

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL. This person would be in charge of coordinating volunteers mainly for the game booths because the school handles the children's corner and Marsha handles the food volunteers. We have previous years records of volunteers and phone numbers so you are not starting fresh. We are very organized in that area. For questions or more information, call Kathy or Dave (724.746.3403). You will be working with a great team!

BASKETS: The "Theme Basket Booth" at our Festival is always in need of large baskets. If you received fruit or gift baskets, etc. for Christmas and would like to donate your basket for use at this year's Festival, just drop them off at the rectory office. The LARGE baskets are always needed.

ENVELOPES FOR STUDENTS: Please call the Religious Education Office (724.745.3787) and request envelopes. Mrs. Serbak will arrange for your son or daughter to receive their yearly envelope packet.

LADIES OF CHARITY will meet Monday, January 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Center. Any lady of the parish wishing to join is encouraged to attend this meeting. New members will be invested on March 24, 2007 at St. Paul Cathedral. This will be a brief meeting so that members can attend Bible Study.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available in the vestibules of the church. These are available for preschool students through 4th grade. Please take one per family.

CELEBRATE AMERICA DINNER DANCE will be held on February 17th at the Holiday Inn (Meadowlands). Price is \$60 per person, which includes sit down dinner and open bar. Tickets are limited – call Kathleen Bench 724.942.0338 for more information.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

Open House and Registration for students entering *PRE-SCHOOL* and *KINDERGARTEN* for the 2007-2008 school term will be held on *SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2007* immediately following the 12:00 PM Mass. Parents *must* bring the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunization records. A \$35.00 non-refundable fee is required at the time of registration in order to hold a place for your child. Registrations will also be accepted on *MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007* in the school office between the hours of 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

For more information, please call the school office at (724) 745-7977 or visit our website at www.saintpatsschool.org.

WORSHIP COMMISSION: Do you have any concerns or questions regarding the Worship Commission? Please put them in writing and submit them to the Rectory Office for the Worship Commission at their next meeting on January 17th.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
January 7, 2007 Sunday Mass Offertory:	
908 Envelopes.....	15,930.50
41 Children's Envelopes	55.14
Loose Cash and Coin.....	1,131.07
St. Patrick School.....	373.50
Parish Total:	\$17,489.21
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	2,885.00
TOTAL NEEDED each week	16,125.21
Initial Offering.....	\$1,261.00
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

A Will is triumph over death, allowing compassion to live on long after we are called home to God. Please remember St. Patrick Parish when writing your Will.

SECOND COLLECTION at all Masses next Sunday, January 21st, will be for Saint Anthony School Programs, DePaul Institute and Sensory Handicapped Children. Remember that the amount collected is credited toward our PSP Goal for 2006. Please be as generous as your means permit.

MEMORIALS were received as follows: **"My Father's House" Renovation Fund:** In loving memory of **Walter Mark** by Angelo and Eileen Cianelli; In loving memory of **Abigail Joos**, Herman and Caroline Helmich by Elizabeth A. LoGreco; In loving memory of **Irene Schildkamp** by Mary Jane Neish; In loving memory of **Mary Harper** by Mag and John Mazza, Marie Progar, Anthony and Mary Luisi, Marie J. Polly, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Motto, Louis and Linda Liberatore.

MASSES were received for **Irene Schildkamp** by Mary Smith, Maria, Guy and Marshall Wilde; for **Living Members of the Schildkamp Family** by Maria, Guy and Marshall Wilde; and for **Mary Harper** by Rev. Joseph G. Luisi,, Rosemarie and Tom Pallaria Jr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19;
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27];
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Pike Street, Meadowlands, PA, on Saturday, February 3, 2007 (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) in the Church Basement. Adults are \$5.00, children under 10, \$3.00. ALL ARE WELCOME!

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“The sanctity of the priest is the principal means of converting sinners.”
St. Alphonsus Liguori

This past Monday afternoon—I had to go to the dentist, doctor, and pharmacist. But, the cure for all my ills was the ‘heart-warming’ response of so many who came out for the first ‘Monday Night Bible Study’ in Church. It reminds me of this story.

Jacob, 92 years old, and Rebecca 89 years old, were thrilled about their decision to get married. So one day they went to the drugstore, where Jacob asked the pharmacist, “Do you sell heart medication?”

