St. Patrick R.C. Church

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

Sunday, January 21, 2024—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

School Days—Pictured are St. Patrick School students during the school day (top photos) and at Aftercare, which is offered by our Youth Community (lower photos). Want to learn more about our school? Please come for a visit during our Open House on Sunday, January 28th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

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 Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, is also called "Word of God" Sunday. I would like to offer you the following quotes regarding the Scriptures, the Word of God:

2 Timothy 16 – 17: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

St. Jerome: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

St. John Chrysostom: "To become an adult Christian, you must learn the Scriptures."

Pope St. John Paul II: "Learning to read the Scriptures is fundamental for the believer: It is the first step of a ladder, which continues with meditation and thus, real prayer. Prayer based on biblical reading is the principal way of Christian spirituality."

Vatican II: "Through the Scriptures, therefore, the invisible God, out of abundance of his love, speaks to His people as friends and lives among them, so that God may invite and take them into friendship with Himself."

"This sacred Synod urges all the Christian faithful to learn by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures… Therefore, the faithful should gladly put themselves in touch with the sacred test itself."

I strongly believe that every Catholic home should have a Bible in it; the Word of God should be in your home, blessing your home. I also encourage you to google: "Bishop Robert Barron: free daily homily." He will send you a free homily based on the Gospel reading for the day; it will arrive by email. Read the Gospel for the day and then read his reflection. I, myself, do it every day. It will help you to grow in your spiritual life.

Sunday after Sunday, we come to Mass to be challenged by the Word of God and then nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Just think, every Sunday (in fact, every day when we celebrate Mass) I, as the priest, ask Christ to come down from heaven and be with us in Holy Communion. That is an extraordinary event!

As you may already know, this church year, we will be reading largely from the Gospel of Mark; last year we largely read from the Gospel of Matthew. Mark was the first Gospel written, about 60 AD. It is the shortest of all the Gospels. I like to call Mark's Gospel the "Readers' Digest" gospel. Many of the stories in St. Mark are greatly amplified in Gospels of St. Luke and St. Matthew, which were written about 10 years later. So, for this year, let us grow in our knowledge of Christ by growing in our knowledge of the Gospel of St. Mark.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Fr. Brian

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.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 20th:

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

Monday, January 22nd:

6:45 AM Salvatore F. Cioffi
9:00 AM Protection of the Unborn
12:10 PM Bob Pianto
7:30 PM Noah Sagistano

Tuesday, January 23rd:

6:45 AM Christine Travis
9:00 AM John Von Derlinn
12:10 PM Matthew Bradish

Wednesday, January 24th:

6:45 AM Gerald J. Horan
9:00 AM Charles Bartz
12:10 PM Amalia Izzo

Thursday, January 25th:

6:45 AM Stephen Soviero
9:00 AM Victor, Denise & Henri Lamarque
12:10 PM Aldrich DuBois

Friday, January 26th:

6:45 AM Stephen Soviero
9:00 AM Edward Condon
12:10 PM Christopher Fonos

Saturday, January 27th:

9:00 AM *Multiple Intentions
5:00 PM Marius Tafuro
8:00 PM Jim Fogarty

Sunday, January 28th:

7:30 AM Diane Bedell
9:00 AM Ralph Gunther
10:30 AM Chuck Bartz
12:00 PM Midge Stefania
5:00 PM Kathleen Williams

**Charles King, Anthony Accurso, Thomas Beirne, Msgr. Walden (L), Richard R. Cosgrove, Marty Himes*

Treasure

Offering for January 14, 2024: $29,535.10.
Offering for corresponding Sunday 2023:$32,098.97.

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

On a hillside near the lake of Galilee, Jesus's disciples listened to his gentle and urgent voice; as gentle as the landscape of Galilee itself, as urgent as a call to choose between life and death, between truth and falsehood. The Lord spoke words of life that would echo for ever in the hearts of his followers.

