St. Patrick R.C. Church

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

Sunday, January 28, 2024—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come and See Our School!

St. Patrick School Open House
Sunday, January 28th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

All are welcome to the St. Patrick School Open House this Sunday. If you are considering Catholic education for your child or if you would just like to stop in and see what our school has to offer, we welcome you to come and see!

Prayers for Life in Washington DC & Smithtown

Pictured are Fr. Cona with Fr. Reed Flood from the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa, and Sister Mary Esther of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at the Life Fest event on the night before the March for Life in Washington D.C.; and Fr. Abraham with parishioners at the Monument to the Unborn in St. Patrick Cemetery.

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

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 28, 2024
Catholic Schools Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church throughout the United States takes the opportunity to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week which begins today and concludes on February 3, 2024. As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I want to express how incredibly proud I am of our Catholic Schools in the ways that they evangelize our young Catholics here on Long Island.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis says, "Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture" (§134). This mission-driven approach to Catholic Education is especially fitting as the Church in the United States participates in a national Eucharistic Revival, because the mission of the national Eucharistic Revival is embedded into the mission of Catholic Education. Assisting students to know and love Jesus through the transformative power of the Mass, and equipping them to evangelize their families and communities, is an extraordinarily beautiful and achievable goal that our Catholic Schools strive to achieve each day.

As schools throughout the Diocese celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2024 with Masses, open houses, and other various activities, we give thanks to the Lord for those who make these events and Catholic Education as a whole possible. To the dedicated and faithful administrators, teachers, and staff members: thank you for working tirelessly every day to advance the Church's evangelizing mission by your love for Christ and by helping his children to know the presence and power of his love in their lives. To the many parents and guardians who generously offer so much time to assist your pastors and principals in advancing the mission of Catholic Education in your parish and regional schools: your love for Christ and his Church is inspiring, and I am so grateful for your Good Samaritan charity, dedication, and perseverance. In addition, I want to express my gratitude to the Morning Star Initiative and the Department of Education staff who collaborate and work together to provide every student in our Catholic Schools with an education that is robustly Catholic, academically excellent, safe and supportive, and sustainable.

St. John Bosco, a patron saint of school children, understood the essential mission of Catholic Education in the world. He once said, "If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young." Because of the fantastic work being accomplished in our Catholic Schools, I think we can have great hope in the future of society here on Long Island: a future that is filled with young Catholics who are on fire for Jesus Christ and his Church!

Through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the patron saint of Catholic Education, Saint John Bosco, and Mary, Star of Evangelization, may the Lord continue to bless the Morning Star Initiative, the Department of Education, our Catholic Schools, and all those involved in Catholic Education on Long Island, especially our students!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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Masses for the Week

Saturday, January 27th:

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

Monday, January 29th:

6:45 AM	Alicia Daietti
9:00 AM	Richard Keane
12:10 PM	Rosemarie Ceraolo
7:30 PM	Alice T. Mullarkey

Tuesday, January 30th:

6:45 AM	Charles A. Laurino
9:00 AM	Margaret E. Stefania
12:10 PM	Mary Elizabeth Delavigne

Wednesday, January 31st:

6:45 AM	Daniel Vavas Sr.
9:00 AM	Edward Condon
12:10 PM	Giuseppina Carnevale

Thursday, February 1st:

6:45 AM	Gregory Stenger
9:00 AM	Gregory Stenger
12:10 PM	Angela Naglieri

Friday, February 2nd:

6:45 AM	Giovanni Curcio
9:00 AM	Enza Digioia
12:10 PM	Angelina Surace

Saturday, February 3rd:

9:00 AM	Legion of Mary and Deceased Members of the Parish
5:00 PM	Elizabeth Marsala
8:00 PM	Charles Laurino

Sunday, February 4th:

7:30 AM	Robert Smith
9:00 AM	Charles Bartz
10:30 AM	Sr. Rose
12:00 PM	Joseph Assentato
5:00 PM	Robert Saraniero

Treasure

Christmas Collection 2023, Final: $125,986.69.
Christmas Collection 2022: $134,840.62.
Offering for January 21, 2024: $29,713.15.
Offering for corresponding Sunday 2023:$27,760.33.

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

Next Sunday is Hospitality Sunday!

