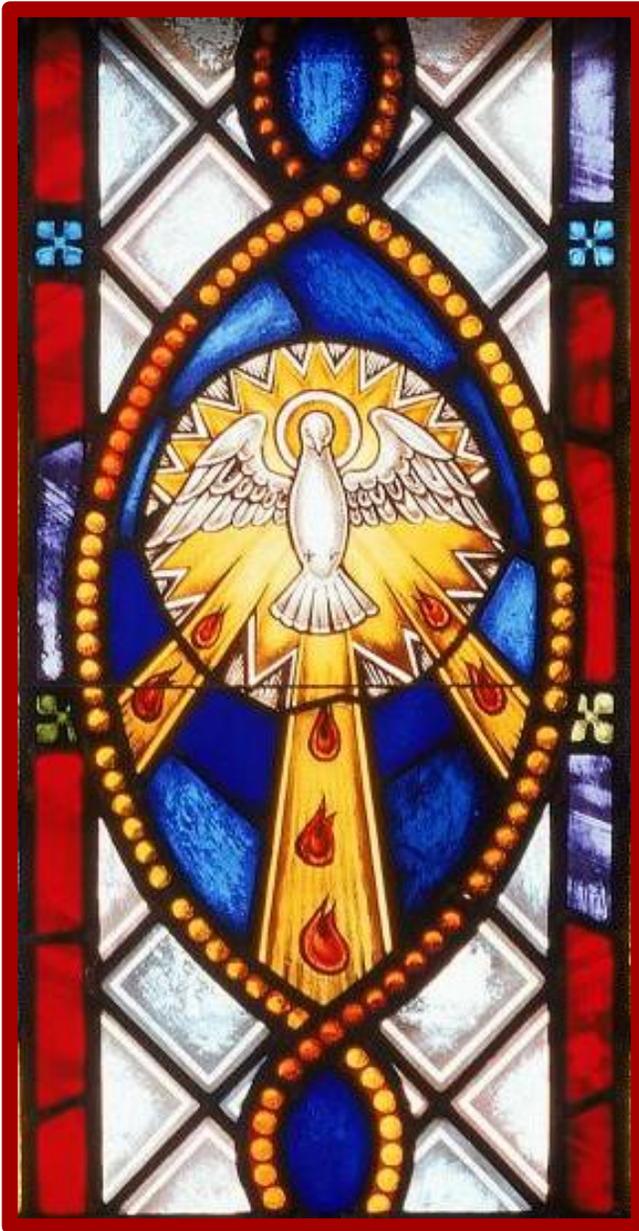


St. Patrick Church ~ a Viatorian Parish

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2016



A Prayer for the Newly Confirmed

O Lord, our God,
send your Holy Spirit
upon these young men and women
to be their helper and their guide.

Give them the spirit
of **wisdom** and **understanding**,
the spirit of **right judgment** and **courage**,
the spirit of **knowledge** and **reverence**.
Fill them with the spirit
of **wonder** and **awe** in your presence.

May they always recognize
the strength of the **Spirit**,
the power of **prayer**,
and the force of **faith**
that will enable them
to live lives of **service**,
to **love** with all their hearts,
and to let you lead them, always.

We ask all this
through Jesus Christ,
our Risen Lord.
Amen.

Congratulations to:

Andrew **Joseph** Beasley
Alissa **Maria Goretti** Bergstresser
Noah **Jerome** Hayden
Avery **Sebastian** Hetherington
Julianna **Cecelia** McCawley

William **Peter** Mulcahy
Dillon **George** Mulholland
Robert **Denis** Pentuic
Cameron **Nicholas** Scott

Bold type indicates Confirmation name.

*Love one another ... live on in my love ...
remember the things I have taught you ...
believe that I have told you all these things
so that my joy may be in you.*

Jesus' love was pure, unselfish, unconditional love.
His love was given freely, without being earned or merited.
He loved sinner and saint, the rich and the poor,
the learned and the simple ... and he expected nothing in return.

