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CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK

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In Residence..... Rev. Kenneth A. Medve

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Mr. Lawrence J. Lonergan

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 BVM570-622-0106
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

Victim Assistance Coordinator
Wendy Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
DIRECT LINE: 800-791-9209

Safe Environment Coordinator
Sr. Meg Cole, SSJ, MS, LMFT
610-332-0442 (x19)



**TWENTY NINTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME - October 16, 2016**

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop

6:30 a.m. Third Order Carmelites
(The Third Order Carmelite Community)
8:00 a.m. Catherine & Edward Shanoskie
(Dick & Theresa Shanoskie)

Tuesday, October 18 – St. Luke, Evangelist

6:30 a.m. Angeline Carestia Melochick
(Mr. & Mrs. John Weiss)
8:00 a.m. Victor Piccioni (Barbara Sciarrone Kasper)

**Wednesday, October 19 – Sts. John de Brebeuf &
Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions**

6:30 a.m. Paul & Camile Tegano (Family)
8:00 a.m. Joseph Fitzpatrick (Est)
John & Margaret Fitzpatrick (Est)

Thursday, October 20 – St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

6:30 a.m. Mary Ann Kaplar Albo (Harry & Rose Lilley)
8:00 a.m. Joseph Hess (Est)

Friday, October 21

6:30 a.m. Rita Haffey Devine (Kitty Owen DiCello)
8:00 a.m. Patricia & Kelly Ryan (Rosemary Cairns)

Saturday, October 22 – St. John Paul II, Pope

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Purcell (Richard Purcell)

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Masses of Obligation)**

Saturday, October 22

4:15 p.m. Alfredo Canpagna
(Daughter, Ivana Mercuri & Family)
6:00 p.m. Stanley & Anne Kowalchick (Shirley & Marie)

Sunday, October 23

7:30 a.m. Gerald Dalton (Frank & Lucy Kaczynski)
9:30 a.m. Jack Schneider (Clare Schneider)
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!

Remain
FAITHFUL



READINGS FOR TODAY:

Ex 17:8-13/2 Tim 3:14/Lk 18:1-8

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/
Lk 18:9-14

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- the sick of the parish - our many Benefactors
- those recently deceased

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary – IMO Margaret McGeever (St. Patrick Seniors)

Sacred Heart – IMO Stanley & Ann Kowalchick
(Shirley & Marie)

Pieta – IMO Michael F. Kalovcak (Gloria Dolzania)

Pope St. John Paul II – IMO Bill Hochgertel (Marie & Jane)

St. Patrick – IMO James Breslin (Wife, Marian, & Daughters)

Our Lady's Chapel - Sanctuary – In Loving Memory of
Henry W. Donnelly (Jerry & Kathleen Tone)

Our Lady's Chapel – Blessed Virgin Mary –
IMO Gerald Dalton (Corinne Dalton)

Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel at

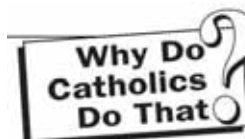
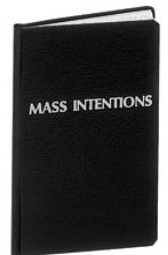
St. Patrick's Rectory – "Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all people to give them the love, courage, strength, and willingness to respond to the invitation to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration." For information, please call Aleeece at 570-449-7678

**OPEN "HOLY HOURS": Sunday – 12am;
Wednesday – 11am; Saturday – 12pm, 1 pm**

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, October 20, for the Diocesan Pilgrimage!

**Attention Everyone!!! The 2017
Mass Intention Book will open on
Friday, October 28th!**

If you would like a specific Mass date, please come to the Parish Office between 10 am and 12 pm, & 1 pm and 4 pm on this day. NO phone calls Please!! In order to be fair, we will not take Mass Intentions for a specific date over the phone. An offering of \$10 is requested per Mass.



Why do Catholics light prayer candles?

