



Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
February 11, 2018

Holy Mass  Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 10</b> Peter Coviello and Helena Granato
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am  11:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>February 11</b> Mark L. Brigham and Paige Keely Adam Rosowicz and for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and Their Families Peter Eggermann, Sr. and Peter Eggermann, Jr Ronald Hart and Philip William Smiley
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 12</b> Charlie Spencer and James Shannon
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 13</b> Edwin L. Sprague and Doris Holler
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 12:00 pm 3:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b>February 14-Ash Wednesday</b> Nick Marconi and Thomas Waterski Ashes Only Ashes Only Jennie Aielli and Al Sorrentino
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 15</b> Charles Spencer and Concetta Volpone
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 16</b> Anthony Marino and Allen Vohden
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>February 17</b> Juan Estrada and Edgar Estrada Mary E. Bungert and Venerena O'Connell
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am  5:00 pm	<b>February 18</b> Shannon Dalbo and Edwin Kilduff Adam Rosowicz and John Jarka Salvatore Cuccia, Herb & Jean Cannon, and Ralph Ahrens Rosario Figuerroa and Vic Tyne

**Mass Schedule February 17th & 18th**

**Fr. Bob** Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Fr. Matt Kranc** Sunday 5:00 pm

**Reconciliation February 17th**

**Fr. Bob** Saturday 4-4:30 pm

*Please note there will be no 8:00 am mass on Saturday, February 24. Instead we will celebrate a Mass of Anointing at 10:30 am on that date.*



*During lent, all liturgies will conclude in silence; therefore, there will be no recessional song sung during the Lenten season.*

The Parish Office will be closed on  
**Monday, February 19, 2018**  
in observance of President's Day.

We will reopen on Tues., Feb. 20th at 8:00 am.



**First Sunday of Lent**

February 18, 2018

**First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15**

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

**Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

**Weekly Memorials**

**The Lamp** burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of February 11th is in memory Fr. Ed Hinds.

**The Candles** on the altar the week of February 11th are in memory of Charles Spencer given by Dona Franklin.

**The Flowers** on the altar the week of February 11th are in memory of deceased members of the Yannotta family given by Mr. & Mrs. James Yannotta.

**Hear our Prayers for those who are ill** especially Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Judy Latalladi, Carmela Cecere, Marie Conlan, Mike Mulane, Evey Staromano, Caroline Palluzzi, Don Tracy, Mary Cecere, Maddie Niebanck, Eileen Keohane, Laura Flynn, Josh Crucilla, Bob Moore, Dennis Kelly, Barbara Perleth, Bill Waller, Patrick Duffy, Connie Fronzoni, Jeanette Piontek, and **for all our deceased especially Mari Jo Dagastino.**

*During lent, the Meditation Group will meet in the Children's room in the Church on Monday evenings.*

**Monday, February 12**

Parish Mission: 8:00 am Mass; Church  
Faith Formation: 3:45 pm; School  
Parish Mission: 7:00 pm; Church

**Tuesday, February 13**

Parish Mission: 8:00 am Mass; Church  
Parish Mission: 7:00 pm; Church

**Wednesday, February 14**

Shawl Ministry: 1 pm; South Room

**Thursday, February 15**

Walking with Purpose: 9:30 am; Parish Center  
Marian Prayer Group: 10:00 am; North Room  
Rosary: 6:30 pm; North Room  
Living in the Father's Love: 7:00 pm; South Room  
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 8:30 pm; West Room

**Friday, February 16**

Stations of the Cross led by Fr. Bob: 7:00 pm; Church

**Sunday, February 18**

RCIA: 12:15 pm; South Room  
Sophomore Mass Reflection: 3:15 pm; East/West Room

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**



*From the Pastor's Desk*

### Make God Your Ash Wednesday Valentine

This Wednesday presents an interesting clash as February 14 is both Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, which is highly unusual in that this occurrence has not taken place since 1945; therefore, most of us have not experienced it in our lifetimes. It will only reoccur two more times before the year 2100, which is in the year 2024 and 2029. Since the church no longer recognizes St. Valentine on the liturgical calendar, from a Catholic perspective I believe Ash Wednesday holds greater significance and importance than the celebration of Valentine's Day, yet an imaginative way to experience Wednesday is to make God your "Ash Wednesday Valentine."

There are endless stories that priests tell that pertain to Ash Wednesday upon encounters with people who have approached them for ashes. I recall a woman in the elevator of St. Barnabas Hospital asking me if I could "give her" ashes as well as a food vendor in Costco. There is something special about "the ash" that brings people to church or possesses them with a strong desire to receive "the ash" anywhere at any time. Ashes are a symbol that draws Catholics into Lent as this rite goes back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century when public penance was given by the church to those who committed grave sins. Ashes also remind us of our mortality. In receiving ashes there are one of two prayers spoken as a cross is traced with ashes on the forehead, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return" – Genesis 3:19 or "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" Mark 1:15. Although Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, statistics indicate that 45% of Catholics attend a church service on Ash Wednesday, which is higher than most Sundays.

