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

Permanent Deacons Mr. John E. Quirk
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)

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
February 19, 2017



Mass Intentions for the Week 

Monday, February 20

6:30 a.m. Nancy Brennan (The James Doran Family)
8:00 a.m. Patricia Piccioni (Tom Piccioni)

**Tuesday, February 21 – St. Peter Damian,
Doctor of the Church**

6:30 a.m. Jean Marie Thomas (Frank Raczka)
8:00 a.m. Dick Matthews (Wife, Annette)

Wednesday, February 22 – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

6:30 a.m. Phyllis Austerberry (Michele & Eric Ziegmont)
8:00 a.m. Mildred Stoudt (Elizabeth & Kathleen Didjunas)

Thursday, February 23 – St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 a.m. Dennis Blum (Jake & Shelly Lurwick)
8:00 a.m. Vincenzo Mercuri (Son, Albino & Family)

Friday, February 24

6:30 a.m. Rose Ryan (Joseph McGraw)
8:00 a.m. Joe Kocher (Joann)

Saturday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Francis & Mary Jane Quinn (Ellen)

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

Saturday, February 25

4:15 p.m. Joanne Crowley (Robert Crowley & Family)
6:00 p.m. Robert Wassel (Jim & Maryanne Conway)

Sunday, February 26

7:30 a.m. Barbara Swantner Cescon
(Swartz & Cescon Family)
9:30 a.m. John, Margaret, & Joseph Fitzpatrick (Est)
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:

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary – IMO Joe Kocher (Joann)
Sacred Heart – IMO Alice & Thomas Murphy
(Alice Henry)
Pieta - IMO Patricia Piccioni (Tom)
Pope St. John Paul II – Continued Good Health for
John Tone (Jerry & Kathleen Tone)
St. Patrick – IMO Patricia Piccioni (Bob & Sharon Piccioni)
Our Lady's Chapel - Sanctuary – Continued Good Health for
Joseph Cescon (Jerry & Kathleen Tone)
Our Lady's Chapel – Blessed Virgin Mary –



Priest Mass Schedule for Feb. 25/26

4:15 pm – Msgr. O'Connor 7:30 am – Msgr. O'Connor
6 pm – Fr. Seifert 9:30 am – Fr. Seifert
11 am – Fr. Medve

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day!



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

**Protecting God's Children Workshops
in St. Patrick Parish Center, Pottsville**

****Monday, March 6, at 6:30 pm****
****Monday, July 31, at 6:30 pm****

Everyone who works with our Parish children **MUST** complete this course if they haven't already! Please call the Parish Office to register!

From Palm to Ashes!!!

Monsignor is inviting everyone to join him on February 26, at 2 pm, outside the Church, to watch him burn old palm and make ashes to use on us this Ash Wednesday, March 1. This will take place in the space where the fire is blessed on Holy Saturday. We hope you will join us for this special tradition!



There is a basket in the back of Church for your old palm. Please try to bring it back before February 26th so that it can be burned for this year's ashes!
Thanks!



Please say a prayer for all of our Retreatants as they complete the 7th Annual St. Patrick Retreat this weekend!

Let's pray that they are infused by God with blessings and graces that will empower them in their daily lives!

LOTTERY CALENDAR - RECENT OUTCOMES

Tues., February 7	#010	No Winner
Wed., February 8	#025	Mary Ann L. (\$50)
Thurs., February 9	#451	Fran D. (\$50)
Fri., February 10	#584	Dan (\$50)
Sat., February 11	#482	JoAnne P. (\$100)
Sun., February 12	#912	No Winner
Mon., February 13	#162	Bailey C. (\$50)

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. They would also make a wee bit of fun for St. Patrick's Day! We appreciate the support of everyone who helps to make this so successful!

Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Patrick's Rectory – For information, please call Aleece at 570-449-7678

"What Jesus asks for is that we be willing to do more than go to Mass on Sunday. He wants us to take time out during the week to come and spend some quiet time in His Eucharistic Presence, for He says to us: "Where your treasure, there is your heart."... "I Myself am the Living Bread come down from Heaven."... "Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

Fr. Martin Lucia, SS.CC.

