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WORSHIP

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evenings (Church)----- 4:00 pm
Sundays (Church) 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm
Weekdays (Church)-----9:00 am
Vigil of Holy Days (Church)----- 7:30 pm
Holy Days (Church)----- 9:00 am & 7:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconcilia. on

Saturdays (Church) from 3:00 to 3:45 pm; also by appointment with one of the priests.

Sacraments of...

Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick & Marriage

Information about these Sacraments is printed in the parish bulletin regularly. Please refer to it each week.

Healing Mass once a month Tuesday, 8:00 pm - Worship Center - after the pandemic.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

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First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: II Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

- 9:00am Stephen & Robert McFeeley..... Family
- 4:00pm Joseph & Lena Guasto Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cavataio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am All Parishioners
- Dominick Esposito..... Wife, Angie
- Vincenzo Lucignano Carl & Nancy Ciaccio
- 10:00am Angelo Modena Ben & Annette Battista
- 12:00pm Frances Psomas LaCava Family
- 6:00pm Rosemarie O'Neill Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020..... St. Ambrose

- 9:00am John DeMeis Msgr. Jeff Conway
- 7:30pm (Vigil) Lucille Chazanoff Lawrence Fauci

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 ... The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00am All Parishioners
- 7:30pm Nicholas Fanciullo Ben & Annette Battista

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020... St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

- 9:00am Christmas Flowers Remembrance

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020

- 9:00am Sante Scorcio..... Balzano Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020 St. Damaus I

- 9:00am Christmas Flowers Remembrance

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020..... Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 9:00am Aiden LeVine..... Martinelli Family
- 4:00pm Lucy Grillo..... Pane Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am All Parishioners
- Peter McConnon, Sr. Georgia McConnon
- William McQuade MaryJane Kitoover
- 10:00am Donald S. Ustler Ustler Family
- 12:00pm Neil F. Sweeney Fran Sweeney
- 6:00pm Sonia Baluyot..... Family

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Vigil Mass on **Monday, December 7th at 7:30pm** in the Church and Mass on **Tuesday, December 8th will be 9:00am and 7:30pm** in the Church. (There will be a Mass for the children of St. Patrick School during school hours.)

MASS OF THE WEBSITE

Every week the Mass that is streamed live on Facebook is sent to the St. Patrick's Website where it can be viewed by parishioners who do not have Facebook. It cannot be viewed in "real time," on facebook but is recorded and sent to the website after the Mass. Funerals and weddings may also be live streamed and/or on our Web on request.

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE

Until further notice we will be having only 5 Masses all in the Church. 4:00pm on Saturday, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm and 6:00pm on Sunday. There is a fifty (50) person maximum allowed. Masks are required. If there is an overflow the doors will be opened for communion to allow all who wish to receive to do so. Bathrooms will be closed.

MASS CELEBRANTS

SAT. DEC. 5th	SAT. DEC. 12th
4:00pm Msgr. Jeff	4:00pm Fr. Victor
SUN. DEC. 6th	SUN. DEC. 13th
8:00am Fr. Victor	8:00am Msgr. Jeff
10:00am Fr. Victor	10:00am Fr. Victor
12:00pm Msgr. Jeff	12:00pm Fr. Tony
6:00pm Fr. Tony	6:00pm Msgr. Jeff

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Rose Bruno, Linda Cangelosi, Maria Cardella, Salvatore Carbone, James & Kathy Chorman, Joanne Clemente, Frances Codispodo, Lou Cugno, Al & Joan Davidson, Edward Falcone, Lucette Gault, Jamie Gonzalez, Herbert Gruberger, Lisa Jaffe-Dunne, Jennifer Johnson, David Larkin, George Manetta, Michael Marano, Mark Mazzuki, Stephen Mendlovitz, Robert Moffett, Jack Moran, Steven Morvello, Craig Natale, Charles & Pat Regan, AnnMarie Rovegno, Jennifer Noto Russo; Mary Sweeney, Anthony Terra.