All are invited to join us after the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses next Sunday in Canning Hall for Hospitality Sunday! Come and enjoy FREE bagels, pastries, coffee, tea, and, most importantly, fellowship! It is a small way in which our parish says *thank you* to our parishioners and *welcome* to our visitors! Please join us!

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

Religious Formation

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

St. Patrick Parish Social Ministry

"Love One Another"

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

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*

The Altar Bread and Wine are dedicated this week in loving memory of **Daniel O'Callaghan.**

Remembrance Tree Stars

This year during the Christmas season, the tree that we put up in the lobby of our church was decorated with gold stars and ribbons. The gold stars had the names of those who had their funeral Mass in our parish last year, and the silver ribbons had names written by those who wished their deceased loved ones to also be remembered on the tree. **If you would like to have the star as a keepsake, please contact Parish Outreach at 631-265-2668 or visit our office Monday-Friday between 9:30 AM and 2:45 PM.** May God's peace be with you.

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.***

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. - C.S. Lewis

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.

A Special Celebration of the

Feast of the Candlemas

Friday, February 2nd at 7:30 PM

Please join us as we welcome guest speaker:

Fr. Jonathan Kalisch, O.P.

Fr. Kalisch is the Director of Preaching for the Dominican Province of St. Joseph (NY), is an elected member of the Provincial Council, serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Ministry with Young Adults, and has been appointed a Eucharistic Preacher for the National Eucharistic Revival in the United States Of America. He is also the Director of Chaplains & Spiritual Development for the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. Fr. Jon regularly speaks on college campuses, to gatherings of Knights of Columbus, and preaches retreats.

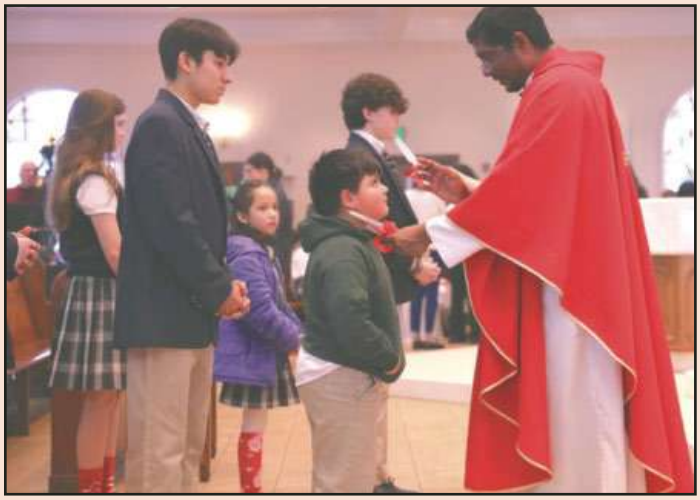
****Don't miss the opportunity to hear this amazing Dominican Priest speak about the Rosary & the power of Our Lady's Confraternity!!*

Solemn Blessing of Candles & Rosaries followed by

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 & Apostolic works of the Dominican Order.
- The intercession of the entire heavenly court.
- Various plenary and partial indulgences.



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.

Blessing of the Throats Prayer: *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.*

