



St. Patrick R.C. Church

280 East Main Street, Smithtown, New York 11787

"Christ with us. Christ before us. Christ behind us."

April 12, 2015 - Divine Mercy Sunday

A Very Holy Time



The days before Easter are busy ones in our parish. Volunteers in Parish Outreach packed up items donated to our food pantry to make Easter Dinners for area families in need. Members of the St. Patrick School Student Council donated decorated bags with Easter candies to go with the Easter dinners. Our parish celebrated Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Our priests washed the feet of 12 of our RCIA participants to remember Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet. On Good Friday, members of our Youth Community gave a live presentation of the Stations of the Cross. And on Holy Saturday, 19 people received sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Mission Appeal Next Weekend



Msgr. John Cervini from our diocese has been serving the people of the Dominican Republic in our diocesan mission for many years. He will make an appeal for our support next weekend at all Masses.

From the Pastor's Desk

Peace be with you! These are the words of greeting from Jesus to His disciples we hear in today's Gospel as He appears to them after rising from the dead. This greeting was truly a source of peace. The disciples were gathered behind locked doors for fear that if they were known as Jesus' disciples they too would experience rejection and perhaps even crucifixion. In addition to their fear of the reaction of others, they had to be full of disappointment. In Luke 24:13-35 we see the account of two disciples leaving Jerusalem after the death of Jesus for the town of Emmaus. As they are walking with sad hearts Jesus approaches and walks with them, but they do not recognize Him. They express their disappointment when they say to Jesus, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." Jesus who cured the sick, raised the dead, and proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom and love, was crucified. From their point of view, everything was now over. There were reports that Jesus had risen, but they were skeptical and leaving the scene of this tragedy.

Not only were their hopes and dreams in Jesus disappointed, they also had to be disappointed in themselves. They did not have the courage to speak up for Jesus and testify to His goodness once He was arrested. In this appearance in today's Gospel, Jesus dispels all disappointment. His Risen presence assures them that He truly has risen from the dead and that He does have power over sin, evil, and death. They are also reassured that He still loves them. "Peace be with you," He says twice and then breathes the Holy Spirit into them. Not only are their hopes in Him rekindled, but His love for them is clearer than ever. In greeting them with "Peace be with you" he expresses His love that says He knows them, understands them, and surely loves them. Not only does He express love, forgiveness, and a desire for them to be one with Him even after His Resurrection, He also expresses His faith in them as He says to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:21-23) Sin separates us from God and one another. Jesus is the complete opposite of sin - His desire is always to unite us with God and one another. Once the disciples realized how much He loved them in spite of their faults, lack of courage, and misunderstanding, they

began to build up the first generation of the Church. They lived up to His faith in them and became the very foundation of the Church, the Church we are blessed to be part of today.

Where do we hear Jesus saying to us, "Peace be with you?" Each time we come to Mass we hear this greeting just before we recite or sing the Lamb of God and then are invited to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. "May the peace of the Lord be with you always!" May we know the peace that we see was so life giving in today's Gospel! Not only are we wished this reality from the words of the priest celebrant of the Mass, we, like the disciples in today's Gospel, are called to share this peace with one another. Our very simple greetings to one another at this point in the Mass unite us with one another as at that very moment we are together in the presence of God Himself in the Eucharist. The key is to take this peace to heart and leave the Eucharist with hope, love, and a true desire to seek peace and strengthen our bond of peace with God and one another. Our ideal peace can easily be shaken by the simplest of gestures or words from others. Words that express anger, disappointment, disrespect, and rejection make it more difficult to allow the peace of Jesus to come to the fore in our minds and hearts. Our temptation is to respond to negativity with more negativity and evil through words and actions. Then the reality of sin has taken hold of us because instead of looking for a way to restore our unity and bring about reconciliation, we only alienate ourselves from each other even more. We have all used harsh words, the silent treatment, the cold shoulder, and angry glances. But in the end there is no peace. Winning an argument or putting others in their place does not really bring peace. Peace only comes when we realize our need for it is founded on our life in God. And we cannot possibly be at peace with God if we are not seeking to find peace with one another.