SEVEN DAY VOTIVE CANDLES

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FUNERAL MASS

The parish family of St. Patrick's offers our sincere condolences to the family of the deceased **Michael Marino**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE

To arrange for a wedding at St. Patrick, you must call the Parish Office at 718-979-4227 for an appointment with one of our priests at least 3 months before the date. Marriages are celebrated on Fridays at 3 & 4:30pm, Saturdays at 12:30pm and 2:00pm and on Sundays at 3:45 & 4:30pm. 50 maximum. Mask required.

PRE CANA CLASSES

Archdiocese of New York Family Life Office is offering Virtual Pre Cana Classes on **January 9th & 23rd, February 6th & 20th, March 6th & 20th** from **10:00am-2:30pm**. To register see link: <https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase>



REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM

During the pandemic the Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church by appointment at any 9:00am Mass Monday through Saturday. Once you have chosen a date and contacted the Parish Office, parents are **REQUIRED** to attend a Baptism Class on Zoom the first Monday every other month at 7:00pm. Next zoom class is at **January 4th** at 7:00pm. All necessary paperwork is available online with instructions and must be returned to the Parish Office **BEFORE** you attend the Baptism Class.

PLEASE HELP US HELP THE POOR

Last Sunday the parishioners donated a total of **\$50.00** for the poor.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Currently **218** families have pledged their support to this year's Archdiocesan Cardinal's Appeal amounting to **\$71,780** towards our goal of **\$99,500**. We would like to thank those who have made their pledge and for their continued support of the Parish. There is still time to make a pledge on the website www.cardinalsappeal.org.



Please consider joining our parishioners who participate in "OnLine Giving." It is especially helpful to us during this difficult period.

INTERVENTION

If one of your relatives or friends has a problem with alcohol or drugs, you can call Msgr. Jeff.

12 STEP MEETINGS CANCELLED INDEFINITELY

- AA—Thurs. from 7-8pm in Cafeteria; Sat. from 3-4pm in Cafeteria and Sun. from 11am-12:15pm in Meeting Room
- Al-Anon—Thurs. from 5:30-6:30pm in Meeting Room.
- Gambler's Anonymous—Thurs. from 8-9:30pm in Meeting Room.
- Gam-Anon—Thurs. from 8-9:30pm in Conference Room.
- Overeaters Anonymous—Wednesdays from 7-8pm in Meeting Room.
- Pills Anonymous—Sat. from 6:30-7:30pm in Meeting Room.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, December 8th

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the eleventh century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the eighteenth century it became a feast of the universal Church.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They point out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

Comment:

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" (or "highly favored"). In that context this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life. The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

Quote:

"[Mary] gave to the world the Life that renews all things, and she was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role.

"It is no wonder, then, that the usage prevailed among the holy Fathers whereby they called the mother of God entirely holy and free from all stain of sin, fashioned by the Holy Spirit into a kind of new substance and new creature. Adorned from the first instant of her conception with the splendors of an entirely unique holiness, the Virgin of Nazareth is, on God's command, greeted by an angel messenger as 'full of grace' (cf. Luke 1:28). To the heavenly messenger she replies: 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word' (Luke 1:38)" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 56).



My sister, Iris Ardovini needs a Kidney Transplant, and her best option is a Living Donor. Both my parents and I are unable to be donors, because of pre-existing medical conditions.

Waiting time for a kidney of a deceased donor can take up to five years as there are over 100,000 people on the waiting list. This puts my sister's life at risk because some patients have died in the process of waiting. I'm requesting you to kindly consider posting the attached flyer on your Church's bulletin board, so that I can help my sister find a possible donor. We are a catholic family and assist regularly at St Joseph's Church in Yonkers, NY. I could not think of a better way to help my sister than to ask my brothers and sisters for their aid in this regard. Please contact: Claudia Ardovini at (914) 968-0159 or claudia.ardovini1950@yahoo.com