OPEN HOLY HOURS

SUNDAY - 12 am, 4 am;

TUESDAY - 2 am, 4 am, 8 am, 10 am;

FRIDAY - 10 am, 6 pm; SATURDAY - 7 pm



St. Patrick Preschool at Assumption BVM School in Pottsville is accepting registrations for the 2017-

2018 School year. Please contact our School by email: saintpatricks.prek@gmail.com or phone 570-622-0106 for more information. Our Preschool is a social play-based preschool emphasizing good Christian values. The children will learn:

- *About God's love for them and their family
- *Prayers and songs
- *To respect others and themselves
- *AND LOTS MORE!!!**



St. Patrick Parish is going to revive an ancient tradition of the celebration of a Parish 40 Hours! We will start with 9 am Mass on Friday, March 17 (the Feast of St. Patrick), will continue with

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church, and will end with Vespers on Sunday, March 19 (the 3rd Sunday of Lent, and the Feast of St. Joseph), at 4 pm. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the celebrant for the closing Vespers. Please watch the bulletin for more details!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 12, 2017

Stewardship: **\$8,564**



Thank you for your generosity to your Parish!

**SACRAMENTAL NEWS!!!
IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**

Sunday, February 26 – MANDATORY RETREAT for First Penance and First Holy Communion (2 pm to 5 pm) **Please arrive by 1:45 pm in St. Patrick Church!**

Sunday, March 3 – PRACTICE for First Penance (6 pm to 7:30 pm), **AND Saturday, March 4** (10 am to 12 Noon) in St. Patrick Church

Sunday, March 5 – FIRST PENANCE (6 pm) in St. Patrick Church

Saturday, March 11, 2017- MANDATORY RETREAT FOR CONFIRMANDI at St. Ambrose

Monday, April 17 – PRACTICE for Confirmation candidates and their sponsors (6:30 pm) in St. Patrick Church

Wednesday, April 19 – CONFIRMATION (4:30 pm) in St. Patrick Church

Thursday, May 4 – PRACTICE for First Holy Communion (6 pm to 7:30 pm) **AND Friday, May 5** (6 pm to 7:30 pm) in St. Patrick Church

Saturday, May 6 – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (10 am) in St. Patrick Church

Homeless Assistance and Emergency Food, Clothing, and Hygiene Products



Those who find themselves in need of emergency shelter, food, clothing, or hygiene products may contact

My Father's House, 4 South Center Street, Pottsville. Phone: 570-900-1161 or 570-728-2917. The Center is open for intake services from 9 am until 1 pm, Monday through Friday. If you spot a homeless person, after hours, sleeping outside in sub 30 degree temperatures, please notify the police or 911.

DONATIONS TO THE ST. PATRICK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Elizabeth G. Spotts by: Patricia & Mark Semanchik; Mark & Sheila Conville; Womer's Garage; Susan & Thomas Faust

In memory of Agnes Reiley by: Joe & Dorothy Purcell

In memory of Pasquale Pilo by: Fran & Ann Marie Tranquillo





Our Next Spaghetti Dinner is Sunday, March 12th!

Please note: Due to the St. Patrick Church Gala, our next Spaghetti Dinner will be held on the second Sunday of the month, instead of the first Sunday.

11:30 am to 2:30 pm -- In our Parish Center
Adults: \$8.00 - Children: \$3.50
All You Can Eat * Take-outs available
All are welcome!!

As always, baked goods are always appreciated!
Many thanks to all those who continue to support this wonderful and delicious tradition!

Our final Spaghetti Dinner of the Season will be held on May 7th! There will **not** be a dinner in April due to the Easter Candy Sale!

Congratulations to Pete DeAngeles who won the 50/50 (\$30) at the February Dinner!! Good for you, Pete!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GREAT AND GLORIOUS BOY SCOUTS WHO RECEIVED THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AND PARVULI DEI AWARDS ON BOY SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5!! THESE ARE RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS THE BOYS RECEIVED FOR REALLY DELVING INTO THEIR FAITH BY EXPLORING ACTIVITIES THAT RESULT IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN THEIR LIVES. WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE SUCH MAGNIFICENT YOUNG MEN!!

