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CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK

319 MAHANTONGO STREET  POTTSVILLE, PA

Pastor Rev. Msgr. Edward J. O'Connor

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

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Principal: Mrs. Teresa Keating

Nativity BVM 570-622-8110
High School
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St. Joseph's Center 570-622-4638
for Special Learning
Principal: Mr. Roobhenn Smith

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

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



**FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT
March 5, 2017**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 6

6:30 a.m. Fr. Joseph Reiley (John & Kim Sutter)
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Murgido (The Yurkonis Family)

Tuesday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

6:30 a.m. Holley & Pekarik Families
(Charles Holley & Family)
8:00 a.m. Louise LaPlaca Forte
(Daughters, Victoria & Louise)

Wednesday, March 8

6:30 a.m. Marilyn E. Penna (Mr. & Mrs. John Farrell)
8:00 a.m. Joseph McGuire (Evelyn McGuire)
12:05 p.m. Paul Spear (Daniel & Maryellen O'Donnell)

Thursday, March 9

6:30 a.m. Felix McCabe (Mike & Renee McCabe)
8:00 a.m. A. Louise Marasco (Helen G. Sciarrone)

Friday, March 10

6:30 a.m. Sister Margaret Moore (Jack Schneider Family)
8:00 a.m. Robert W. Long (The Associates of the Holy Family)

Saturday, March 11

8:00 a.m. David Verchick (Greg, Dale, & Andrew)

Second Sunday of Lent

(Masses of Obligation)

Saturday, March 11

4:15 p.m. Elizabeth, Cyril, & Michael Delaney
(Kenneth Delaney)
6:00 p.m. Mary Elizabeth Acker (Maureen Bambrick)

Sunday, March 12

7:30 a.m. David Guzick (Mom & Dad)
9:30 a.m. Anne O'Connor Jenkins (Kathleen & Family)
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:

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Gn 12:1-4/2 Tim 1:8-10/Mt 17:1-9

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- the sick of the parish
- our many Benefactors
- those recently deceased - Ann Heckman, Patricia Dolbin, Sister Bernita, John Monahan, Rita Workman

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary –
Sacred Heart –
Pieta -
Pope St. John Paul II –
St. Patrick –
Our Lady's Chapel - Sanctuary –
Our Lady's Chapel – Blessed Virgin Mary –



Priest Mass Schedule for March 11/12

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT – Every Wednesday at 11:15 am, and every Friday at 7 pm (with Exposition and Benediction).

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT – Every morning, Monday through Friday, at 7:40 am.

CONFESSIONS IN LENT -

Saturday: 3 pm-4 pm, & Wednesday: 7:30 pm-8:30 pm.

REMINDER.... NO MEAT DURING FRIDAYS IN LENT! YES...IT'S STILL A THING!!



Wow!! Last weekend was a great time to celebrate as a Parish!!!
FOUR children were baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Congratulations to: Katherine Olivia McCabe, Maxwell Timothy McCabe, Paisley Marie Knepp, and Thomas Carlo Luscan!!

Why do we give things up for Lent?

We give up things for Lent to help us grow closer to God. We imitate Jesus, who spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #540). Whenever we think of our sacrifice, whether it is a favorite food, pastime, or 15 minutes of sleep, we are reminded of Christ's sacrifice of love for us. Giving things up for Lent is also an expression of penance for the wrong we've done. The forms of penance the Church recommends are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charitable deeds). To be effective, however, these acts must come from a place of sincere repentance. "Jesus' call to conversion and penance ... [aims at] the conversion of the heart, interior conversion" (CCC #1430). It involves turning our hearts back to God and away from that which separates us from him. "Going without" purifies us and helps us resist temptation more easily.



LOTTERY CALENDAR - RECENT OUTCOMES

Tues., February 21	#252	Tim H. (\$50)
Wed., February 22	#444	Donald B. (\$50)
Thurs., February 23	#484	Clay W. (\$50)
Fri., February 24	#729	Gerard F. (\$50)
Sat., February 25	#012	No Winner
Sun., February 26	#282	M.E. (\$150)
Mon., February 27	#904	No Winner

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 also make nice little Easter gifts....You can fold them and hide them in a plastic egg for a real fun surprise!! 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, 3 pm, 6 pm; SATURDAY - 7 pm

DONATIONS TO THE ST. PATRICK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Janice Sedicino
by: Jane Bobinis; Tom Hoffman

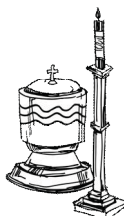
In memory of David Kephart
by: Carolyn Bernatonis



In memory of Annette Zelwalk
by: Clayton & Loretta Edwards

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

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.**



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 26, 2017

Stewardship: **\$10,642**

Thank you for your generosity to your Parish!



