

# St. Patrick's Church

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## CLERGY

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

## PARISH STAFF

### *School Principal*

Nan Gollogly 962-2211

### *Coordinator of Religious Education*

Kelly Wienecke 962-5586

### *Ministry to Homebound & Hospitalized*

Sister Jean Canora, OSF

### *Parenting Education*

Eileen Murphy 962-5050

### *Music Ministry*

Kathey Lewis, Director 962-5050

Barbara Castrataro, Organist

### *Youth Ministry*

Joanne Niece 243-9562

### *Facilities Manager*

Sal Greco 962-5050

### *Parish Secretary*

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.



Epiphany of the Lord  
January 6, 2008

## 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 31-*Sylvester I, pope*

6:55 Abigail Lucia Charles

9:00 William J. O'Brien

5:15 Frances & George Phelan Willett

**Tuesday** – January 1-*Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God*

7:45

9:00 The Parishioners of St. Patrick's

12:00 Philip Rendine

7:30 Betty Starnella

**Wednesday** – January 2-*Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors*

6:55 Constance Calapai

9:00 Mary Sammel

**Thursday** – January 3-*Holy Name of Jesus*

6:55 Louis Oddo

9:00 Mary Sammel

**Friday** – January 4-*Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious*

6:55 Deceased Members of Laudadio Family

9:00 Joseph Sorrentino, Jr.

**Saturday** – January 5-*John Neumann, bishop*

9:00 Sylvia DiVito

5:15 Marjorie Busch

**Sunday** – January 6

7:45 For the Parishioners of St. Patrick's

9:00 Deceased Members of the Ciretta & Ebbri Families

9:15 Phyllis Johnson

10:30 Al & Anne Schmidt

11:00 Josephine & Anthony Milone

12:30 Shannon Dunn

5:00 Alfred Ambrosino

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2: 18-21/Jn 1: 1-18

**Tuesday:** Nm 6: 22-27/Gal 4: 4-7/Lk 2: 16-21

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2: 22-28/Jn 1: 19-28

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2: 29 - - 3: 6 JN 1: 29-34

**Friday:** 1 Jn 3: 7-10/Jn 1:35-42

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1: 43-51

**Sunday:** Is 60: 1-6/Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2: 1-12

## Parish Calendar

**Monday – December 31**

7:00am AA (Lower Church)

9:45am Parentcare (PC-H)

**Tuesday – January 1**

7:00am AA (Lower Church)

**Wednesday – January 2**

7:00am AA (Lower Church)

400pm Basketball (Gym)

6:00pm AA (Lower Church)

7:00pm RCIA (EC 107)

7:00pm Al-Anon (EC 109)

7:15 Columbiettes (PC-M)

**Thursday – January 3**

7:00am AA (Lower Church)

9:30am Trinity Gift Shop Opens

4:00pm Basketball (Gym)

4:45pm Choristers (NC)

7:30pm Cub Scouts 173 Leaders (EC 107)

7:30pm Earn Group (PC-H)

8:00pm Prayer Group (PC-M)

**Friday – January 4**

7:00am AA (Lower Church)

4:00pm Basketball (Gym)

7:15pm Brownies Troop 2814 (PC-M)

**Saturday – January 5**

9:00am Basketball (Gym)

9:30am Trinity Gift Shop Opens

**Sunday – January 6**

9:00am Trinity Gift Shop Opens

10:15am Library Opens

6:00pm AA (Lower Church)

6:00pm God's TYM (PC-H)

### COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 23, 2007

**Tithing Last Year** \$20,385.00

**Tithing This Year** \$N/A

**Children's Last Year** \$679.00

**Children's This Year** \$N/A

**Parents, are you looking for some wholesome entertainment** for your children at Christmas time? St. Patrick's Library has 18 Children's videos with a Christmas theme, available for you to borrow. We have Veggie Tales, Charlie Brown, McGee and Me, Story Keepers and much more. Bring the children in to see our Christmas display and choose their favorites. We're open on Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

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**THE CIRCOLO DA VINCI ORG.** Invites the public to their Jan. 3rd dinner meeting at Miraggio's restaurant in Yorktown, 6:30 pm. our featured speakers are Sob Sassano & Dr Joseph Petroni presenting pavoritti, his life his music. Dinner is \$30. For additional information call Dorothy Lascala at 245-2316.

