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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
Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

GABRIEL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

1500 Front St. - Suite D - Yorktown - 962-8337

COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2006

Tithing Last Year	\$28,016.50
Tithing This Year	\$25,850.50
Children's Last Year	\$514.50
Children's This Year	\$423.50



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday – March 6

6:55 Patricia Murphy
9:00 Robert Newcomer
12:00 Eileen Lynch

Tuesday – March 7- *Perpetua and Felicity*

6:55 Gilda & Eugene McCormack
9:00 Eleanor Laughlin
12:00 Kathleen Dolan

Wednesday – March 8 - *John of God*

6:55 Mary Ribarich
9:00 Desmond C. Lawe
12:00 In Thanksgiving

Thursday – March 9 – *Frances of Rome*

6:55 Eileen H. Landy
9:00 Neil Maddock
12:00 Dominick Mastroddi

Friday – March 10

6:55 Edward L. Kane
9:00 Eleanor Laughlin
12:00 Anne Wittenborn

Saturday – March 11

9:00 Desmond Lawe, Jr.
5:15 Bella DiGenaro & Mary & Rita Damone

Sunday – March 12

7:45 Richard Seaboldt
9:00 William B. Valdez
9:15 Phyllis Johnson
10:30 The People of St. Patrick's
11:00 Elvira "Vera" Gentile
12:30 Giovanni Palumbo & Anita Giordano
5:00 Anna Dans

CELEBRANTS

Saturday – March 11

Fr. Jim

Sunday – March 12

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

Confessions – Saturday March 11

Fr. Bisignano

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18/Mt 25: 31-46
Tuesday: Is 55: 10-11/Mt 6: 7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3: 1-10/Lk 11: 29-32
Thursday: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 5: 20-26
Friday: Ez 18: 21-28/Mt 5: 20-26
Saturday: Dt 26: 16-19/Mt 5: 43-38
Sunday: Gn: 22: 1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/Rom 8: 31b-34/
Mk 9: 2-10



Baptisms
February 25-26, 2006

Kelly Ann Lahiff

Daughter of Colin and Renee Lahiff

John Salvatore Bartolotta III

Son of John Salvatore, Jr. and Elizabeth Bartolotta

Ryan Christopher Di Napoli

Son of Christopher and Karen Di Napoli

Catherine Bridget Negrelli

Daughter of Mark and Annette Negrelli

Juliana Caterina Negri

Daughter of Anthony and Angela Negri

Ryan Henry Murphy

Son of Kieran and Jill Murphy

Gianna Michele Mitchell

Daughter of Thomas Andrew and Michele Mitchell

Thomas Andrew Mitchell

Son of Thomas Andrew and Michele Mitchell

Christian Anthony Valente

Son of Donato and Lucia Valente

ST PATRICK'S CCD Program is participating this Lenten Season in Operation Rice Bowl a Catholic Relief Service Lenten Solidarity Program. 75% of the contributions collected will support food, water and sanitation development projects around the world and 25% will remain in our diocese to fund local poverty and hunger alleviation efforts. Please pray for all our brother and sisters in need of food and clean water around the world. Special Lenten boxes are available in CCD office. For more info, please call 962-5586.

Interested in being a Weekday Lector? If you would like to apply for being a lector at either the 6:55 AM or 9:00 AM Mass, **we need you!** Choices of Mon-Sat, bi-weekly assignments. Contact Paul Turnley (914) 245-7483. or pturnley@aol.com for more info and training.

Blood Drive sponsored by Yorktown Volunteer Ambulance Corps will be held Sunday, March 18 from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. Donors must present photo ID and know their Social Security number. Please give the "Gift of Life".

St. Patrick's Widow & Widowers support club will meet Tues, March 7, 2006. At 7:30 PM. For more info. Call 845-628-4279.

