

PARISH STAFF

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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 June 4, 2006

Tithing Last Year	\$24,828.49
Tithing This Year	\$27,986.00
Children's Last Year	\$374.00
Children's This Year	\$339.00



**Mass Intentions
For the Week**

Monday – June 12

6:55	Theodore Arnold
9:00	Ben & Nora Clarke & Gene Braddock

Tuesday – June 13-*Anthony of Padua, priest*

6:55	Antonio Molliconi & Family
9:00	Adeline DaRonco-DaRin

Wednesday – June 14

6:55	Roger Belliveau
9:00	Remo DeGiovanni

Thursday – June 15

6:30	John Curreri, Sr.
9:00	Louis Guerci

Friday – June 16

6:30	Luigi Chiarella
9:00	Eleanor Laughlin

Saturday – June 17

9:00	Joseph M. Hickey
5:15	The People of St. Patrick's

Sunday – June 18

7:45	Deceased Members of Nocturnal Adoration Society	
9:00	Adele Sullivan	
9:15	Rob Peterson & George Ryder	
10:30	Dina Puiatti & Jack Bernardino	
11:00	Elvira & Gaetano Gentile	
12:30	John D. Kelly, Sr.	
5:00	Dominick Donofrio	

CELEBRANTS

Saturday – June 17

Fr. Herb

Sunday – June 18

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

Confessions – June 10

Fr. Herb-Fr. Jim

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday:	1 Kgs 17: 1-6/Mt 5: 1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17: 7-16/Mt 5: 13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18: 20-39/Mt 5: 17-19
Thursday	1 Kgs 18: 41-46/Mt 5: 20-26
Friday	1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-16/Mt 5: 27-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19: 19-21/Mt 5: 33-37
Sunday:	Ex: 24: 3-8/Heb 9: 11-15/Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26



Banns of Marriage

Elaine Sheehan & John Kraus
 Kerry Feeney & James McClane
 Elizabeth Manse & Nicholas Albano
 Kathleen Kaley & Christopher Farley
 Michele DeVeau & Michael Cooke
 Stephanie Cuomo & Christopher Maybe

Weddings

Saturday June 18th, 2006
 3:30PM – Stone Church
Anne D’Onofrio & Robert Sarles

St. Patrick’s Altar & Rosary Society which takes care of the cleaning of church linens and clergy’s vestments, is in immediate need of additional volunteers and new leadership. If you are interested and available for this important work, please call Grace at 962-3522, or the Rectory Office.

Come One, Come All to St. Patrick’s Vacation Bible School! The school begins on August 7th through the 11th, for children ages 4-11. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule. Registration ends on June 30th. High School and Confirmation Service Hours available.

Diaconate Ordination: Our two Acolytes, Kevin Byrne and Gregory Osgood, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon. His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan will confer the Sacrament of Holy Orders on June 17th at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick at 9:00 A.M. Deacons Byrne and Osgood will celebrate their Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Patrick’s Church on June 18th at the 12:30 P.M. Mass, followed by a Parish Reception in the Parish Center. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Seniors Meeting - Tuesday, June 20, 2006 10:00AM in The Parish Center. End of year luncheon. Only for members who made their reservations. Thank you.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by Peggy & Jack O’Reilly in memory of:

Billi Matthews

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

George Lotakis

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

Tina DeCristofaro

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

Deceased Members of Rossetti & Caggiano Families

UNANNOUNCED MASSES: Deceased: David Bjorkland, Martin Walsh, Larry Ricciarri, Rose Amato, Justin Loughran, John Quaranta,(2), Rev. Roberty Watson Douty, Les Sebold, Madelyn Trainer Luceno, Eleanor Mooney, Angelina Letteri(2), Jack McQuillan, Ralph Toto, Richard Riccardi. **Special Intention:** Nora Lawe, Msgr. Dermot Brennan.

The Cardinal’s Annual Appeal: Thank you to those who continue to pledge to this year’s appeal. **St. Patrick’s Church has received 817 pledges amounting to \$155,305.00** towards our parish goal of **\$159,500.00**. We are only \$4,195.00 away from our parish goal. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider making it in these final weeks of the appeal.

New Altar Servers’ Training. Beginning in June, we will have training sessions for new Altar Servers. Any child in grades 4 and up may become an Altar Server. Our first meeting will be on June 5th in the New Church, from 4:30PM to 6:00PM.

