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ST. PATRICK'S NEWS & NOTES

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Dear Friends of the Mailing List:

I had a wonderful conversation this last week with Karen Hatfield (Joliet Right to Life) and Mary Griffin (Women's Choice Services) who have been working with me to resurrect the **PRO-LIFE GROUP** here at the parish. After our discussions, we have chosen to hold a monthly Pro-Life Mass (on the second Saturday of every month), starting February 13th in our chapel. At this Mass, we will be distributing our "baby bottle" fundraiser bottles, which we will ask our faithful to fill with their change. Proceeds of the baby bottle collection will be directed to the **WOMEN'S CHOICE SERVICES**, an institution supported by our diocese to assist women in pregnancy or in need of counseling.

I also had a nice conversation this week with Mr. Tom Garlitz, the head of our **HUMAN DIGNITY OFFICE** at the diocese. Because I am the only priest chaplain that works at **STATEVILLE PRISON**, Tom was representing the bishop in asking the manner in which we can get more priest involvement in this important ministry. As prison ministry is one of my volunteer projects in the diocese, I am very much in favor of strong voices among our clergy to help those who are less fortunate. This service falls within the heart of the Gospel Message and the Year of Mercy. Below is a link to my homily that I preached last Sunday on this very subject.

Among our various upcoming activities at the parish, we are coming up to our **PARISH MISSION** on January 30 – February 3 with Fr. Joe Jablonski, MSC. Fr. Joe was kind enough to pay a visit to us last week in order to experience first-hand the ministries offered to our parish. As stated in this week's bulletin, Fr. Joe has travelled throughout the world as provincial of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and spent 22 years in Columbia working with the poorest of the poor. What he has to offer will be of great benefit to us. He will be celebrating the weekday Masses on Mon-Wed of that week,

with a “mini-mission” following each Mass. He also will offer talks at 6:30 p.m in English and 8:00 p.m. in Spanish each of the nights as well.

As for our immediate activities, you are most welcome to join us at our **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MASS & DINNER** on January 23rd with a Mass at 4:00 p.m. and dinner to follow. You are all invited to join us for both events. Please contact the parish office at (815) 727-4746 to RSVP so that we can take a head count. We are blessed to have you as part of our flock and we would be honored to serve you that day. Thanks in advance to Maria Jankowski for providing food for the event, our Men’s Club for tending bar and our Confirmation Students for assisting us at the tables.

There’s lots of stuff going on at the parish and you are most invited to join us for all of it!

Rather than attaching the Bulletins, Homilies and Newsletters as I have done in the past, I think it best to just send them as links from our www.stpatsjoliet.com website so that the files I am sending out are not so large. This way, those with limited sized inboxes will not have a problem getting these communications. Thanks for understanding!

Here is the latest homily from January 9-10, 2016 (my homily about Stateville Prison):
http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=501

(To access all homilies, you can go to
<http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/documents/collection/fr-pete-s-homilies>)

Here is next weekend’s upcoming bulletin for January 16-17, 2016:
http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=500

(To access all the bulletins, you can go to
<http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/documents/collection/bulletin>)

God Bless,

Rev. Peter G. Jankowski

Pastor, St. Patrick’s Church

“Gloria Dei Vivens Homo” (The Glory of God is living in Man)

- St. Irenaeus of Lyons

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Weekend, we will be taking a **2ND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**. We ask you please to be generous towards this cause.
2. Please pray for our students who will receive their **FIRST CONFESSIONS** on Thursday night, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. Much thanks to our religious education staff for their assistance in this program.
3. This weekend will be the last time that you can pick up the **PARISH CALENDARS** in church. We will have calendars still available in the office for those who desire them. Much thanks to the funeral homes of Fred C. Dames, Blackburn-Giegerich-Sonntag and Carlson-Holmquist-Sales for providing this service to us for 2015.
4. We will host our annual **PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER** on Saturday – January 23rd with Mass at 4:00 and Dinner afterwards. Please RSVP at office by January 20th.
5. Information concerning ESL Classes and Free Tax Assistance Seminars are located in the Entry Ways of the Church
6. On the first Sunday of each month, we honor those couples who are celebrating **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Helen Aultz, Joan Bannon, Mae Delaney, Bernice Demmick, Richard Duke, Dan Green, Don & Rich Jankowski, Brenda Perez, Silvia Sarver, William Shega, Bernie Spieler & Evelyn Vercellotti.

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Melchor Marinas, Mary Lovati & Robert Bielec