

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
SAINT PATRICK

26 Hunter Street ✕ Highland Mills, New York 10930

First Sunday of Lent
 February 22, 2015

SERVED BY

Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris, Administrator
 Rev. Jacob Mattappillil
 Deacon Paul Weireter
 Rev. Gerard P. Travers, Pastor Emeritus

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday

Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass.....5:30 PM
 Sunday Morning..... 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Weekday

Monday thru Saturday.....9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass.....5:30 PM
 Holy Day.....9:00 AM & 7:30 PM

NOVENA: Every Monday morning after the 9:00 AM Mass the Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Every First Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass until 10:00 AM concluding with Benediction.

PARISH OFFICE.....928-6027
Located under the Church 928-2982 - fax
 Monday thru Thursday.....9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
 Friday.....9:30 to 11:30 AM

PARISH RECTORY
 26 Hunter Street.....928-9219

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM.....928-6688
 928-3189 - fax

PRE-SCHOOL.....928-3644

YOUTH GROUP.....928-9219

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:15 PM and anytime upon reasonable request.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Second & fourth Sundays at 1:00 PM. Expectant parents may contact the parish office to arrange for the baptism seminar class on the third Thursday of every month. The class is held in the Religious Education Building, Room 7 at 7:30 PM. Adults are baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil after completing the stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A process for those who wish to enter the Catholic Faith, or for present Catholic individuals who after being baptized need to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information, please call our Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program and Natural Family Planning (NFP).

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: If you are planning to enter the hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or homebound, call the parish office to arrange for the sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home. Communal anointing of the sick is celebrated at Mass during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: The Saint Patrick faith community warmly welcomes you! Please introduce yourself to the celebrant of the mass you are attending as you leave the church so that, on behalf of the entire community, you may be welcomed. You can register at the parish office and receive any information needed from the office receptionist.

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Patrick Parish is a Christian community of disciples in the Roman Catholic tradition, called by Jesus, united in Eucharistic worship and growing in faith, hope and love. Nourished through the sacraments and strengthened by God’s transforming love, we are empowered to know the gospel message and to bear witness to others. As Christian stewards, we are thankful for God’s many gifts and we commit ourselves to share our time, talent and treasure in Christ-like service within our parish community and beyond. We seek God’s blessing and guidance to be faithful to this mission.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

- 7:30 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Philip Beltrani By Sister
- 10:30 Florian Izold By Kostrna Family
- 12:00 Joseph E. Shina By Wife & Daughter

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

- 9:00 Thomas Ogilvie By Joan Petti
- 5:15 Eamonn Plunkett By Joan Petti

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

- 9:00 William George & Lucille Callahan
By Ann & Jack Baird
- 5:15 Kaynen Peters (Living) By Barbara Higen-Shafer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

- 9:00 Louise Pisano (Living) By Barbara Higen-Shafer
- 5:15 Julianna Tangonan By Tangonan Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

- 9:00 Lauren Huher By The Kulak Family
- 5:15 Vincent Tierney By Paul & Sharon Drumgoole

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

- 9:00 Roberto Contreras By Raul & Anna Rivas
- 5:15 Dennis Callan By Christopher & Brenda Coyle

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015

- 9:00 Joyce Ellen Grunau By Mother & Sister
- 5:30 Georgina Finn By Karyn Vespo, Carol Pajak,
Kathy Gitto

SUNDAY, March 1, 2015

- 7:30 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Mary & Gerald McHugh By The Jonasch Family
- 10:30 Tom Wall By Bob & Lauren Barry
- 12:00 Anthony Martin By The Pascale family

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS

In the coming weeks there are many masses with no intentions. As we begin the Lenten season in a few days, parishioners will have the opportunity to have masses said for loved ones not only at the 9:00am mass but also the 5:15 Lenten evening mass. Mass may be offered for any intention, not just for loved ones who have gone before us. If you are interested in having a mass said for any intention, please call our parish office at 928-6027.

HYMNS FOR THIS WEEKEND

- Entrance:** Led by the Spirit BB-124
- Preparation of the Gifts:** Beyond the Days BB-137
- Communion Chant:** In Every Age BB-469
- Communion Chant 2:** Hosea BB-675
- Sending Forth:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy BB-493

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

COLLECTION

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| February 15, 2015 | \$3,477.00 |
| February 16, 2014 | \$3,832.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$1,156.00 |

Attendance: 406 Envelope users: 118

NEW PARISH ENVELOPE COMPANY

For those of you who use weekly envelopes already know, we began using a new envelope company. All envelope users have received the latest packet that began February 1st and ends with the Good Friday collection on April 3rd. If there are any problems that some parishioners did not receive envelopes or addresses were incomplete, please call the parish office at 928-6027.



