St. Patrick R.C. Church

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

Sunday, January 14, 2024—The Baptism of the Lord

Voices for Life

Several St. Patrick School students were recently recognized for their essays, posters and bookmarks they created for the Respect Life Youth Contest.

Thank you to all who participated for your efforts to embrace and cherish life.

Hospitality Sunday

Last Sunday was Hospitality Sunday! Thank you to all our parishioners who stopped in for coffee, tea, bagels and pastries and enjoyed some time with fellow parishioners.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays for one hour following 12:10 PM Mass
Nocturnal Adoration, third Saturday of the month starting after the 8 PM Mass
Prayers for the Nation, first Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM
Pro-Life Holy Hour, third Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM
Candlelight Rosary & Adoration, first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM Rosary, 7:30 PM Adoration
Friday Exposition, Parish Center Chapel 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

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

Marriage

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

Baptisms

For information, go to
www.stpatricksmithtown.org > Sacraments > Baptism

From the Desk of Fr. Cona

With our celebrations of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord behind us, we now begin our season of Ordinary Time. Let us not misunderstand the meaning and purpose of this season, for no time is "ordinary" after the manifestation of the Son of God in the flesh. Our lives, like the lives of Mary, Joseph, and the Magi, are fundamentally changed and given a new, fresh, and dynamic direction after our encounter with the Christ child in the manger at Bethlehem.

We are, however, thrust back into the "everydayness" of life and the Monday thru Friday routine. Our days of joyful celebrations have concluded and we can perhaps feel a bit let down. The Church, however, breaks us out of such dullness by reminding us that our lives have changed with the birth of Jesus. This mysterious child convicts us, calls us, and challenges us to make a decision about how we are to live. It is no wonder, then, that this season of Ordinary Time presents us with themes of discipleship and vocation. How are we to respond to the reality of Jesus in this new year? How am I to live? What am I grateful for and what have I taken for granted? How can I "make room" for God in my personal and work life? Where is Jesus calling me? Am I ready to respond to Jesus in faith, hope, and love? These are some questions we can ask ourselves as we begin this new year, this new season of grace, hope, and adventure.

While the Christmas season has officially concluded, certain traces of Christmas still linger within the Church's liturgy. Recall that for centuries the Church has celebrated three "epiphanies" or manifestations of Christ's divinity: the Epiphany to the Magi, the Lord's Baptism, and Jesus's first miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana. For centuries Christians have chanted this beautiful antiphon before the Benedictus on the Solemnity of the Epiphany:

Today the Church has been joined to her heavenly Spouse, for Christ has washed away her sins in the Jordan; the Magi hasten with gifts to the royal wedding feast; and the guests are gladdened with wine made from water, alleluia.

For this reason, during "Year C" of our Sunday readings, the Church presents to us St. John's Gospel recounting Jesus's miracle at Cana, "rounding out" our threefold celebration of the Lord's epiphany. Notes of Christmas continue to linger until we reach February, 2nd, Our Lord's Presentation in the Temple, also known as Candlemas. On that day, marking Jesus's arrival in the temple 40 days after his birth, we will solemnly bless candles and enroll members into our Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. More details can be found in this week's bulletin.

Fr. Louis Cona

Candlemas

Solemn Blessing of Candles and Rosaries followed by
Solemn Enrollment of Members into the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

Friday, February 2nd at 7:30 PM

Solemn Blessing of Candles will also take place
at the 9:00 AM School Mass

Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 13th:

5:00 PM Charles Laurino
8:00 PM Anderson Hazin

Sunday, January 14th:

7:30 AM Timothy Drucken Miller
9:00 AM Kenneth Vaba
10:30 AM Mary Lou Wilk
12:00 PM Philomena Sutherland
5:00 PM Gerri & Church Kirol

Monday, January 15th:

6:45 AM Mary DeMatteo
9:00 AM Margaret Stefania
12:10 PM Rose LaRosa
7:30 PM Paul Paces (L)

Tuesday, January 16th:

6:45 AM Josephine Blatt
9:00 AM Evelyn Andersen
12:10 PM Elizabeth Young

Wednesday, January 17th:

6:45 AM Thomas McHugh
9:00 AM Camille Persico
12:10 PM Christopher Byrnes

Thursday, January 18th:

6:45 AM Anthony Tatulli
9:00 AM Mary Gilmartin
12:10 PM Anthony Pagano

Friday, January 19th:

6:45 AM Benedetto Zangri
9:00 AM Edward Condon
12:10 PM Joan Neubert

Saturday, January 20th:

9:00 AM *Multiple Intentions
5:00 PM Don Hesselbirg
8:00 PM Marion Polichetti

Sunday, January 21st:

7:30 AM Marie Crowley & Linda Pugliesi
9:00 AM Charlie Stripolli
10:30 AM Amelia Aquino & Ernestina Aquino-Co
12:00 PM Diane & Bob Saraniero
5:00 PM Katherine Varga

**Michael Catania, Stephen Soviero, Russell Richards, Elaine Richards, Barbara Jean Richards, John Ryan, Josephine Eichner*

Treasure

Offering for January 7, 2024: $32,234.12.
Offering for corresponding Sunday 2023: 31,584.56.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. PATRICK'S R.C. CHURCH

Our Pastoral Team

Rev. Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor
Rev. Louis Cona, Associate Pastor
Rev. Abraham Thannickal, Associate Pastor
Rev. Fred Hill, In Residence
Rev. Charles Okoye, In Residence
Deacon Jerry Reda
Deacon Matthew Faughnan
Mr. Joseph Menge, Business Manager
Mrs. Rebecca Darmanin, School Principal
Ms. Emily Conboy, Assistant 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

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
Parish Email - rectory@stpatricksmithtown.org
Office Hours: Rectory 9 AM to 8 PM, Mon.—Thurs.
Friday 9 AM to 7 PM
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.

Parish Organizations

Bereavement Support: Call Outreach at 265-2668
Catholic Daughters: 1st Sunday., 11:30 AM , Parish Center
Choir: Thurs. evening, 7:30 PM
Columbiettes: 2nd Sat. 10:30 AM
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Tues., 8PM
Legion of Mary: Tues. mornings at 9:30 AM
Nocturnal Adoration Society: 3rd Sat. from 9 PM-7AM
Pro Life Family: Last Thursday, 12:30 PM , Parish Center
O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults); 265-2271
Something for Seniors; 2nd Wed., 1 PM, 631-241-3415

When we hear people talk of riches, honors and amusements of the world, let us remember that all things have an end, and let us then say: 'My God, I wish for You alone and nothing more."

- St. Alphonsus Ligouri

Religious Formation

There will be no Religious Formation classes on Monday, January 15th due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Level 7—There will be Level 7 Sponsor Meetings on the following dates:
Tuesday, January 16th a 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 20th at 9:00 AM
Wednesday, January 26th at 7:30 PM
All meetings will be held in the Msgr. Walden Parish Center Large Meeting Room.

For more information on our Religious Formation program, call 631-724-7454 or email stpatsrfc@optonline.net.

WOMEN FIRST
• PREGNANCY OPTIONS •

Support brave women who choose life! Women First Pregnancy Options is seeking gently used children's clothing and baby supplies.

The greatest needs currently are:
Boys and girls coats in all sizes up to 4T
Boys clothing sizes -18 mn, 24mn, 2T, 3T, 4T
Girls' Clothing sizes - 0-3mn, 6mn, 12mn, 2T, 3T, 4T

Women First is located at 91 Maple Avenue in Smithtown. For more information, call 631-656-0441

Are You On Our Parish Email List?