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**Attention Volunteers!** All who have provided volunteer service to St. Patrick's during 2007 are cordially invited to St. Patrick's Annual Volunteer Party, on January 13 in the Parish Center Hall from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch and desserts, wine, soda and coffee will be served. Please RSVP to the Rectory by January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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**We would like to share with you that many of our CCD classes** this year did something special for others during the Holy Days of Advent and the Christmas Season. Mrs. Sharp's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class put two baskets together for our Maintenance Crew, to thank them for all the hard work they do here at St. Patrick's. They also raised \$300 and donated the money to a family who is going through a difficult time. Mr. Rimmer's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class collected canned food and donated it to those who are in need. Mrs. Raffa's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders wrote handmade cards to the Residents at a local nursing home. Miss Triano's class wrote letters to the children at St. Jude's Hospital. Many families also donated a toy to Yorktown Community Help which provides for families in our area. We thank them for reaching out in the name of Christ!

**Just a reminder: CCD Classes begin again on Tuesday, Jan. 2.**

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**If you are seriously ill at home or in the hospital or** are having major surgery and would like a visit, please notify Sr. Jean at St. Patrick's Rectory Office on 914-962-5050 ext. 207.

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

**Millie Squeglia**

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by Georgia Willett & Family in memory of:

**Robert E. Lee**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Helen Caranfa in memory of:

**Domenick & Geina Ciurffetelli**

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

**Robert E. Lee**

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

**Deacon Edward Hogan**

**UNANNOUNCED MASSES: Deceased:** Rocco Cardillo, Thomas Monohan, Jr., Elizabeth Pompeo, Susan Lee Benzow, Dino Picchione. **Special Intetnions:** Sarah Lehto, Adeline Agosta, Frances & Ed Davoudian, Mike & Angie DiBernardo.

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**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**



Our Parish offers Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Main Church. The Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is not to be left unattended when exposed

during these hours. Consider spending some time visiting with Jesus in Adoration.

WEDDINGS

Saturday-Dec. 29, 2007  
3:00 p.m.-Stone Church

**Kevin Patrick Auger & Lisa Marie Bourgeois**

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**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.

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**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD:** Join the Catholic Advocacy Network of the New York State Catholic Conference at [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org). St. Patrick's Legislative Advocacy Network wants you to know! One person can make a difference and that person can be you! Join with thousands of others to work for justice in our society and to promote the values important to our faith. Together, we can speak out in support of the poor and vulnerable, the sick and elderly, the unborn, families and children. Through the Catholic Advocacy Network of New York State, you can stay informed and strengthen the Catholic voice. Sign up online at [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org) and click, "Join the network". And come to the next meeting of St. Patrick's Legislative Advocacy Network Thursday January 3rd, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. More details to follow or call Lou at 914-309-1900 for info.

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**EARN (Employment Assistance & Resource Network)** will host its monthly meeting this Thursday night (January 3, 08) starting at 7:45 p.m. in The Parish Center Hall in the Main Church. 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.

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**The Trinity Gift Shop** is located in the Parish Center for all your religious artifact needs! Store hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays 9:30 to 12 noon, Saturdays 9:00 to 12 noon and Sunday's 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come see our Advent, and Christmas articles!



# How do we serve everyone in a culturally diverse parish?



A lot of Hispanics have moved into our parish. Father John doesn't want to do a Spanish Mass because we are one community; he does a bilingual Mass. Why hasn't the diocese given the Hispanics their own parish?

