

## St. Patrick R.C. Church

ST. PATRICK'S R.C. "Christ with us. Christ before us. Christ behind us."
February 22, 2015 - First Sunday of Lent

## Please Pray for Our Parish Mission

This Lent we will come together as a parish community on March 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th to be spiritually renewed. Our Parish Mission will be led by Fr. Gerald Fitzsimmons of the Montfort Missionaries Preaching Team. Please pray the following prayer for our Mission:

Jesus, we believe in your love for us. We want your healing love to be more a part of our lives and the lives of those we love. Jesus, You call us to come together in prayer. Speak to our minds and hearts. Let us put aside this time for You so that You can build us up together in Your love and peace. Amen!











**Palms to Ashes**—On Thursday, February 12th, participants in our RCIA for Young People program burned palms in preparation for Lent and on Ash Wednesday, ashes from Palm Sunday palms were distributed.



### Thank You!

Volunteers from our parish were treated to food, fellowship and music on Friday, February 13th at our Volunteer Thank You Party. (More photos inside.)

## St. Patrick Church

280 East Main Street Smithtown, NY 11787 rectory@stpatricksmithtown.org 631-265-2271

#### **Mass Times**

Weekdays: 6:45 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 12:10 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM, 5 and 8 PM Novena Mass (Miraculous Medal): Monday, 7:30 PM Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon, 5 PM

#### Marriage

Couples should make arrangements at the Rectory at least six months before the desired wedding date.

#### Reconciliation

Saturday: from 3:45 to 4:45 PM Sunday: from 8:15 to 8:45 AM Monday: 6:45 to 7:15 P.M. before the Novena Mass Anytime by appointment in the Rectory

#### **Baptisms**

Sundays at 1:30 P.M. Parents must make arrangements at the Rectory.

## From the Pastor's Desk

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." These words were spoken millions of times last Wednesday as Catholics around the world had blessed ashes placed on their foreheads. We began the season of Lent with these words of encouragement and inspiration. Every time we pray the *Our Father* we say, "lead us not into temptation." Temptation calls us to not only do what is not good, but also tries to divert us from simply doing good, from getting involved. To "turn away from sin" is only half of what we are called to do during Lent. "Being faithful to the Gospel" calls us to be open and willing to do and be the good we are so capable of.

At times we do things for people and at other times people do things to us or for us. To do good for others is to be in control. We take the initiative and we feel good about ourselves. When others do good for us we are grateful and realize we are loved and make a difference to them. The last Sunday of Lent will be Palm Sunday where the Gospel reading will come from St. Mark's account of the Passion of Jesus. Once Jesus is arrested He goes from being the one who does good for others to being the one who others do things to, most of which are negative and ultimately death dealing. In the book Sacred Fire by Ronald Rolheiser in the final chapter entitled "Radical Discipleship: Anticipatory Incompletions" he says, "Up until His arrest, the Gospels describe Jesus as active, as doing things, in charge, preaching, teaching, performing miracles, consoling people. Then, after His arrest, all the verbs become passive: He is led away, manhandled by the authorities, whipped, helped in carrying His cross, and ultimately nailed to the cross. After His arrest, like a patient in palliative care, he no longer does anything; others do it for Him and to Him. He is passive, a patient. And in the manner He endured that passivity, He gave His death for us." (p.287)

It is not easy to endure rejection or the harsh, mean words and actions of others. Not only do they make us angry, they make us feel rejected, unwelcome, and not useful.It is just as hurtful to be ignored or in the way. Lent is our time to not look at how we are hurt or ignored, but where we have ignored or turned away from God and fail to live up to who we truly are as Catholic Christians in 21st century America. Life is peaceful on the outside when we don't make waves and do not get into disagreements or arguments. Jesus never avoided the truth of who He was or what He came to do. Over and over again He lived and spoke the truth of God's goodness, love, and mercy through His word and actions. Even as He endured His passion, as He allowed others to do horrible things to Him, He remained faithful in love to the Father, and faithful in love to us. The evil others did to Him did not stop the flow of love from His heart. Goodness, love, and mercy were not displaced by anger, threats, vengeful thoughts, or rejection. This is the God we focus on during Lent. Jesus is the one who will lead us to "be faithful to the Gospel." The question is, "How faithful do we want to be?"

These forty days of Lent will pass guickly, especially if we just go on with life as usual. Lent is the time we are blessed and called as individuals and as the Church, to become more and more God centered, more and more attuned to the mind and heart of Jesus. A good thing to do before we look at the good we can do for others and ourselves, is to look at what we can allow God to do for us. Do our words, actions, thoughts, and attitudes come from a mind and heart that reacts to the words, actions, thoughts, and attitudes of others? Do we react? Or do we act from a foundation of faith, where the mind and heart of Jesus are at the center of all we say, do, and think? The key is to allow Jesus to do things for us during this Lent. Take time to read the Gospel each week in the bulletin for the week to come and reflect on the questions that are listed to help us understand it better. Make the Stations of the Cross alone or on Friday evenings in the Church with other people of the parish. Pray the rosary, reflecting on the mysteries and see the faith of Jesus and Mary. Come to a weekday Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Experience the healing mercy of Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. In these and all of our spiritual exercises and disciplines, we are allowing God to do things for us. The more we do these things and others like them, the more we allow Him to enter our minds and hearts, the more we will acquire His mind and His heart.