- Pope John Paul II

St. Patrick Parish Social Ministry

"Love One Another"

Project Warmth

Are you having difficulty paying for heating costs? Project Warmth is an emergency assistance program administered by United Way of Long Island to help low-income families and individuals with energy emergencies. You may be eligible to receive a one-time grant to pay for heating costs. A confidential application can be made through the Parish Outreach office. Project Warmth is available until funds are exhausted. Please call 631-265-2668, Monday–Friday, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM for further information. ***Please remember…all inquiries are confidential.***

Religious Formation

Level 7—There will be Level 7 Sponsor Meetings on the following dates:
Saturday, January 20th at 9:00 AM
Friday, 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.

Men's Softball Sign Ups

St. Patrick Men's Softball, now in its 44th year, is now accepting new players for the 2024 season. Men ages 18 and up are invited to join the league, which offers two age divisions, 18 to 39, and 40 and up. The season begins the week of April 22nd and ends with playoffs and a picnic at the end of July. St. Patrick's Men's Softball is a great way to get out, get some exercise, be among friends and meet a few new ones. For more information contact Charlie at cmod@optonline.net.

The Altar Bread and Wine are dedicated this week in loving memory of **Otto, Dorothy & Brian Irslinger.**

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

WOMEN FIRST
• PREGNANCY OPTIONS •

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

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

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 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.

Please Join Us in Praying 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

Come join...

St. Patrick's Sisterhood

What we do:

1. Organize charity events for those in need such as "adopt a family" where we gather gifts and presents for a family around Christmas time
2. Create gift baskets filled with goods (stuffing, cranberry juice, etc.) for Thanksgiving to donate to food pantries
3. Experience making a difference with other girls who share a love of God!

Open to girls grade 5-12

also great for college applications, leadership roles, volunteer opportunities, and community service!

If interested or for more information please contact

+1 (516) 281-4333 pattygurl415@yahoo.com

we meet once a month in the Enrichment/Aftercare Trailers

AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Al Wickenheiser from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!

For Ads Contact: Al Wickenheiser
mobile: 917-439-5342
office: 216-325-6825 x6409
email: awickenheiser@4lpi.com

Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

Guest Speaker: ***Fr. Jonathan Kalish, O.P.***
Feast of Candlemas, February 2nd at 7:30 PM

Don't miss the opportunity to hear this amazing Dominican priest speak about the Rosary and the power of Our Lady's Confraternity!!

Solemn Enrollment into the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

Spiritual Benefits of Membership

- Special Protection of the Mother of God
- A share in the prayer of countless thousands of members worldwide
- A share in the prayers, Masses and Apostolic works of the Dominican Order
- The intercession of the entire heavenly court
- Various plenary and partial indulgences

(Blessing of Candles will take place at all Masses.)

Blessing of the Throats

On Saturday, February 3rd, St. Blaise Day, we will offer the Blessing of the Throats at the 9:00 AM Mass.

O GOD, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

How did the Blessing of the Throats originate? Go to the link below to learn:
https://aleteia.org/2016/02/03/the-real-story-behind-the-churchs-tradition-of-blessing-throats/

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.

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 daily by licensed kitchen staff
- Full-size modern gym with performing stage
- Secure interactive outdoor playground
- Technologically advanced classrooms
- Beautifully situated on 19 acres
- Before and after care available
- On campus security

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

St. Patrick School Smithtown

631.724.0285

Register Now

St. Patrick School presents

Military Bridge

If you've never played Military Bridge,
It's easy to learn in minutes!
No experience necessary!

Prizes! Raffles!

Friday, February 9th

7:00 p.m. Canning Hall

Join as a team of four, or let us assign you to one!
Payment of $15.00 per person can be made via checks payable to St. Patrick School.
Water, coffee, and cake will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own beverages and snacks.
Please let us know if you'll be attending by February 2nd.

Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Total registrants ___ x$15.00 each =_____

Questions? Please email Liz Russell at lizard829@earthlink.net or call the school at 631-724-0285

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.

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/

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, **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
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

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.

Join us for a

Catholic Young Adult Social

Thursday, February 1st

7:30 p.m.