The theme for St. Patrick Church during the Season of Lent is "Love for God's Creation" which thrusts forth opportunities to ponder creative ways to respect the beauty of God's creation aware that creation includes life, our earth, and all that God has placed on this planet. This year St. Patrick Church is giving special attention to the environment aware that the destruction of it poisons ourselves and future generations. Another important path to walk throughout Lent is to make better our own lives and others which include the poor, the needy, and those rejected, neglected, or abandoned by society recognizing that all creation is the result of God's great love. Lent is not a one day event, but an entire season that is to leave us with personal and spiritual growth which is to continue in the aftermath of the season; therefore, it is not a scorecard of activities, sacrifices, or prayers that evaporates upon conclusion of the season. Ash Wednesday engenders the opportunity to review personal strengths and weaknesses; and, set reasonable goals for the season as it is not a period of time that leads to self-congratulations, but a season that disarms us from complacency.

One important objective in Lent is never to compare yourself with other people. In his book, *Like Fresh Bread*, Rev. Robert P. Waznak S.S. illustrates this so well through the following story. "On Ash Wednesday, many years ago, while I was wondering how to face another Lent, I received a phone call from a former student. He had left the seminary and was now a struggling graduate student. The young man was crying for help. When I got to his apartment I found a tortured soul, filled with self-doubt and booze. Eventually I got him to go to his first AA meeting. But even though he was an alcoholic, he told me that he couldn't go back to another AA meeting because "I'm not like those people." I've never forgotten that line, "I'm not like those people." My young friend was wrong. We are like those people who share a common struggle and common pain. We are driven by the same doubts. We sometimes make choices about the most important events of our lives without reflection, without faith, without prayer, without God."

This Wednesday make a decision to enter into the journey of Lent. Use the heart that appears on display in many advertisements for Valentine's Day as a symbol of your love for God. Avoid procrastination, and experience Lent as a means to notice where you are in life and where you wish to be. Strive to give up anything that lulls you away from the person God calls you to be, and strive to see God in hurting people. This generates a closeness with God in the same manner that a Valentine heart bonds you tighter with someone special in your life.

*In Christ's love,*

*Fr. Bob*

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling Deacon Joe Wisneski at 973-635-4976. Parents are expected to attend an instructional session with a Baptism Team. Baptisms are celebrated at 12:30 pm Sundays.

**RCIA-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The R.C.I.A. invites non-baptized persons and those baptized into another faith to participate in a faith journey in preparation for becoming a Catholic. If you are interested in any aspect of R.C.I.A., please email Deb at [Dkuzma@st-pats.org](mailto:Dkuzma@st-pats.org) or call her at the parish office at ext. 23.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Congratulations! In order that we can together plan for your big day, couples should notify the Church and begin to prepare at least one year in advance of the date. Please email Fr. Bob at [Fr.Bob@st-pats.org](mailto:Fr.Bob@st-pats.org) or call Fr. Bob at the parish office ext. 22.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOME BOUND:** If a family member or someone you know is recuperating from a hospital stay or is homebound for any length of time and would like to receive Holy Communion, please let us know. It is a priority for the parish community to support and be present to those who cannot be with us for the celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like a priest or deacon to visit a family member who is hospitalized, contact Peggy at [Pgentile@st-pats.org](mailto:Pgentile@st-pats.org) or call her at the parish office ext. 25.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the parish office at 973-635-0625 to arrange for a priest.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST:** Children preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist begin preparation in first grade. To register, visit our website at [www.st-pats.org](http://www.st-pats.org).



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**Lent 2018**

**Ash Wednesday, February 14**

Mass and Distribution of Ashes  
8 am and 7 pm in the Church  
Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes  
12 noon and 3:30 pm in the Church

**Thursday, February 15**

8 am Mass in the Church  
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross with the School  
(All are invited)  
6:30 pm Rosary in the North Room  
7 pm Living in the Father's Love in the South Room

**Friday, February 16**

8 am Mass in the Church  
7 pm Stations of the Cross with Fr. Bob



*Welcome Home to Healing*

**Confession During Lent in February**

Monday, February 19 from 7-8:30 pm Fr. Mathew Eraly  
Monday, February 26 from 7-8:30 pm Fr. Bob  
And every Saturday from 4-4:30 pm

**Stations of the Cross in February**

Friday, February 16 at 7 pm Andrew Dutko  
Friday, February 23 at 7 pm Deacon Joe  
And every Thursday at 2 pm with the School

As part of your Lenten journey this year, please consider using the CRS Rice Bowl to help deepen your relationship with Christ while bringing a light of hope to our brothers and sisters in need. Rice Bowls are available at the church doors.