Our parish stays in touch with parishioners via email concerning important announcements, our Christmas, Easter and holy day schedules, reflections from our priests and more. Learn more about what is going on in our parish by joining our parish email list. If you would like to join just email us at:

stpatrickssmithtown@gmail.com

The Altar Bread and Wine are dedicated this week in loving memory of **William & Joan Knepple.**

Parish Outreach
"Love One Another"

St. Patrick Parish Social Ministry

Project Warmth

Are you having difficulty paying for heating costs due to unforeseen circumstances? Project Warmth, a program made available through the United Way, may be able to assist you with a one time benefit. There are no income eligibility guidelines for Project Warmth. A confidential application can be made through the Parish Outreach office. Please call 631-265-2668, Monday–Friday, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM for further information. ***Please remember…all inquiries are confidential.***

New Credit Reporting Rules in New York for Medical Debt

We have been advised by Nassau Suffolk Law Services that on December 13th, 2023, New York State Governor Hochul signed legislation to protect New York consumers from ongoing financial consequences related to medical debt. Effective immediately, hospitals, healthcare professionals, and ambulances cannot report medical debt to credit agencies. If you have medical debt (incurred in New York State) on your credit report, and it has not been removed, you can dispute the debt with the three credit bureaus. The Federal Trade Commission provides step-by-step instructions for disputing errors on your credit report.Nassau Suffolk Law Services Consumer Debt Legal Assistance Project provides legal assistance to persons who are experiencing consumer debt problems, especially in matters of medical and credit card debt. Nassau residents can call (516)292-8100 and Suffolk residents can call (631)232-2400 to be screened for assistance.

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 631-747-5876.

Your participation helps bring a greater awareness of the sacredness of all human life, especially the un-born. 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.

In Smithtown and in Washington DC, You can be a part of the March for Life

Friday, January 19th

March for Life in Washington DC

Current bus availability:

St. Agnes, Rockville Centre, call the rectory to register at 516-766-0205
Notre Dame, New Hyde Park, reserve seat at 516-248-8284

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a bus that will pick up on LIE at Exits 49 and 63; call Pete at 631-289-2095 (if leaving message include name and phone contact)

Bishop Barres will greet DRVC marchers:

Before the March at 12th Street and Madison Drive NW (new location, nearest landmark is the southwest corner of the Museum of Natural History) around 10:30 to 11:30 AM
After the March, as in the past, at St. Joseph's on the Hill between 2:00 and 4:00 PM for a final blessing and some light refreshments.

For travel tips and information on all the events taking place for the National March for Life, please visit:

https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/

Monday, January 22nd

Prayers at St. Patrick Cemetery on Mount Pleasant Road
& Planned Parenthood on Maple Avenue in Smithtown

Prayers at St. Patrick Cemetery will begin at 11:30 AM. Participants will then pray a rosary in front of Planned Parenthood on Maple Avenue in Smithtown.

By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion. By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

- St. Mother Teresa

St. Patrick's Pro-Life Holy Hour

Tuesday, January 16th
at 7:30 PM in the church

Exposition - Pro-Life Prayers

Rosary - Meditation - Benediction

Join us in praying for the most vulnerable among us.

Rosary Makers

Students, members of the military, prison inmates, nursing home residents, hospital patients, and missions have all been the recipients of Rosaries made by our Rosary Makers. ***Rosaries make an excellent gift or stocking stuffer!*** *Come and make rosaries for yourself, your friends and others on* ***Friday, December 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Parish Center.*** *In need of service hours? Rosary Makers can also help you fulfill service hours for Confirmation or school. Join us every third Friday evening of the month!*

Join our Choir!

Would you like to be a part of a wonderful group of people who enjoy worshipping God with music at our 10:30 AM Sunday Mass?

Consider joining our amazing choir. No audition necessary. Rehearsals take place on Thursday nights.

For more information or to join, just speak to a choir member after the 10:30 Sunday Mass.

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 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The vigils will continue throughout the night. The last one will be from 6:00 AM to 7:00 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.

