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CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK

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Parochial Vicar/Hospital Chaplain..... Rev. William N. Seifert

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

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.

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.

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)



**EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
February 26, 2017**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 27

6:30 a.m. Rita M. Mortimer (Est)
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Keiser Moser (Est)

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 a.m. Dorothy L. Murtha (Est)
8:00 a.m. Francis C. & Catherine O'Brien (Est)

Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Deceased of the John J. O'Brien Family (Est)
8:00 a.m. Alfonse Carpenter Purcell (Est)
12:05 p.m. Joseph T. & Catherine Quigley (Est)
7 p.m. William J. & Mary C. Mulroy (Est)

Thursday, March 2

6:30 a.m. Loretta & Leo A. Rabuck (Est)
8:00 a.m. Frank X. Reilly, Sr., Family (Est)

Friday, March 3 – First Friday, St. Katharine Drexel

6:30 a.m. Hugh & William Roberts (Est)
8:00 a.m. Edward C. & Catherine V. Ryan (Est)

Saturday, March 4 - St. Casimir

8:00 a.m. Ann O'Connor Jenkins (Family)

**First Sunday of Lent
(Masses of Obligation)**

Saturday, March 4

4:15 p.m. Rev. John McNamara (Joe & Dolores McKenna)
6:00 p.m. Virginia Scheibelhut (Est)

Sunday, March 5

7:30 a.m. Kathryn F. Smith (Est)
9:30 a.m. John Markovich (Thomas & Mary Ann Heenan)
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:
Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- the sick of the parish - our many Benefactors
- those recently deceased - Annette Zelwalk, Leo Purcell, Janice Sedicino, John McCarthy, Janet Becker, Paul Whelski

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary –
Sacred Heart – IMO John & Ruth Bernadyn
(Daughter, Susan & Jack Spleen & Family)

Pieta -
Pope St. John Paul II –
St. Patrick –
Our Lady's Chapel - Sanctuary –
Our Lady's Chapel – Blessed Virgin Mary –
IMO George Bobinis (Jane)

Priest Mass Schedule for March 3/4

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

From Palm to Ashes!!!

Monsignor is inviting everyone to join him on Sunday, Today, 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!



Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 12:05 pm, and 7:00 pm.

REMINDER: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. (Taken from USCCB.org)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT – Each Wednesday at 11:15 am (not Ash Wednesday), and each Friday at 7 pm (with Exposition and Benediction).



MORNING PRAYER IN LENT – Starting Thursday, March 2, at 7:40 am, and continuing each morning, Monday through Friday, at 7:40 am.

CONFESSIONS IN LENT - Saturday: 3 pm to 4 pm, and Wednesday: 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

LOTTERY CALENDAR - RECENT OUTCOMES

Tues., February 14	#293	Tracey L. (\$50)
Wed., February 15	#334	J & K (\$50)
Thurs., February 16	#272	Senor B. (\$50)
Fri., February 17	#655	Deb D. (\$50)
Sat., February 18	#270	No Winner
Sun., February 19	#044	BMD (\$150)
Mon., February 20	#119	Zena (\$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. 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

OPEN HOLY HOURS

SUNDAY - 12 am, 4 am;

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

FRIDAY - 10 am, 3 pm, 6 pm; SATURDAY - 7 pm



St. Patrick Parish is going to celebrate a Parish 40 Hours! We will start with **9 am Mass on Friday, March 17** (our Patronal Feast, St. Patrick Day). **Please note that there will NOT be an 8 am Mass that day!** The opening Mass will be celebrated by

Rev. Msgr. Alfred Schlert, our Diocesan Administrator. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 9 am Mass in the Main Church, and will continue until 7 pm Services.

Exposition will continue after the 7 pm Services in the Lower Chapel of the Church, Friday Night, and All Day and Night Saturday.

Exposition will continue **Sunday morning (March 19)** in the Lower Chapel. After the 11 am Mass, **Exposition will be in the Main Church until the 4 pm Closing Services.**

The Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Harrisburg and native son of Pottsville, will be the Homilist.