It is very easy to build up anger and disappointment in our hearts when we see the violence and injustice in our world everyday. How can we possibly find peace as a nation when we are struggling with our own government for one of the basic rights of our National Constitution, Religious Freedom? As great as our nation is, we have come to the point where freedom is becoming enshrined as license to do whatever we want for our own convenience and pleasure, rather than freedom based on true love and respect for God and one another. We certainly need to listen to the words of the Risen Jesus echoing in our hearts, "Peace be with you." Jesus does not stop the chaos in our world but is present within it, calming and untroubling our hearts, bringing peace.

May we all open our minds and hearts each day, especially in times of conflict and disappointment to hear the words of Jesus loudly and clearly, "Peace be with you!"

Fa. Wall

Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 11th:

5:00 PM Carol Huggard
8:00 PM Donald Kondenar

Sunday, April 12th:

7:30 AM Thomas Gaimaro
9:00 AM Daniel & Kathleen Keough
10:30 AM Robert Abrams
12:00 PM Anthony Germano
5:00 PM Thomas Volpe

Monday, April 13th:

6:45 AM Michael Scheff
9:00 AM George Shoreland
12:10 PM Peter Militello
7:30 PM Marie LoPresti

Tuesday, April 14th:

6:45 AM James Sheehan
9:00 AM Beverly Bienemann
12:10 PM Catherine Tortora

Wednesday, April 15th:

6:45 AM Josephine Cosenza
9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Al Placido
12:10 PM Anthony & Josephine Corbo

Thursday, April 16th:

6:45 AM Eric Roger Whitehead
9:00 AM Beverly Bienemann
12:10 PM Esther Micciche

Friday, April 17th:

6:45 AM Tony Corcoran
9:00 AM Chuck Tascarella
12:10 PM Frank Apollaro

Saturday, April 18th:

9:00 AM *Multiple Intentions
5:00 PM People of the Parish
8:00 PM Dominador & Francisco Velasco

Sunday, April 19th:

7:30 AM Fred Schramm, Jr.
9:00 AM Francis Murray
10:30 AM Anthony Quatrini
12:00 PM Sam Cirigliano
5:00 PM Linda Marino

*Vincent Loprete, Thomas Madden, Josephine Sciendra,
Helen Savino, Craig Woods, Rene Serraino

Treasure

Communal Offering for March 29, 2015: \$31,894.80.
Offering for Corresponding Sunday, 2014: \$31,589.44.
Thank you for your generosity.

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

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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
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

An Easy Way to Donate—Forget your envelopes? Not carrying cash or checks? If you are a smartphone user, there is quick and easy way to donate to our parish. Simply scan our QR code at right and you will go directly to a St. Patrick donation page.



Wedding Banns



First Time:

Nicole Valerio, St. Patrick, Smithtown
Travis Mucaria, St. Patrick, Smithtown



Religious Formation

*Registration for our
2015-16 session has begun*

If you would like to re-register online please go to our website www.stpatsrfc.wordpress.com, click onto the registration link and follow the prompts. Please note the changes in our procedures. We will not accept registrations after June 30th. Children who will be attending first grade in September or families who are new to our program will need to call our office to set up an appointment to register for classes (724-7454).

**St. Patrick's
Singles Fellowship
invites all 45-60+ Singles**
*(widowed, separated, divorced,
never married) to*



Coffee, Conversation & Event Planning

Sunday, April 19th at 10:00 AM
(after the 9:00 AM Mass)
in the Youth Enrichment Center
*(located behind the school,
between the east and west wing)*
\$5 Donation at entrance

For information, call 631-265-2668

**You don't have a soul. You are a soul.
You have a body.**

C.S. Lewis

The Altar Bread and Wine
were donated for the week
in loving memory of
Lynne Crouchley.



