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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 4:15 & 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekdays..... 6:30 and 8:00 am
Saturdays 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 pm *Wednesday* 7:30 to 8:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE
Phone 570-622-1802 *Email* dwalker.stpats@gmail.com
Fax 570-622-2593 *Web*..... www.stpatrickpottsville.org
Office Administrator Debbie Walker
Office Hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, weekdays
Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am, Mondays
Monthly Parish Events Calendar Deadline First day of prior month

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. Parents wishing Baptism for their children must be practicing Catholics. This means regular attendance at Mass, and supporting the Parish by the use of envelopes. Parents are required to attend a preparatory workshop. Workshops are held bi-monthly.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married must contact a parish priest at least six months prior to the desired date of the marriage.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PREP): Grades 1 - 8 • September thru May
Sundays after the 9:30 am Mass 10:45 am to noon
Director..... Mrs. Dale Verchick
Phone..... 570-516-0107 *Email*..... dcd2211@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered in our files. New parishioners are asked to register as soon as possible. When moving from the parish, notify the office. Please also report any address change.

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST. PATRICK RECTORY: Please call Aleece at 570-449-7678 or Albert at 570-573-0036 for more information.

ROSARY AND NOVENA: 7:00 pm - Wednesdays in Our Lady's Chapel

COMMUNION CALLS are made monthly. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be put on the Communion Call list, or would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME VISITS: The patient or a member of the immediate family must notify the Parish Office of a patient's admission so a visit can be made. This is in compliance with the Federal HIPAA Law.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process in which adults join the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office if interested.

ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE: Certificates to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation are available at the Parish Office. You must be a member of the Parish in good standing to be given a certificate.

ST. PATRICK POTTSVILLE AREA KITCHEN: Please call Terry Alexander at 570-617-2957 for hours and donations.

St. Patrick's Preschool ... 570-622-0106
at Assumption BVM
Director: Mrs. Sharon Rossi

Assumption BVM..... 570-622-0106
Elementary School
Principal: Mrs. Teresa Keating

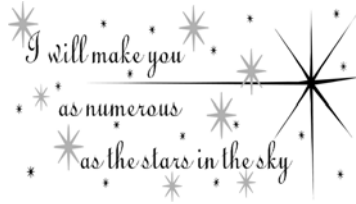
Nativity BVM..... 570-622-8110
High School
Principal: Mrs. Lynn Sabol

St. Joseph's Center..... 570-622-4638
for Special Learning
Principal: Mr. Roobhenn Smith

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Confidential Phone: 800-791-9209
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator
610-332-0442 ex. 19
Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J.

**TWENTY FOURTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
September 11, 2016



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 12

6:30 a.m. Joseph & Joanne (Bach) Palko
(Wife/Mother, Carmella)
8:00 a.m. A. Louise Marasco (Helen Weiss)

Tuesday, September 13 – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop

6:30 a.m. Christopher Messina (Mother, Mary)
8:00 a.m. Anne P. Smith (Helen Melusky)

Wednesday, September 14 – The Exaltation of the Cross

6:30 a.m. Mary, Anna, & Peter Senitch (Sister, Julia)
8:00 a.m. Harry Nazarene Piccioni (Mary Frances Devine)

Thursday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30 a.m. Antonio & Rose Chiodo (Mary & John)
8:00 a.m. Joseph A. Fabiani (Clair & Margaret Lehman)

Friday, September 16 – Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

6:30 a.m. Rachel Ann Sninsky (Family)
8:00 a.m. Andrew Heckman (Mom)
Shawn Day (G.G. & Pop)

Saturday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Elanore Tegano Folino (Husband, Jack)

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Masses of Obligation)**

Saturday, September 17

4:15 p.m. Charles Snukis (Sarah Donohue)
6:00 p.m. Edward J. Devaney (David & Cheryl Kull)

Sunday, September 18

7:30 a.m. Kevin Brennan (Terry, Kelly, Chris, Joe, & Bridy)
9:30 a.m. Members enrolled in the Purgatorial Memorial Society
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

If you are a visitor to the Church of St. Patrick, we want you to know that you are most welcome whether you come from another state or from another parish. Please feel comfortable in our beautiful house of the Father. Thank you for worshipping with us.