How difficult it is for us to imitate the love of Jesus!
Our love is very imperfect; it can be colored by fear,
by some hidden motive, by selfishness.
Our love is often conditional ... loving only those whom we like,
or those who earn our love by pleasing us.
Our love is fragile and sensitive. It withers and dies if we are hurt or misunderstood.

If we take seriously the "new commandment" that Jesus leaves us,
we have to keep examining the quality of our love,
to see if it really reflects the kind of unselfish love that Jesus spoke about and lived by.
When Jesus says "Love another as I have loved you," it sounds deceptively simple and easy.
But when we measure our love of God and neighbor against that "simple" rule,
we find that we fall far short and that the love of Jesus will always be a challenge for us.
But remember, Jesus himself nourishes and purifies that love day by day - if we let him.

Joe Cece



This Week:

Monday, April 25
6:30 ***NEW Eucharistic Ministers Training***
Tuesday, April 26
Wednesday, April 27
5:45 ***REP***
Thursday, April 28
12:00 ***Adoration until 5 p.m.***
5:00 ***Vespers***
7:00 ***Half Paddy - Shamrock Room***
Friday, April 29
Saturday, April 30
Sunday, May 1
10:00 ***First Communion Sunday***
Little People's Church

For Reflection ...

• How do you feel loved by Jesus? • How do you share this love with others? • How does prayer to a merciful and compassionate God help you deal with this? • Envelope Number 49.

***Pray for These Men and Women
Serving in the Military ...***

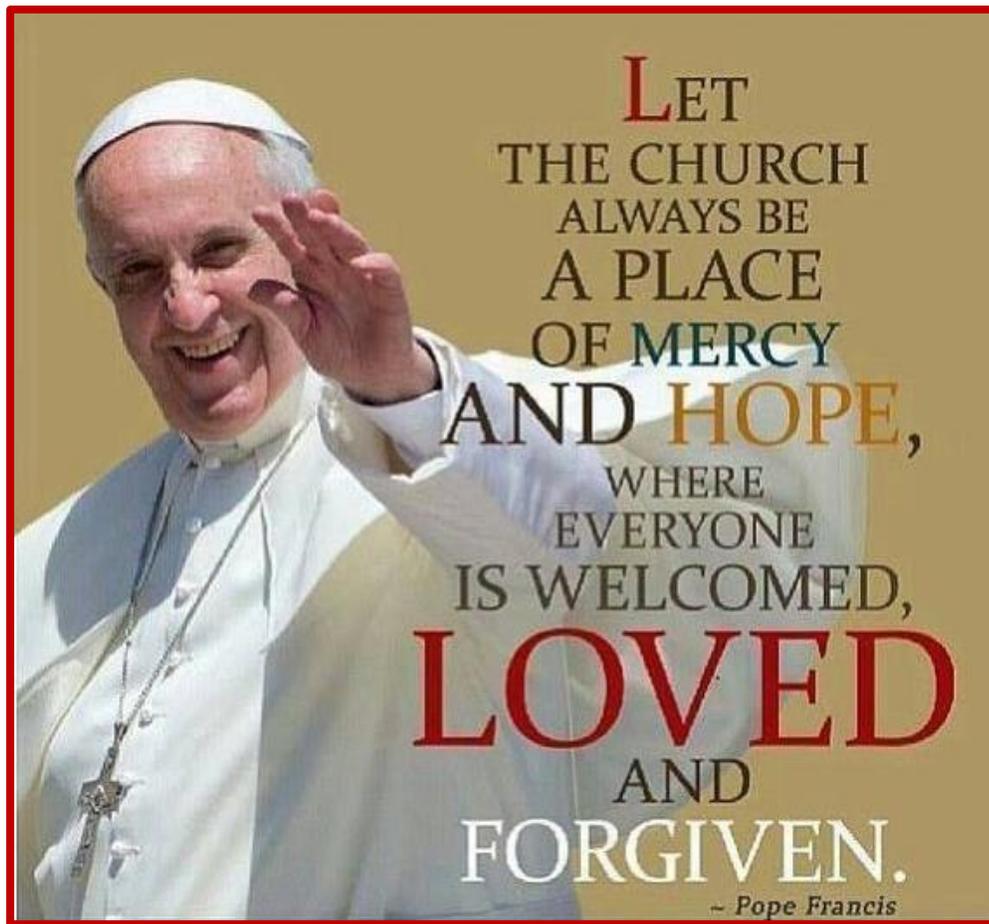
Ryan Barrie, Jason Byrne,
Joshua DesMarteau, Synthia Dorsey,
Dustin Foltz, David Hodak,
Nathan Hornback, Joseph Jordan,
Alex Kregor, Matthew Lanasa,
Troy Martin, Sarah Miller,
Justin Phelps, John T. Raimondo, Scott Riegel,
Daniel Ryan, Andrew Ryan,
Erik Schultz, Gregory Smith, Jessica Smith,
Tom Stanley, and Michael Widhalm.
Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week
Catholic Cemeteries Office
Thank you for your generous support!