Here are some books that I have found to be very helpful: Sacred Fire by Ronald Rolheiser; The Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen (I am nourished by all of Nouwen's books I have read); Do It Ånyway by Kent Keith; A Knock at Midnight, inspiration from great sermons by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Seven Days in Utopia by David Cook.

Take one of the Gospels and read it through. You will see how Jesus goes from being the one who does things for others to being the one who suffers from what others do to Him. Such love nurtures and strengthens our faith, hope, and love.

May this Lent be for all of us a time of spiritual renewal and growth. Please, please give yourself four days on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 2nd-5th, for our Parish Mission which will be given by Fr. Gerald Fitzsimmons, a Montfort Father. He met with our staff and asked us to work with Him to prepare for this special time of grace and renewal in our parish. Please join us and help us prepare together by praying the prayer on the front of the bulletin for the retreat. I repeat that prayer here: Jesus, we believe in your love for us. We want your healing love to be more a part of our lives and the lives of those we love. Jesus, You call us to come together in prayer. Speak to our minds and hearts. Let us put aside this time for You so that You can build us up together in Your love and peace. Amen.

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## Masses for the Week

#### Saturday, February 21st:

5:00 PM James Marrone 8:00 PM Elaine Cucciniello

#### Sunday, February 22nd:

7:30 AM Matty Noschese 9:00 AM Steve Groneman 10:30 AM Stephen Preble 12:00 PM Vito Gerraro

5:00 PM Joseph McAllister & Mary Dooley

#### Monday, February 23rd:

6:45 AM Peter Ghattas

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of

the PotuzakFamily

12:10 PM Ann Comanzo
7:30 PM Catholic Daughters

#### Tuesday, February 24th:

6:45 AM Peter Ghattas

9:00 AM Lucy Rienzo & Family 12:10 PM Anthony Germano

#### Wednesday, February 25th:

6:45 AM Peter Ghattas

9:00 AM Joseph Bitet & James Trefz

12:10 PM Cora Crimmins

#### Thursday, February 26h:

6:45 AM Peter Ghattas 9:00 AM Anthony Germano 12:10 PM Dorothy Irslinger

#### Friday, February 27th:

6:45 AM Peter Ghattas 9:00 AM Fr. David Regan 12:10 PM Tony Germano

#### Saturday, February 28th:

9:00 AM \*Multiple Intentions 5:00 PM Barbara Kinsella 8:00 PM Patricio Serrano

#### Sunday, March 1st:

7:30 AM People of the Parish 9:00 AM Frances Dihlman Victoria McCabe Arlene Potts 5:00 PM Paul Bonfiglio

\*Peter Militello, Andrea Vizzini, Mary Joanne DeNicola, John Lynch

### Next Sunday is Hospitality Sunday!

Next Sunday following the 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses, join with other parishioners in Canning Hall for coffee, tea, bagels, pastries and one another's company.



#### **Our Pastoral Team**

Rev. Msgr. Ellsworth R. Walden, Pastor
Rev. David Regan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Harold Noviello, Associate Pastor
Rev. Shibi Pappan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Fred Hill, In Residence
Rev. Xavier Lakra, In Residence
Rev. Cornelius Dery, In Residence
Deacon Richard Janiec
Mr. Joseph Menge, Business Manager
Mrs. Linda Pymm, School Principal
Mrs. Elaina Kedjierski, Dir. of Religious Ed., Levels 1-4
Mrs. Peggy Soviero, Dir. of Religious Ed., Levels 5-8
Ms. Dianne Williams, Parish Social Minister
Ms. Cindy Marsh, Youth Administrator
Mr. Tony Bellizzi, Youth Minister

### **Contact Us**

Rectory - 265-2271 Rectory Fax - 863-1586 Parish Website: stpatricksmithtown.org Outreach - 265-2668 Religious Formation - 724-7454 St. Patrick School - 724-0285 School Website - spssmith.org Youth Community - 360-0185 Fr. Walden's Email - ERWALDEN71@aol.com Fr. Regan's Email - fr\_regan@stpatricksmithtown.org Parish Email - rectory@stpatricksmithtown.org Parish Website: stpatricksmithtown.org Office Hours: Rectory 9 AM to 7 PM, Mon. - Fri. 9 AM to 5 PM Sat., 10 AM to 1 PM Sun. Parish Outreach:9:15 AM to 3:00 PM, Mon.—Fri. Youth Community: 9 AM to 3 PM, Mon. - Fri. Religious Formation: 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Mon. - Thurs. St. Patrick's Pastoral Council Email: pastoral council@stpatricksmithtown.org

