



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 NOVEMBER 27, 2005

Tithing Last Year 26,065.50
Tithing This Year 26,397.50
Children's Last Year 391.00
Children's This Year 624.60

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

Monday - December 5

6:55 Carmela Conliff
9:00 William Kilgallon

Tuesday - December 6 - St. Nicholas

6:55 John French
9:00 Richard Duffy

Wednesday - December 7 - St. Ambrose

6:55 Frank Warek
9:00 Charles A. Kraiger
5:15 James Drake, Jr.

Thursday - December 8 - Immaculate Conception

6:30 Thomas Fandel
9:00 Walter Gross
12:00 For the People of St. Patrick's
7:30 Gilda and Eugene McCormack

Friday - December 9 - St. Juan Diego

6:55 Scott Gallagher
9:00 Eileen Dumser

Saturday - December 10

9:00 Bridie Conway
5:15 Frank Poli

Sunday - December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:45 Robert Coughlin and Nelson Lasser
9:00 Elizabeth Bizzarro
9:15 For the People of St. Patrick's
10:30 Margaret Tesoriero
11:00 Jason Foley
12:30 Patrick and Mary Brandon and
John and Nora Kenny
5:00 Richard Furgieue

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - December 10

Fr. Bisignano

Sunday - December 11

7:45 Fr. Bisignano 11:00 Fr. Herb
9:00 Fr. Jim 12:30 Fr. Herb
9:15 Fr. Bisignano 5:00 Fr. Jim
10:30 Fr. Jim

Confessions - Saturday

Fr. Bisignano

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday: Is 35: 1-10/Lk 5: 17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40: 1-11/Mt 18: 12-14
- Wednesday: Is 40: 25-31/Mt 11: 28-30
- Thursday: Gn 3: 9-15, 20/Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12
Lk 1: 26-38
- Friday: Is 48: 17-19/Mt 11: 16-19
- Saturday: Is 48: 1-4, 9-11/Mt 17: 9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5: 16-24
Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

RETIRED RELIGIOUS...There are 90 congregations of men and women (over 3,000 members) in our Archdiocese with an average age well past 65. Congregations have divested themselves of property and spent down what savings they may have accumulated to help provide health care and dignified living conditions for their frail and elderly. Without your help, these resources will not be sufficient nor can they survive for long. Next weekend a second collection will be taken for this worthy cause and we hope you will respond with your customary generosity.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS...The



flowers that will adorn our Sanctuaries for the Christmas Season may be donated in memory of your loved ones.

If you receive monthly envelopes, there is a special "flower" envelope in the packet that you can fill out and return to the Rectory. If you do not receive envelopes, there are additional envelopes available in the vestibule of the Church. There will be a Mass for these special intentions on Monday evening, December 26th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stone Church

ADVENT SUNDAY SCRIPTURES...All are invited to gather for personal study, reflection and prayer on the Advent Sunday Scriptures on Wednesday mornings, December 7, 14 and 21, from 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Family Education Center, Room 109. Please bring your Bible or Missalette.

MIDNIGHT RUN is in need of **mens** jeans, sneakers and hooded sweatshirts. Articles may be dropped off in the vestibule of the New Church marked for Midnight Run. Sincerest thanks for your continued support of this important ministry.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by The Calderone Family in memory of:

UNCLE JACK POLO

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by Tammy Lee and Tom Dunn in memory of:

MARTHA JAGICH

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Pat and Ed Falagan in memory of:

RICHARD LIST

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Madonna Children and Grandchildren in loving memory of:

GUSSIE & ALBERT MANTOVANI

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by Sharon Traditi in memory of:

ROBERT BRENNAN

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Brigid McGivney (2), Robert F. Marotta, Helen Maher, Daniel Frieda, Rosina Biele Ciricione Pegik, Virginia Tesoro, Anthony DeCarlo, Special Intention for the Deceased, Charles Williams, John Gorrahan, Jack McQuillan, Mary Sammon (2), Mary Wakeley, Mary Brennan (4), Rose Cirincione, Ann Murtagh, Connie Pascento, Mary Belle Scally, Joseph Molloy, Breda Kearns, Raymond McDonough. **Special Intention:** Paris Mastroddi

SINCEREST THANKS to our parishioners from Rebecca DeJoseph who writes: "I would like to thank you for helping me attain my Girl Scout Gold Award. As you know, I asked for donations in September to help me buy winter coats for the Native American children in New Mexico. I also had a Penny Social. With the money I raised I was able to buy 70 winter coats! The children were very excited to receive a new coat. Thank you again for your support."



**PARISH SECRETARY
St. Patrick's Rectory**

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Responsibilities:

- * Perform a variety of skills related to office management.
- * Responsible for answering multiple incoming lines.
- * Assume responsibility for special projects as assigned.
- * Composing and typing correspondence.
- * Strong verbal and written communications skills.
- * Strong organizational skills
- * Ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously.
- * Ability to work in an independent environment or in a team.
- * Must have interactive skills (in person or on phones).
- * Prepare the weekly Bulletin.