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

Frank Iovieno

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Yorktown Clerical Association in memory of:

Phyllis Rotando

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Judy and Manny Romero in memory of:

Vincent Coppola

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Baldini Family in memory of:

Carlo Baldini

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

Tina DeCristofaro

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Edmond Tranchna, Gloria Scinto, Uncle Mario, Bunny Foley, Eilen Gilcher, Ursula De Silva. **Special Intention ...** Rose & Joe Ferdinando.



The Cardinal's Annual Appeal dedicates \$1,250,000 to the support of retired priests and religious who serve our parishes and communities well. To date, **St. Patrick's Church has received** so far **31 pledges amounting to \$26,500** towards our parish goal of \$159,000.

Monsignor Brennan's Magic Show will be presented by St. Patrick's CCD on Friday, March 10, 2006 at 7:30PM at the School's Auditorium/Gym. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. (Same price for adults or children). Children under 2 free. Snacks will be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased at the CCD office Monday - Thursday 9:30 to 5:30, Saturday 9:30 to 11:30. For more info., call 962-5586.

5% of the value of your purchases is returned to St. Patrick's when you use the food store gift cards that are available for purchase in the vestibule of the Church before and after all Masses. Please use this easy way of supporting our parish.

A more profound way to experience the liturgies of Lent and Holy Week: consider becoming part of St. Patrick's Music Ministry. Singers, pianists and instrumentalists are welcome. For more information, please call Kathy Lewis, Director of Music Ministries at 962-5050.

Yorktown Community HELP Food Collection: The following foods will be collected this week: Canned Soups, Cake Mixes, Frostings, Pie Crusts/fillings, Jell-O, Cereals, Pancake mixes, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Juices and other canned beverages. Please leave your donation in the vestibule of the New Church. Your continuing generosity is appreciated.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2006 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Egan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, April 23 at 2:00PM. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Rectory before Friday, April 7 to register.

A Healing Mass will be celebrated here at St. Patrick's by Msgr. Dermot Brennan on Thursday, March 16th. Songs of praise will begin at 7:30 PM, following the Mass at 8:00 PM. Individual prayer for healing will follow. Bring your physical, emotional and spiritual needs to the Lord for his healing touch. This Mass is sponsored by St. Patrick's Prayer Group. For more info call (914) 737-4286.

St. Patrick's Library will show Saint Anthony, the Miracle Worker of Padua. This is the first feature length dramatic film on the life of the beloved Saint. The movie will be shown in two parts, on Tuesdays, March 7th and 14th, after the 9 AM Mass and Rosary.

St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale: St. Patrick's Boy Scout Troop 173 will be holding its annual bake sale next weekend March 11th and 12th after all Masses. Featured items include: Rye, Pumpernickel and our famous Irish Soda Bread! We will also have numerous homemade baked goodies. As always Troop 173 thanks everyone for their continued support of scouting.

Al-Anon Spoken Here....Join our weekly support meetings to hear others discuss how they deal with the alcoholics in their lives. Al-Anon's simplicity is reflected in the tools of the program - the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the Serenity Prayer, slogans, sponsorship, Conference-approved literature, the FORUM magazine and the special gift of Al-Anon/Alateen members sharing from their hearts. Anonymity of all members is a priority for us. That means not revealing to anyone what we hear or whom we see at meetings. Stop in for just one meeting to see what we're all about - you'll be glad you did! Meetings are every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 8:30 in room 109 of the Family Education Center.

Lenten Sunday Scripture Reflections: All parishioners are invited to gather for personal study, reflection, and prayer, with the Sunday morning Scripture Readings for Lent. March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 at 9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. in the Family Education Center, Room 109. Please bring your Bible or a Missalette.

Parents, prepare for Holy Week with your children in a new joyful way with a meaningful profound experience. Come to a Family Lenten Weekend Retreat: March 31-April 2 (Friday evening to noontime Sunday) at St. Edmund's Retreat Center, Mystic, CT. Contact Deacon John and Peggy Scarfi 845-621-7000.