## **Parish Organizations**

Bereavement Support: Mon., 7 PM Outreach Ctr.
Blue Lancers Drum, Bell & Bugle Corps., 979-8578
Catholic Daughters: 3rd Mon., 8 PM
Choir: Thurs. evening, 8 PM
Columbiettes: 2nd Mon., 8 PM
Divorced and Separated: T ues., 7:30 PM Outreach Ctr.
Justice & Peace: Once a month, 7:00 PM Outreach Ctr.
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 PM
Legion of Mary: Tues. mornings at 9:30 AM
Nocturnal Adoration Society: 3rd Sat. from 9 PM-7AM
Pro Life Family: Last Tues., 7:30 PM in school
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults); 265-2271
Sacred Heart Prayer Group: Tues., 7:30 PM, Emmaus Room
Something for Seniors; 2nd & 4th Wed., 1 PM, 265-0034

#### Treasure

Communal Offering for February 15, 2015: \$18,005.75. Offering for Corresponding Sunday, 2014: \$21,440.75. Thank you for your generosity.



### **Religious Formation**

Classes will resume on Sunday, February 22nd.

### Regulations for Abstinence and Fasting during Lent



All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59, inclusive, are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. The obligation to do penance and to observe the appointed penitential season is a serious one. 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 and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

# Something for Seniors



The next meeting for our Something for Seniors group will take place on Wednesday, February 25th at 1 PM in the Senior's **new home** in the old convent. located behind St. Patrick School. Parking is available directly in front of the convent, on the east side of the property near the sports court. Please come and bring a friend. If you are a senior citizen looking for some fellowship and interesting and engaging activities, come and give Something for Seniors a try. Meetings take place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. For more information, call Pam at 979-4563 or Barbara at 265-0034. (If weather is inclement, please call to verify that the meeting will be held.)



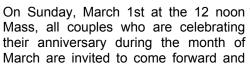
The Pro-Life Rose has been dedicated for the week in loving memory of the Witkowski Family.

# Parish Social Ministry Ministry of Consolation



A ministry that has taken root in our diocese called "The Ministry of Consolation" has become a vital part of our parish life, generating praise and appreciation. It is a ministry where lay people become involved in ministering to parishioners at the time of the funeral rites. The death of a Christian provides the Christian community the opportunity to express care and concern toward those who mourn. Outreach, at the time of death, brings comfort to those experiencing a loss, and revitalizes parish life for those involved in the ministry. At this time we are in need of volunteers willing to join us in carrying out this life-giving ministry. People who are able to attend the Funeral Mass are especially in need. We are able to accommodate scheduling willing and preferences. Please call Parish Outreach at 265-2668 for further information on this rewarding ministry. We will be happy to explain the program further and answer any questions you may have as you contemplate your involvement. Please pray for our wonderful ministers who bless this parish with their dedication and compassion.

### Happy Anniversary!





receive a special blessing for married couples. We encourage all to participate in this special tribute.



#### **Pro-Life Rose**

St. Patrick's Pro-Life Family invites you to dedicate a Pro-Life Rose for any intention by contacting Lisa by email at lisapollicino@yahoo.com or call 656-6343.

Your participation helps bring a greater awareness of the sacredness of all human life, especially the unborn. The cost is \$10.

## Bread & Wine Memorial

To arrange a memorial for Altar Bread and Wine, please call Diane Sperzel at 265-3307. Donation for the week is \$50. Cards will be sent to the family.



Lent offers us the opportunity to examine our hearts and lives, to deepen our relationship with God, and to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Please take advantage of the opportunities offered in our parish:





# Join us for **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays during Lent at 7:30 PM in the church

Facilitating the Stations will be:
February 27th—Columbiettes
March 6th—Something for Seniors
March 13th—Religious Formation
March 20th—RCIA, Nocturnal Adoration, Pro-Life Family
March 27th—Knights of Columbus

Come and experience the Stations of the Cross during Lent!

# Attend our Parish Mission

Monday to Thursday, March 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th at 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM with Fr. Gerald Fitzsimmons of the Montfort Missionaries Preaching Team (See page 6 for more details)



## More Lenten Suggestions

**Spend Time with God.** Consider attending weekday Masses whenever possible. St. Patrick's offers weekday Masses at 6:45 AM, 9:00 AM and 12:10 PM each day, as well as a Monday night Novena Mass at 7:30 PM. Set aside time for prayer and reflection. There are numerous resources online for daily Lenten reflections. Attend some of our parish prayer opportunities such as First Saturday Rosary at 8:00 AM on the first Saturday of the month, Pro-Life Holy Hour at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday of the month, and Nocturnal Adoration from 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM on the third Saturday of the month.