**Shawl Ministry**

Our Shawl Ministry grew out of our Health Ministries, through the energy and imagination of our Parish Nurses. We meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. Our next gathering will be this Wednesday, February 14 in the South Room from 1:00-2:30 pm. The shawls that the group produces are shared with the ill or homebound of the parish. Join us, bring a friend!

**Parish Support-February 4, 2018**

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$18,891  
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$13,079

St. Patrick Parish does not take separate second collections for all of the Diocesan required collections. In February, a portion of our collection will go towards the Church in Central and Eastern Europe



**Baptisms**

**Aria Marinamina Zito**  
Daughter of Salvatore and Rubyna

*Mass of Anointing*

Join us as we gather on Saturday, February 24 at 10:30 am for this liturgical and communal celebration where the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated. Those who are suffering and those who are caregivers are encouraged to attend. A lite reception will follow in the East/West Room.

Our Caring Ministry will be available to provide rides for those unable to secure a ride. Please contact the parish office by Tuesday, February 20 to arrange for a ride.

**Rosary - New Day, New Location!**

We will be praying the Rosary on THURSDAYS during lent instead of Mondays! Join us on Thursday evenings, beginning February 15 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office North Room. All are welcome to pray with us! **Please note we will not meet on Monday, February 12 to pray the Rosary.**

Join us for a 6 week Lenten Journey for Women

**LIVING IN THE FATHER'S LOVE**

*An ideal way to revive and refresh yourself this Lenten season.*

In this brief but powerful study, we discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, not only with God, but also with those we love.

**6 Thursdays beginning Feb 15, 7-8:30pm, South Room**

Free to attend but the book should be purchased before the first gathering. Call the office or register on our website. Links for book purchase (\$20) are provided on the website.

Questions? Contact Mary Rohe 973-635-5250 or Deirdre McAuliffe 973-975-7465



**Bags to Benches**

To fit with our Parish Lenten Theme of Caring for God's Creation, St. Patrick Church is participating with other churches in the Chatham's to collect plastic bags and recycle them into benches to gift to the community. Each participating church will partner with Trex to collect and remove 500 lbs. of plastic film from our environment. This project fits our call to "address environmental problems" and develop a deeper reverence and respect for God's creation. (USCCB)

We are especially looking for clean, plastic film that you do not typically reuse, such as bread bags, frozen vegetable bags, newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags, etc. Please bring your clean plastic film/bags to the brown bin next to the clothing collection in the St Patrick's parking lot.

**Pancake Breakfast is Back!**



All are welcome! Bring the family to the Pancake Breakfast, Sun., Feb. 25 from 8 am until 11:30 am in the Fr. Ed Center. All you can eat pancakes, eggs and sausages for only \$6 per adult, \$4 for children ages 4 -12 and free for children age 3 and under. Maximum cost per family is \$30. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **This Week in Youth Ministry**

*Spring Action Team Meeting:* Mon., Feb. 12; 7-9:30 pm; YMC  
*Sophomore Gathering:* Tues., Feb. 13; 7:15-8:15 pm; YMC  
*Spring Antioch Team Meeting:* Wed., Feb. 14; 7-9:30 pm, SVM  
*Mystagoga Team Meeting:* Thurs., Feb. 15; 6-9 pm; SVM  
*Sophomore Mass Reflection:* Sun., Feb. 18; 3:15-6 pm;  
Parish Center  
*8th Grade Team Meeting:* Sun., Feb. 18, 7-9 pm; YMC

### **Service Opportunities:**

**Sign up by emailing Maggie at [mgrady@st-pats.org](mailto:mgrady@st-pats.org)**

*Food Pantry Restock:* Sat., Feb., 17; 8:30 am-10:15 am  
(Adult drivers also needed)

*Living Stations of the Cross:* Practices are every Tuesday from 7-9 pm in the church and begin Feb. 27.

### **Living Stations of the Cross**

Each year on Good Friday, Youth Ministry performs the "Living Stations of the Cross" in Church - a very spiritual and prayerful re-enactment of Jesus' final hours. This year rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm in the Church beginning on February 27th. We are in need of actors for the various roles as well as youth who are willing to give 2 minute personal reflections after a station, someone to work the spotlight and a narrator. Maggie will help workshop those giving reflections. Come be a part of this very special experience. If you are interested or if you have any questions, email Maggie.