COME SEE THE DIFFERENCE

1/28 11:30am - 1:30pm

Nursery - 8th Grade

- Full and half-day Nursery and Pre-K programs
- 100% acceptance rate to area Catholic High Schools
- Hot lunch served dialy by licensed kitchen staff
- Full-size modern gym with performing stage
- Secure interactive outdoor playgound
- Technologically advanced classrooms
- Beautifully situated on 19 acres
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ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

St. Patrick School Smithtown

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Register Now

Save the Date

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL GREEN & GOLD GALA

FRIDAY 15 MARCH, 2024

Formal invitation to follow

For more information please visit
www.SPSGreenAndGoldGala.com

Friday Exposition

Adoration available every Friday from
8am to 8pm in
The Padre Pio Chapel at A Quiet Place,
located in the Msgr. Walden Parish Center

No registration is required to attend.

If you would like to sign up for a specific adoration time slot or would like to serve as a substitute adorer, please create an account at stpatsmithtown.weadorehim.com **or fill out the sign-up sheet below.**

If you have any questions, please email stpatsadorers@gmail.com **or contact Ann at** (631) 672-4929.

"...he said to them, ***'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'*** *~Mark 6:31*

Respect Life Authors and Artists

Congratulations to St. Patrick School students who where recently recognized for their essays, bookmarks and posters in support of life at all stages.

In the Neighborhood . . . .

Comedy Night—Saturday, February 3rd from 7:00 to 11:00 PM at St. Joseph Church (Travis Hall) in Kings Park. Open mic for anyone to tell a joke or two before the scheduled entertainment by Ed Ryan. $20 per person includes beer, wing, soda, snacks, coffee, tea and desserts. Raffle prizes and a 50 / 50. This is a missions and charities fundraiser hosted by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH). Pay at the door or reserve your tickets by mailing checks made payable to LAOH Division 3 to Karen St. John, 326 Meadow Road, Kings Park, NY 11754. (Please include your phone number.) Questions? Call Karen at 631-637-5699.

Latest News from the Diocese—Keep up with the latest news from the Diocese of Rockville Centre by subscribing to our weekly diocesan newsletter at www.drvc.org/newsletter

Life in the Spirit Webinar—Hosted by Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women. Thursdays, February 15th through March 21st at 6:00 PM. Free on Zoom or view at your convenience with free recordings sent to your inbox and available for 30 days. Say "yes" to a deeper union with God, a greater love for others, a fuller presence in your life of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, a fresh appreciation of Scripture, a desire for Christian fellowship, and one or more of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit. To register, visit: https://store.magnificat-ministry.net/life-in-the-spirit/life-in-the-spirit-webinar/

Pro-Life Event—Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life for preborn children by joining the L.I. Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on Sunday, January 21st from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