**Donate Blood** at the upcoming St. Patrick's Blood Drive on Thursday, March 19th. (See details on page 8.) **Help Those in Need in our Parish.** St. Patrick Parish Outreach is a helping hand to those experiencing financial hardship. Consider contributing to Outreach by donating non-perishable food items in the white bins at the church exits or through financial contributions. Frozen or refrigerated items may be donated if brought to the Outreach Office during office hours, Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

**Help Those in Need in our Diocese.** There is no organization or body on Long Island that provides the breadth and depth of spiritual and social services to so many individuals and families as the Catholic Church. You can support the work of the Church on Long Island by giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. (More information on page 8)

Help the People of Dobro, Ghana Build a Church - For the past three years during Lent, our parish has raised money to help Fr. George Akeampong build a church for Holy Family Parish in Dobro, Ghana. Parishioners of Holy Family have never had a church building. All Masses, weddings, funerals, Communions, Confirmations, etc. take place outdoors. A beautiful church building is nearing completion, but more is needed to finish the project. Your donations will help the people of Dobro realize their dream of a church building. For more information or to see photos of how work on the church is progressing, see page 6.



## **Parish Mission**

## A Week of Spiritual Renewal

Monday through Thursday March 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Daily Mission Mass: 9:00 AM Mission Hour: 7:30 PM

Conducted by Montfort Mission Preaching Team Fr. Gerald Fitzsimmons, S.M.M.

#### First Evening

God's Overwhelming Love for Us—Who is the pearl of great price spoken of by Jesus? You are.

#### **Second Evening**

Christ's Plan for Our Happiness is that We Belong to One Another—The only way I can belong to Christ is to belong to you.

#### **Third Evening**

God's Forgiveness—God calls us to healing and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

#### **Fourth Evening**

**Christ Makes Us One in Eucharist**—We are individuals and yet there is a deeper truth, Christ makes us one with each other by making us one with Himself in Eucharist, Word and Sacrament.

## We Have Come a Long Way





During Lent at St. Patrick's we see the truth in the statement, "There is strength in numbers." By simply putting containers for donations at the doors of our church during the Lenten season, we have largely funded the building of a church in Dobro, Ghana from the ground up. While there have been some welcome larger donations over the years, most of the money collected has come in the form of one, five, ten and twenty dollar bills dropped in the containers each week by St. Patrick Parishioners. (It's amazing what we can do when we work together.)

Our connection to Dobro, Ghana is Fr. George Akyeampong, pastor of Holy Family Parish there. Fr. George has visited our parish several times to help out during the summer months. Holy Family parishioners have never had a church building. All Masses and other liturgies—weddings, funerals, first communions, confirmations, baptisms, etc. take place outside at the mercy of the elements. This year, once again, our Parish Lenten Project is to help the people of Holy Family Parish continue with construction of their church.

Over the years our Parish Lenten Projects have also brought running water to two Nigerian villages, built a center for the disabled in India, provided latrines in the Dominican Republic to help stop the spread of cholera and helped rebuild a parish outreach center on Long Island that was destroyed by fire.

Please be as generous as your means will allow!

## Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

It is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need-whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual need.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parishes.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-379-5210 ext. 2.

"...He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich..." (cf. 2 Cor 8:9)



St. Patrick's

## **Blood Drive**

Thursday, March 19th from 4:00 to 10:00 PM in Canning Hall

Life is Precious. Be a Life-Saver! Give Blood!

Sign up after Masses the weekend of March 7th & 8th For more information call Anna at 265-7110







## Many Thanks!

















Our parish said thank you to our many dedicated volunteers on Friday, February 13th. The evening included food, fellowship, music by our music director Lee Forsythe and a song for our volunteers performed by our parish staff. Thank you to all our volunteers for your generous contributions of time and talent.











## "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."

Pictured are our RCIA Young People burning Palm Sunday palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, and parishioners receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday.







### Register Now for Spring 2015 Soccer!

Join us for another funfilled season on the soccer fields!

Registration for the St. Patrick / Village of the

Branch Spring Soccer season is now open for the Clinic Program (ages U4 –U6) and our Intramural program (ages U7—U8). For more information or to register, visit vobsoccer.com.

Sessions for registration are listed as "Spring 2015 Clinic" and "Spring 2015 Intramural."

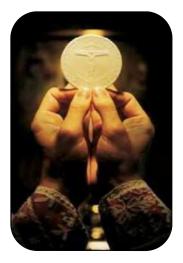
## Sign up Now for Men's Softball!

St. Patrick Men's Softball will be starting up the week of April 20th. Now is the time to sign up! The league has two age divisions—18 to 39 and 40 and up. Each team plays once per week, Monday through Friday or on Sunday. Game time is 6:30 PM on weekdays and 5:00 PM on Sundays. Weekday games are played at St. Patrick's and Sunday games are split between St. Patrick's and Brady Field on Maple Avenue. The season will run through the end of July, concluding with playoffs and a picnic on Sunday, July 26th. The fee for St. Patrick parishioners is \$90. The non-parishioner fee is \$100. Come and join us for some fun, exercise, athletic competition and fraternity. For more information, call 467-4315.









