



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 JULY 17, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$22,890.50
Tithing This Year 23,212.00
Children's Last Year 201.00
Children's This Year 187.00
Thank you for making St. Patrick's a Tithing Parish.

Monday - July 25 - St. James the Apostle

6:55 Ben and Nora Clarke
9:00 Frank and Marion LoBue

Tuesday - July 26 - Sts Joachim and Anne

6:55 In Honor of St. Anne
9:00 Vincent Filogomo

Wednesday - July 27

6:55 Alfred Trudell
9:00 Mario Saraceno

Thursday - July 28

6:55 Fr. Gerard Bliss
9:00 Martin Duane, Jr.

Friday - July 29 - St. Martha

6:55 Mary Collura
9:00 Angelo Ferri

Saturday - July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus

9:00 Robert Verrilli
5:15 Mary Angela Muscarella

Sunday - July 31

7:45 William Coughlin, Jr.
9:00 David M. Barry
9:15 Theresa Pellegrino
10:30 William Mackin
11:00 Louis Emanuel
12:30 For the People of St. Patrick's
5:00 Eugene Braddock

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WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 2 Cor 4, 7-15/Mt 20: 20-28
Tuesday: Ex 33: 7-11, 34: 5b-9/Mt 13: 36-41
Wednesday: Ex 34: 29-35/Mt 13: 44-46
Thursday: Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38/Mt 13: 47-53
Friday: Lv 23: 4-11, 15-16, 17, 34b-37
Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42
Saturday: Lv 25: 1, 8-17/Mt 14: 1-12
Sunday: Is 55: 1-3/Rom 8: 25, 37-39
Mt 14: 13-21



Banns of Marriage

JoAnne Dillon and Jacob J. Prairie
 Catherine Forde and Christopher Gomez
 Samantha Shears and Kevin Rainaldi

A CLUSTER PRAYER MEETING will be held here at St. Patrick's this Thursday, July 28th, at 7:45 p.m. The guest speaker, Fr. Glenn Sudano, C.F.R., will speak on "Following Jesus in These Difficult Days." Bring your Bible - and bring a friend! This prayer meeting is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Prayer Groups of Northern Westchester and Putnam. For information please call 914-737-4286.

EARLY BEREAVEMENT GROUP...Please note that the Group will not be meeting during the summer. Meetings will resume in September. For more information, please call Olive Wallace at 962-9513.

A SPA EXPERIENCE...Mariandale Center in Ossining is offering a week that includes the opportunity for daily meditation, yoga, hiking at local state parks, aquacise, sacred dance, swimming, walking the labyrinth and group prayer by the river. There will also be classes in healthy cooking, reflective journaling and art. The rate for the week is \$360 and includes a private room (shared bath), all meals and all classes. For an additional fee, massage, energy therapy and spiritual direction are available. You choose what you want to attend - or if you prefer curling up with a good book or catching up on a much needed nap, you can do that too! For information please call 941-4455.

"CELEBRATE MARRIAGE" is an enrichment day for married couples. Escape for a day with your spouse and take quality time to deepen your love, enhance your communication and build a stronger family foundation. The day is designed to give married couples an opportunity to focus on their life-long love and commitment and rekindle the joy. The next date coming up is September 24th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Poughkeepsie. The day ends with a renewal of wedding vows. Please call either 212-371-1000 ext. 3190 or 781-317-5881.

The Altar Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Lamp used in the New Church this week was donated by Katina Lotakis and Sons in loving memory of:

GEORGE LOTAKIS

The Altar Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Lamp used in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Aversano Family in loving memory of:

DINA PUIATTI

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by Barbara, Marybeth and Larry Gallagher in loving memory of:

LAWRENCE GALLAGHER

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Kathleen McAvoy, Ruth Mongero (2), Philip Salerno, Dina Puiatti, Mae Cassels, Patricia Booth, Marie Dirr, John Vavaro, Leo Rehfeld, Daniel Sullivan (3), John Skrzypczak, Eugene White, Christopher J. DeFeo. **Special Intention:** Susan Fahey, Rosemarie Bulzacchelli (2), Ryan Hardin, Brendan Hardin, David Rocco, Barbara Russell.

SAVE THE DATE! Plan to attend St. Patrick's School Hall of Fame celebration on Saturday, October 8th. There will be a Mass at 5:15 in the New Church honoring the alumni of St. Patrick's School. Following the Mass there will be a cocktail reception and the Hall of Fame presentation in the school auditorium.

