



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
March 20, 2016

Holy Mass  Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 19</b> Deceased Members of the Coviello Family and Josephine Sirianni
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>March 20</b> Bill Branagan and Tom Guckian Darwin Zahn and Joan Kearney Vater Peter Coviello, Sr. and Dolores Skea John Taylor Babbitt and Robert Carroll
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 21</b> Nicholas Marconi and David Tracy
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 22</b> Eric Dancz and Mae Kane
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 23</b> Paul J. Burke and Jack Duffy
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am 7:30 pm	<b>March 24</b> Prayer Service Prayer Service
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am 3:00 pm	<b>March 25</b> Prayer Service Prayer Service
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 8:00 pm	<b>March 26</b> Prayer Service Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am	<b>March 27</b> Living and Deceased Family Members Living and Deceased Family Members Living and Deceased Family Member <i>In the Church</i> Living and Deceased Family Members <i>In the Parish Center</i>

**Mass Schedule March 26th & 27th**

<b>Fr. Bob</b>	<b>Saturday 8 pm and Sunday 9 am, Church 11 am in the Parish Center</b>
<b>Fr. Chris</b>	<b>Saturday 8 pm and Sunday 7:30 am, Church 11 am in the Church</b>

**Parish Support-March 13th**

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING.....\$13,831  
LAST YEAR'S OFFERING.....\$16,708

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Monday, March 21**

Faith Formation: 4-5:30 pm; School  
Meditation Group: 7 pm; Children's Room, Church

**Friday, March 25**

Stations of the Cross: 7:30 pm; Church

**Saturday, March 26**

Blessing of the Food: 10-10:30 am; Church

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

March 27, 2016

**First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

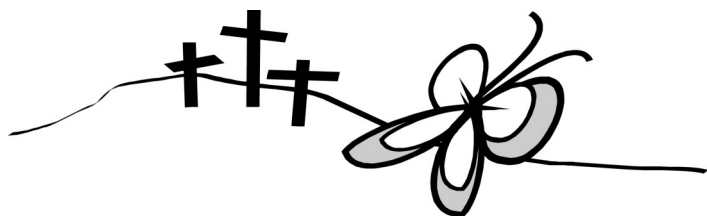
Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, and then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

**Gospel: John 20:1-9**

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.



**Weekly Memorials**

**The Lamp** burning before the Blessed Sacrament the week of March 20th is in memory of Deceased Members of the Parish.

**The Candles** on the altar the week of March 20th are in memory of Deceased Members of the Parish.

**Hear our Prayers for those who are ill** especially Kevin Hamilton, Robert Hartle, Robert Astorino, Anthony LaFerrara, Neiko Pagaling, Denise Phalon Cascio, Frances Smith, Tom Warren, Judy Latalladi, Dorothy Sullivan, Bill Lanahan, Cathy Bedford, Hope Tinn Clark, Irene Buss, Roger Goodman, Maria Selca-Haher, Robert Olpp, Terry Gardner, Nora Ray, Carol Meyers, Pat Marciano, Maryanne Duffy McDermott, Kyle Noonan, Thomas Unger, Sandy Safier, Tony Caljean, William Virgilio, Mary Cecere, Kristin Curcio, Tony Capone, Michael Marino, David Johnson, Donald O'Brien, Fr. Gabe Coless, Joseph Gabriele, Theresa Degler, Joseph Crucilla, Rob McTague, Jim Bowles, Rita Reardon, Roseann Giallenella and **for all our deceased..**



**Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 3, 2016**

Holy Hour with reflection, confession and benediction  
3-4 pm.

Divine Mercy Novena for 9 days begins Good Friday after the 8 am service



*From the Desk of our Pastor*

## March Madness

Many of us highlight this month with “March Madness” as we check brackets from college basketball games to determine some good and bad choices made for the NCAA playoffs. Others see March as an opportunity to follow particular baseball teams at spring training with anticipation of opening day. March also takes us through an assortment of presidential primaries and caucuses as well as finalizing income tax returns to meet the April 15 deadline. The church invites us to a new type of “March Madness” called Holy Week, which springs forth the celebration of who we are through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The intent of Holy Week is to take a step away from normal activities, and focus on the high point of the liturgical year since it brings to light the crux of Christian beliefs that burst out through prayer, ritual and symbol. Today, palms are distributed upon entrance into church. Like the people who welcomed Jesus in Jerusalem shouting, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord,” we raise our palm branches to symbolize victory. This year the church uses Luke’s Passion Narrative to draw us into the beginning of Holy Week.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week intone scripture readings at morning liturgy that pave the way to experience all that God has done for us in Jesus. On Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in St. Philip Church, Clifton, Bishop Serratelli celebrates the Chrism Mass which includes the blessing of holy oils (oil of catechumens, used to anoint those preparing for Baptism (infants, children, and adults); oil of the sick (used to anoint those suffering from illness); and Sacred Chrism used for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and to bless and consecrate new altars). The oils get presented to our community at the Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper.