## **Pray for our Priests**

Please remember to keep our priests in your prayers. This week, we ask that you pray especially for the following priests from our diocese:

February 22nd—Bishop John C. Dunne

February 23rd—Rev. Robert Schenckenback & Msgr. Robert Fagan

February 24th—Rev. Richard Hoerning & Rev. Tomaz Gomide

February 25th—Rev. Casmir Obi

February 26th—Rev. Serafino Corali & Rev. Piotr Wasek

February 27th—Rev. Nicholas Zientarski & Rev. John Barrett

February 28th-Msgr. John Bennett & Rev. George Punti

"To become a priest or a religious is not primarily our choice; it is our answer to a calling, a calling of love"

- Pope Francis

### New Members Needed

It's a new year and your choir—here at St. Patrick's—is looking for new members. We need all types of voices and our age range is 18 and up. We have no auditions, you don't have to read music. We teach you everything you need to know! You must enjoy having fun and desire to make new friends!

The only pre-requisite is a love of our Lord and Savior and a willingness to serve Him in song. Please give it a try. You'll be glad you did. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 8 PM in Keegan Hall. We sing at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays. Questions? Call Denise at 631-875-0248 or come and talk to us after the 10:30 Mass.



## Please continue to say the following prayers each day as we seek God's guidance, strength and courage

Gracious God, we are your people embraced by your love. We thank you for your presence with us throughout all time. Create us anew. Liberate us from that which keeps us from you. Enable us to recreate our world and restore justice. Heal us from every form of sin and violence. Transform us to live your Word more profoundly. Reconcile us so enemies become friends. Awaken us to the sacred; nurture our relationships; enliven our parishes; reunite our families. Fill us with joy to celebrate the fullness of life. Empower us to be a community of love growing in your likeness. Amen.

Thank you Father for the gift of life. Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus. May my gratitude inspire and sustain me in doing everything I can to respect the lives of all people and to do all in my power to end abortion and everything else that harms, abuses, or threatens human life. Give me the courage and strength to live in your image each day. Amen.

## Please pray the following prayer for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East who are suffering terrible persecution for their faith:

Lord, the plight of our brothers and sisters is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare their lives to grant them patience and courage to continue their witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Glory be to you forever.

The symbol to the right (the Arabic letter "N" for Nazarene) is being used to mark Christians in Iraq for persecution.



# St. Patrick Dinner Dance

Friday, March 13, 2015

Flowerfield

St. James, New York
7.00pm Cocktail Reception
Followed by Dinner & Dancing

Please RSVP by Friday, February 27, 2015

\$75 per person

Performance by An Rince Mor Irish Step Dancers For more information, please call 631.724.0285

Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please seal with or near \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this portion to St. Patrick School's Main Office, Attn: Dinner Dance by Friday, February 27, 2015 Checks can be made payable to St. Patrick PTP - \$75 per person

## Attention St. Patrick Parish

You are invited to be a part of the **St. Patrick Dinner Dance Journal!** 



## Advertise your business or acknowledge a special event!

If you are interested, please complete the form below and mail it to: St. Patrick School, 284 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY 11787

Deadline for submissions is February 23rd.

Questions? Contact Sharon Lorentzen at s.lorentzen@aol.com

St. Patrick Dinner Dance Journal Advertisement

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I am interested in taking a journal ad. Enclosed is my ad copy and a check made payable to St. Patrick PTP.

1/4 page ad for \$24 \_\_\_\_\_1/2/ page ad for \$50 \_\_\_\_\_Full page ad for \$100

ATTENTION TEENS IN GRADES 9-12 Join us on Sunday nights at 6:30 PM in the new Youth Center for

## **Youth Group**

with our Youth Minister, Tony Bellizzi





## Coming Soon at St. Patrick Youth Ministry . . .

- Youth Group will restart following the February school break on Sunday, February 22nd at 6:30 PM. It will be the kickoff for our new Youth Center in the old convent. (Please enter through east entrance near the sports court.)
- Coffee House / Open Mic, Sunday, March 1st
- Next Laser Tag Trip, Sunday, March 15th
- Saturday Night Live (Pizza, dodgeball, basketball, snacks, inspiration, adoration, prayer), Saturday, March 28th, 5 to 11 PM

It's never too late to join! Come and bring a friend!

## In the Neighborhood . . . .

Bereavement Winter Workshop—The Bereavement Ministry at St. James Parish, 429 Route 25A in Setauket is offering a Winter Workshop for adults coping with the lose of a loved one: Sadness vs. Depression: The Journey to a Peaceful Heart." The free program, presented by Margaret Peterson, RN, MA, Bereavement Counselor, and Catherine Horgan, Bereavement Facilitator, will focus on tips to help survivors recognize the difference between normal sadness surrounding a loss and when to seek professional help. Limited seating. Please call 941-4141, ext. 341 to reserve your spot.

