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CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK

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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

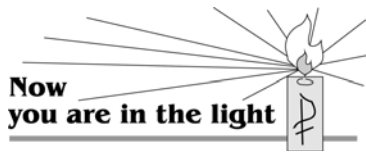
Assumption BVM570-622-0106
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Principal: Mrs. Teresa Keating

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)



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**FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT**
March 26, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week 

Monday, March 27

6:30 a.m. Aloysius & Alice Yust (Est)
8:00 a.m. Jean Marie O'Connor (Est)

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 a.m. The Campbell & Blee Families (Corinne Dalton)
8:00 a.m. William, Agnes, Vince, William, Jr., &
Anne E. Brennan (Est)

Wednesday, March 29

6:30 a.m. The Zacko Family (Est)
8:00 a.m. John V. Coyle (Betty)
12:05 p.m. George Moses, Jr. (Family)

Thursday, March 30

6:30 a.m. Mary Butera (Her children)
8:00 a.m. Rose & James Reilly (Jim & Susan Zimmerman)

Friday, March 31

6:30 a.m. Adam Smoluk (Jean & Andy Hertz)
8:00 a.m. Carl F. Schneider (Clare Schneider)

Saturday, April 1

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

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

Saturday, April 1

4:15 p.m. John & Anna Revak (Judith & Richard Hoffman)
6:00 p.m. Msgr. William E. Jones (Rosemary Cairns)

Sunday, April 2

7:30 a.m. Gabriel M. Lizak, M.D. (Est)
9:30 a.m. Scott Jermyn (Lea Jermyn Coogan)
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:

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

CANDLE INTENTIONS

March 26-April 1



Sanctuary – For Prayers Answered (John)
Sacred Heart – IMO Rose Piccioni (Tom)
Pieta - IMO Anthony Mark, Sr. (Eva Burns)
Pope St. John Paul II – IMO Mary Butera (Her Children)
St. Patrick – For the Health of Bill Gibbons – College
of the Holy Cross (Jerry & Kathleen Tone)
Our Lady's Chapel - Sanctuary –
Our Lady's Chapel – Blessed Virgin Mary –

*Please note: The candle intention for Bill Gibbons was incorrect in last week's bulletin. Sorry for any confusion this caused.

Priest Mass Schedule for April 1/2

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



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 to 4 pm, and
Wednesday: 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

St. Patrick Parish Appreciates!!

Last weekend, we praised, adored, and loved Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, with grateful affection, in our 40 Hours devotions! This inspirational and uplifting event was due to so many people who made this a magnificent testimony to our faith and adoration of Jesus Christ! Many thanks to Bishop Ronald Gainer and Msgr. Alfred Schlert our guest homilists, to Fr. Seifert for putting the program together, to our visiting priests for joining us to celebrate, to our Deacons for all of their help, to our Knights of Columbus for their holy presence, to our choir who always gives us such beautiful music, to our amazing altar servers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers, and to our children and their parents who participated in the procession, carrying roses. Thank you to Greg and Aleece Hanlon and their team for organizing the excellent dinner, along with Tom Wood our favorite caterer! Every single detail was covered meticulously and deliciously. And, A special thank you to our adorers who were there for Jesus, not only in these 40 hours, but constantly - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Let us continue to pray ...at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

LOTTERY CALENDAR - RECENT OUTCOMES

Tues., March 7	#381	Fran D. (\$50)
Wed., March 8	#917	Joann K. (\$50)
Thurs., March 9	#431	Laura M. (\$50)
Fri., March 10	#168	L & T (\$50)
Sat., March 11	#314	Patty S. (\$100)
Sun., March 12	#625	James H. (\$150)
Mon., March 13	#197	Pete D. (\$50)
Tues., March 14	#705	Bill S. (\$50)
Wed., March 15	#663	VJMJ (\$50)
Thurs., March 16	#032	Mary Jean M. (\$50)
Fri., March 17	#745	Joe & Gretchen K. (\$500)
Sat., March 18	#093	Mary Jane R. (\$100)
Sun., March 19	#747	Ernie F. (\$150)
Mon., March 20	#680	Jean 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 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;
WEDNESDAY – 8 pm; FRIDAY - 10 am, 3 pm;
SATURDAY – 12 PM

