

# DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM GOD

In the morning, Lord,  
you hear my voice;  
in the morning I lay  
my requests before you  
and wait expectantly.

*Psalm 53*

**Church of Saint Patrick  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania**

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 19, 2020



### Monday, July 20 - St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am Thomas & Eleanor Elliott (Est) and  
Mary O'Neil (The Donohue Family)

### Tuesday, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest

8:00 am John Margaret, & Joseph Fitzpatrick (Est) and  
Daniel J. Butler (Carolyn Bernatonis)

### Wednesday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 am William J. Glosser (Est) and  
Edward & Rose McKeown & Family (Family)

### Thursday, July 23 - St. Bridget, Religious

8:00 am Raymond & Ursula Fleming (Tom Lyon) and  
Olga Frances Lizak (Son, Leonard Lizak, Jr.)

### Friday, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:00 am Agnes Gottschall (Est) and  
Daniel Butler (Barbara Piccioni)

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday, July 25

4:15 pm Frances Byrnes & Leo Byrnes (The Byrnes Family)

#### Sunday, July 26

8:00 am Patricia Webber (Jane Dries)  
10:00 am Robert Caluori (Joanne & Joseph Matina and  
Family) and 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!*



#### First Reading: Wisdom

**12:13, 16-19** - This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God,

giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27** - Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43** - According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew & spread.

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- the sick of the parish
- our many Benefactors
- those recently deceased - Leo Grace, Howard McLaughlin

### CANDLE INTENTIONS

July 19 to July 25

Sanctuary - IMO Edward Sullivan (Daughter, Lucy)

Sacred Heart - IMO Dick Matthews (Wife, Annette)

Pieta - IMO Agnes Jacoby (Frank & Lucy Kaczynski)

Pope St. John Paul II - IMO Joseph Conway, Sr.  
(Dorothy & Family)

St. Patrick -

Our Lady's Chapel - Sanctuary -

Our Lady's Chapel - Blessed Virgin Mary -  
IMO Mary Barbetta (Family)



## HOMEMADE CANDY SALE JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup>



*Since the Easter Bunny was stopped in the midst of production by the Quarantine.....*

The Parish Activities Committee will be producing a limited

amount of Homemade Chocolate-Coated Peanut Butter, Butter Cream, and Coconut Cream Candies to fulfill the orders previously made. A limited amount will also be available from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and after both Masses on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center as supplies last.

**Sorry, no additional orders will be taken beyond those that were placed in March.** All orders should be picked up at this time. Cost is \$10 per box for Butter Cream and Coconut Cream, and \$9 per box for Peanut Butter (is frozen).

## SURPLUS CANDY INGREDIENTS FOR SALE!

*Next weekend, July 25 and 26, we will also be selling surplus candy supplies. 8oz packages of cream cheese will be .50 cents each, 14oz bags of dried flake coconut will be \$1.50 each, and Merckens' dark chocolate wafers will be \$2.00 per pound. These items will be available during the hours mentioned above.*



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

#### July 5, 2020 (Week 1)

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Budgeted Weekly Sunday Offering    | \$ 9,110     |
| Last Sunday's Offering/% of Budget | \$ 8,844 97% |
| Sunday Offerings To Date           | \$ 8,844     |
| Deficit to Date                    | (\$ 266) -3% |

250 Envelopes used out of a possible 903

48 Online Giving Contributions

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

#### July 12, 2020 (Week 2)

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Budgeted Weekly Sunday Offering    | \$ 9,110        |
| Last Sunday's Offering/% of Budget | \$ 5,509 60%    |
| Sunday Offerings To Date           | \$14,353        |
| Deficit to Date                    | (\$ 3,866) -27% |

195 Envelopes used out of a possible 903

47 Online Giving Contributions

Thank You for your generosity to Your Parish!

### DONATIONS TO THE ST. PATRICK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Joseph Conway, Sr.  
by: Joseph J. Conway, Jr.