Complimentary Seminar, "Everything You Need to Know About Home Care Medicaid and Pooled Trusts" - Thursday, March 12th from 10 to 11:30 AM and again from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Law Office of Craig A. Andreoli, P.C., 373 Route 111, Suite 1 in Smithtown. Topics will include Medicaid Eligibility, Medicaid Pre-Planning, 5-Year Look Back Period, Spousal Refusals, Irrevocable Trusts and Gifting Methods. Seating is limited. Reserve a seat by calling 631-686-6500. Light refreshments served.

Faith on Tap: An Invitation to All Young Adults—Faith on Tap is a forum engaging young adults in straight talk and honest answers to questions of faith where young adults can meet others who are also living out their faith. The next Faith on Tap will be on Monday, February 23rd at 7:30 PM at Lily Flanagan's, 345 Deer Park Avenue in Babylon. The talk for the evening will be *Authentic Empowerment*, presented by Peggy Clores, a dynamic and passionate speaker who has been engaged in Catholic Adult Education at Our Lady of Mercy Parish and in the diocese for almost 30 years. This is a talk you don't want to miss! The talk begins at 7:30 PM, but doors open at 7:00 PM – come early – have something to eat – meet new friends – catch up with old friends! For information, please contact Marianne Sheridan at msheridan@drvc.org.

Spiritual Care Companion—Would you like to become a Spiritual Care Companion sharing your time and presence for those hospitalized, living in nursing homes, homebound or adults with special needs? Catholic Health Services of Long Island sponsors this free three-weekend training, for volunteers of all faiths, with basic pastoral care skills and information to become a caring, attentive, listening presence. Our training includes communication skills, concerns of the sick and homebound, spiritual companioning, grief, death and dying, and how to care for the caregiver. There will be an information



session on Saturday, February 28th from 1:30 to 3:30 PM at Catholic Health Services of Long Island, 245 Old Country Road, Melville. Training will be held on Saturday, March 14th and 28th and April 11th from 9:15 AM to 3:30 PM (bring a bag lunch). To register, please contact Carol Cella at 631-465-6307, or Christine Torns at 631-465-6306, or Jo-Andrew D'Alessandro Accary at 631-465-6308.

The St. Joseph College Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life is hosting a conference with Sister Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, noted author and distinguished professor of theology at Fordham University. Sister will give two presentations during the event which will take place on Friday, February 27th from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM in O'Connor Hall of the college's Patchogue location. Her talks are related to her most recent book, *Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love*. Pre-registration is required. A \$20 donation includes a boxed lunch. Please contact Professor Paul Ginnetty at 631-687-2681 or pginnetty@sjcny.edu to register or for further details.

Youth Night of Prayer, Reflection and Song—with Steve Angrisano Live at St. John the Baptist High School, 1170 Montauk Hwy., West Islip, Tuesday, March 31st at 7:30 PM. For more information, call Richard Costa at 631-587-8000, ext. 116 or email costa@sjbsh.org.



## Reflections on the Sunday Scriptures

March 1, 2015
Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13; Romans 8: 31-34; Mark 9: 2-10

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly looking around they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

#### **Focus Questions:**

- 1. Describe a time when you had an experience that changed how you look at life or other people.
- 2. Describe a time when you spent some special time with a small group of friends. How did that experience help you get to know them better?
- 3. What is God trying to tell you about what is important in life?

#### **Children and Family Reflections:**

What special place do you or your family go to in order to be with God?

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For more information contact Corinne Addiss at 631-804-7222.

Attention Level 2 Students: For your convenience, copies of the cards on which you write your gospel reflections will be included in the bulletin most Sundays. Feel free to use the form below and to make copies. Your reflection may be dropped into the collection basket as your gift to our parish. (Please provide your first and last name. Only first names will be used in the bulletin.)

	First Name:  Last Name:
My	Gospel Reflection:
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We have received baptism, entrance into the Church, and the honor of being called Christians. Yet what good will this do us if we are Christians in name only and not in fact?

- St. Andrew Kim Taegon

## Words of Wisdom from our Level 2 Students

Second grade students from our Religious Formation Program and our school are asked to read the "Children and Family Reflection" column in the bulletin and write down their thoughts on cards provided for them. They then drop the cards in the collection basket on Sunday as their contribution to our parish. Below are a few reflections on our gospel reading by our second graders.

# Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 29-39 Children and Family Reflection: Talk about a time when you did something you did not feel like doing in order to help someone.