You are cordially invited to the

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
GREEN & GOLD

Gala

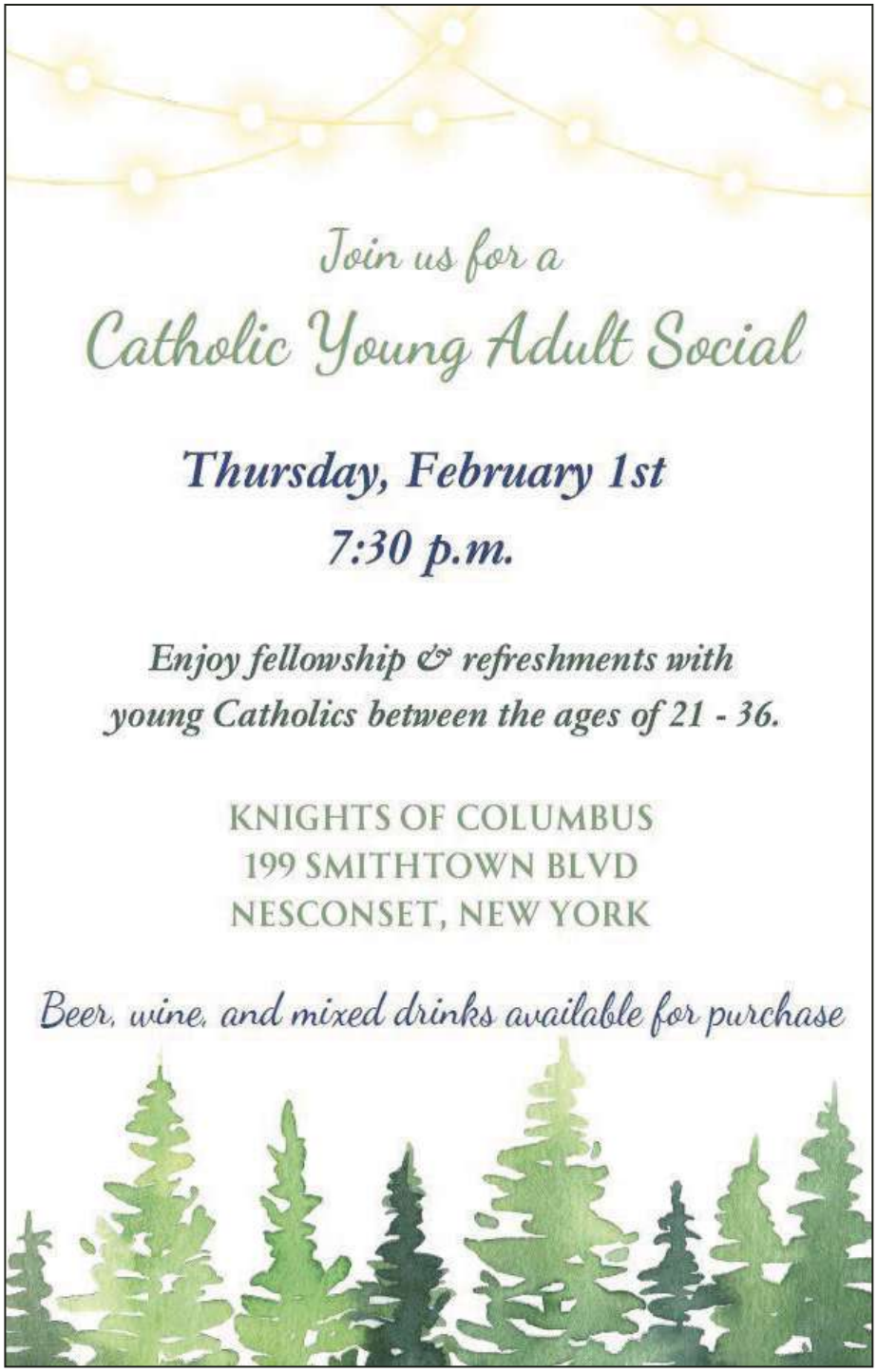
SCAN ME

FRIDAY 15 MARCH, 2024
7:00 in the evening

FLOWERFIELD
199 Mills Pond Road St. James, NY

COCKTAIL RECEPTION
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND DANCING
$125 per person

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16TH
For more information, please email StPatrickGala@spssmith.org
for Ticket Sales & Donations Visit www.SPSGreenAndGoldGala.com



In the Neighborhood . . . .

Eucharistic Miracles of the World— This incredible exhibit, developed by Servant of God Blessed Carlos Acutis, will be on display at St. Francis of Assisi, 29 Claypitts Road in Greenlawn on Saturday, February 3rd from 2:00 to 7:00 PM and on Sunday, February 4th from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Religion and Rock—Tune into Religion and Rock with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 to 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on *Sirius Radio*, *Channel 159*, *the Catholic Channel* and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Upcoming themes include:

January 28th—Searching for Meaning
February 4th—Forgiveness
February 11th—Sacrifice
February 18th—Leadership
February 25th—Relationships

Trip to Woodloch Pines—St. Ignatius in Hicksville is hosting a trip to Woodloch Pines, April 8th to April 12th. Woodloch is an award winning resort. It is like a cruise, without the seasickness. Room accommodations are lovely and the food is fabulous and plentiful. The staff is beyond friendly and many fun games and activities are offered. Please call Pamela Flanagan at 516-938-9334 for more information.