Parish Social Ministry

We Reached Our Goal!

Many, many thanks to the wonderful people who came out in support of our blood drive last month. Due to your generosity we surpassed our goal of 70 units of blood by collecting 71 units of blood! Each unit is separated into individual components to save multiple lives. We would also like to thank the volunteers, both youth and adult, who assisted in making phone calls, manning tables, serving refreshments, etc. It was inspirational to watch people join together so enthusiastically in this life-giving endeavor. May God bless you for your kindness.



Employment Workshop Series

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Centerport is offering its Employment Workshop Series on Monday evenings, beginning April 20th. The series is designed to assist those currently unemployed, recent graduates, people returning to work after a leave or individuals considering a career change. The series consists of six separate but interrelated sessions spread over seven weeks. Each workshop focuses on an aspect of the job search process. Together the program forms a cohesive presentation designed to improve skills and build confidence while providing individualized feedback. *The workshop series is open to the public, for all fields of employment at no cost. Pre-registration is required to attend.* Please contact OLQM's Parish Social Ministry at 631-754-9045, Kevin Blum (kblum@olqmparish.org) or Maria Ryan (mryan@olqmparish.org).



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.





Join us for
Divine Mercy Celebration
April 12th from 2:30 to 4:00 PM
in the church
Holy Hour and Confessions

"The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world" (Encyclical Letter *Dives in misericordia*, n. 7).

"And so with provident pastoral sensitivity and in order to impress deeply on the souls of the faithful these precepts and teachings of the Christian faith, the Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II, moved by the consideration of the Father of Mercy, has willed that the Second Sunday of Easter be dedicated to recalling with special devotion these gifts of grace and gave this Sunday the name, "Divine Mercy Sunday" (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Decree *Misericors et miserator*, 5 May 2000).

Plenary Indulgence

- (1) Sacramental confession,
- (2) Eucharistic reception,
- (3) Pray for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff

Specific conditions for this Indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday

- in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy **or**, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")

"It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' "

- Pope St. John Paul II April 30, 2000.

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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.

Baptisms

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

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays for one hour following 12:10 PM Mass

First Fridays after 12:10 Mass until 3:00 PM*

Nocturnal Adoration, third Saturday of the month
from 9 PM to 7 AM Sunday

Pro-Life Holy Hour, third Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM
(*Watch bulletin for possible changes in concluding time)

Thank You from the Catholic Daughters

Members of the Catholic Daughters would like to thank the parishioners of St. Patrick's for supporting their Spring Bake Sale in March. The sale was a big success! The money raised will go to the many good causes supported by the Catholic Daughters. Thank you!



Congratulations to the seventh grade St. Patrick's CYO Basketball boys team coached by Bill Behrens. The team won both the Division Championship and the Sportsmanship Award. Also winning a Division Championship was a seventh grade girls team coached by Marc Davidson and an eighth grade boys team coached by John Reardon received the Sportsmanship Award.

*Your are invited to Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Queen of the Universe # 1702*

2nd Annual CDA Country Western Night **Friday, April 24th at 6 PM in Canning Hall**



*Dinner Buffet, Soda, Water, Desserts, Coffee and Tea
\$20.00 per adult \$10.00 per child 14 and under*

Raffles Prizes and Lucky Bucks. Face Painting and Crafts for kids, small fee

Please contact Loretta Kelly at lkelly.1702@optonline.net or Tricia Ahrens-Belger at triciabelger@gmail.com for info. Tickets will be sold Saturday April 18th and Sunday April 19th following all Masses in the lobby of St. Patrick's Church. We will not be selling tickets at the door.

... or return form below with check made payable to CDA # 1702 before **April 20th** to **Tricia Ahrens-Belger, 377 Twilight Lane, Smithtown, NY 11787.**

CDA Country Western Night

Name _____

Address _____

\$20.00 per adult _____ \$10.00 per child _____



It's our 10th Annual Car Show!