- I took out my puppy instead of playing in the snow.—Hannah
- I stopped playing on my Kindle to help my mom with the laundry.—Connor
- I helped my brother clean his room but didn't want to really because he made the mess so I did help clean his room.—
  Jeremy
- I donated toys. At first I didn't want to but then I realized that I was helping other children by giving them toys.—Joey
- I go upstairs with my brothers and sisters when they are scared, even if I don't want to.—Holly
- I helped my parents shovel the snow even though I really didn't want to be outside in the cold. I did it to help them out.
   —James
- I didn't want to play video games with my brother but I did it any way.—Stephenie
- I had to pick up my clothes to help my mother.—Sofia
- One day I helped my little brother with his homework and I also read him a book.—Briana
- I don't like putting dishes in the dishwasher when my parents tell me to.—Sierra
- When we have play dates, I will sit in the back so my brother can sit with his friends.—Rosa
- I didn't want to clean my room but I did it to help out my mom.—Ava
- I helped someone out because she has memory problems.—Chloe
- I was playing and I didn't want to stop but my friend Sophie needed help. So I stopped playing and helped her clean up.
   —Jake
- When I was at my grandmother's house I helped my cousins fix the paper machine.—Preston
- My mom and dad always want help cleaning the house. I don't like to help but I know it is what they want and they are happy when I do help.—Elyse
- When I was in first grade, there was a kindergarten boy that the kids were mean to. I never understood why. I played with him. He was my friend.—Nicholas
- My grandma's quarters fell on the floor and I stopped coloring and picked them up for her.—Sophia
- I didn't feel like walking my dog but my mom wasn't feeling good so I walked the dog.—Sophia
- Sometimes I don't want to help my mom but when I do help her she is very happy.—Emily
- When I take care of my dog even though I am comfortable on the couch. I still get up to help him because I love him so much.—Nicole
- Once I was helping my sister clean the basement even though I didn't want to do it.—Ryan
- A time when I chose something good was when I shoveled my neighbor's driveway because they are older and shouldn't do it.—Julia
- A time when I didn't want to do something but I did it any way was when I didn't want to clean my room but I helped my mom clean my room any way.—Julia
- I helped my daddy with groceries.—Kayla
- One of the times when my sister annoyed me, I held my anger and stayed calm.—Evan
- I didn't want to take the groceries out of the car but I did and my mom and dad were grateful.—Katelyn
- I didn't want to give away my old toys that I don't want to play with. I decided to donate them to kids that have no toys.—
  Terence.
- One time I did not feel like helping my dad shovel the driveway.—Rocco

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- I helped my mom by fixing my bed even though I did not want to do it.—Rose
- Sometimes I help clean my room and the basement when I would rather be playing, to help my mom.—Ashley
- One time I was playing video games and I had to see if there was any mail in the mailbox. I had to stop playing and help my mom.—Emilio
- I help my mom clean the house.—Samantha
- Something I had to do but did not want to was give my crayons to my friend because I was afraid he would break them.—Joshua
- Sometimes my little sisters are afraid to go upstairs by themselves. I go with them so they aren't afraid.—Shannon
- I did not want to clean the playroom because I did not make the mess and I did not want to clean. I cleaned because I did not want to make daddy mad.—Allison
- One time I was playing on my iPad and my dad was outside shoveling and needed help. I went outside and helped my
  dad. The iPad is not as important as my dad.—Tim
- My parents tell me to always treat people how I want to be treated. I went to a nursing home to sing Christmas carols with my Girl Scout troop.—Emma

## PARISH FINANCIAL SUMMARY For the month of January

PARISH	INCOME
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Sunday & Holyday Collections	\$111,647.00
Interest Income	20.00
Religious Ceremonies (Baptisms)	50.00
Votive Candles (Poor Box Collections)	2,606.00
Wedding & Funeral Music Fees	3,600.00
Building Use Assessment Fees	2.490.00
Bulletin Commission	5,500.00
Miscellaneous	760.00
Religious & Clergy in Residence	1,350.00
Room Rental	300.00
Christmas Collection (additional)	<u>3,358.00</u>
	\$131,681.00

#### PARISH EXPENSES

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Salaries	\$77,494.00
Fringe Benefits (Medical, Pension, Soc. Sec., etc.)	49,402.00
School Subsidy	28,290.00
Office Expenses (Postage, printing, computer fees,	10,984.00
telephone, supplies, offertory envelopes, copier leases, etc.)	)
Liturgical Items	2,333.00
Utilities (Heat, water, electric)	11,705.00
Building Maintenance, supplies & general repair	5,200.00
Contracted Services (cleaning, waste services,	10,555.00
(grounds maintenance, etc.)	
Rectory Household	840.00
Charity	1,250.00
Miscellaneous	<u>739.00</u>
	\$198,792.00

Net Deficit (\$67,111.00)

 Fiscal Year-To-Date (Sept. 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015)

 Total Income
 \$801,886.00

 Total Expenses
 \$851,620.00

 Net Surplus
 (49,734.00)



### Catholics for Freedom of Religion

"But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body ...If (one) part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." I Corinthians 12:20, 26

#### **Christian Persecution: India**

There are 59 million Christians from 1.3 billion population in India. Christian converts from a Hindu background and non -traditional Protestant groups are suffering most with spies in their churches reporting conversions. Pastors and church members are beaten and sometimes killed. (open doors.org/2015-world-watch-list-India)

#### "I Pledge Allegiance ...under God"

"When I heard about a group of atheists suing every NJ school kid who wished to say the 'Pledge of Allegiance' in its entirety, including the words, 'under God', I knew I had to do something," said NJ high school senior, Samantha Jones. "...we are not only standing for the Pledge but also protecting our freedoms as Americans... I'm so grateful the court decided that kids like me shouldn't be silenced because some people object to timeless American values." (becketfund.org, 2/6/15; breightbart.com, 2/6/15)

In 2010, the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty succeeded in convincing a federal court to reverse its earlier ruling against reciting "under God" in the Pledge. The court now agreed the phrase "under God" affirms the Founding Fathers political philosophy ... that "God granted inalienable rights to the people which the government cannot take away." (becketfund.org)

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people."