White Mass (A Special Blessing for Healthcare Workers) - Sunday, February 11th at 11:30 AM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manor Road in Manorville.

World Marriage Day Dance—Saturday, 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 and photo booth, raffle baskets and 50/50. Price: $175 per couple. To register or go to:

www.menyliorg/enrichment.php

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.

The March for Life & Our Parish School

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Pictured are: (1) the Life Fest event that took place the night before the March for Life in Washington D.C., (2) Fr. Cona with Fr. Jonathan Kalisch, O.P. (who will be speaking at St. Patrick's on Friday, February 2nd) at the March for Life, (3 & 4) Fr. Abraham and parishioners praying at the Monument to the Unborn at St. Patrick Cemetery on Monday, January 22nd, and (5) at Planned Parenthood on Maple Avenue in Smithtown; and St. Patrick School students (6 & 7) in the computer room, (8 & 9) in art class, and (10 & 11) in gym class. The school Open House is this Sunday, January 28th. All are welcome to come and see our school!

The Five First Saturdays Devotion

The Forgotten Part of the Fatima Message

Every First Saturday at 8:00 AM

The Promise. On December 10, 1925, Our Lady promised Sister Lucia that she would " . . . assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, pray a rosary and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries with the intention of offering me reparation."

How to do the Five First Saturdays. There are four requirements to faithfully fulfill the five Saturdays: (1) Go to Confession, (2) Receive Holy Communion, (3) Say five decades of the Holy Rosary, (4) Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary (separate from saying the Rosary).

During the apparition of February 15, 1926, Sister Lucia presented our Lord the problem some people had with confessing on Saturdays. She asked our Lord if the confession would be valid if done within a period of eight days before or eight days after the first Saturday. Our Lord answered: "Yes, it can even be within many more days, provided they are in the state of grace when they receive me, and have the intention of offering reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

The Intention. To console the Immaculate Heart of Mary, offering reparation for the blasphemies and ingratitude of unrepentant sinners, and for peace in the world.

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

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.

Our culture has filled our heads but emptied our hearts, stuffed our wallets but starved our wonder. It has fed our thirst for facts but not for meaning or mystery. It produces "nice" people, not heroes.

— Peter Kreeft

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

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.

St. Patrick's Youth Ministry

Love

Friday February 9, 2024 6:00 – 8:00 PM

An evening of prayer, discussions, fun and food.

Pizza and Snacks on arrival

What is the greatest commandment?
How do you show your love?
Kinds of love
Biblical references to love
Kahoot and Games– bring your cell phones
Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel
Pickup at the Msgr. Walden Parish Center

Please register in advance so we can plan on the refreshments. Please call or email with your name, grade, email and text number. There is no fee for this event.

stptym@gmail.com *631 682-0699*

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

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

February 2024

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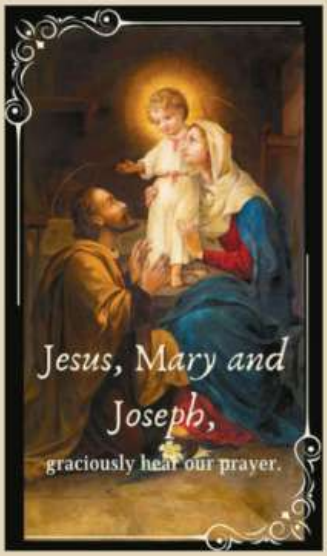
If you are considering a vocation to the Consecrated Life please contact Sr. Pat Moran pmoran@drvc.org