Ancient Jews kept a light perpetually burning near the Ark of the Covenant to show reverence for the presence of God. In a similar way, the lit candle symbolizes for us Christ's presence, recalling that He said, "I am the light of the



world (John 8:12). Votive candles in Church also symbolize prayer intentions others have offered to God. Lighting a candle is a way of expressing our desire to remain present to God after we have left the Church.

LOTTERY CALENDAR - RECENT OUTCOMES

Tues., October 4	#673	Donna R. (\$50)
Wed., October 5	#138	Tom W. (\$50)
Thurs., October 6	#156	No Winner
Fri., October 7	#834	Cindy M. (\$50)
Sat., October 8	#765	Frances L. (\$100)
Sun., October 9	#700	No Winner
Mon., October 10	#771	Joe F. (\$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!

The profit from the September lotto calendars was **\$1,610.82!!!** Wow! Thank you!!!

Assumption BVM School is selling reusable bags. They can be used for groceries, and other things such as storage for sports equipment, books, papers, etc. The bag has the School name and logo imprinted on it. The cost is \$3, and they make great gifts! Please contact the Parish Office or the School for more information.

St. Patrick Preschool at Assumption BVM School is still accepting registrations. We offer two, three, and five day, half and full day programs. For more information, contact the School at 570-622-0106, e-mail: saintpatricks.prek@gmail.com, or check out our Facebook page: Saint Patrick's Pre School at Assumption BVM



Boys and Girls CYO Basketball Sign-Ups: Kids must be accompanied by a parent to sign-up. Grades 3-8 – Today, Sunday, October 16 from 6-8 pm, St. Patrick Parish Center.

\$10 per child. Parents...please bring insurance information. Please call Brian Brennan at 570-617-0892 with any questions.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for those adults who are willing to put teams together for our young people to teach them how to play as a team, learn good sportsmanship, promote the values and dignity of each individual, and most especially, teach them the importance of their Catholic Faith in a Fun Way!!

St. Patrick Seniors

~ Trick or Treat Halloween Party on Thursday, October 20, at 1 pm, at the Terry Reiley Center on 12th Street. Wear your favorite costume! Refreshments will be served.

~ Program to Honor Veterans on November 17, at Noon, at the Terry Reiley Center.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

October 9, 2016

Stewardship: **\$10,733**

Thank you for your generosity to your Parish!

Reminder: World Mission Sunday is October 23! "Mercy Changes the World!" Please be generous!!



Attention All Parents! If you are a parishioner and your child is not attending our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), the Diocese mandates that regular follow up take place with the religious education program director. Please contact Dale Verchick as soon as possible at 570-516-0107 or e-mail her at dcd2211@gmail.com with the following information: Family name; Child's Name; Grade; Where they are receiving their Religious Education.

Attention Parents of Children preparing to receive a Sacrament! Children registered with our Parish, who are attending other regional PREP programs and who intend to receive their sacraments at St. Patrick Parish, must please contact Dale Verchick at 570-516-0107 or e-mail at dcd2211@gmail.com with the following information: Name of the Child and Family; Grade; Program (whether Regional PREP or homeschooled).

Non-parishioners must have approval from the Pastor of the Parish in which they are registered in order to attend St. Patrick PREP. Likewise, St. Patrick parishioners attending other PREPs, who intend to receive their Sacraments at other Parishes, must have the prior approval of Msgr. O'Connor. Please call the parish office at 570-622-1802 to reach him directly.

There will be no PREP over the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Enjoy that time with loved ones and don't forget to attend obligatory Mass wherever you are! Check out this awesome website for Mass times when travelling in the U.S and in some international countries:

www.masstimes.org

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 (Confirmation will be in St. Patrick Church)
- ***Saturday, May 6, 2017 - First Holy Communion for our 3rd Graders (Please note: This is NOT Mother's Day weekend!)