*Be sure to join us on Sunday,
April 26th. The Car Show runs
from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.*



***See a large section of movie replica cars, monster trucks, etc.
Huge variety of cars, trucks, motorcycles.***

Food and entertainment for the whole family

Admission: \$5 for adults, Children free. Show cars: \$15, Motorcycles: \$5.

For information call 631-588-2696.

This year's show will feature the actual US National Broadway Chitty Chitty Bang Bang touring Car from the stage production of the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang musical, the 9-11 Veterans Car, the Mach5 Speed Racer, the Christine 1958 Plymouth Fury (with the original screen used engine, interior and body parts), and the Suffolk Sheriff's Department. In keeping with its tradition of being "a day of fun for the whole family," the show will also offer a rock climbing wall and a video game truck from Jump Around Entertainment for children and young people. A variety of vendors offer shopping opportunities for the shoppers in the family. DJ Night Train will provide music, "blowing the dust of your most fondest memories." Raffles, giveaways and food will be available and, as the show takes place on the grounds of a church, a special blessing will be offered for all vehicles present.



ATTENTION TEENS IN GRADES 9-12

*Join us on Sunday nights at 6:30 PM
in the new Youth Center (old convent) for*

Youth Group

with our Youth Minister, Tony Bellizzi

*Youth Group will resume on Sunday evening, April 12th
at 6:30 PM in the Youth Center. It's never too late to
join! Come and bring a friend!*



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:

April 12th—All Bishops

April 13th—Msgr. Robert Morrissey & Rev. Robert Blyman

April 14th—Rev. P. Chudi Okafor & Rev. Charles Mangano

April 15th—Rev. John Fitzgerald & Rev. John Sureau

April 16th—Rev. Manuel Quesada & Rev. Benet Uwasomba

April 17th—Rev. Daniel O'Brien SJ & Rev. Charles Kohil

April 18th—Rev. Romulo Gomez & Rev. John Corcoran

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 Adult Faith Formation

Learn more about your faith! Join us for our next Adult Faith Formation class:

The Covenant Relationship: You will be My People and I will be Your God

(An Advanced Scripture/Morality Course)

Wednesdays, April 15th, 22nd, 29th, May 6th & 20th

from 7:30 to 9:30 PM in the Emmaus Room

Instructor: Mrs. Elaina Kedjerski

The course will examine our relationship with God as experienced throughout human history.

St. Patrick's offers courses each year in conjunction with the diocese Religious Studies Program. Courses may be used for personal faith enrichment or for credit toward the Basic Theology Certificate or the Advanced Theology Certificate offered by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Courses are free for St. Patrick parishioners. For non-parishioners there is a \$10 fee for a Basic Course and \$15 for an advanced course. To register, call Becky at the rectory, 265-2271 or register the first night of the class.

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NEW

ALL CASH RAFFLE



\$10,000 Grand Prize!
Plus: Five (5) \$1000 Prizes

\$100 per chance

Drawing limited
to 500 chances

Go it alone or join forces with your family, neighbors and co-workers for a chance to win \$10,000. Your participation will help support the programs and facilities of St. Patrick's Parish.

RAFFLE DRAWING:

Sunday, June 14, 2015 at Canning Hall
Immediately following the 12:00 noon Mass
Winners need not be present.

It is easy to enter. See your options below. We will send you your raffle number upon receipt of payment.

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 631-265-2271; or see the Parish Website (www.stpatricksmithtown.org).

- Pay by Check... complete form below and return in enclosed envelope with check made out to: St. Patrick RC Church.
- Pay by Cash... complete form below and bring to Rectory Office.
- Pay by Credit Card... go to the Parish Website (www.stpatricksmithtown.org) and follow the instructions.

The odds are great... so don't hesitate!

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ chance(s) @ \$100 each

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



***Holy Thursday,
Good Friday &
Holy Saturday***





Pictured are parts of our parish celebration of the Easter Triduum: The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (during which our priests washed the feet of 12 of our RCIA participants); the Youth Community's presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday; and the Easter Vigil, during which our 19 RCIA participants received sacraments.



