

# St. Patrick's Church

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## CLERGY

Rev. Joseph F. Bisignano, Pastor  
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Deacon Kevin Byrne  
Deacon Michael DeVivo  
Deacon Gregory Osgood  
Rev. Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan, Pastor Emeritus

## PARISH STAFF

*School Principal*  
Nan Gollogly 962-2211  
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*Facilities Manager*  
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C. Steve Black 962-5050

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays after 9:00 A.M. Mass, and 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.  
at other times, please call the Rectory

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

Prospective parents should come to the Rectory no later than three months prior to the arrival of their child to pick-up a Baptism Preparation Package to begin the process for Baptism.

## MATRIMONY

Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding. Parishioners who are registered can make arrangements of date and time only after speaking with the Pastor.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome adults considering membership in the Catholic Church and those Catholics desiring to complete their initiation to inquire into the RCIA process. Please call the Rectory for more information.



Third Sunday of Advent  
December 17, 2006

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

New Church  
Saturday - 5:15 P.M.  
Sunday - 7:45, 9:15, 11:00, 12:30 and 5:00 P.M.  
Stone Church  
Sunday - 9:00 and 10:30 A.M.

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday - 6:55 and 9:00 A.M.  
Saturday - 9:00 A.M.

*We, the St. Patrick's Parish Family, are a Roman Catholic community of sons and daughters of God the Father who are empowered by the Holy Spirit to commit our lives to worship, prayer, compassion, service, education and sharing our Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel with all others.*

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Monday – December 18

6:55 John Fanning  
9:00 Mary Massini

### Tuesday – December 19

6:55 Rev. Msgr. James J. Lynch  
9:00 Remo DeGiovanni

### Wednesday – December 20

6:55 Robert Hunt, Sr.  
9:00 Thomas J. Welch

### Thursday – December 21-*Peter Canisius, priest, doctor*

6:55 John & Katherine Prendergost  
9:00 Eleanor Laughlin

### Friday – December 22

6:55 Ben & Nora Clarke & Gene Braddock  
9:00 Joseph F. Dalton

### Saturday – December 23-*John of Kanty, priest*

9:00 Joseph Cartwright  
5:15 Angelo Longhi

### Sunday – December 24

7:45 The Chansky, Vales Mateyaszotis &  
Lavelle Families  
9:00 Dina Puiatti  
9:15 Joseph DeLeo  
10:30 The People of St. Patrick's  
11:00 Ann Inserra  
12:30 Philip & Joseph Scianfani  
5:00 Noel Francis Nelson  
5:00 Margaret Majors  
7:30 Betty Starnella  
12:00 The People of St. Patrick's

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday:** Jer 23: 5-8/Mt 1: 18-25  
**Tuesday:** Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1: 5-25  
**Wednesday:** Is 7: 10-14/Lk 1: 26-38  
**Thursday:** Sg 2: 8-14/Lk 1: 39-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 1: 24-28/Lk 1: 46-56  
**Saturday:** Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24/Lk 1: 57-66  
**Sunday:** Mic 5: 1-4a/Heb 10: 5-10/Lk 1: 39-45  
**Vigil of Christmas:** Is 62: 1-5/Acts 13:  
16-17, 22-25/Mt 1: 1-25

## Parish Calendar

### Monday – December 18

4:30pm Basketball (Aud.)  
4:45pm Choristers  
6:30pm Basketball (Aud.)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (LC)  
8:00pm Nocturnal Adoration (NC-C)

### Tuesday – December 19

9:30am Parish Library (Library)  
10:00am Seniors Meeting (PC-H)  
5:30pm Irish Dance (Lower Church)  
6:00pm Bereavement Group (PC-Hall)  
6:30pm Basketball (Aud.)  
7:00pm RCIA (Rectory)  
7:00pm Concert (NC)  
7:30pm Choir Practice (PC-M)

### Wednesday – December 20

10:00am Bible Study (EC 107-108)  
6:00pm AA (Lower Church)  
6:30pm Basketball (Aud.)  
7:30pm Teen Choir (NC)  
7:30pm AL-ANON (EC Room 109)  
7:30pm Holy Hour (Stone Church)

### Thursday – December 21

8:00am Pre-K Rel. Ed. (PC-M)  
4:00pm Irish Dance (Lower Church)  
4:45pm Choristers (EC 109-110)  
7:00pm Choir Practice (NC)  
8:00pm Prayer Group (PC-M)

### Friday – December 22

8:45am School Band concert (Aud.)  
11:00am Cub Scouts (Art Room)  
3:00pm Cub Scouts Party (PC-M)  
7:00pm Widow & Widowers Group (PC-H)

### Saturday – December 23

9:00am Basketball (Aud)

### Sunday – December 24

6:00pm AA (LC)

### COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 10 2006

Tithing Last Year	\$25,421.00
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Children's Last Year	\$495.50
Children's This Year	\$401.00

**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.

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**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.

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**St. Patrick’s Teen Choir’s new CD, MAKE US WORTHY**, is available for purchase after the Saturday 5:15 p.m. 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.

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**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.

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**Leonard Bernstein’s Chichester Psalms** will be performed by the Chorus of Putnam Valley High School on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00PM in the Main Church. All parishioners are invited.

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**New Altar Serving Training** beginning Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. We will offer training for any child or young adult interested in becoming a Server. Any Student of our parish school or CCD program, in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or higher is eligible to serve. We will meet each Tuesday starting on January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Main Church; our final meeting will be on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> in the Stone Church.