Please remember the FOOD PANTRY when you shop. Thank You!

Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy



This is my one command: That you love one another as I have loved you.

I have some friends, a couple married for over 60-some years, with grown children. The father has been in very bad health and had been in the hospital and, after some rehabilitation, was ready to come home. They live in a beautiful home in Detroit - one that he has maintained and kept up - and they love it. He loves living there in the heart of Detroit.

While he was in rehab, his wife and the children, because they knew he really could not make it in their home anymore with the stairs and other difficulties that would prevail, had arranged to move into an assisted-living place. They were not so sure how he was going to take it. So when the rehab people told him, "You are ready to go home," he was delighted with this. Someone asked him "Where do you think home is?" because they knew other arrangements had been made and they were a little bit concerned. He looked back at them, then he looked at his wife and he said, "Home is wherever she is." Problem solved -- they're going home, to a different place, but it is where they will live together in love with one another.

That is the kind of love that can burst out of a home into a neighborhood, into a city, into our country, and into the world. We have to nurture love like that -- the love that Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel: **This is my one command: That you love one another as I have loved you.**

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

Parish Album NEWS

If you were unable to come in to be photographed, we still have ways for you to be included in the new directory!

1. Go on-line or call the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716, to schedule your appointment **HERE** in the Shamrock Room for Wednesday, May 18, or Thursday, May 19. Appointments are being made for the hours of 2:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m.
2. If these dates do not work for you, you may pick up a **VOUCHER** in the Rectory Office and bring it to St. Paul's Church (*downtown by the Knights of Columbus building*) on May 26, 27, 28. **Your photos would still be included in our directory and you would still receive your free 8x10 and directory!**



Or ...

3. You may bring a photo in to the Rectory Office (we will scan and return it) or, submit a digital photo – jpg. image is best – to mmulcahy@ameritech.net. Please note: *If you use a professional photo, you must include a release from the photographer!*

***Answer the call to serve
as Eucharistic Ministers!***

**NEW Eucharistic Ministers
Training Session!**

**Monday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m.
*See YOU there?***



Altar Servers

**NEW Altar Server training
Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m.**

**Boys and girls who are *finishing the 5th grade and up* are invited to be trained as Altar Servers.
Please call the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716
to sign up for this session!**

Women of the Parish!
CCW Banquet
Tuesday, May 10
Rigo's Place

Come and enjoy a lovely evening at Rigo's Place, 164 N. Schuyler, Kankakee. We will be meeting in the upstairs banquet room on Tuesday, May 10. *(There is no elevator, but there is a landing half way up so, if need be, you can rest.)* Cost is \$20 per person and the buffet dinner will feature baked chicken, roasted potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, and roll. A Dessert Table will also be included. There will be a cash bar available. We will gather at 5:30 p.m., with dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our program will be Debi (and hopefully Dennis) Baron, who will talk about their trip to see Pope Francis when he visited Philadelphia. Please reserve your place by May 4 by contacting the Rectory Office (815-932-6716). Payment is due by May 4. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Anyone needing a ride, please call Jean Skelly at (815) 933-2301.