In memory of Leo Grace  
by: Adeline Salak;  
Jerry Salak & Susan Beck

In memory of Howard McLaughlin  
by: David and Regina Scheerer

*"Let us go rejoicing to the  
House of the Lord"*

(Psalm 122)

Monday through Friday - 8 am  
Saturday - 4:15 pm  
Sunday - 8 am and 10 am  
ALL Masses in St. Patrick Church

**Please wear a Mask!**

(We will continue to Livestream the  
weekday masses at 8 AM, and the  
10 AM Mass on Sunday)



## LOTTERY CALENDAR - RECENT OUTCOMES

|                |      |                     |
|----------------|------|---------------------|
| Tues., July 7  | #907 | No Winner           |
| Wed., July 8   | #966 | No Winner           |
| Thurs., July 9 | #268 | Mary Anne T. (\$50) |
| Fri., July 10  | #194 | No Winner           |
| Sat., July 11  | #938 | Diane D. (\$100)    |
| Sun., July 12  | #521 | Jed (\$150)         |
| Mon., July 13  | #857 | Fran D. (\$50)      |

Our monthly lottery calendars are a great fundraiser for our Parish! They make great gifts! Please consider being a seller, or buying one in the back of Church or at the Parish Office! We appreciate all you sell and buy our lotto calendars!



Congratulations to  
**Kaylee Isabella Ryan**, who was  
baptized on July 12! God bless  
you, Kaylee! You are marked as  
Christ's own forever!

**The Schuylkill County Permanent Diaconate Aspirants ask  
for your help with a Catholic Charities Drive.**

**A Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor Drive to help restock needed  
supplies listed below will run from Saturday, June 27 thru  
Sunday, July 19. Your donated item(s) can be dropped off in the  
Drive containers located in Church.**



**Items needed are:**

Diapers (ALL sizes), baby wipes, baby shampoo,  
baby body wash, teething rings, baby bottles,  
onesies, small toys, early reading books,  
car seats, 2T and 3T clothing, cleaning supplies,  
paper bags - all sizes, sandwich bags, plastic utensils.



Grocery gift cards to: Aldi's, Weis, Giant,  
Boyers, etc. ( Please place gift cards in  
collection basket)

**It is with GREAT JOY  
that we announce these Special Dates!**

Confirmation - Saturday, August 1, at 11 am  
(Will be livestreamed on Facebook)  
Rehearsal - Thursday, July 30 at 6 pm

First Penance - Sunday, August 2, at 11 am

First Holy Communion - Saturday, August 8, at 11 am  
(Will be livestreamed on Facebook)  
Rehearsal - Thursday, August 6, at 6 pm

**Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions!**

## St. Patrick Parish Appreciates!

Throughout history, there have been many times when the Catholic Church was dramatically impacted. Little did we know that on our Feast Day, St. Patrick's Day, our lives would change and affect us like never before. COVID-19 has certainly taken its toll on all of us, changing the way we work, shop, gather, and even attend Mass. In an abundance of caution for our safety, we missed out on a lot of amazing Masses and Services that always bring us much Grace. We lost out on being together for half of Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter, Mother's Day, our May Procession, and Jesus' Ascension. Our Easter Candy Sale was cut short, only being able to provide peanut butter Easter eggs at that time. No Easter Egg Hunt, No May Procession, No Mass to Honor our Graduates this year. The Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion were postponed. Funerals were different, and people had to say goodbye to their beloved family members in small, intimate groups.

But, being the awesome Parish that St. Patrick is, we rose above the anxieties and difficulties, and continued to focus on Jesus. Monsignor and Fr. Barnabas learned to be "movie stars", and focus on helping people to pray with them through the magic of social media, aka, Facebook. However, every single minute they looked forward to people returning to Mass to receive the Source and Summit of our Faith, the Holy Eucharist, because we know how wondrous it is and how sad it was to be separated from it. Through families getting together (virtually) to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us, honoring Monsignor on his 39<sup>th</sup> priesthood anniversary, and singing Happy Birthday to Father Barnabas, we learned how great it was to be a part of the Facebook generation. Zoom rosaries became a favorite thing to pray in May, and let's not forget that we honored our Graduates in front of the whole Facebook world.