“Of course we do,” the pharmacist said.

“How about medicine for circulation, rheumatism, and arthritis; vitamins; sleeping pills; and wheel-chairs and walkers?” Jacob asked.

“Definitely. We have all of those things,” the pharmacist assured him.

“Great!” Jacob. “Then we’d like to register here for our wedding gifts, please.”

The point is you still have time to register to attend weekly Bible study—‘just do it’ as Nike says! It’s never too late or too early to read God’s Word. You’re never too old or too young to read and meditate on God’s Holy Word. The Bible is still the best selling book on the market—that’s encouraging! The Bible is the wise prescriptions that enhance, enrich, and enliven our journey of life. So, why not try—just bring a Bible and invite a friend (hopefully you have both of these) to class! If not, we will provide you with both of these. We are using the New American Bible for class—St. Joseph Edition--large print and can be bought at class for \$12.00.

If you would like, we will also use God’s Word Today monthly companion publication. It can be ordered individually and sent directly to your home. Write: God’s Word Today P.O. Box 56915 Boulder, Colorado 80323-6915. Or call 1-800-246-7390 or 303-604-1465. The cost is \$19.95 per year and be sure to ask to get your free Books of the Bible booklet. Check out on the web—www.GodsWordToday.com

We meet at 7:00pm and end at 8:15pm. Just 75 minutes—heck, I waited 75 minutes last Saturday to get a table at the restaurant! Everyone is welcome all or any week. Just remember, I give out ‘surprise’ road maps each week!

“It is not enough to own a Bible; we must read it. It is not enough to read it; we must let it speak to us. It is not enough to let it speak to us; we must believe it. It is not enough to believe it; we must live it.” —William A. Ward

“A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who is not.”
-Unknown author

“Reading the Bible is a family blessing.”
-David William Jones (1922-86), my Presbyterian father

Today on this 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus performs His First miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana in Galilee changing water into wine. Mary’s memorable words and heart of prayer—“Do whatever He tells you....”
The wine ran out, a symbol of the *people’s deep spiritual thirst.*

Fr. Rich continued....

“When Christ changed the water into wine by His power, the crowd rejoiced...Today, it is at the banquet of the church that we are all seated, for the wine is changed into the blood of Christ, and we drink it with blessed joy, glorifying the great bridegroom.”

Romanus, 5th century musician (1.14.07)

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who donated gifts for needy newborns last Sunday. A check in the amount of \$359.30 was sent to Genesis of Washington and clothing, formula, diapers, etc. were sent to Catholic Charities of Washington. Both organizations were very grateful for your generosity.

GENESIS is in need of used cribs and baby equipment. Call 724.225.6494 to learn more about donating these items.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Center. Alan Henderson (724.747.2572).

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 14** **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Jan. 15** **RCIA** (7:30 p.m.) – Center
- Jan. 15** **Ministry of Mother’s Sharing** (7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center
- Jan. 15** **Bible Study** with Fr. Rich (7:00 -8:15 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church
- Jan. 15** **Ladies of Charity Mtg.** (7:00 p.m.) in the Center
- Jan. 16** **Respect Life Mtg.** (7:00 p.m.) in the Center
- Jan. 17** **Christian Mother’s Exec. Board Mtg.** (7:00 p.m.) in the Center
- Jan. 24** **ROSARY** (6:30 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church
EVERYONE WELCOME!
- Jan. 21** **Catholic Men’s Club** (7:00) in the Center

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH FOR 2006 may be requested by using the following form and depositing it in the mailbox at the rectory, the offertory basket on Sunday or by mail.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Please mail my Financial Statement for 2006.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope No. _____ Phone: _____

All parishioners are urged to remember the sick and shut-in members of our parish family in your daily prayers.

PRAY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE!