READINGS FOR TODAY:

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- the sick of the parish -our many Benefactors
- those recently deceased - Margaret McGeever,
Mary "Liz" Acker

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary – IMO Joan Monahan (St. Patrick Seniors)
Sacred Heart –
Pieta – IMO Ralph Butera (His Children)
Pope St. John Paul II –
St. Patrick – IMO James Breslin (Wife, Marian & Daughters)
Our Lady's Chapel - Sanctuary –
Our Lady's Chapel – Blessed Virgin Mary –



Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel at

St. Patrick's Rectory – "Adorers' Testimonies..." "There is no better place to be!" ... "You could have the weight of the world on your shoulders, but when you enter the chapel and sit in Our Lord's presence, you become filled with His peace!" To commit to a "Holy Hour" call - Aleece 570-449-7678

OPEN "HOLY HOURS":

Sunday – 12 am; Monday – 5 am;
Wednesday – 11 am; Saturday – 12 pm, 1 pm

SAVE THE DATE!!! St. Patrick Parish chartered a bus for the Diocesan Pilgrimage on **Thursday, October 20th**, to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The cost for the bus trip is \$35. Before going to the Basilica, we will make a stop at the John Paul II Shrine. After spending the day at the Basilica, we will stop for dinner at Fitzgerald's Shamrock Restaurant in Thurmont, Maryland (dinner is on your own). Please check out the Shamrock's website at www.shamrockrestaurant.com for the menu. Please call the Parish Office to put your name on the list. The bus is filling up so don't wait! **People who are signed up can start paying now by stopping in the Parish Office or sending their payment in. PS: There are only a few seats left!**

Even though Labor Day was a few days ago, let us pray for all those who work:



Bless, O God, all those who labor.

Whether they are compensated by paycheck or pride, let them know their true worth in your eyes.

May all workers be gifted with a sense of service to the common good, and graced with the satisfaction of a job well done.

Thank you for those whose work provides protection, comfort, healing, and relief from suffering and stress. May all of our labors be for your goodness and glory, O God. Amen.

LOTTERY CALENDAR - RECENT OUTCOMES

Tues., August 30	#957	No Winner
Wed., August 31	#551	Charles D. (\$50)
Thurs., September 1	#774	No Winner
Fri., September 2	#664	No Winner
Sat., September 3	#880	Nancy O. (\$100)
Sun., September 4	#059	Lester M. (\$150)
Mon., September 5	#245	Jane M. (\$500)

Our monthly lottery calendars are a great fundraiser for our Parish! Please consider being a seller, or buying one in the future by getting one at one of the masses or stopping by the Parish Office! They make great gifts that you can tuck in a Birthday or Get Well card! We appreciate the support of everyone who helps to make this so successful!



Please check out our Parish Store on our website at www.stpatrickpottsville.org. You can buy anything from golf shirts, hoodies, aprons, etc.! Let's all sport our St. Patrick Parish apparel proudly! **Another order will go in at the end of September. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to order anything.**

St. Patrick Preschool at Assumption BVM School is now accepting registration for the 2016-2017 school year. We offer 2, 3 and 5 day half and full day programs. For more information contact the school at 570-622-0106.



Assumption BVM is collecting Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels! There is a container in the back of Church and in the Parish Office for your tops and labels! Please help our School!!!

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, AT THE 9:30 AM MASS, WE WILL JOIN THE COUNTRY IN HONORING OUR CATECHISTS ON NATIONAL CATECHETICAL SUNDAY. ANY PARISHIONER WHO TEACHES IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, PREP PROGRAM, PRESCHOOL, RCIA PROGRAM ARE ASKED TO COME TO THIS MASS TO BE RECOGNIZED. EACH ATTENDEE WILL RECEIVE A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION. PLEASE RSVP TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 11TH IF YOU WILL BE AT THE MASS.

The next **Baptismal Workshop** will be held on Tuesday, **October 11**, at 7 pm, in the Rectory Conference Room. Please call Deacon Jack Quirk at 570-622-1802 to register. **Parents are required to attend a preparatory workshop before Baptism.**



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

September 4, 2016

Stewardship: **\$9,604**

Thank you for your generosity to your Parish!

Having witnessed the extreme devastation as a result of flooding in Louisiana, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a time sensitive collection to be taken up throughout the United States. Bishop Barres has authorized a free will second collection (no envelopes) for the weekend of **September 17-18**. Please be generous!

There was a 50/50 - 9 pm - Winner at the Parish Picnic. Please call the Parish Office at 570-622-1802 to see if you won! Please do this by September 21st!



Homeschooled children must be registered in PREP and are required to use the same textbooks as those being used by PREP students. Please

contact Dale Verchick for more information.

*From this year on, children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation are **REQUIRED** to attend PREP classes.*

There's still time to register and attend PREP! Register Today!!

Substitute Catechists are needed to help with our PREP Program. Please consider helping with this very important step in a child's Catholic Faith (even if it is just once in awhile)! You can make a difference!!

In previous years, children of our Parish in 3rd grade would receive their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the same year. From 2017 onwards, children of our Parish in the 2nd grade will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Penance. This being the first year, we will have the 2nd graders and 3rd graders make their first confession on the same day. First Holy Communion will continue to be given in the 3rd Grade.



Sacramental Dates!!

Please Mark your Calendars Now!!