Plan on Being With Us: The Parish Council will again sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner, on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 6:30 Pm (after the 5:15 Mass) in the Parish Center. Cost is \$ 7.50 per person, max. \$30.00 per family. More information to follow.

St. Joseph's Day Mass will be celebrated in Italian by Fr. Jim on Monday, March 20 at 7:30 PM in the New Church. After Mass, gather in the Parish Center for St. Joseph's bread and pastries from Arthur Avenue. Bring your favorite dessert for the sharing table. Call Maria Litrenta at 962-1815 for reservations (so we know how much bread we will need).

Andy Cooney's Irish Music Concert for the benefit of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion will be Monday, March 6 at 7:30 PM at Kearney Gymnasium on the Good Counsel Campus, 52 North Broadway, White Plains, NY Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. For details, call 914-798-1140.

Teachings of the Catholic Church
with Fr. Francis Corry
Two-Part Series is Being Offered:

During Lent:

Wednesday Evenings 7:00 — 8:00 P.M.

- Mar 22 Christian Prayer
- Mar 29 Celebrating the Church's Liturgy

During Easter Season:

Thursday Evenings 7:30 — 8:30 P.M.

The Seven Sacraments of the Church

- Apr 27 Sacraments of Healing
- May 04 Sacraments of Holy Orders & Marriage
- May 11 Sacramentals & Christian Funerals

Family Education Center Rooms 107/108

Please Register by contacting Rectory at 962-5050
or email Deacon Michael

@ deaconmichael@optonline.net

From: C. Steve Black, Parish Secretary

In the bulletins from January 22 through February 26, the tithing amounts for Last Year have been incorrectly stated. Instead of Last Year's tithing amount being posted, the tithing amount for the previous week was posted. This has been corrected and now reflects the tithing amount for Last Year. My apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

Attention all Married Couples: the Teams of Our Lady Information Night that was "snowed out" has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 19, immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass. Please join us to find out about a wonderful way to enrich your marriage by growing closer to God with other like-minded couples in our parish. If you cannot attend, but are interested, please call Barbara and Jim Turro at 914-245-7410.

St. Patrick's Sharing Community celebrates its 5th anniversary of feeding the less fortunate in Yonkers on Monday, March 6 at the 7:30 PM Mass in the Stone Church. Fr. John Duffell, co-founder of the Sharing Community will celebrate, Msgr. Brennan and Fr. Bisignano will concelebrate. Interested in joining? All are welcome. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence: An Invitation to Awareness

"What are you hungry for?" Sometimes the answer is obvious: pizza, Chinese food, a juicy steak. Our spiritual hungers are rarely that easy to identify. The season of Lent, our 40-day preparation for Easter, is our annual invitation to grow in awareness of those deeper hungers. We need Lent to help us recognize that our meaning and mission are rooted in Jesus' dying and rising. Together with those preparing for baptism, we join in outward signs of our inner conversion. Our year-round prayer, fasting and almsgiving take on new meaning during this season.

Catholics were once well known for their practice of not eating meat on Friday—a specific form of fasting called abstinence. Stories abound of the lengths Catholics would go to keep this law. Of course, as with any law, it was not that difficult to meet the letter of the law and violate its spirit. One might enjoy a fine lobster dinner or fish fry at a local restaurant and still meet the law's requirements. Catholics were also called to limit their food intake on a variety of other fast days. The reforms which followed the Second Vatican Council sought to simplify the often complicated questions that arose regarding fast and abstinence while re-emphasizing the continuing need for such practices. The current laws took effect in 1966. They read simply: "Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast, i.e., eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday."

The spirit of the law may invite us to fast from other activities as well: from television or computer games, from eating out or from gossiping. These minimum requirements make the most sense when they are combined with prayer and almsgiving. These age-old disciplines reflect our most fundamental concerns: our relationship with God (prayer), with our bodies (fasting) and with each other (almsgiving).

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