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

*Blessings come to those who pray
The Family Rosary lovingly together.*

Rosary Novenas

RELIGIOUS devotion, public or private, for the duration of nine days to gain special graces, is called a Novena. Those who perform it with a lively hope of having their request granted, and with perfect resignation should it be refused, may be assured that Christ will grant some grace or blessing, though in His infinite wisdom and mercy He may refuse the particular favor which they implore.

Novenas originated in imitation of the Apostles who were gathered together in prayer for nine days from the time of Our Lord's Ascension to Pentecost Sunday. However, care must be taken less the power of any Novena be limited to the number *nine* rather than perseverance in fervent prayer.

The practice of saying the Rosary nine times in the form of a Rosary Novena in *petition or thanksgiving* is another way of heeding Our Lady of Fatima's admonition to *Pray the Rosary*.

All are welcome to join the Rosary Altar Society. Meetings are held on First Saturdays after the 9:00 am mass.

FROM FR. HERB

Dear Parishioners,

It seems winter is making its mark on us. Again, because of the bad weather and being a holiday weekend, last weekend's masses were much lower in attendance than a normal weekend amount. That is evident with the lower than usual collection, but not too far off from the same Sunday in 2014. I was asked last year if I had extra copies of the last page explanation of the Lenten Season. It is because of those requests last year and parishioners shut-in last weekend, due to the snow, that we are reprinting last week's Lent regulations page.

Today is a bitter sweet day for us at Saint Patrick. We are celebrating, with joy and happiness, Fr. Jacob, who has been with us for the past five years, and will be leaving us. Please join us after each mass, in the Lower Church Hall, to share some moments with Father, over a cup of coffee and some cake.

What a joy it has been for me to have gotten to know Fr. Jacob over this past year and a half. His joy, humor and priestly fraternity that is shared between us has been a blessing. His holiness and devotion to all of us, most especially our homebound parishioners, has truly be a great blessing for this parish community. May we continue to cherish these remaining days we have with Father Jacob. We pray for him, for his next assignment and those who he will be called upon to serve. God bless you Fr. Jacob for all the example of Christ, the High Priest, you brought to Saint Patrick.

A reminder that our Lenten Parish Healing Mass is scheduled for Saturday March 14th at 9:00 AM. Anyone who suffers from any physical, spiritual or emotional need is more than welcomed to join us, at this mass, to receive the grace and mercy of the healing power of God.

God Bless all of you,

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris

Called Home to God

*Luanne M. Granger
February 14, 2015*

May her soul rest in peace.

PARISH WEBSITE

Our parish is close to completion of our updated website, which is being done through *eCatholic.com*. Representatives of *eCatholic.com* have been working on our present website. There is hope that our new parish website will be unveiled by the end of the month



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As stewards and disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your gifts and make a gift to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Please help support the educational, charitable and pastoral works of our archdiocese that help so many among us.

As of Tuesday, February 17th we have raised \$14,810.00. This puts us at 30% of our goal of \$48,000.00.

St. Patrick's Vacation Bible School

Our first volunteer meeting was very well attended and planning has begun for SonSpark Labs VBS. During the week of June 29th – July 3rd, we will discover the rich treasures of God's love through the life of Jesus. Each session of SonSpark Labs involves exploring an amazing aspect of God's life-changing plan.

Our next volunteer team meeting will be held on Saturday March 14th at 8:30am in the St. Patrick Religious Education Building.

Adult and teen volunteers are needed prior to and during the week of VBS. Whether it's a few days, we invite you to share your talents and find the joy that being part of the St. Patrick's volunteer team can bring. New faces are always welcome. Any questions: Theresa 781-0347 stpatrickshmvbs@gmail.com

AA MEETINGS

Every Monday, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm and Wednesday, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm and 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm, Double Meeting, in the Lower Church Hall.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

There will be no meetings during the deep winter months of January and February. The Bible Study Program will continue on March 5, 2015.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

St. Patrick's Religious Ed Program is looking for teachers and assistants (17 years and up) to work with our **Shamrock Program** on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings (6:15-7:15pm). If you are interested in working with very special children, please call the office – 928-6688.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory." As we begin the holy season of Lent, why not schedule time to examine your marriage and improve your communication with each other on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call 1-877-NYS-WWME Ext 3.