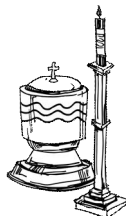
DONATIONS TO THE ST. PATRICK MEMORIAL FUND

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In memory of **Rita Workman**
 by: Cathy Heim;
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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

March 12, 2017
 Stewardship: **\$9,635**

March 19, 2017
 Stewardship: **\$8,936**



Thank you for your generosity to your Parish!

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!!!
IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

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



REMINDER....PARKING LOT RULES FOR WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday
7:30 am to 5:30 pm ONLY!!!

**** ONLY** cars with a parking permit are permitted to park in the parking lot closest to Dr. Green's Office. **Please be advised that violators will be ticketed!**

**** Any** Parishioners or Visitors to the Church, Rectory, Parish Office, or Parish Center are welcome to park in the lot closest to 4th Street.

Protecting God's Children Workshops

****Thursday, April 20, at 6:00 pm, at St. Ambrose****
****Monday, July 31, at 6:30 pm, at St. Patrick****

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

Congratulations to our very own Christopher Ott and all of the Pottsville boys swim team on receiving the 2017 Schuylkill League Co-Champion award. Christopher also plays the trumpet in the non-traditional choir at the 9:30 am Mass. May our Lord bless your talents as you continue to use them in His service.

Congratulations to all of our parishioners who were a part of the Pottsville Area High School Play "Titanic", last weekend! Rave reviews all over the place!! Keep using those God-given talents!!

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

Our Last Spaghetti Dinner of the Season will be



held on Sunday, May 7th!

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!

There will **not** be a dinner in April due to the Easter Candy and Bake Sale!

The St. Patrick Seniors will meet on Thursday, April 20, at 1 pm, in the Terry Reiley Building on 12th Street in Pottsville. All Seniors are Welcome!



Yo TEENS.... Grades 8-12.....

You are invited to join us for our next St. Patrick Teen Night on Sunday, April 2, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm, in the Parish Center. All are welcome to join us for some

food, fun, and friends! Please

get out your cell phone and put this on your schedule now! Don't miss out on a fun night!! Please call Mrs. Amy Joyce at 570-385-0210 if you will attend!

Oh Yes It's Ladies Night!!

Hey Ladies....Join us on Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Center, 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! B.Y.O.B.! Please RSVP by March 31st! We hope to see lots of our beautiful women there!

LADIES NIGHT

The next Activities Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, at 6 pm, in the Parish Center. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

HEY KIDS... HOP ON OVER TO THE ST. PATRICK PARISH ANNUAL EASTER EGG

HUNT! Children ages 1-10 are invited to participate in the Egg-Stravaganza on Holy Saturday, April 15, at 2 pm, in Calvary Cemetery. Join us for an Egg-citing time with fun and prizes!



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Wednesday, April 19th**, for the students of the parishes within our area. Bishop Edward

Cullen will confer the Sacrament within Mass at 4:30 p.m. This year, the Sacrament will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church.

OUR PARISH CONFIRMANDI will be honored on **Sunday, April 23**, at the 9:30 am Mass. We ask the Confirmandi to please meet in the Lower Chapel at 9:00 a.m. to prepare for Mass. All are asked to wear their Confirmation gowns, and all who attend this Mass will receive a Confirmation gift! Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802, ext. 1, by April 12th if you will attend.

Our Parish Graduates will be honored at Mass on **Sunday, May 28, at the 9:30 am**

Mass. Children & young adults who are graduating from Kindergarten, 8th Grade, High

School, or College are invited to attend, and will receive a gift. Caps and gowns should be worn. Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802, ext. 1, by May 10th if you will attend.