You are cordially invited to St. Patrick School's

Early Childhood Open House

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

284 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY



The right start can make all the difference. That is why the early childhood education program at St. Patrick School is such a smart choice:

- Strong foundation of Catholic faith and values.
- Development of positive self-image, socialization and motor skills.
- Before and After-Care programs.
- Meet our Early Childhood teachers (Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten)
- See our beautiful, technology enriched classrooms
- Learn about our sterling academic programs
- Enjoy our state-of-the-art playground.



To learn more, call 724-0285 or visit www.spssmith.org

We look forward to seeing you soon.



When you contribute to the Catholic Ministries Appeal your support helps form our priests, deacons and lay leaders; train our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders; help our young people grow in faith and prepare for reception of the Sacraments. You also help support the programs and services that provide care and comfort to so many through Catholic Charities and Parish Outreach programs. Please join with thousands of your neighbors who Serve God by Serving Others and support the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

To contribute to the appeal, visit www.drvc.org/make-donation.html or use the envelopes found in the back of the church



Mark your calendar for the Knights of Columbus

Golf Outing

Monday, September 14th

at Smithtown Landing Country Club

"Shot Gun" 10:00 AM - \$150 per person

18 Hole Green with Cart, Full Breakfast,

Buffet Dinner & Open Bar

Raffles—Prizes—50/50

Secure your spot now by sending a check for \$150 made payable to Holy Mother Mary Knights of Columbus #3958, P.O. Box 241, Smithtown, NY 11787 (Give the names for you foursome or individual golfers will be placed on a foursome.)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

For information, call Frank Nealon PGK at 631-863-1805 or 631-807-3603

In the Neighborhood

Benefits & Resources Event for Veterans and their Families—Saturday, April 18th from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Long Island State Veterans Home, 100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, in the Multi-Purpose Room. Representatives from a variety of federal, state, and local agencies will be present to distribute information and answer your questions. Experts in the field of VA benefits, managed care, Medicaid, housing, home care, assisted living, legal counseling, mental health, long-term care, burial arrangements and more will be on hand. VA eligibility and enrollment representatives on site. Free oral cancer screenings and general health screenings will be performed by Stony Brook Medical School of Dental Medicine and School of Nursing. For more information, call 444-8606 or visit www.listateveteranshome.org.

Carnevale (Italian Mardi Gras) postponed from February has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 25 at 6:30 PM. Cost of \$35 per person includes catered food, music, dancing, masks, door prize, raffles, mask decorating contest. Sponsored by the Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro Lodge #2319. Reservations required. Call Bob (631) 265-0205. Deadline for reservations is April 20th.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion will host a special presentation by Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski on Saturday, May 9th at 3 PM at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 125 Half Hollow Road in Deer Park. A 5 PM Mass will follow the presentation. Bishop Zglejszewski will speak about the hope and gratitude that existed in Communist Poland during the 1970s and 80s, in spite of the oppression and denial of religious freedom. Under these bleak circumstances, he found the courage and strength through God's grace to follow his calling.

Faith on Tap—Monday, April 20th at 7:30 PM at the Wantagh Inn, across from the Wantagh RR Station. Speaker Anthony Gentile's topic will be "The Road Goes Ever On . . . Christian Symbolism in the Lord of the Rings." Doors open at 7:00 PM. Come early, have something to eat, meet new friends and catch up with old friends. Faith on Tap is a forum engaging young adults in straight talk and honest answers to questions of faith. For more information msheridan@drcv.org.

Men's Forum—Monday, May 4th at Sts. Philip & James Church, 1 Carow Place, St. James. 6:30 PM Holy Hour, 7:30 PM Mass, 8:30 PM social with cake and coffee. Guest speaker will be Fr. Frank DiLernia who will speak about the Shroud of Turin. Come and experience new opportunities to be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in how the Lord is calling us to grow as Catholic men of faith. For more information, contact mensforum@sspj.org.