All Parish Service Ministries and Organizations are asked to submit their calendar and facilities requests for the 2006-2007 year, to the Rectory Office as soon as possible! **Do not assume you have the same location/time as last year!**



Postures and Gestures at Mass



In the celebration of Mass we raise our hearts, minds and voices to God, but we are creatures composed of body as well as spirit and so our prayer is not confined to our minds, hearts and voices, but is expressed by our bodies as well. When our bodies participate in our prayer we pray with our whole person, as the embodied spirits God created us to be, and this engagement of our entire being in prayer helps us to pray with greater attention.

During Mass we assume different postures: standing, kneeling, sitting, and we are also invited to make a variety of gestures. These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning and, when done with understanding, can enhance our personal participation in Mass. In fact, these actions are the way in which we engage our bodies in the prayer that is the Mass.

Each posture we assume at Mass underlines and reinforces the meaning of the action in which we are taking part at that moment in our worship. Standing is a sign of respect and honor, so we stand as the celebrant who represents Christ enters and leaves the assembly. This posture, from the earliest days of the Church, has been understood as the stance of those who are *risen with Christ and seek the things that are above*. When we stand for prayer we assume our full stature before God, not in pride, but in humble gratitude for the marvelous thing God has done in creating and redeeming each one of us. By Baptism we have been given a share in the life of God, and the posture of standing is an acknowledgment of this wonderful gift. We stand for the Gospel, the pinnacle of revelation, the words and deeds of the Lord, and the bishops of the United States have chosen standing as the posture to be observed in this country for the reception of Communion, the sacrament which unites us in the most profound way possible with Christ who, now gloriously risen from the dead, is the cause of our salvation.

The posture of kneeling signified penance in the early Church: the awareness of sin casts us to the ground! So thoroughly was kneeling identified with penance that the early Christians were forbidden to kneel on Sundays and during the Easter Season when the prevailing spirit of the liturgy was that of joy and thanksgiving. In the Middle Ages kneeling came to signify the homage of a vassal to his lord, and more recently this posture has come to signify adoration. It is for this reason that the bishops of this country have chosen the posture of kneeling for the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

Sitting is the posture of listening and meditation, so the congregation sits for the pre-Gospel readings and may also sit for the period of meditation following Communion.

Gestures too involve our bodies in prayer. The most familiar of these is the Sign of the Cross with which we begin Mass and with which, in the form of a blessing, the Mass concludes. Because it was by his death on the cross that Christ redeemed humankind, we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads, lips and hearts at the beginning of the Gospel. Fr. Romano Guardini, a scholar and professor of liturgy wrote of this gesture:

When we cross ourselves, let it be with a real sign of the cross. Instead of a small, cramped gesture that gives no notion of its meaning, let us make a large, unhurried sign, from forehead to breast, from shoulder to shoulder, consciously feeling how it includes the whole of us, our thoughts, our attitudes, our body and soul, every part of us all at once, how it consecrates and sanctifies us ... (Romano Guardini, **Sacred Signs**, 1927)

But there are other gestures that intensify our prayer at Mass. During the Confiteor the action of striking our breasts at the words *through my own fault* can strengthen my awareness that *my sin is my fault*. In the Creed we are invited to bow at the words which commemorate the Incarnation: *by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man*. This gesture signifies our profound respect and gratitude to Christ who, though God, did not hesitate to come among us as a human being, sharing our human condition in order to save us from sin and restore us to friendship with God. This gratitude is expressed with even greater solemnity on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord and on Christmas when we genuflect at these words.

The *Our Father* is followed by the Exchange of Peace, the gesture which we express through a prayerful greeting of peace, that we are at peace, not enmity, with others. This exchange is symbolic. The persons near me with whom I share the peace signify for me, as I do for them, the broader community of the Church and all humankind.

Finally, with the new *General Instruction*, we are asked to make a sign of reverence, to be determined by the bishops of each country or region, before receiving Communion standing. The bishops of this country have determined that the sign which we will give before Communion is to be a bow, a gesture through which we express our reverence and give honor to Christ who comes to us as our spiritual food.

In addition to serving as a vehicle for the prayer of beings composed of body and spirit, the postures and gestures in which we engage at Mass have another very important function. The Church sees in these common postures and gestures both a symbol of the unity of those who have come together to worship and a means of fostering that unity. We are not free to change these postures to suit our own individual piety, for the Church makes it clear that our unity of posture and gesture is an expression of our participation in the one Body formed by the baptized with Christ, our head. When we stand, kneel, sit, bow and sign ourselves in common action, we given unambiguous witness that we are indeed the Body of Christ, united in heart, mind and spirit.