ARE YOU WILLING TO SELL EVERYTHING YOU OWN AND FOLLOW THE LORD? Once you accept the Lord into your life - as a priest, sister or brother - you will not miss those things you have "given-up." Rather, you will rejoice in what you have "found." If God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. Ed Cipot at 914-968-1340.

☺ Kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back. 411-Patrick



Baptisms

July 17, 2005

JULIA CAROL...

Daughter of Neil and Lisa Maloney

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED... Would you like to get more involved in your parish, give back something for all you have received and help pass on the Faith to our young people? Our CCD Program needs YOU! We have openings available in our weekly program (Monday through Thursday) and in our once-a-month Saturday morning program. Classes start mid-September. For more information, please call Susan Wallace, Coordinator of Religious Education, at the CCD office - 962-5586.

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 July 25th and experience a sense of belonging. You are not alone! Call Pat at 245-8257 for more information.

CINAMAGIC! For nearly a decade, the Hope Players have united high school and college age thespians from across Westchester and Putnam for a common cause - helping those in need. *Cinemagic* will be the Hope Players largest show to date, as the troupe prepares to fill the 50' stage at Kennedy Catholic High School with the sights and sounds of the silver screen. 100% of the proceeds will be given to breast cancer research and awareness efforts through The Support Connection of Yorktown. Admission is \$12.00 and the shows will be presented July 29th and 30th at 8:00 p.m. Please call 206-9617 for information or 206-9644 for tickets.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING PROGRAM will be offered at the Center for Spiritual Development at Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains on Thursday evenings from 7-9:45 from September 15th through December 15th. This is a two year program for religious, priests, deacons and laity and is intended for those involved in the ministry of spiritual direction. Please call 914-946-5729 for more information.

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

THE LONG SUFFERING, FAITHFUL LOVE OF OUR GOD

“You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant (Ps 89:15-16).” The faithful, abiding love of our God. The long suffering patience of our God. But then love to be genuine must be persevering love, as St. Paul so beautifully expresses in his first letter to the Corinthians. “Love is patient, love is kind...love bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Cor 12:4,7).” And God’s love is the measure of all love.

What is the Bible except an incredible love story, a story of persevering love, a story of love that cannot be defeated. Time and time again, God offered a covenant to man. Time and time again, human beings rejected the Father’s tender offer of love. But human sin could never defeat God’s love. And this is the great theme running throughout the Bible: God’s faithful, enduring love, a love that perseveres despite seemingly endless infidelity to God by human beings.

But the divine love story does not stop there. In the fullness of time, the Father planned to lift up all of humanity into the great love story. He planned to save us from sin and bring us to divine adoption. He sent his love in the person of his Son. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that all who believe in him might not perish, but might have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might have life through him (John 3:14-15).” These beautiful words of John speak of God’s unconquerable love. So much did he love us that he gave up his own Son to death to save us from eternal death. What parent among us would sacrifice his own child to save another person’s life, yet that is exactly what God did for us. And now with loving patience, the Father calls each of us to a life of conversion. The majesty of God’s love has three implications for us.

First, God’s love is patient and long suffering. Despite constant infidelity, the Father will never give up on us. He always offers us forgiveness. We have only to turn to him. Like the father of the prodigal son, the Father waits at the crossroads of our lives, waiting for us

to return to him. No sin, and I mean no sin, can make God stop loving us. Therefore, we have no reason for discouragement, much less despair. God’s love is stronger than any sin! God’s love is unconquerable! Only one thing can defeat God’s love: our refusal to receive it.

Second, Jesus calls us to responsibility. We must choose. The time of choice ends with our death; then, comes the judgement and each of us will receive what his deeds deserve. “The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are the angels...The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.” Our lives do have a meaning. Our decisions and actions in this life will echo for all eternity. This is our responsibility. God’s love is undying, but we can frustrate that love by refusing to accept it.

God calls us continually to conversion, to a life worthy of the salvation we have received. This is our response to God’s love. For love is an invitation, not an act of compulsion. We have the terrible freedom to embrace God’s love or reject it forever. Jesus calls us to respond to God’s love with love revealed in obedience to God’s will and his commandments.

Finally, Jesus calls on us to be patient, even as God is patient with us. Patience. The word comes from a Latin word, *passio*, which means suffering. Patience is long suffering, a persevering loyalty to God no matter what. Patience is remaining faithful to God even in the face of tragedy, of unbearable suffering, of unmerited suffering. Patience is bearing with the faults of others with a smile. Patience is learning to forgive even when others wrong us. The secret of patience is this. When all human things pass away, including human suffering, one thing forever endures: God’s love. Jesus has prepared a heavenly home for those who persevere to the end.



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