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				1 REV.RYAN CREAMER SEM. ROBERT PARADISO	2 REV. ADRIAN MCHUGH PRAY FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND HOPE	3 REV.GERARD. RINGENBACK PRAY FOR PRIEST FAMILIES
4 REV. ROBERT WOLOSIK PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES	5 REV.JOSEPH SCOLARO PRAY FOR THE INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY	6 REV. FREDDY LOZANO PRAY FOR DEACONS	7 REV.DONALD HANSON SEM. HERLEY MENDEZ	8 REV. SEAN GANN PRAY FOR THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY	9 MSGR. JOSEPH DEGROCCO SEM. PATRICK MCCORMACK	10 REV. WALTER KEDJIERSKI PRAY FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR DIOCESE
11 REV. DARIUSZ KOSZYK SEM. AUGUSTE HORNER	12 REV.VITUS EZEIRUAKU SEM. KEVIN RUEDA	13 REV.PAUL BERSAMIN PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS	14 ASH WEDNESDAY REV.PATRICK GRACE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH	15 REV. PETER DUGANDZIC DCN. JOSEPH LETTIERI	16 REV. YESUDAS ELIAS SEM.JOHN BEATTY	17 REV.JOSEPH FRANCIS PRAY FOR DISCERNERS FAMILIES
18 REV. PABLO OMAMALIN PRAY FOR VOCATIONS	19 REV.JASON GRISAFI SEM. DILLON VITA	20 REV.IRINEL RACOS PRAY FOR OUR BISHOPS	21 REV. HENRY VAS, OFMCAP PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN FAMILIES	22 REV. BOGDAN SOCHA PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS BROTHERS	23 REV. FREDERICK HILL PRAY FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS	24 MSGR. FRANCIS SCHNEIDER DCN. DENNIS GANNON
25 REV.FRANCIS SARPONG PRAY FOR RETIRED PRIESTS	26 REV.RENE TAPEL SEM. NICHOLAS WALDRON	27 MSGR. STEVEN CAMP SEM. PATRICK O'BRIEN	28 REV. MICHAEL VETRANO PRAY FOR DICERNERS	29 REV. PATRICK WHITNEY PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS		

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.
ON ST. PATRICK'S SPORTS COURT

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

Focus on Religious Freedom

From Catholics for Freedom of Religion
www.cffor.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Publishes Report on the State of Religious Liberty in the United States

On January 16th, which is National Religious Freedom Day, the bishops released what they titled The First Annual Report on the State of Liberty in the United States. The report came from the Committee on Religious Liberty of the USCCB. Bishop Rhoades of Fort Wayne, IN is the chairman of that committee.
The bishops report points out five areas of particular concern for 2024:

- Attacks on churches, mosques and temples
- Health and Human Services regulations which would likely force doctors to perform transgender surgeries and, perhaps, abortions
- Threats to religious charities serving newcomers
- Repression of religious speech regarding marriage and sexual differences

The report also points out the alarming vandalism and destruction at Catholic sites since the Dobbs decision and that the government has failed to find and bring to justice those committing these crimes. The frequency and severity of these attacks causes concern about the personal safety of Catholics in their churches as well as the personal safety of Jews and Muslims in light of the extreme rhetoric around the Israel-Hamas conflict.
The report highlights the most severe political threat to religious liberty is the Equality Act which was considered by Congress in 2023. The Equality Act threatens religious freedom, freedom of speech, the rights of parents to raise their children according to their beliefs, the personal safety and the equal treatment of women and other issues.
Read more of the USCCB report here as well as information on the Equality Act.

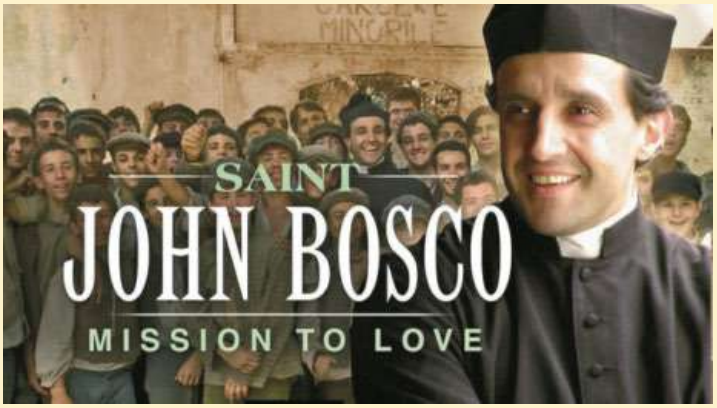
http://tinyurl.com/5dwccjn9 http://tinyurl.com/2s4cfs5m
http://tinyurl.com/5d6fvtjw http://tinyurl.com/mr25crjf

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

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



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Happy Anniversary!