Please do not forget to submit the names
(yours or someone else's)
that you would like to nominate
for **PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**
to Father Peeters at (815) 932-6716
no later than April 30. Thank You!



The Newly Formed
Bishop McNamara
Catholic School
OPEN HOUSE

TODAY: Sunday, April 24, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

PRAYER BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 5, at the *One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center*, 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee. The topic: ***Human Trafficking***. Presenter: ***Sister Peggy Quinn***. Free Will Donation is accepted and a Continental Breakfast will be available. To register or for more information, please call Sister Mary Stella at (815) 935-0800 ... or just join us.



Half-Paddy 2016

It's our 10th Anniversary!

Let's get this Shamrock rolling!

Come and join in the fun - bring ideas - and a friend ...

THIS Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Shamrock Room.

Beverages will be provided.

Please let Peggy Mayer know if you will be coming!

Call her at (312) 501-0609,

or e-mail her at peggymayer@sbcglobal.net

Bishop McNamara Annual Auction - Friday, May 13, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn Riverstone Conference Center

455 Riverstone Parkway, Kankakee, IL

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres 6:00 p.m. Dinner Auction 7:30 p.m.

Bishop McNamara Mega Mac Raffle What would you do with \$75,000? *Get your Mega Mac raffle ticket now!* The winner will be announced on Friday, May 13, at Bishop McNamara's 32nd Annual Dinner Auction. Tickets are \$100 each.

For further AUCTION or RAFFLE information, please call (815) 933-7620.



ST. PATRICK CHURCH, 428 SOUTH INDIANA AVENUE, KANKAKEE, IL. (815) 932-6716.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule. Please arrange for a substitute if needed.

April 30 / MAY 1	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
SERVERS	A. Gilbert T. Gilbert K. Roth		J. Born S. Born J. Brinkmann
LECTORS	P. Hodak	L. Born	M. O'Brien
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	J. Wesoloski G. Keller K. Kidd	S. Flageole C. Olofsson S. Stanley	J. Menard P. Germano M. Smith
USHERS	C. Denault C. Elsey R. Skelly G. Piatt S. Drassler S. Berg A. Parkinson	G. Flageole P. Holohan B. Grasser M. Born	R. Hartman P. Swanson D. Glenzinski T. Marcotte M. Spilsbury
LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHURCH – MAY 1			S. Mulcahy
April 25 - 30		7:15 a.m.	
WEEKDAY LECTOR		Sr. H. Kavanaugh, CND	
SACRISTAN		J. O'Connor / J. Fender	

*Please pray for the sick and the dying, and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound and those in nursing homes or hospitals.*

Prayer Line ... Call (815) 933-6877

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 25

St. Mark the Evangelist

7:15 Pat Ryan

Tuesday, April 26

7:15 Special Intentions of
Paul & Suzanne Pruchnicki

Wednesday, April 27

7:15 Richard & Pearl Brown

Thursday, April 28

7:15 Kay Belletete

Friday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

7:15 Special Intention for Diane MacBird

Saturday, April 30

7:15 Parishioners & Benefactors

4:00 Joe Ostrowski (Ann.) /

John Minerick (Ann.) /

Annette Johnson /

Susie Skelly

Sunday, May 1 **6th Sunday of Easter**

7:00 Carol Hunger (Birth. Ann.)

10:00 **For our First Communicants /**

Mabel Demers /

Tom Fitzpatrick /

Joyce Gilmore May /

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle

burns for a Special Intention.

The Holy Family Candle

burns in memory of Jack Purcell.

One of the mysteries of life is that memory can often bring us closer to each other than physical presence. In memory we are less distracted by each other's quirks and better able to see and understand one another's core. In memory, we are able to be in touch with each other's spirit. Memory also clarifies, purifies, and brings into the foreground those hidden gifts. When we remember each other with love, we share spiritual union with one another. At the same time, the loving memory always makes us desire to be in touch again. Memory is the way in which our love for each other is deepened and sustained.

Jesus calls on us to remember and gives us a new commandment saying: ***Remember my love for you in all that you do; and in all that you do remember me.***

Henri Nouwen