Thursday puts closure on the Season of Lent with the beginning of the Easter Triduum (three days, sundown on Holy Thursday through sundown on Easter Sunday) with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. The Triduum renders a “single celebration of the Paschal Mystery presented over three days under different aspects.” The church marks the liturgy of the Lord’s Supper with foot washing and Jesus’ words, “As I have done, so you must do.” Foot washing is a powerful symbol of our identity as a servant people that calls for humility on the part of those who do it, and those who have done it to them. People experiencing foot washing are a representative group of the parish as foot washing is not a historical reenactment of 2,000 years ago. Pope Francis expressed this so clearly in the manner that he welcomed non-Catholics, women, prisoners, and children to share in the ritual; therefore, those having their feet washed do not historically represent the twelve apostles; but, the ritual calls forth a representative group of people from the parish of any number, background, sex or age. Foot washing becomes a recommitment to ministerial service by those who wash feet which is a powerful expression of faith.

Good Friday welcomes us with the opportunity to celebrate the Lord’s Passion at 3:00 p.m. Silence begins and closes this liturgy with John’s Passion Narrative read as the cross becomes the object of veneration. The cross is a symbol of victory and salvation, and is processed around the church as the words, “This is the wood of the cross” are chanted. The evening invites us to the living Stations of the Cross which are led by members in Youth Ministry. The living stations generate a visual of Jesus’ walk to Calvary as he is condemned, falls, seeks help, and dies. Like Thursday and Friday mornings, Saturday begins with Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. followed by the final preparation rites for those seeking full initiation into the church and the blessing of foods. At 8:00 p.m. all are invited to gather around the fire outside of church knowing that this is our Passover, God raised Jesus! At liturgy we renew the promises of Baptism and embrace the “light” that unites us as the people of God. Take time to plan participation in worship throughout Holy Week. It makes a statement that the Palm branches given out today are more than display, but symbolize marks of existence that identify your faith.

*In Christ’s Love,  
Fr. Bob*

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling Deacon Joe Wisneski at 973-635-4976. Parents are expected to attend an instructional session with a Baptism Team. Baptisms are celebrated at 12:30 pm Sundays or at a Sunday Mass.

**RCIA-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The R.C.I.A. invites non-baptized persons and those baptized into another faith to participate in a faith journey in preparation for becoming a Catholic. If you are interested in any aspect of R.C.I.A., please email Deb at [Dkuzma@st-pats.org](mailto:Dkuzma@st-pats.org) or call her at the parish office at ext. 23.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Congratulations! In order that we can together plan for your big day, couples should notify the Church and begin to prepare at least one year in advance of the date. Please email Fr. Bob at [Fr.Bob@st-pats.org](mailto:Fr.Bob@st-pats.org) or call Fr. Bob at the parish office ext. 22.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOME BOUND:** If a family member or someone you know is recuperating from a hospital stay or is homebound for any length of time and would like to receive Holy Communion, please let us know. It is a priority for the parish community to support and be present to those who cannot be with us for the celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like a priest or deacon to visit a family member who is hospitalized, contact Peggy at [Pgentile@st-pats.org](mailto:Pgentile@st-pats.org) or call her at the parish office ext. 25.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the parish office at 973-635-0625 to arrange for a priest.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST:** Children preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist begin preparation in first grade. To register, visit our website at [www.st-pats.org](http://www.st-pats.org) or contact Ginny, [vvalvatore@st-pats.org](mailto:vvalvatore@st-pats.org).

## Triduum

### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH

Morning Prayer– 8 am, South Room

Mass of the Lord's Supper- 7:30 pm, Church  
Eucharistic Adoration until 11:45 pm, South Room

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

Morning Prayer– 8 am, South Room

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion– 3 pm, Church  
Living Stations of the Cross– 7:30 pm, Church  
Saint Patrick Youth Ministry

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

Morning Prayer– 8 am, South Room

Blessing of Food– 10 am, Church

## Easter

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH-SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL

8 pm in the Church-St. Patrick Choir

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH- MASS SCHEDULE

7:30 am in the Church-Cantor

9 am in the Church-Children's Choirs

11 am in the Church-St. Patrick Choir

11 am in the Fr. Ed Center-Saturday Sound & God Unplugged

### Food Pantry News

Thank you for supporting our previous online Food Pantry drives for the Father English Center and Our Lady of Victories. 3,920 items of food were purchased, totaling over \$6,000. The food pantries continue to suffer from empty shelves; therefore, in addition to our regular monthly collections, quarterly **online** food drives will be established starting April 4. Please consider helping our brothers and sisters in need. The online drive is a quick and convenient option. Watch your email on how to connect to the drive. Thank you for making a difference!