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 14 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 SP (P.M. – Saturday Vigil) Jennie Balzama by Balzama and Romano Families
7:30 SP Ida Liberatore by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Liberatore
10:00 SP Joe Salamon by Fr. Joe Luisi
12:00 SP Domineck Mazza and Encandela Family by Mary Mazza
5:00 SP For The People

Pray for Mary A. Harper, Month's Mind

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

- 7:00 SP Belle Angelone by Victoria Zuzek
8:15 SG Walter Rybarski by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ritchey

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 7:00 SP Paul Popovich Jr., Anna and Paul Popovich Sr. by Eileen Popovich Meninger

Pray for Raymond Pitzarella, Month's Mind

- 8:15 SG Sabia D'Orazio by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D'Orazio

10:00 a.m. Fr. Gabriel at Charles House. – Intention for Genevieve Petras by Rina DeFillippo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 – Anthony, Abbot

- 7:00 SP August A. Yarkosky by Michael Yarkosky
9:00 SP John P. Kostic, Jr. by Mary Jane Neish Family

Pray for Vincent W. Mohn, Month's Mind

2:00 p.m. Fr. Gabriel at Beverly Health Care. – Intention for Frank and Julia Hudak by Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- 7:00 SP Martin Turk by Family
8:15 SG Joe Jiblets by Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

- 7:00 SP Delfine Family by Ferdinand Delfine
Pray for Jacob Martincic, Month's Mind
8:15 SG Deceased Members of John and Mary Puskar Family by Pam, Al, Jr. and Andrea

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

- 7:30 SP Deceased Members of Plovic Family by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Plovic

11:30 to 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION

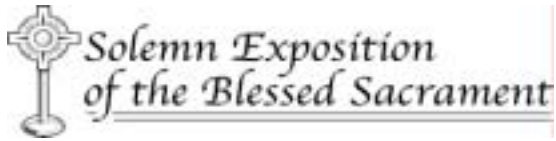
- 5:00 SP (P.M. – Vigil) Babka, Smith and Kosek Families by George Babka

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

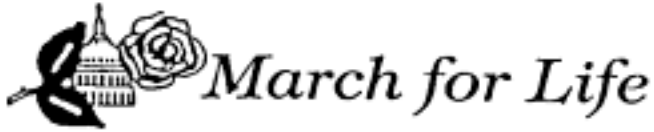
- 7:30 SP Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sroka by Anna Sedora
10:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE
12:00 SP Robert Novak by Wife and Family
5:00 SP Raymond Duda by Paul Kowcheck Family

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, especially **Wilma Luba** (mother of parishioner, Larry Luba), **Mary Gregor, and all the faithful departed.**

Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be exposed in St. Patrick Church throughout the day on January 22nd beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on spending some time in prayer for an end to abortion and the safety of our travelers to Washington, D.C.



34th MARCH FOR LIFE will be held in Washington DC on Monday, January 22, 2007. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 per student and \$30.00 per family. Any student going will have their \$10.00 refunded on the bus that day. There are two buses leaving from St. Patrick Parish; one will leave the parking lot at 6:00 a.m. and return at approximately 11:00 p.m. and another "Youth Bus" is leaving at 1:15 a.m. and also returning at approximately 11:00 p.m. The Youth Bus will stop for breakfast then proceed to the MCI Center for a Youth Rally with 25,000 other young people. After the Rally they will join the March for Life and then proceed to Union Station to meet their bus and begin the return trip home. Plan now to make arrangements for your pilgrimage to Washington, DC. Call Alan Henderson at 724.747.2572 or Sharon Maikranz at 724.745.3616. **Students in grades 7th and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP: If you are going on the March For Life on January 22nd please wear your green youth caps. This will help represent our Church in Washington DC and also help keep our group together. Any student interested in attending should call Lisa Ackerman (724.745.3989) as soon as possible.

ALL PERMISSION SLIPS and \$10.00 fee for students must be received in the rectory office by January 17, 2007. Extra Permission Slips are available at the rectory office,

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND the March for Life consider being a sponsor and make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the bus or help sponsor one of our teens to attend the March. Just put your donation in a plain envelope marked to the attention of the March for Life and drop in the offertory basket on Sunday or bring to the rectory.

Special thanks to those who have already made donations to help sponsor our teens.

On January 19th the SILVER RING THING will be held at Seton LaSalle High School from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and all teenagers, parents, and youth workers are invited to attend. With dramas, videos, special effects, and speakers, teenagers will be motivated in a unique and personal way to choose to commit to both God and their future spouse to remain abstinent until marriage. A brief parent session will be held. This is open for all youth in grades 6 through 12. For more information for students in grades 9 through 12, call Nicole (724.745.9413); and for students in grades 6 through 8, call Lisa Ackerman (724.745.3989).