the priests who have served at our parish over the past 20 years, and to bid "farewell and thank-you" to Msgr. Brennan.

ST. PATRICK'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY NETWORK volunteers will be outside the Church after all Masses next weekend (June 11/12). They will be informing you about their third annual Offering of Letters Campaign in conjunction with *Bread for the World*. Members will be asking for your participation and urge you to write Congress and President Bush to "make hunger history" with a commitment to cut U.S. hunger and food insecurity in half by 2010.

COME PRAY WITH ME....The Cardinal Cooke Guild invites you to a Day of Recollection with Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR, on Saturday, June 11th from 9:30 to 4:00 at the Church of the Epiphany on 21st Street & 2nd Avenue in New York. To reserve your place, please call 212-371-1000 ext. 2740. The cost of \$35.00 includes morning coffee hour and lunch.

GOD, SEX AND THE MEANING OF LIFE....Pope John Paul II gave a series of talks that have become popularly known as Theology of the Body. Christopher West, a dynamic, internationally recognized speaker and author, will explore the Pope's extraordinary insights about relationships, sexuality, marriage and love. Conference is on Saturday, June 11th from 9:30 to 4:00 at Holy Child Parish, Amboy Ave., S.I. Cost is \$10 per person/\$15 per couple. For more information please call 212-371-1000 ext. 3184.

SOMERS RESIDENTS....Those interested in signing up for Fall Tot Time are invited to see the facilities and ask questions on Monday, June 6th from 12-1:00. Call 232-0889 for more information. For those interested in Baseball, Soccer and Football, registration forms will be available on June 11th from 10-2:00. Please call 232-8441 for information.



A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK! The Parish Council will sponsor a Night at the Ballpark again this year. The game is on Wednesday, August 10th at the Dutchess Stadium in Fishkill, home of the Hudson Valley Renegades. Tickets are \$15 per person which includes food and general admission in the Rookies Leftfield Retreat picnic area. All you can eat and drink for 1 ½ hours with a barbecue menu of hamburgers, hotdogs, side dish and soda. Beer available for cash. Picnic begins at 6:00 and the game at 7:10. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses June 18/19, June 25/26 and at the Rectory during that week. Don't wait - this was a sold out event last year! For more information please call Richard Cawley at 245-5656.

SALESIAN HS CO-ED SUMMER SCHOOL for pre-high school 7th and 8th grade students will be offered June 29th through July 28th. Courses include reading, writing, math, pre-algebra, social studies and science skills as well as READAK, a general study skills course. Registration will be held from 10-12:00 and 1-4:00 on Monday and Tuesday, June 20/21 at Salesian in New Rochelle. Please call 632-0248 for more information.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS SOME SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS! Do you have a few hours to sort through their donated clothes in Peekskill? Then you're a SORTER! Have a washer and dryer and the ability to fold clothes? Then you're a WASHER! If you - and a friend - would like to help out, please call Tom at 945-0711.

IMPORTANT NOTICE...Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to call 212-371-1000 - Msgr. Desmond O'Connor ext. 2931 or Sr. Eileen Clifford ext. 2949. Both may also be reached via e-mail at ivictimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocese website at <http://www.ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

From the Pastor's Desk.....

YOUR QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS - OUR ANSWERS

In May we began celebrating the last Sunday morning Mass at 12:45 instead of 12:30 for two months after which we would decide whether to make it permanent. Several parishioners have told us they found this an inconvenience. As you now know, we have returned to the 12:30 start as of June 4th. Why was the change considered at all? Last September we mandated Mass attendance for our 7th and 8th graders preparing for Confirmation. This caused a significant increase in Mass attendance, especially at the 11:00 a.m. Mass which, in turn, caused a traffic jam between the last two Masses. While we are happy that a number of families who had not been coming regularly are now doing so, quite a few have stopped after Confirmation. Apparently, they "played the game" until they won the "prize." So for June and through the summer, Mass will be at 12:30.

"Why is the Cross showing the crucified Jesus on display only during Lent? The greatest symbol we have of Christ's love for us is the crucifixion. Great saints (St. Francis, St. Pio, St. John of the Cross) speak of the manifold benefits of meditating on the Crucifix." Personally, I could not agree with you more; even as a piece of art it is better. However, in the twenty years of my pastorate, I have had this put to a vote by the parishioners three times. In each case, they overwhelmingly voted for the figure of the Risen Christ, citing it as a sign of hope, the triumph over death and sin, and commenting that the crucified figure reminds them too much of their sins(!). It has never been my style to impose something on the parish simply because I liked it, so for the time being, it will be the Risen Christ on the Cross in the New Church.

"During Lent and Eastertide we pray Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours each weekday before the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Why can we not do that throughout the year since some are already doing it privately?" We pray Morning Prayer only during Lent and Easter because they are special times. To

do it every morning would weaken that significance. However, there is a group that prays the Rosary every morning after the Mass so there is no reason why, if they wish, a group could pray Morning Prayer before the Mass.

"We invest a lot of money in hymn books; why don't we sing the Responsorial Psalms as they are printed instead of introducing different melodies and/or words?" We strive to provide the best in music that we can, feeling that the Lord deserves only the best we can offer. Sometimes the melodies in the hymn book are unmelodic and, especially when the Response is short, they are trite. Over time, the Response introduced by the cantor is used each time that specific psalm appears until the whole community has learned it and sings it well. Our young people learn many songs and lyrics in the world of popular music; surely they will learn our Responses just as easily if they make the effort as so many of our parishioners have done.

"Is it a good idea to have youngsters participate in the drinking of the consecrated wine as part of the Communion Rite?" When the children are prepared for their First Holy Communion, they are given the opportunity to try drinking the wine. Some of them decide not to do so and some parents do not allow it. It is a decision made by each parent for their child(ren).

"I would like to suggest that an American Flag and a Church Flag (The Papal Flag) be displayed on either side of the altar in both churches as a display of our patriotism and our religion." Both flags are already on display in the New Church. According to Church law, since they are not part of the liturgy, they should not be placed in or adjacent to the sanctuary. Formerly they were displayed in the Stone Church hanging from the choir balcony. We might consider restoring that display.

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