### Calling All Bakers!!!

Do you like to bake? Would you be willing to occasionally provide baked goods for parish events? If so, we'd like to add you to our new 'Bakers Call List'. When events are being planned, we will put a call out to all bakers to see who might be available to help out. Many hands make for light work! It would be wonderful to have a large list of volunteers to share in this ministry. No obligation. When the call comes in, you decide if you are available. If interested, email Peggy Gentile at [pgentile@st-pats.org](mailto:pgentile@st-pats.org) or call 973-635-0625 ext. 25.

### ANNUAL SENIOR TEA

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Fr. Ed Hinds Parish Center



Grandparents, friends, and family are welcome. Tea sandwiches and desserts will be served. Please RSVP by April 20th to the Parish Office at 973-635-0625. For information, please contact Kim McKee at 973-822-0940.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Hallelujah Chorus Invitation for Easter

Dear Parishioners:

You are invited to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the St. Patrick Choir at the Easter Vigil or Easter 11 am mass in the church. You might like to bring your own score. We will also have extra copies available in the narthex next to the worship programs.

Have a blessed Holy Week,  
Maggie Hanson

### Barbara Nixon: Choir Member, Music Librarian, Teacher and Leader in Parish Ministries

Barbara Nixon has been singing with the St. Patrick choir for almost 25 years. She began singing in church as a child, and continued through high school, college and as an adult. For Barbara, singing in church has always been a way of life; it is her way of prayer and worship.

Barbara grew up in Newark. She received her degree in Biology from Seton Hall and worked in research as a Medical Laboratory Technologist in D.C. After college, she joined an *cappella* group and started a folk group in her parish in D.C., where she also played guitar and recorder. Barbara has two brothers, one sister, two sons (both musical), and a daughter-in-law. Her family moved to Chatham in 1992 when her husband, Deacon Mark, was transferred from IBM. St. Patrick Church has been so fortunate to have the Nixon family! In addition to singing with the choir, Barbara is our Music Librarian and serves on the Liturgy Committee, the RCIA team, and works with Baptism families. She has also been a teacher in our school and is a coach for the St. Patrick School Forensics Team. Barbara loves medical science and all kinds of music. She is a big fan of reading, especially mysteries, and is a huge baseball fan!

Barbara's work as Music Librarian is of great value to our music ministry. She files and organizes choir music, assembles music for choir members to use at the liturgies each week, and keeps choir folders updated with the correct anthems and concert music. Her enthusiasm for music continues to be an invaluable gift to our parish and music ministry. Thank you, Barbara Nixon!

Yours in Christ,  
Maggie Hanson, Music Minister

Congratulations to Julia Wall for winning 1st place in the Irish Soda Bread Contest. Julia writes, "I use my grandfather's recipe, and his cast-iron skillet, and the same recipe has been used for generations." Congratulations also goes to 2nd place winner, Juliana Venutolo, a sixth grader at St. Patrick School. We thank all those who entered their delicious breads to make our contest possible. Dancers from the Heritage Irish Dance Company led by Mrs. Kim McKee and Mrs. Karen Vowells treated all to a wonderful performance. Thanks to all the very talented dancers. Please check out pictures of the event on our FaceBook page.

Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Paterson, is seeking applicants for the 2016-2017 school year for the following position:

- Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School, Chatham, NJ

Information and application materials can be found at:  
<http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings>

Many thanks to all who are participating in Operation Rice Bowl this year. Please leave your Rice Bowl or Rice Bowl envelope in the basket labeled "Operation Rice Bowl Donations" at the Church doors from now through the Sunday after Easter.





## **FAITH FORMATION**

Thank you to all the families who participated in our Corporal Works of Mercy Lenten collection. Donations of food, laundry detergent, drinks, baby formula, diapers, new socks, underwear, gently used books and toiletries were donated to those in need locally and in Paterson.

Last day of class: Sunday & Monday, April 3 & 4.

Jesus Day Retreat: Saturday, April 23rd from 9:45 am—1 pm  
The day will begin in the church and end in the Fr. Ed Center gym.