- John Adams, Founding Father

#### St. Patrick Youth

**CPR Training Course** for coaches will be offered throughout the year, call the Youth Office if interested.

**Exercise Classes** on-going. \$5 fee. All welcome. Call Cindy at 360-0185 for class times.

**Body, Mind & Soul,** a program to promote a healthy lifestyle of nutrition & exercise. Call Cindy at 360-0185 for information.

Enrichment/Extended Day Program— Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 6:00 PM. Homework help, arts/crafts, indoor/outdoor gym activities, snacks, games and more for 3 to 13-year-olds. Three-year-old, Pre K extended hours, 8 AM to 2:30 PM. Before/Aftercare also offered. Children must be pre-registered to attend. Call 863-2029. Limited space.

<u>Music Ministry</u> – *Folk Group* (grades 6-12), and Children's *Choir* (grades 1-5). Children's choir practice runs from 6:15 to 7 PM and Folk Group from 7:15 to 8:30 PM, both in Keegan Hall. New members welcome! Call 360-0185.

**Youth Ministry** – Attention High School Students. Please join us for Youth Ministry on Sunday nights at 6:30 PM in the New Youth Center (old convent). Call the Youth Office for details.

<u>Junior Catholic Daughters</u> - JCDA is a young woman's service organization. Young women grades 6<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> are welcome. Call the Youth Office for details.

JCDA will meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in our Modular Classroom. 6:30-8 PM.

Playtime with Mommy/Caregiver – Children ages 18 months through 2 ½ years-old. Call Miss Patty for details 863-2029.

**St. Patrick Learning Center** – Tutors for all areas of study, Pre-K–HS, SAT Prep, etc. NY certified teachers available Monday-Friday. Call 724-1261 for information. Catholic Entrance Exam Prep is available. Contact the Youth Office.

<u>Winter Intramural Basketball:</u> Season is in session.

**Spring Deck Hockey** –We are now taking registrations for boys and girls pre-k – 12<sup>th</sup> grade for our upcoming spring session. You may register online at stpatsyouth.com or download a registration form from our website. Registration deadline is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Season runs from mid -March to mid-June.

**Spring/Summer Basketball League** – We are now taking registrations for our spring/summer hoops program. This league is for team registration only. We do not take individual player registrations. Boys 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade and girls 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. September 2015 grade determines the division. Team registration flyer and team roster form may be found on our website. Boys teams are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>, girls teams by May 1<sup>st</sup>. See flyer for details.

Camp St. Patrick—We are now taking registrations for our upcoming Summer Camp. Camp runs from June 29<sup>th</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup>. Kiddie Camp for 3-5 year-olds, Main Camp for 6-12 year-olds, and Teen Travel Camp for 13-15 year-olds. Our Camp calendar as well as all camp forms may be found on

our website. Call the Youth Office with any questions.

<u>Camp Counselor Applications</u> – We are now accepting applications for employment for our Summer Camp. Counselors must be at least 15 years-old by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The application may be found on our website. All applications must be submitted to the Youth Office by March 13<sup>th</sup> in order to be considered.

<u>VIRTUS</u>- All volunteers/coaches are required to attend a VIRTUS class if they have not done so. On-line registration must be completed before you attend. See VIRTUS.org for information and registration.

<u>VOB/St. Pat's Soccer</u> - Visit <u>www.vobsoccer.com</u> for information. Email inquiries for 4 & 5-year-olds to <u>clinic@vobsoccer.com</u> or <u>intrainter@vobsoccer.com</u> for 6 to 9-year-olds.

St. Pat's Youth web address is stpatsyouth.com.
All program information & registration forms
may be found on the website.
The Youth Office can be reached by email at
spyouth@optonline.net

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## Pray for the Dead

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## Parting Shot . . . .

Our maintenance crew was dressed for the occasion the night before Valentine's Day as they help serve our volunteers during the Volunteer Thank You Party. All three have also worked diligently at clearing snow this winter. Pictured (from left) are Tom Farrell, John Jackson and Kevin Smith.



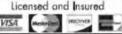
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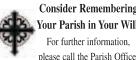
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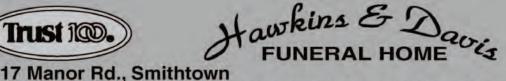
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