

Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday – December 11-*Damasus I, pope*

6:55 Robert Brennan
9:00 Thomas Galinelli

Tuesday – December 12-*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

6:55 Joseph Sorrentino
9:00 Angelo Rossi

Wednesday – December 13-*Lucy, virgin, martyr*

6:55 Frank Palumbo, Jr.
9:00 Lucy Nora Besharo

Thursday – December 14-*John of the Cross,
priest, doctor*

6:55 Kathryne McDonnell
9:00 Scott Plantholt

Friday – December 15

6:55 Attilio & Rosaria DelGrasso
9:00 Barbara J. Hoban

Saturday – December 16

9:00 Deceased Members of Nocturnal Adoration
Society
12:00 Memorial Mass for Eloise D. Hauver
5:15 Diane & George Phelan

Sunday – December 17

7:45 Martha & Frank Podolak
9:00 Charles Kraiger
9:15 Donald Dubourg & Matilda Volpe
10:30 The People of St. Patrick's
11:00 William Gerrity
12:30 Jillian Schoenberg & Gina Picchioni
5:00 Maryanne Cappelletti

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 35: 1-10/Lk 5: 17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2: 14-17/Lk 1: 26-38
Wednesday: Is 40: 25-31/Mt 11: 28-30
Thursday: Is 41: 13-20/Mt 11: 11-15
Friday: Is 48: 17-19/Mt 11: 16-19
Saturday: Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11/Mt 17: 9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3: 14-18a/Phil 4: 4-7/Phil 4: 4-7/
Lk 3: 10-18

Parish Calendar

Monday – December 11

9:45am Parent Care (PC-H)
4:30pm Basketball (Aud)
4:30pm Rel. Ed. Confessions (NC)
4:45pm Choristers
7:00pm Separated/Divorced Group (EC 109)
6:30pm Basketball (Aud.)
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday – December 12

9:30am Parish Library (Library)
5:30pm Irish Dance (Lower Church)
6:00pm Bereavement Group (PC-Hall)
6:30pm Basketball (Aud.)
7:00pm Widow & Widowers Group (PC-H)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (PC-M)
7:30pm Choir Practice (NC)

Wednesday – December 13

9:45am Parent Care (PC-H)
10:00am Bible Study (EC 107-108)
6:00pm AA (Lower Church)
6:00pm 7-8th Gr. Youth Group (PC-H)
6:30pm Basketball (Aud.)
6:30pm Cub Scouts (Art Room)
7:30pm Teen Choir (NC)
7:30pm AL-ANON (EC Room 109)
7:30pm Holy Hour (Stone Church)

Thursday – December 14

8:00am Pre-K Rel. Ed. (PC-M)
10:00am Senior's Board Meeting (PC-H)
4:00pm Irish Dance (Lower Church)
4:45pm Choristers (EC 109-110)
7:30pm School Play (Aud.)
7:30pm Advent Penance Service (NC)
8:00pm Prayer Group (PC-M)

Friday – December 15

8:45am School Play (Aud.)
4:30pm Rel. Ed. Confessions (NC)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (PC-M)
7:00pm School Teen Canteen (Aud.)
8:00pm Girl Scouts (PC-M)

Saturday – December 16

9:00am Basketball (Aud)
9:00am Rel. Ed. Family Day (PC-H)
11:00am Girl Scouts (EC 109-110)

Sunday – December 17

6:00pm God's TYM Group (PC-M)
6:00pm AA (LC)

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 3 2006

Tithing Last Year	\$25,423.50
Tithing This Year	\$28,624.00
Children's Last Year	\$436.00
Children's This Year	\$430.00

A CLARIFICATION: The 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Main Church on Christmas Eve will feature a homily geared for children. The lectors will be some of our grade school students and the Music Ministry will include our 5 – 8 grade Choristers.

ST. PATRICK’S LIBRARY

St. Patrick's Library has a holiday special! All videos taken out on Sunday, December 17th, may be kept until January 7th. We have numerous videos with a Christmas theme, for children and for the whole family. Enjoy **The Fourth Wise Man, It's a Wonderful Life, Scrooge, The Christmas Box**, and many more. See our Christmas video display and treat your family and friends over the holidays to entertaining and inspiring films.

St. Patrick’s Teen Choir’s new CD, MAKE US WORTHY, is available for purchase after the Saturday 5:15 Mass and at St. Patrick’s Trinity Gift Shop. The CD was recorded and mixed during the summers of 2005 and 2006 and features current and past members of the choir. The musical selections on the CD are all songs that are used at the liturgies here at St. Patrick’s. ***MAKE US WORTHY*** would make a great Christmas gift – and it is a wonderful reminder of the witness, ministry and talent of our young people.

Open to all 7th and 8th grade students
Winter Retreat January 19th and 20th 2007

At Don Bosco Retreat Center located at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, Rockland County. The Center is sponsored by the Salesians of Don Bosco, a Roman Catholic religious order dedicated to serving young people. The weekend is filled with many activities that will bring them to a closer relationship with God and a better understanding of their Catholic faith. Time to have fun, hang out and enjoy their time with each other. Cost is \$ 68.00 included- over night stay, two day program with meals. For more information and registration forms call Joanne (914-243-9562).