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

You, your parish, and Father John are to be commended for welcoming Hispanics into your parish. But when a group becomes large enough, we need to offer a Mass completely in the language of that group. Bilingual Masses can be cumbersome as readings and prayers are repeated to the discomfort of all.

You ask why the diocese doesn't give Hispanics their own parish. This option is practiced in cities like Chicago, where Our Lady of Czestochowa is for the Polish, Saint Agnes is for the Czechs, and Saint Jerome is for the Croatsians. Ethnic parishes allow people to hear the homily in their own language and celebrate



religious festivals unique to their culture. With today's priest shortage, however, we cannot establish more parishes, so parishes are called to be culturally diverse.

We celebrate Mass in different languages, but that does not mean we are not one community. We are one community even though those who must work on Sunday morning don't worship with those who

attend Mass on Sunday morning, and those who like the early Mass don't go to the late Mass with "all those kids." We sometimes bring the entire parish community together—during the Triduum or at a parish picnic—but, in general, it is best that Mass be offered in the language of the majority of the people who attend it.

Father Patrick Keyes, C.Ss.R.

## ***The Feast of the Holy Family***



Every year right after Christmas, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. There is a reason for this. It's easy to think the "incarnation" means God took on a human body. But there is much more to it than that. In Jesus, God unites himself to an entire human nature. He fully enters into human experience, with all its peaks and valleys. And a part of that human experience, with more than its share of peaks and valleys, is family. Jesus spent over 90% of his years in the obscure nitty-gritty of family life. Though only a few chapters are devoted to this lengthy period, what they reveal is significant. First of all, despite the cuddly image of our nativity scenes, the original Christmas was anything but cozy. A woman nine months pregnant rides 75 miles on the back of a donkey over bumpy, dusty roads so she can have her baby in a stable full of dirty, smelly animals. Quickly after the birth they have to pick up and flee for their lives, seeking asylum in a foreign land. A few years later, the now adolescent son goes missing for several days, and there ensues a conversation characterized by no little emotion. Joseph is a saint, Mary is without sin, Jesus is God incarnate, yet there are still challenges, difficulties, tense moments, and opportunities for misunderstanding. Welcome to real family life. All things created by God are good, with human beings and human life very good according to Genesis chapter 1. Yet in assuming a human body, the Divine Word elevated its dignity, sanctifying it, and ennobling it. In accepting baptism from his cousin John, Jesus sanctifies water and, in baptism, makes it an instrument of his sanctifying power. In entering into family life, Jesus does the same. The family, up till now naturally good, becomes an instrument of sanctification and growth in holiness. As a teen, I thought a serious pursuit of holiness required opting out of marriage to enter a monastery. Holiness was about lots of quiet prayer and apostolic work. Noisy family life was a distraction to all this. The role of married folks was limited to getting to Mass & the sacraments, obeying the 10 commandments, and getting into heaven after a stay in Purgatory. The feast of the Holy Family shows how far off-base I was. It reminds us, as Vatican II teaches, that all human



beings are called to the heights of holiness. That all states in life, including student, teenager, and parent, offer abundant opportunities to grow in faith, hope, and love. That the nitty gritty of family life, if approached right, can be a road to profound personal transformation and communion with God. Think about it. The creator of the universe spent most of his human life as a craftsman, working with dad in the family business and ultimately taking it over. Mary, the holiest of all creatures, spent most of her time changing diapers, cooking, and cleaning. The secret to holiness is not to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love and gratitude (Col 3:15-17). The word seminary means "seedbed." It is a greenhouse where, in a sheltered environment, vocations can develop till they can not just survive in the real world, but bear fruit there. The family is the original seminary. In its soil is sown the call to share in Christ's holiness and mission. Ironically, tending to the seedlings causes the parent/gardeners to grow as well. So family, in God's plan, is a community where everyone has growing to do. Maybe that's why Col 3 talks so much about forgiveness and forbearance! The bottom line is this—we don't become holy despite the hustle-bustle of family life, but in and through it.

*Article by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio of Crossroads website.*