Smithtown Central School District Adult Education

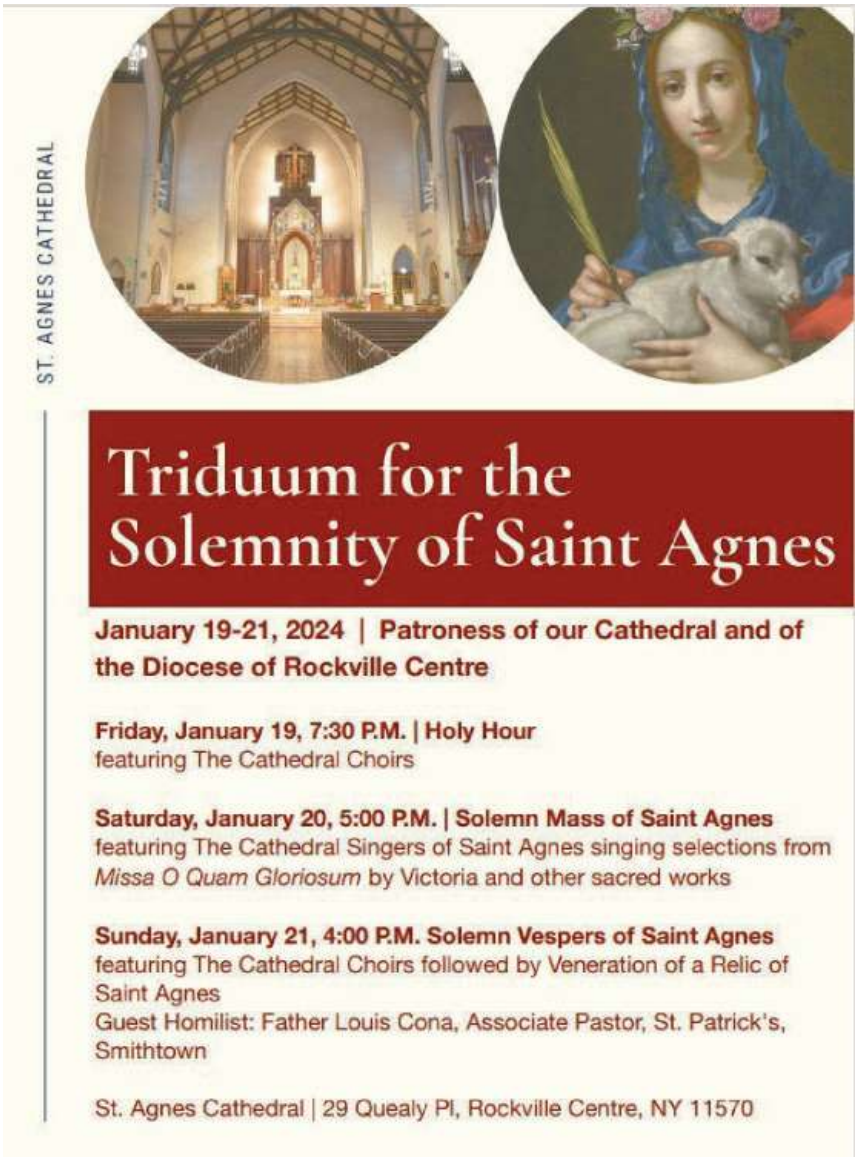
The Smithtown Basic Adult Education Program (26 New York Ave, Smithtown, NY 11787) is offering FREE classes in ENGLISH as a SECOND LANGUAGE, ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE), HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY (HSE/GED), CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION as well as Technology Skills, Health & Financial Literacy and Workforce Preparation. Classes are during the day and in the evening. Please call for further information: (631) 382-2181. Smithtown Residency is not required.

Rosary for Life—Via Zoom, Fridays at 3:00 PM. Email dcrean@drvc.org if you would like the link sent to you. Or call in 646-876-9923.

Word of God Sunday—Come and celebrate with Bishop Andrzej on Sunday, January 21st at 3:00 PM at the church of St. Paul the Apostle, 2534 Cedar Swamp Road in Brookville, NY. All are welcome!

World Marriage Day Dance—Sunday, February 3rd at O'Connell Gardens, 2985 Kenneth Place in Oceanside. Mass at 6:00 PM followed by dinner and dancing until 11:00 PM. Three-course sit-down dinner, open bar, DJ, photo booth, raffle baskets, and 50 / 50. To register, go to wwwmenyli.org/enrichment.php

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: - Give your spouse a gift. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:
January 26th to 28th in Derby Line, VT
February 8th to March 21st Virtual (evenings twice a week)
February 9th to 11th in Huntington, NY
Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a $100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835 or https://wwmenyli.org/.



Register Now for Spring Soccer!

The St. Patrick's / Village of the Branch (VOB) Soccer Club is now taking registrations for the Spring 2024 Clinic and Intramural programs. Dates of play are as follows:

Sunday, April 7th
Sunday, April 14th
Sunday, April 21st
Sunday, April 28th
Sunday, May 5th
Friday, May 10th (Friday Fun Night)
Sunday May 19th
Sunday, June 2nd
Sunday, June 9th

As always, parent volunteer coaches are needed, so please feel free to register yourself as well. No experience necessary!