This week's spotlight is on St. Patrick Church's very own Joshua O'Toole, who won the "Take Monsignor on Vacation" contest! Fr. Kevin Gallagher, Pastor of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City, was asked to pick his favorite picture out of all of those submitted. He studied all the pictures,

twice, and said that he really thought Joshua's was very creative and he liked it the best! He was then told that he picked Joshua as the winner of our contest...\$50!! Congratulations to Joshua, and thank you to all of the kids, of all ages, who participated! And...Heavens to Murgatroyd...our next contest will be during Advent/Christmas! It is called "Share your favorite Christmas Tradition with Monsignor". Watch the bulletin for more details soon.....

A BIG THANK YOU FROM KAREN BARTON, AMERICAN RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE

I want to thank St. Patrick Church for sponsoring a Blood Drive with us again this year. We collected 21 pints on a 25 goal or 84%. We would have done a little better, but we had several donors defer due to various health reasons and illnesses. Your drive will help save up to 63 patient lives and that's what really matters! We look forward to partnering with you again next October!

Each year the Guzick family holds an event in honor of David Guzick, who was killed in a motorcycle accident, when he was hit by an irresponsible, distracted driver. **This year their efforts will benefit the St. Patrick Pottsville Area Kitchen.** It has been the Guzick

family's mission to spread the word about the repercussions of distracted driving; specifically, texting and driving, by holding this event and giving presentations throughout the County at schools and meetings for civic service organizations. Since 2013, the Guzick family has picked a local non-profit organization that can benefit from their efforts. This year, we will be collecting the items including, but not limited to: nonperishable food items, canned goods, kitchen items, cleaning supplies, plastic cups (styrofoam not preferred), toilet paper, iced tea and lemonade mix. Gift cards from Giant, Weis Markets, and Boyer's Food Markets will also be accepted, and are greatly appreciated. **A box will be available in the Parish Office until November 22nd for your donations. We thank the Guzick family for helping the St. Patrick Pottsville Area Kitchen, which has helped many, many people these past 30 years!! Please support this cause! Every little bit helps..."It's not how much we give, but how much LOVE we put into giving" (St. Teresa of Calcutta)**



The next **Baptismal Workshop** will be held on Tuesday, **December 13**, 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.**



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 **November 12 and December 10.**

Donations to the St. Patrick Memorial Fund

In memory of June McShaw

by: Scott & Shirley Hasenauer

In memory of Robert W. Long

By: Shirley Hasenauer & Scott

In memory of Gerald Kowalsky

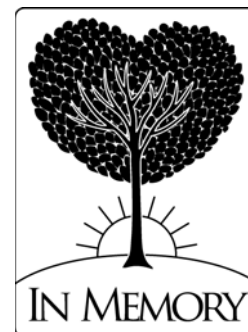
by: Anthony & Karen Pilo

In memory of Suzanne M. Kanish

by: Susan B. McCord

In memory of Louis Fernando

by: Paul & Joanie Dimmerling



Good Things Are Happening!!

- *Surf and Turf Bingo – October 23 – Nativity BVM High School. Doors open at 11:30 am. \$25 (15 regular games and 4 specials). Jackpot extra. Homemade food. Call Diane: 570-294-0551
- *Roast Beef Dinner – October 30 – St. Matthew the Evangelist, Minersville. 11 am to 3pm. Cost is \$10. Advance tickets only! Call 570-544-2211
- *Concert – sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church – October 30, beginning at 3 pm, featuring organist Michael Kiehner, and a choir made up of area singers
- *New York City Bus Trip – Sponsored by Nativity Alumni Association – Saturday, November 5 - \$42 – Call Greg: 570-622-1859
- *The Flame of Love Movement, Mary's Urgent Cause to save Souls! – November 5 – 8 am to 2 pm at Holy Cross Church, New Philadelphia. Mass, talks, and lunch provided. RSVP by October 31 to 570-449-7678
- *Chinese Auction – November 6 – Doors open at 9 am – Sponsored by St. Clare of Assisi Church, St. Clair. Tickets are \$3 per sheet or \$5 for two sheets. Need not be present to win. Food and baked goods available for purchase.