Enjoy fellowship & refreshments with young Catholics between the ages of 21 - 36.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
199 SMITHTOWN BLVD
NESCONSET, NEW YORK

Beer, wine, and mixed drinks available for purchase

A Peek Inside our St. Patrick School Classrooms

Pictured on page 10 are St. Patrick School students during the school day and, on page 11, after school in our Aftercare program.

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

To register or for more information 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

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

For more information or to register, go to stpatsyouth.com > Registration > Spring Deck Hockey

Triduum for the Solemnity of Saint Agnes

January 19-21, 2024 | Patroness of our Cathedral and of the Diocese of Rockville Centre

Friday, January 19, 7:30 P.M. | Holy Hour
featuring The Cathedral Choirs

Saturday, January 20, 5:00 P.M. | Solemn Mass of Saint Agnes
featuring The Cathedral Singers of Saint Agnes singing selections from *Missa O Quam Gloriosum* by Victoria and other sacred works

Sunday, January 21, 4:00 P.M. Solemn Vespers of Saint Agnes
featuring The Cathedral Choirs followed by Veneration of a Relic of Saint Agnes
Guest Homilist: Father Louis Cona, Associate Pastor, St. Patrick's, Smithtown

St. Agnes Cathedral | 29 Quealy Pl, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Giving Made Easy

Please consider making your generous gifts to our parish through Faith Direct. This easy donation process benefits both its users and our parish in the following ways:

1. ***No more checks to write or envelopes to find***
2. ***Reduction of envelope / postage costs***
3. ***Predictable income for our parish***
4. ***No cost for you to participate***
5. ***Online control of your giving***

For information, you can visit the Faith Direct website at www.faithdirect.net or call their toll-free number: 866-507-8757

Our St. Patrick Church ID is NY51.

You Don't Want to Miss This Moment

We know what happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name—but what happens with 80,000?! Join us in Indianapolis as we ask him to revive our love of the Eucharist, breathing his life into our dry bones. Then, we will be sent back to our communities to invite others to know Jesus. Our nation and our world will never be the same.

BE A PART OF HISTORY. SIGN UP NOW!

eucharisticcongress.org

Support Life This Lenten Season

✝ Lenten Blood Drive

St. Patrick RC Church
Thursday, March 21st
from 2:00 to 8:00 PM
in St. Patrick School's Canning Hall

To sign up, scan the QR code below or contact Mary Ellen McCrossen at 631-469-0989

Speaking of blood donors, the Popielaski family from our parish recently jumped in to help alleviate our current blood shortage. Last week, the New York Blood Center (which supplies blood to hospitals on Long Island) announced they were down to a **one day** supply of O-, O+ and B- blood.

40 Days for Life

Sign up now for 40 Days for Life! Once again, our parish will be praying in front of Planned Parenthood on Maple Avenue in Smithtown as part of our Lenten practices. Tuesday will be our parish's day to pray.

Please sign up for a time slot now on our website www.stpatricksmithtown.org, and be a peaceful and prayerful force for life.

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
www.cffor.org

Religious Freedom Protects the Right to Choose Life

The 1st Amendment's religious freedom clauses direct the federal government not to favor or impose one particular faith and to protect the free exercise of all faiths.
Our Religious Freedom, freedom of conscience, protects Americans from having to violate their chosen faith by government imposed regulations which may, for example, mandate that medical personnel and hospitals perform abortions, require employers to include contraception and abortion inducing drugs in their medical insurance, force business owners to use their creative skills to "celebrate" lifestyles which are in opposition to their sincerely held religious beliefs, forbid student-led prayer in public schools, etc.

- Founder and President James Madison "Conscience is the most sacred of all property…"
- Founder and President John Adams "Nothing is more dreaded than the national government meddling with religion."
- Founder and President Thomas Jefferson "The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time: the hand of force may destroy, but cannot disjoin them."