For more information or to register, go to vobsoccer.net

Spring 2024 DEK HOCKEY

ST. PATRICK YOUTH is now accepting registrations for BOYS and GIRLS GRADES: Pre-K – 11th

SEASON WILL BEGIN MARCH 16th
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS March 3rd

**All registrations received after deadline will be placed on a waiting list

ALL GAMES PLAYED OUTSIDE WEEKNIGHTS & SOME WEEKENDS.

ST. PATRICK'S SPORTS COURT
280 EAST MAIN STREET SMITHTOWN, NY 11787

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: STREET HOCKEY HELMET, HOCKEY SHIN GUARDS, ELBOW PADS, GLOVES, HOCKEY STICK, & PROTECTIVE CUP. Recommended: Just So-So Sneakers

Looking for an event venue? Check out the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 199 Smithtown Blvd. in Nesconset. Rent includes a bartender. The capacity is 50 people.

For information, call or text 631-629-5632 (KofC) or email council3958@gmail.com

Something for Seniors

Attention All Senior Citizens: *St. Patrick's Something for Seniors group is a great place to gather with old friends and meet some new ones. Our senior meetings include guest speakers, trips, and time spent together. All seniors ages 50+ are welcome!*

Something for Seniors meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM. For information, call Bob at 631-241-3415.

Focus on Religious Freedom

From Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Annual *Sunday of the Word of God*, January 21, 2024

Instituted by Pope Francis in his Apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*, September 30, 2019

Excerpts from ***Aperuit Illis***:

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." (Lk 24:45) This was one of the final acts of the risen Lord before his Ascension. Jesus appeared to the assembled disciples, broke bread with them and opened their minds to the understanding of the sacred Scriptures. To them, amid their fear and bewilderment, he unveiled the meaning of the paschal mystery: that in accordance with the Father's eternal plan he had to suffer and rise from the dead, in order to bring repentance and the forgiveness of sins. (cf. Lk 24:26.46-47) He then promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would give them strength to be witnesses of this saving mystery. (cf. Lk 24:49)

With this Letter, I wish to respond to the many requests I have received from the people of God that the entire Church celebrate, in unity of purpose, a ***Sunday of the Word of God****.*

Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This ***Sunday of the Word of God*** *will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity.*

Read *Aperuit Illis:* **bit.ly/3tq9Enz**
Read Dept of Ed. Guidelines: **https://bit.ly/3S7Yddn**

As part of our thankfulness for God's gift of the Bible, the Word of God, Americans can learn and protect our 1st amendment religious freedoms. In our teachings, CFFR speakers too often meet students whose rights to live their faith in public schools are denied. A student wearing clothing with a Bible verse is a frequent target of discipline in public schools. Reading the Bible and religious books during free reading time is another right often denied. On Long Island, for example, a high school senior with a strong dedication to the Bible read his Bible during free reading time. One day a teacher noticed what he was reading and proceeded to mock the student and to encourage other students to mock him for reading the Bible. These school personnel are ignoring the "U.S. Dept. of Education and Dept. of Justice's Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Schools" which protects, among other things, students' religious themed clothing and the reading of religious materials.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at drvc-faith.org
For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org

A Breakfast Invitation from Our Knights of Columbus

Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon,
Sausage, Toast, Coffee, Tea & Juice

$10 per person

at the Council Hall located at
199 Smithtown Blvd. in Nesconset

Questions? Call or text
631-629-5632 (KofC) or email
council3958@gmail.com

Reflections on the Sunday Scriptures

January 21, 2024
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Focus Questions:

1. What inspires you to follow Jesus?

2. What distracts you from following Jesus?

3. The disciples' decision to follow Jesus caused them to change their way of life. How has your faith in Jesus changed your way of life?

Children and Family Reflection:

There are many stories about Jesus in the gospels. Which one is your favorite? Why?

Are You On Our Parish Email List?

Our parish stays in touch with parishioners via email concerning important announcements, our Christmas, Easter and holy day schedules, reflections from our priests and more. Learn more about what is going on in our parish by joining our parish email list. If you would like to join just email us at:

stpatrickssmithtown@gmail.com

I strongly suspect that if we saw all the difference even the tiniest of our prayers to God make, and all the people those little prayers were destined to affect, and all the consequences of those effects down through the centuries, we would be so paralyzed with awe at the power of prayer that we would be unable to get up off our knees for the rest of our lives.

