St. Patrick R.C. Church

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

Sunday, February 11, 2024—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Candlemas

Our parish celebration of the Presentation of the Lord was greatly enriched by a beautiful liturgy led by Fr. Jonathan Kalisch.

What a Week! **-** St. Patrick School was full of activity during Catholic Schools Week. Pictured here are: Cereal Box Dominos, the 8th Grade Volleyball Game, and a lesson on the American flag given by our pastor, Reverend Lieutenant Colonel Brian McNamara, along with St. Patrick School alumni First Lieutenant Luke Cocchi.

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:

Lenten greetings from the rectory! Believe it or not, Lent has arrived! Easter is very early this year: March 31! This Wednesday, February 14th, is Ash Wednesday. Please see below for our **Ash Wednesday Schedule**.

Pope Francis has said, *"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake from our lethargy... The Lord is knocking at the doors of our hearts. Have we put up a sign on the door saying: 'Do not disturb'?"*

Pope John Paul II noted: "*Lent is a time to put life back in its proper place and to remember two things about ourselves: we came from God, and we are journeying back to God through the resurrection. Our Lenten acts place us before God and help us to recognize this profound truth about ourselves."*

Here, at St. Patrick's Church, we are offering a number of spiritual opportunities this Lent. Every **FRIDAY AFTERNOON (12:45 PM)** and every **FRIDAY EVENING (7:30 PM)**, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross. Come join us as we meditate upon the suffering and death of Jesus for you and me.

We are planning a **PARISH MISSION,** centered around **40 Hours Devotion**. There will be more information in the future but carve out Monday, March 4th to 6th. We will give a longer explanation of 40 Hours Devotion in the weeks to come but, briefly, 40 Hours Devotion consists of continual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayer, spiritual talks and confession throughout the 40-hour time period.

These Lenten opportunities are simply that: Opportunities. As with all opportunities, we can choose to take advantage of them or choose not to take advantage of them. Take advantage of these opportunities. These opportunities are the Lord knocking at the door of your heart: Answer the knock! Do not put out a "Do Not Disturb" sign. Allow God to love you!

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Our Lenten journey begins this Wednesday, February 14th. Below is our schedule of Masses and services where ashes will be distributed:

MASSES	LITURGIES
6:45 AM	*(Not a Mass)*
9:00 AM	2:00 PM
12:10 PM	3:00 PM
7:30 PM	4:00 PM
	5:00 PM
	6:00 PM

Dear brothers and sisters, let us begin our Lenten journey with joyful confidence. May we feel deep within us the call to conversion, to "return to God with all our heart," accepting his grace which makes us new men and women, with that astonishing newness which is a share in the very life of Jesus. May none of us be deaf to this appeal, which also comes to us in the austere rite, at once so simple and so evocative, of the imposition of ashes, which we are about to celebrate.—Pope Benedict XVI

Masses for the Week

Saturday, February 10th:

5:00 PM	John Browne Sr. & Jr.
8:00 PM	Philip Vanek

Sunday, February 11th:

7:30 AM	Josephine & John Edmundson
9:00 AM	Mary Alice & William Blatt
10:30 AM	Edward Ribaudo
12:00 PM	Monica Raimondi
5:00 PM	Dcn. Richard Janiec

Monday, February 12th:

6:45 AM	Stephen Soviero
9:00 AM	Bianca Rodriguez
12:10 PM	Roselle La Rosa (L)
7:30 PM	Judy Lynch

Tuesday, February 13th:

6:45 AM	Laura Tallarico
9:00 AM	Kimberlynn Bertolino
12:10 PM	Josephine Corbo

Wednesday, February 14th:

6:45 AM	Ann & Al Vetter
9:00 AM	Frank LaCorte
12:10 PM	Mary Murphy
7:30 PM	Matilde Pulgarin Gallo

Thursday, February 15th:

6:45 AM	Rose Failla
9:00 AM	Charles Porto
12:10 PM	Kathleen Robinson

Friday, February 16th:

6:45 AM	Richard Lee
9:00 AM	Gilma Herrera
12:10 PM	Betsy Young

Saturday, February 17th:

