



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 DECEMBER 25, 2005

Tithing Last Year \$18,405.50
Tithing This Year 13,427.50
Children's Last Year 346.00
Children's This Year 1012.00
Christmas 76,221.00

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

Monday - January 2 - St. Basil the Great

6:55 David Fisher

9:00 Edith Smith

Tuesday - January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:55 John Eshak

9:00 Harold Kindle

Wednesday - January 4 - St. Eliazabeth Ann Seton

6:55 Joseph Sorrentino

9:00 Brendan Farrelly

Thursday - January 5 - St. John Neumann

6:55 Madeline Borrelli

9:00 Steffi Garber

Friday - January 6 - Bl. Andre Bessette

6:55 Deceased Members of the Laudadio Family

9:00 Frank Mancini

Saturday - January 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort

9:00 Deceased Members of the Citra and
Filogomo Families

5:15 Robert and Mary Creamer

Sunday - January 8 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:45 Marcel and Robert Vales

9:00 For the People of St. Patrick's

9:15 Phyllis Johnson

10:30 Kathleen Theresa Harkins

11:00 Angel and Anna Dans

12:30 Joseph DePalma

5:00 Robert J. DeMartini

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - January 7

Fr. Herb

Sunday - January 8

7:45 Fr. Herb 11:00 Fr. Jim

9:00 Fr. Bisignano 12:30 Fr. Jim

9:15 Fr. Herb 5:00 Fr. Bisignano

10:30 Fr. Bisignano

Confessions - Saturday

Fr. Jim and Fr. Bisignano

EARN (Employment Assistance & Resource Network) will host its monthly meeting this Thursday night, January 5th, starting at 7:45 in the **Family Education Center - Rooms 107/108**. Expect to gain valuable insights into job search issues from our guest speaker, to learn about job leads and area seminars and to network. All are welcome.

“AND MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS, REFLECTING ON THEM IN HER HEART...”

Today’s Gospel shows us that the Mother of God took time to reflect on the extraordinary events in her life. When was the last time you took time to reflect on your marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to help couples live fuller, richer lives. The next Encounter weekend is February 10-12. For more information, please call 914-378-5464 or 845-635-8566.

ST. PATRICK’S WIDOW/WIDOWERS SUPPORT CLUB will meet this Tuesday, January 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please call 845-628-4279 for more information.

IT’S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR SUMMER CAMP! Camp Fatima (boys) and Camp Bernadette (girls) in NY are now taking registrations for their summer sessions. Some sessions are filling up quickly so don’t wait! For more information you may call the camp office at 603-364-5851 or contact them at mdrumm@diocamps.org. You can also check out their website at www.diocamps.org.

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** 1 Jn 2: 22-28/Jn 1: 19-28
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2: 29-3, 6/Jn 1, 29-34
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3: 7-10/Jn 1: 35-42
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 3: 11-21/Jn 1: 43-51
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5: 5-13/Mk 1: 7-11 or Lk 3: 23-38 or Lk 3: 23, 31-34, 36, 38
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5: 14-21/Jn 2: 1-11
- Sunday:** Is 60: 1-6/Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2: 1-12

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by Gloria and Al de Prado in memory of:
MARIE and ALFRED DE PRADO
 The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by Marie Curreri and Family in loving memory of:
JOHN CURRERI, SR.
 The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Frank and Amie Morgante in memory of:
VINCENT BRANDEN
 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 friends in memory of:
JACK SKISLOCK

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Bridget Sheridan, Maureen Barnett (3), Grace Lembo, Jack McQuillan, Richard Heusinger, Anna Banta, Jane Cantwell, Marge Mutino, Frances Bold, Joanne Iengo, Joseph Melfi, Theodore Ondrovic, George DiBartolomeo, Anna Farina, Dominic Castellone, Louise Planamento, Carol Maloney (2). **Special Intention:** Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan, Dawn Granchelli on her retirement, The Cardone Family, Florence Towey, Jeanne Taylor, Frank & Theresa Petelli, Alice Cartwright, Vic Underhay.

ST. PATRICK’S LIBRARY will show the video *The Pistol - The Birth of a Legend*. This is the true story of “Pistol Pete” Maravich, the youngest inductee into the Basketball Hall of Fame. They said he was too short, a misfit. They said he didn’t know how to play basketball. But Pete’s father had taught him that with discipline, dedication and confidence, he would achieve his dream. This video will be shown in two parts on Tuesday January 3rd and 10th after the 9:00 Mass and Rosary.

Start your New Year with a good laugh 😊
DUH! AWARDS



Dear Padre

**How should I
examine
my conscience?**

I realize that people can sin against God, their neighbor, and themselves. I also recognize that there is more than one version of the Act of Contrition, but all forms of the prayer focus on sins against God. Wouldn't it be more inclusive to examine how our sins hurt our neighbor and ourselves? Thank you,

Jim McNamara

Dear Jim,

All sins offend God, even when they are directed toward our neighbor. A prayer such as the Act of Contrition acknowledges this by expressing sorrow for offending God. Hurting you neighbor is not only an offense against your neighbor, but also against God.