After the closing services, there will be a dinner in the Parish Center by Wood Catering. Perpetual Adoration Adorers should sign up for the dinner in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel area. Other parishioners, who would like to attend the dinner, should call the Parish Office. **Deadline for dinner sign-up is Monday, March 13, at 12 Noon.**

All Parish Assumption BVM, Nativity BVM, and PREP students are asked to participate in the Eucharistic procession on March 19 at 4 pm. Also, all of our Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to participate as well.

Please note: The Perpetual Adoration Chapel will be closed during 40 hours since Adoration will take place in the Church that weekend.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 19, 2017

Stewardship: **\$10,888**

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!

Friday, 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

DONATIONS TO THE ST. PATRICK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Elizabeth G. Spotts**
by: Thomas & Stephanie Wood;
Victor & Diane Centeligne;
Mr. & Mrs. David Houtz

In memory of **Robert Luther Lash**
by: Shirley & Guy Recla

In memory of **June Moran**
by: Bob & Kathy

In memory of **Annette Zelwalk**
by: Joan Costello



Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, April 13; Good Friday, April 14, and Easter Monday, April 17!



Congratulations to

Taylor MacKenzie McDonald, who was baptized on February 19th!

*You have been baptized in Christ,
Taylor MacKenzie!! May God bless you forever!!*



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!

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



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!



CONCERT @ ST PATRICK CHURCH

by Schuylkill 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

SCHOOL NEWS!!

Assumption BVM School will have a Spring Open House on Sunday, March 12, from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm for Kindergarten through Grade 8.

St. Patrick Preschool at Assumption BVM - Spring Open House - Sunday, March 12, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 School year!

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!

St. Patrick Parish Appreciates!!

For months, they planned! For months, they prayed! For months, they sacrificed! AND, it was all worth it!! Thank you to the 2017 Retreat Team, who put together an excellent retreat for the 30 attendees last weekend! "Tu Es Petrus: Upon this Rock" helped everyone understand the topics of Prayer, Evangelization, Our Dear Mother Mary, a Release of the Holy Spirit, and the Papacy! Everyone "rocked it old school"! A special honorable mention to our amazing Rector and Rectora: Charlie Taronis and Karen Powers!! Every single detail was taken care of under their leadership and guidance! Our Parish is so blessed to have had them guide our Retreat Team and Retreatants as we continued this seven year tradition of faith! They are to be commended!!!

Indubitably, Charlie and Karen could not do this without an extraordinary Retreat Team who helped to pull everything together! Great job Team... Msgr. O'Connor, Brian Barket, Mary Ann Heenan, Deacon Larry Lonergan, Shelly Lurwick, Bill & Melody Montag, Annette Peron, John & Kim Sutter, Beth Travis, Helen Weiss, and Debbie Walker. They are to be commended as well!!!

A special thank you to our bus sponsors: Pete Corse, Tony Pilo, Bob Engle, Bill and Melody Montag, and John and Kim Sutter in memory of dear Margaret Sutter.

Also, thank you to everyone who was so generous to the Retreat collection on January 14-15. Because of your help, we were able to bring the gift of faith to 30 people!!

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

ST. PATRICK 3RD ANNUAL GALA DINNER DANCE
DEADLINE FOR TICKETS - MONDAY, FEB. 27, AT 12 NOON!!!

NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR!!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 7 PM TO 11 PM

The Lodge at Sharp Mountain (201 26th Street, Pottsville)

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**ENTERTAINMENT BY OUR VERY OWN:
DALE!! AND THE LEGENDS!!**

Buffet Dinner and Cash Bar \$35 per person (Advance Tickets Only)

MENU INCLUDES: PRIME RIB, CRAB CAKES, SOUP, SALADS, SIDES, AND DESSERTS

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.

*** Sorry, No Mixed Boxes! ***

EASTER CANDY ORDER FORM

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Phone Number: _____

(# of boxes) _____ Butter Cream _____ Coconut Cream _____ Peanut Butter

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