Praise and Worship with Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, April 30th from 7 to 9 PM at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island. Fr Hugh Gillespie will preach on "Mary and the Holy Spirit." This evening for men and women is sponsored by Suffolk County Magnificat Group in Formation (formerly Heart and Hands women's prayer group). For more information contact Eileen Benthall at eileenbenthall@gmail.com or 631-833-1897.

Taste of Smithtown Chinese Auction—Thursday April 30, 2015 6:00PM - 9:00 PM at Smithtown Landing Country Club 20 restaurants will be featured as well as a Chinese Auction. The Dynamics Twirling Organization is a non-profit, competitive baton twirling organization that services athletes from Long Island and Queens and is based in Smithtown. (Advance ticket is \$30 and \$35 at the door.) To purchase your tickets contact Doris Kahler, doriskahler@yahoo.com, (631) 346-2990 or Annmarie Friedman, (631) 745-1772, annmarie022873@aol.com.

Women's Health Awareness, Osteoporosis Lecture—Tuesday, April 28th at 5 PM at St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center, 52 Route 25A in Smithtown in the lower level Fr. Fred Hill Room in the Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The free lecture will cover Osteoporosis Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment. Presented by Dr. Frank Bonura, MD. To register or for information, call 631-870-3444.



The Legion of Mary invites you to the
5th Annual
Women's Silent Retreat
"Behold Thy Son"

Friday, May 8th to Saturday May 9th
at the Seminary of the
Immaculate Conception
in Huntington
Cost \$110 per person

Includes dinner Friday, three meals
Saturday, private room with shower

To register, send form below with check
made payable to St. Patrick Parish
to the St. Patrick's Rectory, Attn. Legion of Mary

Name _____

Parish _____

Address _____

Town/Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Any special dietary needs? _____

Approx. arrival time _____

Something for Seniors

Are you a senior citizen looking for some interesting activities and perhaps making a few new friends? Our Something for Seniors group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 1 PM 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! Meetings take place



on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. For information, call Pam at 979-4563 or Barbara at 265-0034.

Nocturnal Adoration

Next week the Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet for its monthly night of prayer. The first vigil (hour of prayer) will begin immediately after the 8:00 PM Saturday Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to stay and pray privately or with the Nocturnal Adoration group. The first vigil will be from 9 PM to 10 PM. The vigils will continue throughout the night. The last one will be from 6 AM to 7 AM, followed by Benediction and the 7:30 AM Mass. All are invited to participate at any time during the night. Come and spend time with our Lord Jesus.



News & Notes from Catholics for Freedom of Religion

"I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6)
"You will know the truth and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32)

Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA): Fact vs. Fiction: This past week, journalist abuse has exploded into controversy over an innocuous religious freedom law in Indiana. The federal RFRA was signed into law by Pres. Clinton in 1993 and 20 states have substantially the same law. (the federalist.com, 3/30/15)

Don't be fooled. The RFRA does NOT legalize discrimination. Anyone that says that is misinformed or worse. RFRA merely allows business owners to refuse to perform their services if doing so is a violation of their faith. (catholic vote.org, 4/2/15)

Under the various RFRAs, a state or the federal government may not substantially burden an individual's exercise of religion unless the burden is in furtherance of a compelling government interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that interest. If the government's interest is not important enough - literally compelling - it cannot outweigh an individual's right to practice his religion as he sees fit.

RFRA is a shield, not a sword. It **can** be used to defend oneself against lawsuits or administrative action. It **can't** be used to try and deprive others of the protections of law. Despite there being no evidence for discrimination under this law, journalists will simply repeat this fiction as if it were true, and hope that incurious, unsuspecting people will assume it. (the federalist.com, 3/30/15)



13th Annual Donald J. Burns Scholarship



Assistant Fire Chief Donald J. Burns was among the fallen heroes of the F.D.N.Y. who were lost at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. In honor of Chief Donald J. Burns, Past Grand Knight of Holy Mother Mary Knights of Columbus Council, the Burns family has generously granted our council permission to award four \$500 academic scholarships in his honor. This scholarship competition is open to the children and grandchildren of members of Holy Mother Mary Council Knights and Columbiettes. Four scholarships will be awarded; two to students attending Catholic high school this fall and two to students attending Catholic or public university.