***Sunday, **March 5, 2017** - First

Penance for our 2nd and 3rd Graders

***Wednesday, **April 19, 2017** -

Confirmation for our 8th Graders (This time, Confirmation will be in St. Patrick Church)

***Saturday, **May 6, 2017** - First Holy Communion for our 3rd Graders



Congratulations to Barry Steven DeWitt, III, who was baptized in St. Patrick Church on Sunday, September 4th. Barry has been marked as Christ's own forever, and we are thrilled for him and his family!!!!



Donations to the St. Patrick Memorial Fund

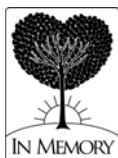
In memory of Elizabeth Murgido

by: Kathy Foran; Marie Caruano

In memory of Mary Elizabeth Acker

by: Florence Trabosh; Vincent Gargano & Alice;

George & Joan Repella



Our Lady of Calvary Cemetery Update

Letters have been mailed to some lot owners recently. We are reminding all owners of burial plots to abide by the rules and regulations. More specifically, no fencing, borders, stone, hedging, planting, etc. is permitted. These things are potential safety hazards for caretakers, and make the maintenance much more time consuming, and costly. According to the rules and regulations, "The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right to remove, without prior notice". However, we are giving all that we are able to reach, the opportunity to return the lot to its original condition on their own. The deadline for lot owners to do their own work is **September 15th**. Thank you in advance, for your cooperation and understanding!



The next Mandated Reporter Training Session in our area will be given on **October 3**, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Minersville, from 5:30-8:30 pm. Register by September 29th by calling Ruth Davis at 610-332-0442, ext. 16. A \$5 fee will cover the materials. Anyone who works with our Parish children is obligated to take this course via computer or this live session (employees, PREP teachers/aides, Catholic Kids Camp volunteers, etc.)

Come and See... The local Community of Lay Carmelites meets monthly, the second Saturday of each month, in the meeting room of the Lower Chapel of St. Patrick Church. The meeting is held after the 8 am Mass in the Chapel, and concludes at 10:30 am. All are invited to "come and see" if they may be called to be part of our Community. Join us at this time. Blessed Scapular Pendant medals will be available. The next monthly meetings will be held **October 8, November 12, and December 10**.

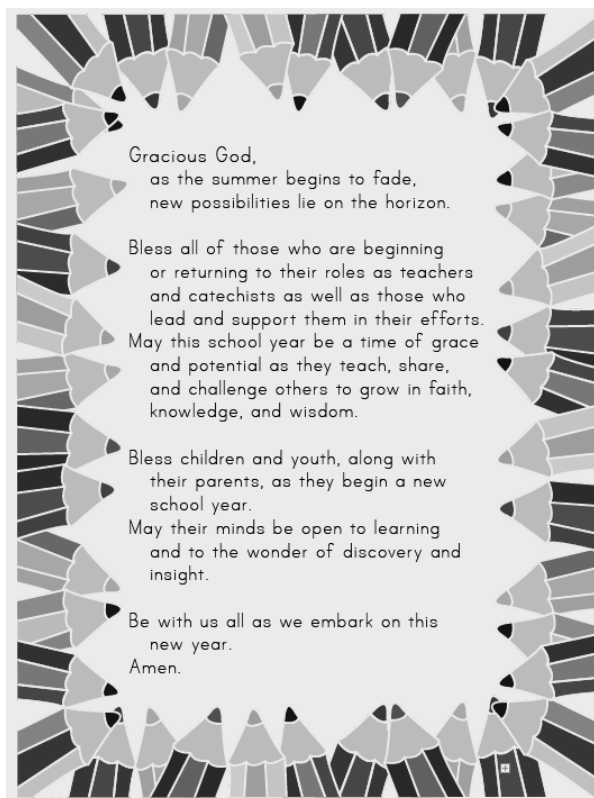
St. Patrick Seniors

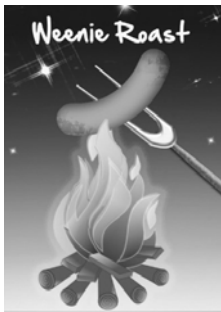
- *The St. Patrick Seniors Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, September 15, at 10:30 am, at ManorCare prior to the regular meeting. Call Charles at 570-449-8296 if attending or not.
- *The St. Patrick Seniors Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15 at 11:30 am, at ManorCare. Reservations are a MUST. Call Alberta at 570-449-8296 by September 12.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP - 2016 - WHO GOT FULL PAGE COVERAGE IN OUR DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER, THE A.D. TIMES - THE SEPTEMBER 1ST EDITION! LOTS OF PICTURES!! CHECK IT OUT!!