Attention Adults!!! We are starting to prepare, and will need help with this year's Catholic Kids' Camp!! The theme this year is "Tracking Mary - Mysteries and Messages", where the children will track Our Lady

all over the World!!! Please call the Parish Office if you are willing to help! (PS: All adults who help are required to get all of their background clearances. We are starting now so that you have time to complete these requirements!)

DONATIONS TO THE ST. PATRICK CEMETERY FUND WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ANN HECKMAN

From: The Office of the Adjutant General/Command Group PA National Guard; Schuylkill Women in Crisis

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Veneration of the First Class Relic of St. Pauline Visintainer will be held on **Monday, March 27, at 5 pm, in Our Lady's Chapel of St. Patrick Church.** All are welcome!

SCHOOL NEWS:

Nativity Green and Gold is sponsoring a "Girls Night Out" Bingo on Saturday, April 1. Doors open at 5:30 pm; Bingo starts at 7 pm. Prizes include: Designer purses, jewelry, spa, and more! BYOB...Admission is \$25. Please call Diane at 570-294-0551.

Nativity BVM Drama Club is hosting a Children's/Toy Bingo to raise funds for their Spring musical Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" on Saturday, April 8. Doors open at Noon, and Bingo begins at 1 pm. Cost is \$10 for ten regular plus two special games. Prizes include toys and gift cards for children ages preschool through Grade 8. Refreshments available for purchase. Please call Angie at 570-366-0709.

WORTH MENTIONING

Roast Beef Dinner - Sunday, April 23, from 11 am to 2 pm - St. Michael the Archangel Church Cafeteria. Dinner includes: Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw or Applesauce, Roll, Beverage, Dessert. Please call Jean at 570-544-6853 for tickets.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar entitled "The Gift" will be held at St. Ambrose Church, Schuylkill Haven on Monday nights

beginning April 24, continuing May 1, 8, 15, 22, and June 5. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Committee is offering the seminar at no charge. Please call Jim at 570-345-8877 for more information.

from **Scripture**

**John 9:1-41,
The sight of faith**



In this Gospel reading, Jesus cured a blind man on the Sabbath by making clay and smearing it on the man's eyes. This cure was two-fold; the man received both physical sight and the sight of faith. As he was being questioned by the Pharisees, his understanding of Jesus was moved from knowing him as simply a "man", to acclaiming him as a prophet, and finally, to worshipping him as the Son of God.

While the faith of the cured man progressed, the spiritual sight of the Pharisees did just the opposite. Their anger blinded them to the truth—that the curing of the blind man was God's work. Furious that Jesus failed to observe the Sabbath, they refused to believe that the man had been born blind and miraculously healed.

In baptism, we are given the gift of faith—the ability to "see" God and our life in relation to his loving plan. The longer we follow Jesus and learn from him, the better we understand him. The more we turn away from sin, the sharper our "vision" becomes.

HELP NEEDED FOR OUR UPCOMING PALM SUNDAY BAKE AND EASTER CANDY SALE APRIL 8th and 9th

1. Our Palm Sunday Bake Sale is coming up! With your help we can fill the tables with cakes, pies, cookies, bread, etc. Please try to put "baking something" on your "to do" list. Our parishioners are well known for their delicious baked goods and with your help we can continue this important fundraising endeavor for our parish. Your donations will be most welcome!
2. Help is needed with making the candy. It's mostly sit-down work – rolling the candy filling into little egg shapes. But there are dozens and dozens to do, so we can use lots of volunteers!! Please consider coming to help lend a hand. Call Charlie Taronis 570-628-5297 if you can help at all and or inquire about the work schedule.



Monday, March 27th	12:30-3pm; 6 to 9pm
Tuesday, March 28th	12:30-3pm; 6 to 9pm
Wednesday, March 29th	12:30-3pm; 6 to 9pm
Thursday, March 30 th	12:30-3pm; 6 to 9pm

**Afternoons will generally be rolling the eggs;
evenings will be coating the eggs and boxing them up for sale.**

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