At the 12 noon Mass on February 4th all couples who are celebrating their anniversary during the month of February are invited to come forward and receive a special blessing for married couples. We encourage all to participate in this special tribute.

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.

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

Reflections on the Sunday Scriptures

February 4, 2024
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Job 7; 1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Focus Questions:

1. Jesus ministers to people with various afflictions. Describe a time when you felt the healing power of Jesus in your life.

2. Describe a time when you needed to get away from everyone to regroup so that you could go back to taking care of others.

3. The apostles sought out Jesus. Describe a time in your life when you sought out the Lord.

Children and Family Reflection:

Talk about a time when you did something you did not feel like doing in order to help someone?

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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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Always turn your eyes from the study of your own sin to the contemplation of God's mercy. Devote much more thought to the grandeur of his love for you than to your unworthiness toward him, to his strength than to your weakness. When you have done this, surrender yourself into God's arms in the hope that he will make you what he requires you to be and that he will bless all you do.

- St. Vincent de Paul

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: John 1: 35-42 (Andrew brings his brother Simon to Jesus.)
Children and Family Reflection: Talk about how you and your family share your faith with others.

- *We pray before we sleep and eat.—Emmanuel*
- *We share our faith with others by going to church and praying. We can talk about Jesus in our conversations.—Kayla*
- *In the gospel he teaches us that when we listen to the word of Jesus and follow him in our hearts, our life will not be sad, but a life full of love and trust. In our family we listen to the word of God and we share it from the heart with others.—Valentina*
- *We share our faith with others by being kind and helping the poor.—Shea*
- *I share faith by praying to God every night with my family.—CJ*
- *I share my faith with others by inviting people to church with us every weekend.—Vero*
- *We donate toys to kids that do not have toys at all.—Charlotte*
- *We share our faith with others by going to church every week.—Henry*
- *I share my faith with others by going to church.—Nina*
- *We share our faith with others by teaching about Jesus.—Derek*
- *Tell other people to have faith. God and Jesus will take care of it. One time I got a hockey stick from a hockey player at the Ranger game. The Rangers were in Tampa and my mom thought it would not make it, but I told her to have faith.—Enzo*
- *By going to church we share faith with others.—Logan*
- *We say our prayers together.—McKenzie*
- *I share faith with others by sharing Christmas traditions with others.—Giulietta*
- *We treat others how we want to be treated and we celebrate religious holidays with friends and family—Abby*
- *By being nice and kind. God wants us to love everyone.—Isaiah*
- *We share faith when we pray and always help each other.—Marcello*
- *We share our faith by living the golden rule. We treat others the way we want to be treated. We say grace before meals at our house and include others.—Jackson*
- *We always say grace before every meal with others.—Adrian*
- *We have family dinner and share what our favorite part of the day was.—Lucas*
- *We go to church to share faith. We donate food, clothes and money to people who need it. We are nice to everyone. —Anna*
- *The way I share my faith with others is to tell my friends to go to church every Sunday and to be good to their parents.—Oliver*
- *My family is kind and donated to the poor. We have a cross on top of the door. My dad used the chalk on the door. That's how my family shares our faith with others.—Nicholas.*

One of the most fundamental problems in the spiritual order is that we sense within ourselves the hunger for God, but we attempt to satisfy it with some created good that is less than God. Thomas Aquinas said that the four typical substitutes for God are wealth, pleasure, power, and honor. Sensing the void within, we attempt to fill it up with some combination of these four things, but only by emptying out the self in love can we make the space for God to fill us. - Bishop Robert Barron

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— 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

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Laura Alam
Joseph Alonso
Genevieve Antonucci
J.M.A.
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Daryn Atamanchuk
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Grace B.
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Fr. Richie Fineo
Kevin Flood
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Anthony Gangemella
Luca Michael Giannuzzi
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Bob Graham
Nan Grassman
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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
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Zena Romanzi
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Ariel Ruvinsky
Kathleen S.
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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
Edward Young
Ralph Zanchelli

Pray for the Dead

Carol Berry
James A. Casey
Gerard F. Flood
Michael Larkin
Kevin O'Connell

Parting Shots . . . .

Let it Snow—While adults may consider snow a nuisance, children find it to be a lot fun.

Pictured are young St. Patrick School students enjoying the snow we had on Friday, January 12th.

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