- Dr. Peter Kreeft

Attention Level 2 Students—For your convenience, copies of the cards on which you write your gospel reflections will be included in the Sunday bulletin. 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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An Easy Way to Help Struggling Families

A host of economic factors have led to an unprecedented number of requests for help from our Parish Outreach office. Your generous donations to our food pantry have helped us to keep pace. Another easy way to help struggling families is to contribute to our Poor Boxes, located at the exits of our church. All donations, small and large, will be a big help to families in need.

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 of their reflections:.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 (The Epiphany)
Children and Family Reflection: Talk about someone you know who comes from a different country or culture. What have you learned from him or her?

- *My friend's name is Nina and she can speak in Polish. One time Nina taught me about her grandparents who are from Poland.—Charlotte*
- *I have a friend in my class who celebrates Hanukkah. We learned a lot about Hanukkah this year.—Shea*
- *My friend Sara is from the Dominican Republic. Sara goes to visit and I have been also. The weather is always hot and the beach is beautiful. My friends speak two languages.—Scarlett*
- *My Nonna comes from Italy. She love pasta with sauce.—Giulietta*
- *I learned from Earvin from the Philippines that he followed directions from his mom and dad.—CJ*
- *A friend in my class speaks Spanish and I learned she is special.—Sophia*
- *He taught me the story of Chanukah and how it works.—Clinton*
- *When I went to Croatia, my family taught me some words and I learned about the Adriatic.—Adrian*
- *My grandma is from Poland and she teaches me Polish.—Juliana*
- *My friend Sarah come from Bolivia. She speaks Spanish and English. She is an amazing tennis player and is teaching me.—Colin*
- *I have a friend that comes from the Philippines and I learned that he celebrates Hanukkah and Christmas.—Nicholas*
- *There is a girl in my class that is from a different country. She taught me about different food.—Anna*
- *My friend Sara is from Bolivia. I learned about speaking Spanish from her.—Lorenzo*
- *One person is my mommy. She is from Slovakia and moved to the United States when she was 4. In Slovakia on Christmas, Baby Jesus brings presents.—Robert*

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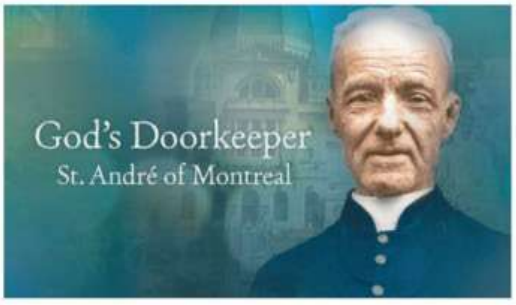
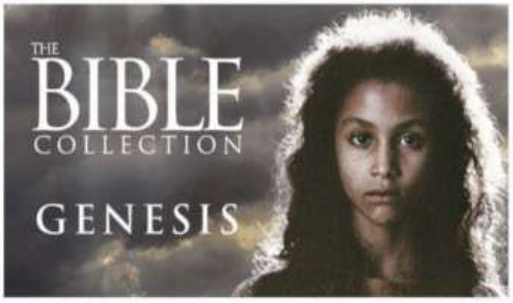


God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.

Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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St. Patrick Youth

St. Patrick's Youth web address is:

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All forms and registrations are available on our website.Youth Office email is spyouth@optonline.net
Our phone is 631-360-0185

VIRTUS Training
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.

CPR/First Aide
Training courses are available and will be available throughout the year. Call 631-360-0185.