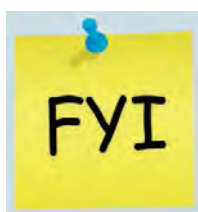
We got to be a part of history as Pope Francis gave the City of Rome and the World an extraordinary blessing called "urbi et orbi". St. Patrick Parish hosted a very special virtual prayer service for Essential Personnel and First Responders, with the response being tremendous - 135 candles being lit for them! Monsignor blessed the City of Pottsville and County with the Blessed Sacrament giving us hope and assurance of better days to come. Monsignor did special things for us such as Facebook video question and answer sessions, a virtual Stations of the Cross and May Crowning, and virtual tours of our beautiful Church so that we could stay connected. Sundays were days that were fun and never boring with lots of virtual crafts, snacks, special guests, and games with prizes, such as Saint bingo, that was mentioned by Bishop Schlert in his homily at the annual (virtual) Diocesan Chrism Mass. Monsignor and Fr. Barnabas still talk about the Priest Parade that our parishioners gave them on May 24<sup>th</sup>, which included a surprise visit from Mister Softee. What a fun time!

Using ingenuity, our Activities Committee did a drive through Spaghetti Dinner to help people's stomachs smile, with a skit from Monsignor and Father Barnabas as a way to promote it! It's all a blur, isn't it?

We especially would like to thank all of our parishioners and friends who stepped up and made "Lemonade" out of the great big Coronavirus "Lemon"! Thank you to those who have cleaned our Church after every weekday Mass, weekend Mass, and funerals. Thank you to those who kept our Facebook page very busy by livestreaming Masses, devotions, and fun. Thank you to our Deacons, Music Ministry, Sacristans, and all who helped us to have beautiful Liturgies and Services. Thank you to our favorite Sign Maker, who always uses a sense of encouragement. Thank you to those who sent cards and goodies, and made phone calls to our priests and staff, giving them constant support. Thank you to those who helped with the Easter Candy Sale, and Spaghetti Dinner to Go, and who bought candy and platters. Thank you to those who continued to support our Parish financially with their envelopes, special donations, and by buying and selling lotto calendars (via mail). Because of your generosity, the Mission of the Parish can continue! Thank you to anyone who did ANYTHING to help us through these past few months.

May we never take the Eucharist for granted! Let us continue to pray for an end to the Coronavirus, for those who are sick because of it, and for the repose of the souls of those who passed away from it. Remember, throughout history, the Catholic Church did go on and it will go on! We just have to continue to put Jesus first, and everything will fall into place!

*Let us pray: Most Merciful and Triune God, We come to You in our weakness. We come to You in our fear. We come to You with trust. For You alone are our hope. We place before You the disease present in our world. We turn to You in our time of need. Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home. Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in Your care. Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.*



Our Lady's Chapel (Morning Mass Chapel) will be open **EVERY** day from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm for Private Prayer. **Confessions will be heard on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and on Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Our Lady's Chapel.** Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is closed at this time.



In an abundance of caution to protect our people and our staff, our Office will remain closed for business until further notice. If you need to reach us, we will be monitoring voice mail. Please leave a message and we will get back to you. Also, you can continue to send in or put your envelopes/correspondence in the 4th Street mail slot or Our Lady's Chapel from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Thank you for understanding!

## **"On the Go with Jesus"**



### **Catholic Kids Camp 2020 – A Virtual Catholic Experience for Kids**

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**Absolute deadline by August 2**



## **PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM**

Contact Information: Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cost is \$20 per family for parishioners of St. Patrick in Pottsville, St. Teresa of Calcutta in Mahanoy City, and St. Richard of Chichester in Barnesville. Cost is \$35 for non-parishioners of these parishes.

Parents (or designee) will pick up their child's package daily. Please let us know of any food allergies. Package includes daily instructions, lessons, music, materials for snack, game, craft, and prayers and blessings.

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