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 Diocese of Rockville Centre

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

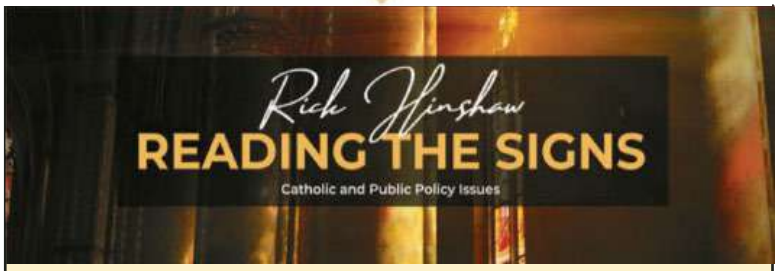
Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

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



Rick Hinshaw has spent the last three decades in primarily Catholic communications work: as a reporter, news editor, columnist, and for eight years editor of The Long Island Catholic; several years as co-host and co-producer of The Catholic Forum program on the diocesan Telecare channel; two stints as Director of Communications for the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights; and a year as Associate Director for Communications at the New York State Catholic Conference. He also served for three years as Public Information Officer for the late Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon, a staunchly Catholic and active pro-life leader. Over that more than 30-year career, he has gained an ever deeper understanding of and appreciation for the moral and social teachings of our Church and his blog articulates those teachings and their applicability to the critical issues of our time. You can find Rick's blog at:

rickhinshaw.com

Reflections on the Sunday Scriptures

January 28, 2024
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20;
1 Corinthians 7: 32-35; Mark 1: 21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Focus Questions:

1. The people were amazed at Jesus' teaching. What teaching or quality of Jesus amazes you?

2. Jesus demonstrated his power. When have you witnessed or experienced the power of Jesus?

3. When have you confronted something evil? How did you react?

Children and Family Reflection:

Jesus helps us to make good decisions, not bad ones. Talk about a time when you chose to do something good.

A Breakfast Invitation from Our Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

The LAST Sunday of Each Month
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
at the Council Hall located at
199 Smithtown Blvd. in Nesconset

Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon,
Sausage, Toast, Coffee, Tea & Juice
$10 per person

Questions? Call or text
631-629-5632 (KofC) or email
council3958@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 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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It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in. And so on, all day. Standing back from all your natural fussings and frettings; coming in out of the wind.

- C.S. Lewis

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: Luke 2: 22-40 (Mary & Joseph present Jesus in the temple.)
Children and Family Reflection: Talk about why the people in your family are so special.

- *My mom and dad are special because they love me.—Giulietta*
- *Because they are kind and loving.—Madison*
- *Because my family is very helpful.—Logan*
- *My sister Maddy is special because she is nice and gives me kisses.—Charlotte*
- *They birthed me and because they are the first people that I have loved.—McKenzie*
- *The people in my family are special because they are kind and nice They show love and kindness.—Isaiah*
- *My family is special because they love me and I love them.—Charlotte*
- *My family takes good care of me because they love me and I love them. My sister is special because we can play together. My dog Jackie protects us.—Marcello*
- *My brother Benji is special because he is good at soccer. My mom is special because she is very nice. My dad is special because he is a hard worker.—Nicholas*
- *My mom, dad, brother and sister are so special because they love me so much and always take such good care of me.—Kendall*
- *My family teaches me to forgive in their actions and love me every day.—Sabrina*
- *The people in my family are special because they give me nice things.—Matthew*
- *They love me and I love them and my mom and dad care about me.—Britney*
- *People in my family are so special because they love me so much.—Ashley*
- *They're sweet and kind and helpful and they love me.—Evan.*

Youth Group

Pictured is the Friday, January 12th Youth Group meeting.
Watch the bulletin for future Youth Group dates.

St. Patrick Youth

St. Patrick's Youth web address is:

stpatsyouth.com

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— Sign up now for the spring season. More information is in this bulletin.

Winter Intramural Basketball—Program runs 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
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Grace B.
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Misty Barone
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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
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Patty Regano
Robert Remhild
Zena Romanzi
Thomas Ronayne
Ariel Ruvinsky
Kathleen S.
Palma S.
Sara
Renee S.
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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

Florence Mary Fitzsimmons Alice Petruny Elda Sardi

Parting Shots . . . .

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