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

**Mary Interlicchio**

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

**Louise Planamento**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated the Yorktown Girl Scouts in memory of:

**Assunta DeChristafara**

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

**Louise Planamento**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by Lucia & Carl Landicino in memory of:

**Gerald Mansfield**

**UNANNOUNCED MASSES: Deceased:** Eloise D. Hauver, Domenica Calabro, Domenica Zoccali, Anna Giuseppe Calabro, Giovanni Zuccali, Carlo Mazzoni, Rosario Giovanni Triulcio, Harold Santo, Elizabeth McCann, Corrado DiGennaro(2), Nellie Branas, Anjie Buttacarol, Antonio Pinto (2), Alfreda Oleferuk, Eric Brinkmann, Norine Mullen, Robert Glick, George Anthony Schmidt, James F. Galgano, Joseph Sclafani, Georgia Benigni, Dorothy Lyons, Paris Mastroddi, Tiffany Georges, Margaret Hanley (2), Sharon Martini, Joseph Ragina, Alejandro Dezlannoy.

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**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.

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**St. Patrick’s Girl Scouts**

**St. Patrick’s Girl Scouts** would like to thank all those who attended the Yorktown Tree Lighting for your generous donations for the needy of our community.

**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.

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**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 December 20 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Family Education Center, Room 107/108. Please bring your Bible.

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**The Good Samaritan Fund** is a parish-based confidential fund for assisting our neighbors in need. 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. This would be an ideal Christmas gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

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**CYFM GROUP**, Garrison, NY, invites all college students home for winter break (January 8th-12th) to join them for a Capuchin Outreach Program (C.O.P.) to live in a Christian community and to go out in service to the poor and sick of the community. For information call Rosemary at 232-3751.

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**"COULD YOU NOT SPEND ONE HOUR WITH ME?"** The Nocturnal Adoration Society invites you - and a friend - to join them for an hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday night December 18<sup>th</sup> from either 8-9:00 or 9-10:00 in the New Church Chapel. Please call 245-7165 for information.

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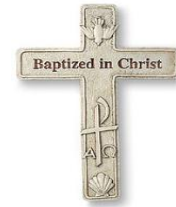
**Seniors Meeting** Tuesday (December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006) promptly at 10AM at the Parish Center Hall. **Members only.**

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**January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, is not observed as a Holyday of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday. There will be two Masses that day to observe the feast: 9:00 and 11:00AM in the Main Church. (There will be no 7:30PM Novena Mass).

**Baptisms**

December 10, 2006



**Joseph Michael Biondi**

Son of Michael & Josephine Biondi

**John Michael Biondi**

Son of Michael & Josephine Biondi

**Jack Camia Lucchese**

Son of John & Giannina Lucchese

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**Confessions and Masses for Christmas:**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)**

**Friday, December 22:**  
After the 6:55 and 9:00AM Masses  
4 – 6 and 7 – 9 PM

**Saturday, December 23:**  
9:30 – 11AM and 3 – 5PM

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses:**

**Saturday, December 23**  
5:15PM – Main Church  
**Sunday, December 24:**  
Stone Church  
9:00 & 10:30AM  
Main Church  
7:45, 9:15, 11:00AM; 12:30PM

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**December 24:**  
Stone Church  
5:00PM  
Main Church  
5:00PM, 7:30 PM, 12:00 Midnight

**December 25:**  
Stone Church  
9:00 & 10:30AM  
Main Church  
7:45, 9:15, 11:00AM; 12:30PM


## Our Lady of Guadalupe *Patroness of the Americas*



"Hear me and understand well, my son the least, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything." — Our Lady to Juan Diego

In the winter of 1531, a poor, 57-year-old Aztec Indian living five miles outside of Mexico City encountered a miraculous happening on his way to morning Mass. He heard strange music coming from Tepeyac Hill, and then heard a woman's voice calling his name. Juan Diego climbed the hill and encountered a young woman, appearing to be of his own people in physical appearance and dress. The woman identified herself as the ever virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God. She told Juan Diego to ask the bishop of Mexico City to build a church on the hill to assist in the conversion of the nation and be a source of consolation to the people.

Juan Diego obeyed the request, but the bishop was skeptical about the message. Juan reported the bishop's doubt to Our Lady, and she asked him to return to the bishop once again, bearing the same message. The bishop once again heard the story, and told Juan Diego to ask Our Lady for a sign that it was indeed herself that wished for the church to be built.

 When he returned to the hill, Mary gave Juan Diego such a sign. Miraculously, roses appeared on the hill in the middle of winter, and Juan gathered them in his tilma, or cloak. There is reason to believe Mary came in her glorified body, and her actual physical hands rearranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilma. Juan returned to the bishop's presence. When Juan released the tilma, allowing the flowers to fall to the floor, it was revealed that a miraculous image of Our Lady had imprinted itself on his tilma (see above).

The bishop immediately fell to his knees, and came to believe in Juan Diego's message. A church was built on the spot of the apparition, as Mary had requested, and 8 million people converted to Catholicism in a short period of time upon hearing of or viewing the miraculous image of Our Lady.

The tilma, woven out of coarse cactus fiber, should have disintegrated after 20 years, but over 500 years have passed and the tilma is still in perfect condition. The pupils of Mary's eyes in the picture reflect the Indians and clergy present at the time of the first revelation of the image. No paint was used, and chemical analysis has not been able to identify the color imprint. Additionally, studies have revealed that the stars on Mary's mantle match exactly what a Mexican would have seen in the sky in December of 1531.

Her message of love and compassion, and her universal promise of help and protection to all mankind, as well as the story of the apparitions, are described in the "Nican Mopohua", a 16th century document written in the native Nahuatl language.

Altogether 25 popes have officially honored Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pope John Paul II visited the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe four times. In 1999, Pope John Paul II declared the date of December 12<sup>th</sup> a Liturgical Holy Day for the whole continent. During the same visit, Pope John Paul II entrusted the cause of life to her loving protection, and placed under her motherly care the innocent lives of children, especially those who are in danger of not being born.