MEETINGS

Because the entire building is converted into a school and we are trying to maintain minimum contact with the school building we are going to have to postpone meetings until after the pandemic. We want all groups to be a part of the parish family but at this time we need to use the entire building for school areas that means only allowing children to meet in the building in certain areas. We will advise of updates during this difficult time through Flocknotes, Website and bulletin.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This year we will not be doing our annual Christmas Giving Tree. We will resume the practice next year. As you can imagine, the need for donations is still strong and so we have come up with a

compromise. If you would like to give, here are several safe ways to do so by mailing to the addresses listed. \$15 Gift Card to a drug store – Our Lady of Good Counsel Church-FOOD PANTRY, 10 Austin Place, Staten Island NY 10304; Winter hats, gloves, scarf – Project Hospitality, 100 Central Ave; Staten Island, NY 10301; Children's Toys, all ages – Silver Lake Head Start, 10 Gregg Place, Staten Island, NY 10301. *Please make a note that your donation came from St. Patrick's Church, Richmondtown.* If you're uncomfortable about going to a post office, you can also drop your donation at my doorstep at Susan McDermott, 421 Edinboro Road. Please **do not** leave gifts in church. Thanks so much!

ARCHDIOCESEAN SPECIAL COLLECTION

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

SPS Faith Cohort A 7:55am-2:25pm..... School Building
SPS Grade 6-8 Reconciliation 10-11am..... Church
SPS Wreath Dedication SPS Students 1-2pm..... Schoolyard

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020

SPS Community Cohort B 7:55am-2:25pm..... School Building
SPS School Mass 1pm..... Church
Religious Education Catechist Prep Zoom Meeting 3-4:15pm
Religious Education Classes Zoom Meeting 4:15-5:45pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

SPS Faith Cohort A 7:55am-2:25pm..... School Building
Boy Scouts 6-9pm..... Schoolyard

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020

SPS Community Cohort B 7:55am-2:25pm..... School Building

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020

SPS Faith Cohort A 7:55am-2:25pm..... School Building
Cub Scouts 6-9pm..... Schoolyard

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020

Baptism 9am..... Church

SACRAMENT MEETINGS REQUIRED FOR 2ND AND 8TH GRADE PARENTS

In preparation for your child's 1st Reconciliation and Communion, all 2nd grade parents are required to attend two meetings: 1st Reconciliation Meeting on **Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:30pm**; and 1st Communion Meeting on **Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:30pm**. In preparation for your child's Confirmation, all 8th grade parents are required to attend the Confirmation meeting on **Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:30pm**. Zoom invite for all three meetings will be emailed to parents in advance of meeting. Any questions call Religious Education at 718-979-1272 or email religioused@stpatrikssi.org. We look forward to working with you as your children draw closer to their sacraments!

THANK YOU

Our Lady of Good Counsel would like to thank-you for your constant support. The Food you bring to us helps us to help feed the needy. Our pantry has stayed opened throughout the entire pandemic. Food is given to all that come Saturday morning each week; we see some of our regular clients along with new faces. We thank God we are able to help all that come. Thank you for all you do for us. Thank You **Susan McDermott** and **Joanne Strenta** for delivering Oh what angels they are! Our Lady Good Counsel Food Pantry

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SI Catholic Women's Ministry We are excited to announce a new Catholic Women's Ministry on Staten Island. All women are invited to join us on **Wednesday, December 16th at 4pm** at Sacred Heart Parish. Please email SiCatholicWomenMinistry@gmail.com for more information. SICWM seeks to serve the needs of Catholic women of all ages and young families.

St. Clare's Employment Group A jobseeker and/or jobseeker's family member can participate in one or more of these meetings by sending an email to Cathy Feeks at cfeeks@stclaresi.com. Join us on **December 17, 2020 at 7:30pm** "Handling Video and Telephone Communications in Your Job Search" – Beryl Wing, Adjunct Professor, Fashion Institute of Technology (Specializing in Image Consulting). If you have any questions about this "no-cost" service, call 718-984-7873.

St. Patrick's Rectory HELP Needed The Rectory is in need of a cook on **Saturdays** only from **3:00pm to 7:30pm**. This is a paid position. If you are interested email parishadmin@stpatrikssi.org or call 718-979-4227.

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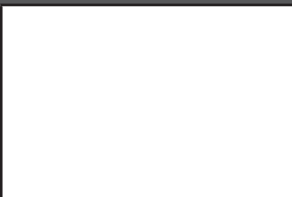
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