9:00 AM	*Multiple Intentions
5:00 PM	Brian, Otto & Dorothy Irslinger
8:00 PM	Anthony P. Genovese

Sunday, February 18th:

7:30 AM	Thomas Fay
9:00 AM	Charles Bartz
10:30 AM	Charles Bartz
12:00 PM	Diane Engel
5:00 PM	Linda & Tony Glasso

**Jason Michael Brescia, Msgr. Walden (L), The Souza Family, Michaele Cadet, Fran Bush, Louis Huertas*

Treasure

Offering for February 4, 2024: $35,041.17.
Offering for corresponding Sunday 2023:$36,250.14.

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

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, February 16th 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!*

Religious Formation

There will be no Religious Formation classes from Sunday, February 18th to Sunday, February 25th due to the Winter School Break. Classes will resume on Monday, February 26th.

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

A Simple Way to Help Struggling Families

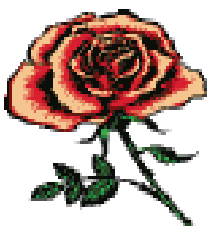
A host of economic factors have led to an unprecedented number of requests for help from our Parish Outreach office. Your generous donations to our food pantry have helped us to keep pace. Another easy way to help struggling families is to contribute to our Poor Boxes, located at the exits of our church.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

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.

Nocturnal Adoration for this month will be a one-hour "Combined Vigil" beginning at 9:00 PM on Saturday, February 17th. Adoration will end with Benediction at 10:00 PM. Please come to spend some time with our Lord.



The Pro-Life Rose is dedicated this week in loving memory of my husband **Art Maddaloni.**

St. Patrick Parish Social Ministry

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 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 2:30 PM for further information. Assistance is awarded until funds are depleted, which historically has been by the second week of March**. Please remember that all inquiries are confidential.**

Parish Outreach "Love One Another"

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

Pro-Life Rose

St. Patrick's Pro-Life Family invites you to dedicate a Pro-Life Rose for any intention by contacting Linda at giftaproliferose@gmail.com or call 631-521-1496.

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.

Entering into the Season of Lent

This Lenten season, our parish will over numerous opportunities for prayer and spiritual enrichment. Please join us as we seek to deepen our relationship to God.

Friday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Friday afternoons at 12:45 PM and Friday evenings at 7:30 PM during Lent as reflect on the Passion of Jesus by praying the Stations.

Parish Mission

Forty Hours Devotion

Monday, March 4th to Wednesday, March 6th

All are encouraged to participate in this 40-hour period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. More information is on the following page.

Al Barbarino

On Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30 PM
we will welcome this inspirational recording artist,
speaker and parish retreat leader

Al is a Lay Franciscan with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (Fr. Benedict Groeschel's Community), and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Throughout the years in this apostolate, he has recorded CDs/ videos, and traveled around the world. Through all the support of his recordings, he helps the Franciscans at their homeless shelters, Croatian Relief International Outreach, and for the poor, wherever he sings. Al has worked in the New York City prisons for incarcerated youth as a counselor. He has many stories to share!

Forty Days for Life

Tuesday will once again be our parish's day to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Maple Avenue in Smithtown between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM. To sign up for time slot, visit our website—stpatricksmithtown.org or use the form on page 7 of this bulletin.

Lenten Blood Drive

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

To sign up, use the QR code at right, contact Mary Ellen McCrossen at 631-469-0989 or call Parish Outreach at 631- 265- 2668. If you cannot donate, please tell someone else about this very important blood drive. Together we can make a difference. Thank you for your support.

What is the 40 Hours Devotion?

The 40 Hours Devotion originated in Europe in the 1500s. St. Philip Neri promoted the devotion in Rome as did St. Ignatius of Loyola in Germany. In the United States, St. John Neumann, who was facing strong and at times violent anti-Catholic sentiments in Philadelphia, introduced the devotion.