Lenten Retreat given by Fr. G Travers

A mini retreat of meditation and prayer will be offered at St. Patrick's on Sunday March 22nd from 1-3pm. Fr. Travers will celebrate the 12pm mass then gather in the Lower Church Hall for coffee and cake, followed by a guided meditation and a reflection on some of the key high points of Holy Week. Fr. Travers will also be available to hear confessions immediately following the retreat. Questions: tweissburg@optimum.net or 781-0347.

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BIRTHRIGHT Pregnancy Help Center

Birthright of Orange County is located in Middletown and is in need of volunteers to service families in their office distributing baby items, etc. Training is provided. They are also asking for the following items: Gently used or new baby clothes, always in need of diapers, especially sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6, baby wash and baby wipes! They also accept maternity clothes. If anyone would like to knit sweaters, hats, etc., Birthright would be so appreciative! This month we are asking that you bring in any of the above items. Contact: Rosemarie Morello – 928-9762

CAMP VERITAS 2015

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2015; July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburg, NY, July 26- August 1st at Summit Lake camp in Emmetsburg, MD and August 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment is now open and the price for each week is \$400 per camper. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.

WOODBURY BOYS SCOUT TROOP #149

Troop #149 meets Monday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at the Carriage House behind the Gate House next to Falkirk Golf Club. Please come and be our guests for an evening by the fire and tour our facilities. For more information, call Scoutmaster, Kevin Steinhauer, at 845-837-9548 or email kevstein@yahoo.com.

MASS FOR THE HEALING With Anointing of the Sick

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, New York is inviting parishioners, from all parishes in the Orange County Vicariate, to a healing mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick next Thursday, February 26th and again on March 26th. All healing masses will begin at 7:00 pm.

The Address of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is; 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY 10940. Anyone wishing for more information is asked to call 845-343-1879 or email nsolmc@warwick.net.

Ministry to Separated and Divorced Catholics:

This is a support group for separated and divorced Catholics which meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Rectory Meeting Room of St. John's Church, 71 Murray Avenue, Goshen, N.Y. For additional information, please contact Helen at (845) 563-0604

To find a Crisis Pregnancy Center near you:

1-800-848-LOVE Birthline.net
1-800-395-Help OptionLine.org
1-888-51-Help-U www.HeartBeatInternational.org

If you are suffering after an abortion:
1-800-5-WE-Care or 1-877-586-4621 (Lumina) or
1-800-395-HELP (Silent No More wareness.org)

LENT 2015

The season of Lent began last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Lent is the penitential time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving as a personal sacrifice meant to draw Christians more deeply into the sacred mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

By the threefold discipline of **fasting, prayer, and almsgiving** the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful should undertake serious practice of these three traditions.

FASTING

"When you fast, see to it that you groom your hair and wash your face. In that way no one can see that you are fasting except your Father who is hidden; and your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

- Matthew 6:17

The Lenten Regulations for the Season of Lent are as follows:

- **Abstinence from meat** is observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on **Ash Wednesday**, on all of the **Fridays of Lent**, and on **Good Friday**.
- **Fasting** must be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 60. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Fasting is strongly encouraged Mondays through Saturdays of Lent.

There is a serious obligation to observe these penitential practices in a substantial way. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday fast and abstinence – or from the fast and abstinence of Good Friday. The tradition of "giving up" something for Lent is a way to "fast" from those habits that keep us from focusing our lives on God. We can also consider "taking on" an extra practice during Lent: daily Mass, praying Morning or Evening Prayer, serving in a soup kitchen, visiting the sick, or even practicing greater patience with our loved ones.

PRAYER

"In the days when Christ was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications...and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when perfected, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." - Hebrews 5:7-9

During Lent, parishioners will have the opportunity to enhance their prayer life by attending the 9:00am mass or our evening mass during Lent at 5:15 pm. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Friday evenings at 7:30pm. Private devotion is possible throughout the day in the Church that will remain open until the conclusion of the 5:15 evening Mass.

ALMSGIVING

"In the light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance." - US Bishops' statement on penitential observances, 1966.

Lent allows the continuing opportunities for parishioners to give to various needs such as Catholic Charities, Birthright, Recourse Exchange, The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, or even an opportunity to enhance their weekly donation to Saint Patrick's Church.

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