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CHRISTIAN ARTZ, ELIAS BARAN, HUDSON CLEWS, QUINCY CLEWS, DERIC MOSHER, JOHN RUSSO

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MAXWELL CLEWS, BILLY DAVIS

St. Patrick Parish Appreciates!!

We could not have a well-run, formative, and thriving Boy Scout program without dedicated volunteers who sacrifice their time and energy to contribute to the success of Scouting! We are grateful for the good examples they set to promote the purpose of the Boy Scouts by teaching them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues. Thank you to: Frank and Betty Guy, Jay Zimmerman, Jessica Saniga, Wileen Blackwell, and Rick Mills. From the bottom of our hearts.....Thank you!

The next Activities Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, at 6 pm, in the Parish Center. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hey Kids.... Join us for something really cool!!! Come to our next Craft Corner on **Saturday, March 18**, at 10:30 am in the Parish Center! Kids in grades Pre through 6 are welcome to join us to make their own personal "Mosaic Cross"! Deadline to register is March 13th. The cost is free for parishioners; for others, the cost is \$5. Parents... You are welcome to join us, or you can make a holy hour in Church in correlation with our 40 Hours that weekend.



LADIES NIGHT

Oh Yes It's Ladies Night!!
Hey Ladies....Join us on Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 pm to make your very own Easter

Dish Garden and to hear a short talk about the blessings of Holy Week and Easter. The cost is \$10 for supplies. We are asking all of our Ladies to bring a potluck appetizer or dessert! We hope to see lots of our beautiful women there!



CONCERT @ ST PATRICK CHURCH
by Schuykill Choral Society

Mozart: *Requiem* and *Coronation Mass*
Sunday, March 12, at 3 pm

Tickets: \$18 (Adults); \$10 (Senior/Student)
For tickets, please call: 570-628-3388

HERE'S WHAT'S UP, BUTTERCUP!

*Philadelphia Flower Show – **March 13**, sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers'. Cost \$58. Call Julie: 570-544-5231.

*Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip – **March 20**, sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers' – Cost \$25; Rebate \$30. Call Julie: 570-544-5231.

*Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions – **April 23**, at 3 pm in Divine Mercy Church, Shenandoah. Devotions consist of: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, midafternoon prayers from the Divine Office, various prayers and readings, homily, periods of reflection, hymns, procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will NOT be celebrated.

*Ocean City and Eastern Shore Maryland Bus Trip – **May 15-18**, sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers. Cost is \$439 per person, double occupancy. Ocean Downs Casino with bonus, guided tour of Assateague Island, Ocean City Boardwalk, etc. Call Julie: 570-544-5231.

*Mackinac Island, Michigan Bus Trip – **September 9-15**, sponsored by St. Matthew's Travelers. Cost is \$869 per person, double occupancy. Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, Frankenmuth Village Shops, etc. Call Julie: 570-544-5231.

**JOIN US FOR A
SHAM-ROCKIN' PARTY!!!**

ST. PATRICK 3RD ANNUAL GALA DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 7 PM TO 11 PM

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Please call or stop by the Parish Office for Tickets NOW!!

HOMEMADE EASTER CANDY

Butter Cream, Coconut Cream or Peanut Butter Eggs - \$10 per box

Proceeds Benefit St. Patrick Parish – **All orders are due by March 20th**

Please fill out the form below and send to the Parish Office
(via collection basket or mail) or call the office 570-622-1802 ext 0 on
weekdays, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to place an order

Candy may be picked up in our Parish Center during the
Palm Sunday Weekend Bake Sale

Saturday, April 8th from 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm or Sunday, April 9th from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

Although there might be extra candy available at the bake sale,
please consider placing an order to ensure your preference.

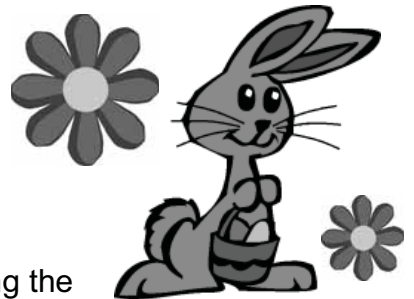
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EASTER CANDY ORDER FORM

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