The 40 Hours Devotion is a 40-hour time of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. It begins and ends with Mass with the focus being Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Why 40 hours? The number 40 often appears in scripture and is considered a sacred period of time. It is the traditional time period from Jesus' burial to his resurrection. Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days in the desert before beginning his public ministry. The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. We also observe the Lenten season for 40 days (excluding Sundays.)

Our St. Patrick's 40 Hours Devotion will follow the schedule below:

At the various times during the 40 hours, devotionals will be held. For example, recitation of the Rosary will take place at 12:00 noon. Sacred Heart / Divine Mercy prayers will take place at 3:00 PM, etc. We will also have guest preachers, and confessions will be offered. We will have silent Adoration except for the scheduled devotions and preaching.

Our 40 Hours Devotion will begin with adoration in the Church on Monday, March 4th, following the 7:30 PM Novena Mass. Adoration will then move between the Church and the Chapel in the Msgr. Walden Parish Center. This is based on our Mass schedule and is as follows:

Monday, March 4th: Adoration in the Church from 8:00 to 11:00 PM.
Adoration in the Chapel from 11:00 PM to Tuesday 1:00 PM

Tuesday, March 5th: Adoration in the Church from 1:00 PM to 11:00 PM.
Adoration in the Chapel from 11:00 PM to Wednesday 1:00 PM

Wednesday, March 6th: Adoration in the Church from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
*** Fr. Sean Magaldi will be preaching at 5:00 PM followed by Solemn Benediction.

To sign up for an adoration time, please go to: https://stpatsmithtown.weadorehim.com/en/schedule?week=2024-03-03

Thank you for giving Our Lord Jesus the gift of your time this Lent!

A Message From Bishop John O. Barres

This year's CMA theme, Revitalizing Our Faith – Renewed by the Eucharist, is inspired by The National Eucharistic Revival which continues to be an important mission the Church is undertaking. Through this renewal of faith, we are restoring an understanding and fidelity to the great mystery of Jesus Christ really and truly present in the Eucharist. Jesus selflessly gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6:56) This cherished encounter with Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist directs us and strengthens us to continue His mission of evangelizing the faith and caring for those in need.

We can accomplish this important mission here on Long Island by supporting the vital works of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal assist thousands of individuals on Long Island each year by supporting seminarians through their discernment and formation, evangelization programs to adults and our youth, and through Catholic Charities and parish outreach programs that provide food and shelter to seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal truly brings the true presence of Jesus to more than 600,000 people each year. I personally invite you to continue on this mission by joining me in making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We have much to look forward to because we are a people of hope.

I pray for God's blessings for you and your family.

St. Patrick's Parish Lenten Project

Please Pray, Fast and attend Adoration on Tuesdays during Lent.

Our invitation to a sacrificial Lent!
Pray and fast with the intention of "Life"
Attend Prayer Vigil Outside of Planned Parenthood, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Attend Holy Hour (Adoration) 7:00—8:00 PM in the church
Please sign up through our website—stpatricksmithtown.org
or send the form below in to the rectory

Spring Campaign February 14th- March 24th

Name_____

Pray and Fast

I will Pray and Fast for Life on Tuesdays during Lent. Yes_____ No _____

Prayer Vigil

Tuesdays during Lent outside Planned Parenthood, 70 Maple Ave Smithtown.

Please select an hour.

7am_____ 8am_____ 9am_____10am _____11am _____12pm_____

1pm _____2pm_____3pm_____4pm_____5pm_____6pm_____

Holy Hour

I will attend the Holy Hour For life 7pm-8pm at St Patrick's Church Tuesdays during Lent.

Yes_____ No _____

Email_____ Cell_____

(To be used only to give information regarding campaign)

Blessing of the Throats

On Saturday, February 3rd our parish celebrated the feast day of St. Blaise with the Blessing of the Throats. St. Blaise was a fourth century bishop in Sebaste in Armenia. He lived during a time of great persecution of the Church. Tradition has it that the Roman emperor had St. Blaise hunted down and while on the way to prison, a woman approached whose son had a fishbone stuck in his throat and was near death. St. Blaise placed his hands on the boy's neck and the fish bone dislodged—hence his association with the Blessing of the Throats.