NEWS!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

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

St. Patrick Parish Appreciates!!

Who says that you can't have sports and God too??? St. Patrick Parish is so blessed to have faithful Catholics who are willing to volunteer their time and talent to serve young people by teaching them how to do something they love....play basketball!! Our CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) boys' and girls' basketball program has been winning, and we are very proud of them!! In fact, our 7th & 8th grade girls' basketball team advanced to the District playoffs on February 25, and at the typing of this bulletin, they advanced to the next round of the District playoffs, with the next game on March 4th!! So far, we made room for one trophy!!! The mission of CYO is to provide the highest quality programs to our young people. Our coaches are committed to provide programs based on integrity, fair play and the right of all individuals to participate. They view our responsibility as extending far beyond the mere teaching of athletic skills. Our program offers the opportunity to develop moral standards in all of our young people...in essence, to be good and practicing Catholics! We thank and congratulate our coaches on a great season: Ron Abdo, Angela Altemose, Carissa Artz, Jeff Bowers, Jim Goodman, Ken Rossi, Benny Rowlands, Chuck Rushannon, Dennis Siket, and the man who brought it all together last Fall...Super Coach...Brian Brennan!! May God Bless You All for putting the "C" in CYO! You made us proud!!



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!

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!

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!

The St. Patrick Seniors will meet on Thursday, March 16, at 12 Noon, in the Terry Reiley Building on 12th Street in Pottsville. All Seniors 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.

LOTS TO DO AND EAT IN LENT!

*Lenten Dinners – **Fridays during Lent**, sponsored by St. John the Baptist Church, Pottsville – 4-7 pm, in the Russell Building (9th and Schuylkill Avenue). Baked Haddock/Salmon, Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes. Full course dinners – New England Clam Chowder, Full Salad Bar, Choice of Macaroni and Cheese, Baked or Mashed Potatoes, Choice of Vegetable, Homemade Dessert, Beverage. Take outs available. Call 570-622-5470 for more information.

*Pierogie Sale: Cooked with butter and onions, cooked with butter only, or uncooked (frozen) – Sponsored by St. Clare of Assisi Church, St. Clair – **Fridays in Lent**. Cost is \$7.50 a dozen. Advance orders only. Pick-ups from 11 am to 2 pm (Hancock Street entrance). Call 570-429-2310 to order.

***Friday Lenten Food Sales**, sponsored by St. Matthew the Evangelist, Minersville – 12 pm to 3 pm. Eat in or take out. Foods include: pierogi, halushki, bleepies, potato soup, red clam chowder. Call 570-544-5485.

*Designer Purse Bingo, featuring Coach and Michael Kors, sponsored by St. Nicholas School, Minersville – **March 12**. Doors open at 11 am. Bingo starts at 1 pm. \$25 for 20 games. Call 570-544-2800 for info.

*Apologetics Forum: The Catholic Faith Explained: "The Real Presence"! Have you ever wondered: Do Catholics worship a piece of bread? Is the Eucharist just a symbol? **Thursday, March 16**, from 7-9 pm. St. Joseph Parish Hall, Frackville. Free of charge! Bring a friend! Presented by: **Rev. Brian Miller!**

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

*Pysanky Classes – Ukrainian Easter Eggs – **April 5** from 6-9 pm, and **April 8** from 9 am to 12 Noon, at St. Michael's Hall, Shenandoah. Cost is \$45 including supplies. Call 570-668-5789 for more information.

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 -- Vespers and Benediction.**

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 – Vespers and Benediction.**

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 inform the Parish Office if you will be there for the Procession!

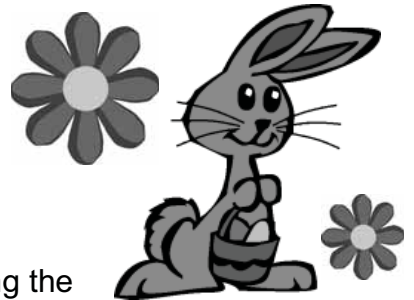
Please note: The Perpetual Adoration Chapel will be closed during 40 hours since Adoration will take place in the Church that weekend.

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 1 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

Name: _____

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