### **First Communion**

Sat. April 30 at 10 am

Sat., April 30 at 1 pm

Sat., May 7 at 10 am

Sat., May 7 at 1 pm

Sun., May 8 at 11 am

### **Rehearsal**

Mon. April 25; 3:30-5:15 pm  
Tues, April 26; 3:30-5:15 pm

Wed., April 27; 3:30-5:15 pm  
Thurs., April 28, 3:30-5:15 pm

Mon. May 2; 3:30-5:15 pm  
Tues, May 3; 3:30-5:15 pm

Wed., May 4; 3:30-5:15 pm  
Thurs., May 5; 3:30-5:15 pm

Friday May 6; 3:30-5:15 pm

Please note that parents are required to attend the second rehearsal date with their child from 4:45-5:15 pm with the exception of the May 8th communion when parents are expected to meet from 4:30-5 pm. All rehearsals are in the church.



### **Appalachia Golf Classic**

*Fundraiser for the Appalachia Help Weeks*

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ballyowen Golf Club in Hamburg, NJ

The tax-deductible contribution for each participating golfer is \$175.00

Please choose one of the following:

- **Golf, lunch, soft drinks, beer/wine** (donuts & muffins provided in the morning) \$175.00 per person.
- **Dinner & Cocktails** only at \$50.00 per person
- **Sponsorship** \$200.00...*I want to see my name in lights or at least on a sign at a Tee or Green*

Please contact Fred Mercadante for a registration or sponsorship form: fredmercadante@gmail.com. Registration Deadline: May 8.

### ***Join the Conversation!***

Are You Aware of the Resources and Services Offered by our Town?

A survey is being conducted among 55 and older residents of Madison and the Chathams. Coordinated by the Madison board of Health, this survey hopes to hear and respond to concerns about: Transportation, Health, Housing, Community Engagement, Programs, Resources and More! Your participation is needed to gather this important information so towns can better serve your needs! This is an anonymous online survey that is available NOW until April 15, 2016. Contact Samantha Robinson at the Madison Department of Health: Robinsons@rosenet.org or 973-593-3079 for more information. For assistance completing the survey contact the parish at 973-635-0625. We can assist you! Paper copies are available in our Parish Offices, Chatham Senior Center and Chatham Borough Hall. Survey address is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TriTown55plus>



## **SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL**

*Working Together to Challenge Minds and Foster Faith*

Saint Patrick School, accredited AdvancED, is a co-educational, parochial elementary school including preschool through eighth grade. Founded in 1872, we have been nationally recognized as a United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School, and a Diocese of Paterson Star School. With several options for preschoolers and full day kindergarten, our students embark on a challenging academic journey that affords them the security of a familiar community during their formative years. Our faculty and staff are committed to providing the highest quality education for each student. We are a STEM school that promotes student critical thinking and application throughout our curriculum in all grades. Our vibrant enrichment programs and dynamic (and championship winning) athletic teams give students many avenues to share their talents. We are currently accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. If you would like more information, please visit our website at [www.st-pats-school.org](http://www.st-pats-school.org) or contact the office to schedule a tour at 973-635-4623.

Six of our eight basketball teams made it to the finals in the Morris Catholic Basketball League. Congratulations!

Registration for Spring Track is on Community Pass. We look forward to a great season!

Please join our school community for Stations of the Cross on Monday, March 21 at 1 pm.

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**liturgy**  
**corner**

What do you call the sixth Sunday of Lent...the Sunday that begins Holy Week...the Sunday before Easter? Many refer to this Sunday as *Palm Sunday*, others call it *Passion Sunday*. In our liturgical year, this Sunday involves both palms and the Passion, as its name suggests. It is *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*. Some of us will remember when this was two distinct Sundays, *Passion Sunday* (when statues were covered), followed by *Palm Sunday*.

Recall that at the center of our faith is the Paschal Mystery—the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into Spirit-filled Glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The sixth Sunday of Lent—*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*—we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. At Mass this Sunday, we receive palm branches blessed with holy water. At the procession or the solemn entrance, we hear one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. During the Liturgy of the Word, we hear the Passion of Christ proclaimed. Each of the four Gospels includes an account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. You can read these accounts in Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; and John 12:12-10. It is interesting to note that it is only in John's Gospel that the word *palm* is used to identify the branches which the crowd used to welcome Jesus (John 12:13). Matthew and Mark do not specifically say what type of branches were used (see Matthew 21:8 and Mark 11:8). And in Luke's Gospel account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (the one read this year), there is no mention of branches at all! But from early on in our liturgy we have used palm branches to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where he would fulfill his mission for the salvation of the world! The blessed palms are a sacramental. Similar to a sacrament, a sacramental is also an outward sign—something tangible—that the church gives us to help open us to the grace of the sacraments. Because the palm is blessed, it is something holy and we treat it as such, being careful not to let it fall to the floor nor use it in an irreverent manner.