When you examine your conscience in preparation for confession, you should try to recall the ways in which you have sinned against your neighbor. Many of your sins may fall into this category. When you gossip or make rash judgments about your neighbor, that is certainly offending your neighbor. Such things are also sins against God because Jesus told us that we must love God and love our neighbor.

One way to examine your conscience is to use the Ten Commandments as a guideline. In the commandments we see the way we should treat God and the way we should treat others. If we take something that belongs to another, that is an offense against that person. It is also an offense against God who tells us not to steal.

Everyone should think about the ways they may have hurt their neighbor through things they do or by things they neglect to do. Those things should be part of our confession of sins, too.

Father Joseph Nolen, C.Ss.R.

QUESTIONS? E-mail the Padre
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GENE PLAINSTED, OSC

“I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, that we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever.”

-Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest

“Smoking kills. If you’re killed, you’ve lost a very important part of your life.”

-Brooke Shields

“Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.”

-Mayor Marion Barry

“It’s no exaggeration to say that the undecideds could go one way or another.”

- George Bush

“The word ‘genius’ isn’t applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.”

-Joe Theisman, NFL quarterback

“If we don’t succeed, we run the risk of failure.”

-Bill Clinton

“Traditionally, most of Australia’s imports come from overseas.”

Keppell Enderbery

“It isn’t pollution that’s harming the environment. It’s the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.”

Dan Quayle

“Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances.”

- Dept. of Social Services, Greenville, SC

“If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there’ll be a record.”

-Mark S. Fowler, FCC Chairman

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The Blessed Virgin Mary: Mother of God

The First and the most essential truth about Mary is that she is the Mother of God. Mary is the Mother of God because she is the mother of Jesus who is the Son of God. Sacred Scripture reveals this truth about Mary in a couple of passages:

First, when the angel Gabriel greeted Mary and declared to her: “Behold ... the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” (Lk 1:31, 35).

In another passage, Mary’s cousin Elizabeth greets her as “the mother of my Lord” (Lk 1:43). Though neither of these passages explicitly refer to Mary as the Mother of God, putting them together it is clear that Mary is the mother of the Lord and the Lord is God, then Mary is the Mother of God.

A mother gives her child the nature that she herself has. Mary gave her human nature to her Son, Jesus. She did not give Jesus his divine nature or his divine person. This was not possible because Mary is not divine. She is a creature, and Jesus is the second person of the Holy Trinity. His divine nature and divine person are aspects of his divinity that always existed.

Scripture says, “when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman” (Gal 4:4). Mary was that woman. She only gave him his human nature, but a woman does not give birth to a nature; she gives birth to a person and in Mary’s case that person was divine.

Mary is the Mother of God because the eternal Son of God emptied himself of all his glory and freely subjected himself to the entire spectrum of human existence, from the moment of conception in the womb of Mary to his terrible death on the cross.

If Jesus had not fully assumed every aspect of our humanity then he could not have redeemed us. By proclaiming Mary as truly “Mother of God,” we are safeguarding the truth not only about the Incarnation but also about our redemption and bodily resurrection.

The Mother of God was fittingly preserved from the tiniest stain of sin or even imperfection. This privilege was given to her from the first moment of her conception. Moreover, Mary was the one predestined for this privilege from the beginning of time!

It follows, according to Saint Aiphonsus Liguori, “that the Sovereign Architect Who willed that Mary be the Mother of His Own Son; adorned her soul with most precious gifts in order that she might be a dwelling worthy of God!”

The best thanks we can give to God for Mary is to follow her instruction. According to Saint Bernard, Mary is “Our Star.” We look to her to lead the way to her Son and for a secure refuge en route to our heavenly home.

Mary has a definite role in salvation history. It may not be brushed aside. God did not do so! He is pleased when we look to Mary in our needs. In fact, God has ordained that all graces be distributed via her Immaculate Hands.

Praising his Mother ever delights the Heart of Jesus. The attentions we give her can never exceed the loving regard He has for her. Yes, we boast of the Mother of all mothers, and sing: “Tota Pulchra es, Maria!” How perfectly beautiful you are, O Mary!

Every year on January 1 we celebrate the gift of Mary’s divine motherhood. We remember her humble acceptance of this great gift when the Angel Gabriel came to her and remember her cooperation with the Holy Spirit when he came and overshadowed her. Inspired by her example, we pray: “Father, ... may her prayer, the gift of a mother’s love, be your people’s joy through all ages. May her response, born of a humble heart draw your Spirit to rest on your people” (The Roman Missal, Opening Prayer).

Adapted from ACM and I am Your Mother

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