When St. Blaise refused to sacrifice to pagan idols, he was terribly tortured and beheaded. The intercession of St. Blaise has been invoked for illnesses of the throat since the sixth century. Below is the prayer used for the Blessing of the Throats:

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Friday Exposition

Adoration available every Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM in the Padre Pio Chapel at A Quiet Place, located in the Msgr. Walden Parish Center.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

FOLLOWING THE 5PM MASS

JOIN US AS WE HONOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES BY PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY

ROSARIES MADE BY SAINT PATRICK'S ROSARY MAKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH.

Any questions please contact Tammy Hart (Legion Of Mary) by call or text at 631-966-8006

You are cordially invited to the annual

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL GREEN & GOLD

Gala

FRIDAY 15 MARCH, 2024
7:00 in the evening

AS WE HONOR
The Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden

FLOWERFIELD
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COCKTAIL RECEPTION
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND DANCING
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Priests Table Sponsorship - $1,200
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Digital Advertisement - $200
High Resolution Digital Advertisement On Repeat In The Main Ballroom For The Duration Of The Evening

***bar Sponsor - $500**
Signage On The Cocktail Hour Or A Main Bar • Business Logo On Cocktail Napkins • Gala Program Ad Space

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Invitation Sponsorship - $1,500
Digital Signage During The Evening • Full Page Ad In The Gala Program • Recognition On Our Social Media • Gala Website Ad Ppace • Post Event Ad Space In Church Bulletin

Find these and more on www.SPSGreenAndGoldGala.com
**subject to availability*

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Please email StPatrickGala@SpsSmith.org

Please return this portion along with any Donation or Sponsorship check to
St. Patrick School's Main Office, attn: Gala
284 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY 11787
By Friday, February 16, 2024
Checks may be made payable to St. Patrick School.

Around the Parish

It has been a busy time in our parish with Catholic School's Week, a special celebration of the Presentation of the Lord, a Young Adult gathering and more.

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Pictured on pages 10-12: (1-5) A Catholic Schools Week game show activity, (6-9) Cereal Box Dominos (More than 1,000 boxes were donated by school families and set up by students and staff. After the event the cereals were donated to various Catholic food pantries), (10-14) Ice Cream Sundaes, a Catholic Schools Week treat, (15-17) our pastor, Reverend Lieutenant Colonel Brian McNamara, along with St. Patrick School alumni First Lieutenant Luke Cocchi giving a lesson on the American flag and answering questions about military life, (18-21) the 8th grade volleyball game, (22-23) a St. Patrick's Young Adult gathering, and (24-29) our special celebration of the feast of Candlemas with Fr. Jonathan Kalisch, O.P.

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.

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.

Focus on Religious Freedom

From Catholics for Freedom of Religion
www.cffor.org

Traditional Latin Mass is Celebrated in the U.S. Capitol One Year after the Leak of the FBI Memo Linking Traditional Catholics to Domestic Terrorists

On January 23, 2024 the Traditional Latin Mass was celebrated inside the Capitol of the United States in response to an invitation from House Speaker Mike Johnson, House Judiciary Committee Chairman, Jim Jordan, and Congressman Dan Meuser to coincide with the one year anniversary of the leaking of the contested memo from multiple FBI offices claiming that extremists and terrorist groups were connected with traditional Catholic communities.

The Arlington Latin Mass society coordinated the event and reported that invitations to the Mass were limited in deference to Traditionis Custodis. About 60 people were in attendance including some Congressional staffers, but no members of Congress were present as they were out of town on recess.

After the controversial memo was made public, the FBI stated the memo would be withdrawn as it did not meet FBI standards. However, a January 31, 2024 letter from 15 GOP Senators to FBI Director, Christopher Wray, asked for intact records from the FBI regarding the memo, since the records were allegedly permanently deleted after the memo became public. The Senators want to clear up differences between Director Wray's testimony and new information on the surveillance of Catholics.

This is the memo that Cardinal Dolan, speaking in February of 2023 as then Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Religious Freedom found to be "troubling and offensive." The January 16, 2024 USCCB's Annual Report on the State of Religious Liberty in the U.S. also pointed out concerns regarding this troubling action by the FBI.