It's Time to Make the Doughnuts!!!
We are starting up our monthly Parish Coffee and Doughnuts socials beginning on **Sunday, October 16**, after each of the Masses. Coffee and Friends make the Perfect Blend! Please join us!

Hey Kids of All Ages.... Join us at the Parish Office on Halloween for some Tricks and Treats!!! We promise we won't scare you! BOO!!

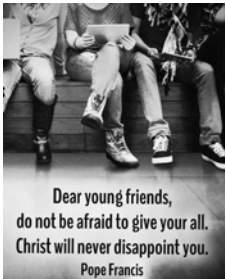


They're Back....And Better than Ever!!!

All are welcome to join us in the Parish Center on **Sunday, November 13**, at 1 pm, for an Open House in honor of Fr. Eric Arnout and Fr. John Little.

We are happy that we are finally able to get them to return to their old stomping grounds to visit with us! Hope to see you there!!

Mark
Date



Hey St. Patrick Teens!!!
SAVE THE DATE!! Sleep In Sunday!!! Join us for Mass at 6 pm, on November 13! After Mass, we'll talk about *planning some fun things for us to do while serving others and*

keeping the faith! Don't miss this night... We'll feed ya!

It's beginning to Look A Lot Like Advent Wreath Making Day!

This is a great activity for one or the entire family!! Saturday, November 26, beginning at 10 am in St. Patrick Parish Center. Wreaths take about an hour to make. Cost is \$15 which includes the base (this year, we have a new and improved base!), candles, ribbons, live greenery, and an Advent Wreath Prayer to be used throughout the Season. Please bring clipping shears. **Please call the Parish Office at 570-622-1802 to register by November 21st. YOU MUST REGISTER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS!** After making the wreath, we encourage you to start off your Advent right by getting your wreath blessed by one of our priests at one of the Masses that weekend. For more information, please call Tara at 570-640-9043 or Leah at 631-903-3269.



Vendor and Craft Party
Sponsored by St. Patrick Activities Committee
Sunday, October 30
12-4 pm Parish Center
FREE ADMISSION!!
COME AND SHOP!!!
Food available for purchase!

So far, we have the following vendors: Pink Zebra; Premier Jewelry; LuLaRoe; CC Creations; Pampered Chef; Message in a Bottle; Tupperware; Gourmet Creations; Religious Items; Mary Kay Cosmetics; Bob's Signs, Can Dee's Made To Order, and More.....!!

Knights of Columbus Schuylkill Council 431 "Men Who Cook" Fundraiser – October 30 from 4:30-7:30 pm, at the Greystone Restaurant. \$25 per person in advance; \$30 at the door. Call Mike: 570-294-1780.



DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN CONFERENCE

For Men – "Encounter Mercy and Truth" – Saturday, November 5, from 9 am to 5 pm, at DeSales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits, and a vigil Mass with Bishop Barres. Continental breakfast and lunch included. Registration fee is \$35. To register, please go to www.cmfa.org or call 610-289-8900.

Hey Kids... We know you are very busy, but you might want to mark these things on your calendar now!!!

- *October 31 - Halloween Tricks and Treats at the Parish Office
- *November 19 - Kids Craft Corner - Jesse Tree Ornaments
- *November 26 - Advent Wreath Making
- *December 3-4 - Bring pair of shoes to Mass for St. Nicholas Day; Pick up shoes - December 10-11
- *December 9 - Children's Christmas Party
- *December 17-18 - Blessing of Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) at Mass
- **"Share Your Favorite Christmas Tradition with Monsignor" Contest



Watch the bulletin for more details about all of these events!!! Don't miss the Parish Fun!!



October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary. The Rosary is the prayer that leads to prayer. Prayer is key to a close relationship with God but it's difficult to raise heart and mind to Him when we are distracted. The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to still our minds, and direct our hearts to communion with God. This meditative prayer places our focus on God and takes it out of the world. Try it! You might like it!

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