St. Patrick’s Widow & Widowers Support Club will meet on Tuesday, December 12th, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. For more information please call 845-628-4279.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by Abrenica & Schnorrbusch Families in memory of:

Vera Ferrere

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by Donald Molinari in memory of:

Vi Molinari

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated Tina Verra in memory of:

Joseph Verra

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

John Fanning

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by Aurora & family in memory of:

Michael Barile

UNANNOUNCED MASSES: Deceased: Harold Hopkins, Eloise D. Hauver (3), Bessie Coleman, William Pearce, Robert Mulvey, Sr. (2), Jack Kivel, Barbara Mulhearn, Sienna Brennan, Mary Whalen, Richard Jordan, Eileen Dumser. **Special Intention:** Ralph Napolitano, Vincent Ziccolella, John Sullivan, The Geline Family, Mary Danahy.

Advent Holy Hours: Come spend time with Jesus each Wednesday Dec 13 and 20 in the Stone Church from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Plan some time for prayer, reflection and quiet time with our Lord!

We need a weekend Sacristan as a back-up to complement our current ministry. The position requires someone who drives, is dependable, punctual and, can see a need and respond quickly. Responsibilities, in substance would be for liturgical items required for weekend ceremonies. If interested, please call Sal Greco at the Rectory.

Food Store Gift Cards are available in both church vestibules before and after each Mass. When you use these cards, 5% of your purchase is returned to St. Patrick’s Parish. Please use this easy way to support your parish.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

The Holy Childhood Association says, "Thank you" to the children of St. Patrick's School for their kindness and generosity. Through their classroom activities the children raised \$533 for other less fortunate children being cared for by the missions.

ADVENT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

REFLECTIONS all parishioners are invited to gather for prayer, personal study, and reflection with the Sunday Scripture Readings for Advent with Sr. Rose Marie Harkins Wednesday mornings: December 13, 20 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Family Education Center, Room 107/108 Please bring your Bible.

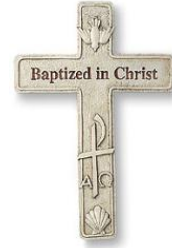
The Good Samaritan Fund is a parish-based confidential fund for assisting our neighbors in need. With increasing unemployment, our Fund is seriously diminished. If you can make a contribution to help your fellow parishioners who are in financial straits, please do so by sending a check to the Rectory for whatever amount you can afford payable to Good Samaritan Fund. Know that your neighbors will be most grateful.

St. Patrick's Separated and Divorced Support Group will meet Monday, Dec. 11th, at 7-8:30 PM in room 109 of the Parish Education Center. All separated or divorced individuals are welcome. Come to support others, be supported and find the possibility for healing in your life. For info, call Pat 245-8257 or Terry 962-4303.

Birthright Needs Pampers! Because all of Birthright services are free, they need help. Birthright is in need of pampers- especially in sizes 4, 5, or 6. Pampers may be dropped off at the nearest Birthright office, or if you rather, send a check. Please write "Diapers" on the memo line and send it P.O. Box 338 Mohegan Lake, NY 10547. If you have any questions, please give Tom Davis a call at 914-945-0711.

Memorial Mass for Eloise Hauver: There will be a "month's mind" Memorial Mass for Fr. Jim's mother on Saturday, December 16 at 12:00 noon in the Main Church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Baptisms
December 3, 2006



- Anna Elizabeth Alaio**
Daughter of Gennaro Elizabeth Alaio
 - Ashley Rose Mangiafridda**
Daughter of Vincent & Debra Mangiafridda
 - Edward William Palumbo III**
Son of Edward William Jr. & Joanne Palumbo
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The candles and greens used in the Advent Wreaths in the Stone Church and New Church this Advent season were donated by:

The Kretz & Crumley Families
to honor
the Grandparents of the
Kretz & Crumley Families

and by:

Barbara & Richard Burroni
in memory of
Gary Nicotra & Caroline & Ted Burroni

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, they're available in the vestibule of the Churches.

**U.S. Catholic Bishops Renew Consecration of Our Nation to
The Immaculate Conception**



The United States consecration to the protection of its patroness, the Immaculate Conception, was renewed at liturgical ceremonies at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D. C. on November 11, 2006.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Holy See nuncio to the United States, officiated at the Nov. 11 afternoon renewal of the country's consecration, at which bishops from around the country participated.

The prayer for the consecration used for the Nov. 11 event was the same one that was composed by the U.S. bishops in 1959 for the dedication ceremony of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the consecration of the United States to the Immaculate Conception.

The following is the text of the prayer for renewal of consecration of the United States to its patroness, the Immaculate Conception:

“Most holy trinity: Our father in heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your spouse; God the son, who chose Mary as your mother; in union with Mary, we adore your majesty and acknowledge Your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

“Most holy trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom, which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our mother, have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

“Mary, immaculate virgin, our mother, patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give our country and ourselves to your sorrowful and immaculate heart. O’ sorrowful and immaculate heart of Mary pierced by the sword of sorrow prophesized by Simeon save us from degeneration, disaster and war. Protect us from all harm. O’ sorrowful and immaculate heart of Mary, you who bore the sufferings of your son in the depths of your heart be our advocate. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.”