### **Mandatory Sophomore Rite of Covenant**

The Rite of Covenant for all sophomores and **at least 1 parent** is scheduled for Sunday, March 11. It begins at 3:15 pm with a reflection in the parish center and concludes with the Rite taking place at the 5 pm Mass. At this reflection you will be given pertinent information regarding the Confirmation celebration as well as a chance to choose the date you wish to celebrate (Confirmation dates this year are Wed., May 9 and Fri., May 11). You will also be given Sponsor worksheets at which time I will explain what is required of a Sponsor and you will be signing up for your final Confirmation Interview. This is an important meeting so please make every attempt to be there.

### **Juniors/Seniors mark your calendars for the "Diving Into Discipleship" Retreat**

The "Dive" Retreat is an overnight Junior/Senior Retreat partnered with St. Vincents. The Retreat is scheduled for April 28-29 and will take place at the Vocationists in Florham Park, with the overnight portion taking place at St. Vincent's YMC. Registrations will be emailed to all Juniors/Seniors in mid-March. Consider joining us for this inspirational retreat that takes Antioch to the next level.



## **SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL**

*Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith*

### **Considering a change for your child's educational experience?**

St. Patrick School invites families with children currently enrolled in non-Catholic schools to consider the benefits of our parish school environment where Gospel values are combined with Blue Ribbon academics every day. Transfer grants are available to new students entering grades 1 through 7, coming from public, charter or home schools. Curious? Learn more on Walk in Wednesdays - stop by the school any Wednesday between 9:00 - 11:00 AM for a guided tour! Can't make Wednesday? Call 973-635-4623 to schedule a time that works for you and your family!

Young men in high school, college, and older are invited to join Bishop Serratelli on Feb. 27 at Pope John XXIII in Sparta from 7-9 pm for adoration, reflection, fellowship, and pizza. Contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818 ext. 711 for more information.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

### **Love God's Creation: Music in Lent**

When does a bird such as the red cardinal really stand out? When he is sitting alone on a branch in nothing but white snow! When does a drink of cold water seem more than glorious? When we thirst the most! When do we hear a person sigh? When we are in a setting where there is silence.

This Lent, we seek to love God's creation through what we see, touch, taste, feel, and hear. When we are surrounded with abundance, it is easy to forget how much we appreciate God's gifts. During Lent, we make an effort to simplify our lives in order to experience more vividly (like the cardinal in the snow) the abundance of God's creation. Sound is a part of God's creation, given to us as a gift through our sense of hearing. Music is a gift from God, formed through the artistic molding of sound by the composers and performers who bring it to life. Having a little less of this glorious creation can help us remember how much we love it. Many of us make an effort to do without something we usually have. Similarly, our masses will be simplified with less music; the goal being to help us appreciate the language of God's music on a deeper level.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, our masses will have no recessional hymn and no postlude. Instead, we will seek sacred silence at the end of mass. If you miss the music, you might like to think about this: silences called "rests" are an important part of music. The other parts of mass during Lent will be expressed with beautiful Lenten songs, with texts that reflect on Jesus and the liturgy, and melodies and harmonies that are meditative, speaking to our inner selves.

I pray that all of us will develop a greater appreciation of God's creation this Lent. We know creation through our senses and our consciousness. Music plays an integral role! We develop our faith and appreciation through these elements, which ultimately lead to joy in God.

*Have a Blessed Lent,  
Maggie Hanson, Music Minister*

### **Do Something Beautiful for God**

Join our Respect Life Ministry in peaceful prayer for babies in danger of abortion. As part of the "40 Days for Life" vigils around the world, please consider giving the gift of an hour or whatever time you can give, Monday through Sunday between 7 am and 7 pm outside of Planned Parenthood of Morristown at 196 Speedwell Ave. For more information, contact Frances Spillman at [44lifeus@gmail.com](mailto:44lifeus@gmail.com) or 973-627-1654.

**Save the Date for "An Evening with Sisters"** - Friday, Feb. 23 from 7-8:30 pm at Morris Catholic High School (200 Morris Ave., Denville). This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food, and fun! To RSVP and for more details, please email Sr. Bernadette McCauley before Feb. 20. [sbernadette@scceast.org](mailto:sbernadette@scceast.org)

*Parish Partnership Event*

**Our Lady of Victories**

**Spring Fling**

**Tricky Tray Fundraiser**

**Monday, April 23rd from 6:00 -10:00 pm**

The Brownstone, 351 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ

\$45-Includes full dinner and an evening of fun!

Funds will be used for Our Lady of Victories Church Repairs  
Tickets on sale NOW at the St. Patrick Parish Office