**Salary negotiable depending on experience.
Two weeks vacation - 11 paid holidays -
Health Insurance**

**Please send resume to:
Fax: 914-962-0595
Email: w583@archny.org
(phone calls will not be accepted)**

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS...The Christophers have announced the 16th Annual Poster Contest with the theme, "You Can Make a Difference." Cash prizes totaling \$2,250 will be awarded. Entry deadline is January 20th. For rules and entry forms call 212-759-4050 or email youth@christophers.org. or www.christophers.org/contests.html.

**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**

This Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation
Masses will be offered on
Wednesday - December 7th
5:15 p.m.

Thursday - December 8th
6:30 and 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

**ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF
PRAYER** ...Join us on Thursday,



December 8th, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in the New Church for prayer, song, meditation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Churches across

the nation will be praying with us and from midnight to 1:00 a.m. we will be united from the west coast to the east coast. Plan to be there - and bring a friend!

ST. PATRICK'S WIDOW/WIDOWERS SUPPORT CLUB will host their annual Christmas Wine and Cheese Party (and Grab Bag!) On Monday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Early sign-up is requested. Non members are asked to call 845-628-4279 for information.

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY will show a video of hope and healing, *The Spitfire Grill*. This film stars Alison Elliott as Percy, a young woman who has spent the past five years in prison. Moving to a small town in Maine, the Spitfire Grill has offered her a second chance. Join us for this award winning movie which will be shown in two parts on Tuesday, December 6th and 13th, after the 9:00 Mass and Rosary. As usual, refreshments will be served.

A FESTIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT featuring a 50 voice choir, a 30 piece orchestra and hand bells will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m. at The Grace Lutheran Church (corner of Curry and Gomer). \$10 general admission at the door. Please call 245-5737 for more information.

ST. JOSEPH'S SINGLES CLUB (ages 35 and over) will host a Holiday Party on December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Cost of \$10 per person includes food and raffle. Bring your own wine. Please call 248-7756 for more information.

GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

Preamble (continued)

Accommodation to New Conditions

10. The new Missal, therefore, while bearing witness to the Roman Church's rule of prayer (*lex orandi*), also safeguards the deposit of faith handed down by the more recent Councils, and marks in its own right a step of great importance in liturgical tradition.

Indeed, when the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reaffirmed the dogmatic pronouncements of the Council of Trent, they spoke at a far different time in world history, so that they were able to bring forward proposals and measures of a pastoral nature that could not have even been foreseen four centuries earlier.

11. The Council of Trent already recognized the great catechetical value contained in the celebration of Mass but was unable to bring out all its consequences in regard to actual practice. In fact, many were pressing for permission to use the vernacular in celebrating the Eucharistic Sacrifice,; but the Council, weighing the conditions of that age, considered it a duty to answer this request with a reaffirmation of the Church's traditional teaching, according to which the Eucharistic Sacrifice is, first and foremost, the action of Christ himself, and therefore that its proper efficacy is unaffected by the manner in which the faithful take part in it. The Council for this reason stated in firm but measured words: "Although the Mass contains much instruction for people of faith, nevertheless it did not seem expedient to the Fathers that it be celebrated everywhere in the vernacular."¹² The Council accordingly anathematized anyone maintaining that "the rite of the Roman Church, in which part of the Canon and the words of consecration are spoken in a low voice, is to be condemned, or that the Mass must be celebrated only in the vernacular."¹³ Although on the one hand it prohibited the use of the vernacular in the Mass, nevertheless, on the other hand, the Council did direct pastors of souls to put

appropriate catechesis in its place: "Lest Christ's flock go hungry . . . the Holy Synod commands pastors and all others having the care of souls to give frequent instructions during the celebration of Mass, either personally or through others, concerning what is read at Mass; among other things, they should include some explanation of the mystery of this most holy Sacrifice, especially on Sundays and holy days."¹⁴

12. Therefore, when the Second Vatican Council convened in order to accommodate the Church to the requirements of her proper apostolic office precisely in these times, it examined thoroughly, as had Trent, the instructive and pastoral character of the Sacred Liturgy.¹⁵ Since no Catholic would now deny the lawfulness and efficacy of a sacred rite celebrated in Latin, the Council was also able to grant that "the use of the vernacular language may frequently be of great advantage to the people" and gave the faculty for its use.¹⁶ The enthusiasm in response to this measure has been so great everywhere that it has led, under the leadership of the Bishops and the Apostolic See itself, to permission for all liturgical celebrations in which the people participate to be in the vernacular, for the sake of a better comprehension of the mystery being celebrated.

13. Indeed, since the use of the vernacular in the Sacred Liturgy may certainly be considered an important means for presenting more clearly the catechesis regarding the mystery that is inherent in the celebration itself, the Second Vatican Council also ordered that certain prescriptions of the Council of Trent that had not been followed everywhere be brought to fruition, such as the homily to be given on Sundays and holy days¹⁷ and the faculty to interject certain explanations during the sacred rites themselves.¹⁸

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