Upcoming Community Events

- *End of Life Issues: What does the Church Teach? September 17 - 9 am to 12 Noon - St. Joseph Parish Center, Frackville. Addressing issues including: Living wills and advanced directives; artificial nutrition, hydration, and palliative care; organ donation, dialysis, and more. Please call the Diocese of Allentown to register (by September 13) - 610-289-8900, ext. 28.
- *Chicken and Halupki Dinner - Sunday, September 18 - 11 am to 1 pm - St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose - sponsored by St. Nicholas Church - Call 570-544-4581 for tickets (advance only).
- *American Girl Doll Bingo - Sunday, September 18 - St. Michael's Church Hall, Shenandoah - Doors open at 12 Noon - Bingo starts at 1:30 pm - Admission \$25. Please call 570-462-0809 for tickets or information.





Attention Picnic Workers!!!!
In Thanksgiving for all of your hard work for the Picnic whether you set up, cleaned up, manned or worked a stand, did food prep, etc. – You are invited to a Weenie Roast on Sunday, September 18, at 2 pm, at the Boy Scout Lodge (885 Cressona Road – Drive through Calvary Cemetery and

turn at the Mausoleum). We'd love to see all of our helpers for this very simple lunch! Please RSVP to Debbie (570-622-1802) by September 16 at 12 Noon so that we know how many "doggies" to get!

Attention Ladies!! Join us on the Feast of the Archangels (Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 pm) for "An Angel Paint, Sip, and Praise"!
 Deadline for registration is September 19 (there is a limited number of seats).
 Cost is \$30 which includes your canvass, paint, supplies, and a light supper (sandwiches and snacks). B.Y.O.B.! PS: You don't have to be an artist to do this ☺



Tickets are now available!!!
Please stop by the Parish Office to pay and get yours!!!

St. Patrick Parish in Pottsville is holding its 7th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, October 15th on the Mountain Course at Mountain Valley Golf Course in Barnesville. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a Shot Gun start at 9 a.m. Registration of \$75 includes greens and cart fees, luncheon and on course refreshments. Students at high school or lower grade level fee is \$50. For more information and reservations contact Tournament Director, Dave Donlin at 570-573-1841, or by e-mail atdadmatd515p@comcast.net



The St. Patrick Activities Committee will once again host a **VENDOR PARTY** in our Parish Center on Sunday, **October 30th** from 12 to 4 pm. Get a jump start on your Holiday shopping! If you are a vendor or crafter who is interested in participating, please contact Brigid McFadden via phone at 570-449-1943 or by e-mail at mcfadden303@comcast.net.

Who would like the honor of serving at our Lord's Altar??? Boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion are eligible to be altar servers. We are going to start training soon!! Please call the Parish Office to sign up for this very important ministry.



- * **Training will be held on October 2 and 9, at 6 pm, in the Church.**
- * **The new servers will be commissioned at the 9:30 am Mass on October 16.**

Registration forms are available in the Sacristy!

St. Patrick Parish Appreciates!!

Our Parish Picnic is just a memory now, but a good one! It was a day of faith, family, and friendship, and even though there were some minor snafus (there will always be snafus!), as always, I am proud to be your Pastor!!! It is impossible to thank everyone personally because this was definitely a Parish effort! Thank you to everyone who donated anything... food, money, items, time! Thank you to all of those who took leadership positions and manned stands until they couldn't stand no more! Thank you to everyone who helped with food prep, set up, clean up, and by helping at the Picnic itself! Thank you to those who sacrificed for months by coming to meetings to discuss ways to make this Picnic a great event! Thank you to Almighty God for giving us good weather...not too hot, not too cold...and no Hurricane remnants! Thank you to Bishop Barres for the "surprise stop"! Most especially thank you to **Rosemary Cairns** for her guidance these past 29 years, and to our Co-Captains **Shelly Lurwick and Mike McFadden**, for their willingness to say "yes" and be genuine representatives of Jesus Christ by sharing their God given talents with each of us to make the Picnic a success! The Picnic was only one day...but it took MANY days and MANY hours and MANY sacrifices to bring it to fruition! We are so blessed to have them as leaders!! Thank you, again, to ALL of you!! PS: Bishop Barres enjoyed the visit and was very impressed with St. Patrick Parish!!



LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF THY PEACE. WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE, WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON; WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH; WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE; WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT; AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY. O DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE, TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND, TO BE LOVED, AS TO LOVE. FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE, IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED, AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Today marks the 15th Anniversary of September 11, 2001, which has now become known as 911. Many of us remember that day...as we should. It was the day the World Cried! Many lives were lost, and some have touched our hearts personally. It was a day that we became more grateful for our First Responders and our Faith! It was also a day that

babies were born, and despite the sadness, today we celebrate their 15th birthdays and their lives! As we came together as a Nation and as the World on that fateful day, let us continue to be people of peace...instruments of Peace!

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