Read more here:
http://tinyurl.com/25zd2bbb
http://tinyurl.com/5c4wazfk
http://tinyurl.com/5dwccjn9
http://tinyurl.com/5yv76bsv
http://tinyurl.com/4phcarsm

In God's will, there is great peace.
- St. Josephine Bakhita

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Join our former associate pastor, Fr. Mike Lombadi, is the spiritual director for a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Garabandal, Covadonga & Lourdes. For more information call 1-800-206-8687 or email liz@206tours.com.

Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where He will.
- St. Bede the Venerable

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

Time to Sign up for Summer Camp!

Make this summer a fun and memorable one for your children!

Camp St. Patrick runs from July 1st to August 16th, Monday through Friday. Kiddie Camp for ages 3 to 5; Main Camp for ages 6 to 12; and Teen Travel Camp for ages 13 to 15 offer programs geared for their age groups. The camp features on-site activities as well as trips to destinations such as Splish Splash, Adventureland, Top Golf, Station Sports, Urban Air, and more. Flexible scheduling available. Before and After Care available.

For more information, go to www.stpatsyouth/summer-camp.

Reflections on the Sunday Scriptures

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent
Readings: Genesis 9: 8-15; 1 Peter 3: 18-22;
Mark 1: 12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.
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."

Focus Questions:

1. What tempts you to do something that, in the long run, is not good for you? What do you do to resist the temptation?

2. What do you do to create some personal time for space and prayer?

3. Describe some Lenten practice you did when you were a child. What do you do differently today? If you do the same things, how has your experience of doing them changed?

Children and Family Reflection:

The season of Lent begins this week. What are some things you would like to do during Lent to help your faith grow stronger?

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

- *One time I was playing soccer. It was a tough game and I wanted to quit. But I played hard to help my team.—Marcello*
- *I do not like folding clothes, but I do for my mom.—Logan*
- *I got a new tube to toothpaste from the dentist and my brothers wanted to use it. I didn't want to share it with them but I did because there was no other toothpaste for them to use.—Shea*
- *When my parents ask me to tidy up my bed.—C.J.*
- *My mom had bought donuts for my birthday. My friend came over and he wanted my last rainbow donut which was my favorite. I decided to give him this donut because I wanted to make him happy.—Colin*
- *When my friend was sad, I played a game I didn't want to play to make him happy. - Brendan*
- *When my classmate is mean to my BFF, I don't want to help her but I do.—Juliana*
- *I helped clean up dinner when my mom and dad were sick.—Clinton*
- *I don't like to clean my room but I do to help my mom and dad.—Scarlett*
- *I helped my friend when they fell down.—Giulietta*
- *Yesterday I had my First Reconciliation. I was nervous speaking to Fr. Brian. It was actually easy and comforting. I believe the power of Jesus helped.—McKinley*
- *When I did something good, I helped my mom with laundry instead of playing games.—Nicholas*
- *One time my mom told me I have to clean the house up. I didn't want to clean but I helped my mom.—Anna*
- *I helped my sister clean the play room even though I did not want to.—Adrian*
- *Sometimes I'm asked to help my aunt babysit my cousin. Sometimes I don't always feel like watching her but I do it to help out my aunt because I know she needs the help and I love her. I also help because I love my baby cousin and we have a great bond.—Maria*
- *I cleaned up the house with my mom before we had family over. I wanted to play but I knew my mom needed the help.—Jackson*
- *I help my sister clean up her toys even though I don't like it, because I love her.—Bobby*

What is necessary is to continue to love. How does a lamp burn, if it is not by the continuous feeding of little drops of oil? When there is no oil, there is no light and the bridegroom will say: "I do not know you." Dear friends, what are our drops of oil in our lamps? They are the small things from every day life: the joy, the generosity, the little good things, the humility and the patience. A simple thought for someone else. Our way to be silent, to listen, to forgive, to speak and to act. That are the real drops of oil that make our lamps burn vividly our whole life.

–St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

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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
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You must register in advance.
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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.

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