Applicants are required to submit an essay of 400 words on the following topic:

The Challenges of Being a Young Catholic in Today's Culture

All applications and essays must be received by **June 1st**. The essay competition winners will be selected by the scholarship committee. Please attach the application form below along with your essay and mail it to:

Tom Keane
19 Estate Road
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For information, call Tom at 631-882-7755
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Reflections on the Sunday Scriptures

April 19, 2015

The Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2: 1-5A;

Luke 24: 36-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Focus Questions:

1. Describe someone in your life for whom Christ is truly alive. How does this person's example influence the way you live?
2. Relate a time when your heart was opened by the breaking of the bread.
3. Relate a time when you let someone down and expected to be called on it. Instead the other person offered friendship and forgiveness.

Children and Family Reflections:

What can you do to bring peace to your family, your community or your world?

Eucharistic Ministers Needed



The Catholic Chaplain's Office at Stony Brook University Hospital is seeking Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to patients at the hospital. Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled to serve one day a month (Sunday or Wednesday) and spend 1-3 hours at the hospital per assignment. Training will be provided. If interested in learning more about this special ministry, please contact Greg Shemitz at (631) 751-2446, email: gshemitz@gmail.com, or Ueli Laeng at (631) 737-4164, email: ueli23SD@gmail.com.

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:

Creating a Culture of Protection Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2015

Our diocese has policies and procedures to create a safe environment and protect children. The diocese also has codes of conduct all adults involved in any form of ministry must follow. To read the policies and learn how you can help create a culture of protection, go to the diocesan website: www.drvc.org, and click on the Protecting Children link in the upper right corner.



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 14: 1-15, 47

Children and Family Reflection: Describe a time when you were treated unfairly. How did you respond?

- *I was treated unfairly once when one of my friends didn't want to play with me.—Preston*
- *When my brother was mean and didn't let me play with him. I responded really mad and sad and told my mom.—Jeremy*
- *When I was playing Monopoly, my sister did not want me to sit on the couch. I felt sad and got off the couch.—Katelyn*
- *Once on a play date with my friend they did not include me in the games. I felt sad. I told my parents. After that we all talked about what happened.—Elyse*
- *My sister one time treated me unfairly by not playing with me. Then I said, "I really want to play with you." But she didn't.—Kayla*
- *One time a fifth grader was mean to me when we were in kindergarten. We told an adult our problem but we were still kind to him.—Nicholas*
- *One time these boys on my bus were being mean to me and hurting me so I told the bus driver and I moved to another seat. I didn't want to be mean back to them so I moved away from them.—Daniella*
- *When a child in my class was being mean to me, so I ignored her.—Joey*
- *I was treated unfairly on the bus. Once a girl was mean to me. She said I couldn't sit in the seat next to her. I just went to another seat.—Jenna*
- *I was treated unfairly when my friend did not want to play with me at my school carnival. I felt sad at first, but I found someone else to play with me.—Tim*
- *One time at a theme park, someone cut me on line. It made me sad because I was waiting a long time for the ride. I told my mom it wasn't fair.—Ashley*
- *I was treated unfairly when my siblings would not let me play a game. I asked my mom for help.—Molly*
- *Once my friend was mad and I said, "We can talk instead of yelling." - Terence*
- *Once in school a girl called me a bully. I knew I was not a bully so I just walked away. I felt what she said was unfair.—Julia*
- *I was treated unfairly when my brother did not let me play with his Legos. I told my mom.—Julie*
- *A friend was mean to me but I was nice to her anyway.—Rose*
- *A time when I was treated unfairly was when my sisters would not let me play. I was very upset and told my parents. They then told my sisters to let me play.—Shannon*
- *A time I was treated unfairly was at the bowling alley. When I tried to get in the seat on my brother's side he didn't let me in. So I told my mom that he didn't let me in on his side so my mom told me to go in on my side.—Joshua*
- *A class mate of mine teased me about the way I looked. I asked my teacher if my seat could be moved.—Kayla*
- *When I was playing knee hockey, my friend just came up and came on my team. I said it is two players only, tomorrow I will play with you I promise.—Emilio*
- *My friend didn't want me around. I went and played with someone else.—Ava*
- *When my sister made a big mess and I had to clean it up so I did it anyway.—Emma*
- *One time I played a game with my brother and he cheated so I told him what he was doing so he would stop.—Stephanie*
- *I told the person that it was not my fault and I offered to help solve the problem.—Michael*
- *I used my words and told them how I felt.—Sophie*