Read the Bible in a year challenge!
St. Patrick's Youth challenges you to read the Bible in a year! Just go to the website and you will find the link with daily readings

Enrichment/Before and Aftercare Program
Before Care – Our program is offered Monday through Friday following the St. Patrick School schedule. It begins at 7:15 until 8:20 AM
After Care- Our program is offered Monday through Friday following the St. Patrick School schedule, from 2:20 to 5:45 PM
You must register in advance.
You may download forms from our website
3,4,5 year old Enrichment Program –
Our program offers NY State guided curriculum along with daily religion, music, arts and crafts and gross motor play.

Separation Class
Children ages 2 to 3 years old
Circle time, music, playing and sharing
Small group instruction, crafts and snack time

Music Ministry
Folk Group (Grades 6 -12)
Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)
Children's Choir practice:
6:15 to 7:00 PM in church
Folk Group practice:
7:15 to 8:30 PM in the church
New members always welcome!

Learning Center
Tutoring for Pre-K through High School
All areas of study, catholic entrance exam and SAT preparation

SPORTS PROGRAMS

Dek Hockey— Thank you to all our players, parents, coaches & coordinators for a wonderful Fall season.

Winter Intramural Basketball—Program will run January—March 2024.

All information and registration can be found on our website:
stpatsyouth.com -> Sports Tab -> you will then be directed to our Sports Website, Sports Engine.

Youth Lectors Needed! - Are you a young person in grade 6 and up who is comfortable speaking in public? Consider becoming a lector at our Sunday 9:00 AM Mass. For information, call the Youth Office at 631-360-0185.

Pray for the Sick

Patricia Acker
Laura Alam
Joseph Alonso
Genevieve Antonucci
J.M.A.
Victor Arboleda
Daryn Atamanchuk
Marissa B.
Grace B.
Joseph Barone
Misty Barone
Wendy Barnes
Anthony Bossone
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Danielle Birnham
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Assunta Black
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Dorothy Burman
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V.M.C.
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Jim Cangialosi
Kimberly Carrion
Rosale Carmello
Joseph Cascone
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Tom Clark
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Carly Colvell
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Angela Emanuele
Nicholas Farco
Richard Farruggia
Bridget Feeney
Thomas Feeney
Marina Grace Figari
Fr. Richie Fineo
Kevin Flood
Paulina Franchini
Anthony Gangemella
Luca Michael Giannuzzi
Louis Gallo
Marilyn Gast
Romeo Geronimo
Paul Giarraputo
Alan Giglio
Richard Giovia
Cecilia Gomez
Bob Graham
Nan Grassman
Warren Grassman
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Deena Hall
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John Patrick Harney
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Robert Heimink, Jr.
Kathleen Henchey
Lynda Hennig
Therese Howell
John Hughes
Carmelita Jagolino
Maureen James
Scot Jaworowski
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Barbara Kitson
Olive Kopp
Elisa Lane
Antonia Laskaris
Anna LoBrutto
Matthew LaTorre
Rebecca Leoce
Rebecca Leoce
Eleanor Lynch
Margaret
Mary Ann M.
N.A. Margaret
Diane Marotta
Ben Markowski
Patricia Mastrandrea
Marie Matarazzo
Matthew (4-year-old)
Cathy McCloskey
Helen McDowell
Jacqueline McKillop
Roseann Menekou
Stephen Mroz
Beatriz Narbon
Stacy Nuttal
Jean Nystrum
Kevin Pierce
Darin Pitkanen
Connie Polik
Cornelia Polik
Donna Poole
Denise Rainwater
Nick Reeber
Patty Regano
Noreen Regniault
Robert Remhild
Zena Romanzi
Thomas Ronayne
Ariel Ruvinsky
Kathleen S.
Palma S.
Sara
Renee S.
Josephine Scaglione
Paul Schnabl
Mary Scocozzo
Susan Steinfath
Patricia Sutkezisla
Casey T.
Christine Thompson
Angela Tornello
Cathy Truisi
Gloria Maria Uribe
John Wydrycs
Patricia Wydrycs
Ralph Zanchelli

Pray for the Dead

Yolande Cesar
Robert Dobbins
Jena Richardson
Michael Sacco

Parting Shots . . .

School Mass

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