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. We will resume after holidays.

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

Regarding Sports Parking—Please park only on the east side at of the property. Enter sports court at east gate entrance.

Enrichment/Extended Day Program— Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 6 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 available.

Music Ministry – Folk Group (grades 6-12), and **Children's Choir** (grades 1-5). Children's Choir practices 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 for information.

Youth Ministry – Attention high school students. Please join us for Youth Ministry on Sunday nights at 6:30 PM in the Emmaus Room. Call the Youth Office for details.

Junior Catholic Daughters- JCDA is a young woman's service organization. Young women grades 6th -11th are welcome. Call the youth office for details. **JCDA meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month in our Modular Classroom from 6:30 to 8 PM.**

Playtime with Mommy/Caregiver – Children ages 18 months through 2 ½ yrs 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 through Friday. Call 724-1261 for information. Catholic Entrance Exam Prep is available. Contact the Youth Office.

Winter Intramural Basketball: Season is in session.

Spring Deck Hockey –Registration has ended. Season begins Monday, March 23rd. All players should have been contacted by their coach by now. Late registrations will be placed on a wait list.

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. The league is for boys 5th to 12th grade and girls 4th to 12th grade. September 2015 grade determines the division.

Registration flyer and team roster form may be found on our website. Boys teams are due by April 1st, Girls teams are due by May 1st. See flyer for details.

Camp St. Patrick We are now taking registrations for our upcoming Summer Camp. Camp runs June 29th through August 14th. The camp offers **Kiddie Camp** for 3 to 5 year-olds, **Main Camp** for 6 to 12 year-olds, and **Teen Travel Camp** for 13 to 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.

VIRTUS— 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.

VOB/St. Pat's Soccer - Visit www.vobsoccer.com for information. Email inquiries for 4 to 5 year-olds to clinic@vobsoccer.com or intrainter@vobsoccer.com 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**

Pray for the Sick

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Anna Morreale
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Eva Zalak

Prayer intentions for "Pray for the Sick" are left in the bulletin for a limited period of time. If you would like to add or return a name to the list please call Parish Outreach at 265-2668.

Pray for the Dead

Caroline Atkinson
Clara Blint
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Sixty Years and Counting

This month, our parish is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. While we became a parish in July of 1952, our vibrant history dates back to the early 1850s. Read about the early years of St. Patrick Church inside this bulletin.

Music Assessment Plan at Camp St. Patrick
 Children Ages 3 to 7 are practicing their instrument with guitar, keyboard, and other instruments. All children receive photos and information about Camp.

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

Dear Lord, we are your people and we are your people. We thank you for your presence with us throughout all time. Please continue to be with us in our journey as we seek to live our lives in your love and grace. We are your people and we are your people. We thank you for your presence with us throughout all time. Please continue to be with us in our journey as we seek to live our lives in your love and grace. We are your people and we are your people. We thank you for your presence with us throughout all time. Please continue to be with us in our journey as we seek to live our lives in your love and grace.

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