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ST. PATRICK'S NEWS & NOTES

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Dear Friends of the Mailing List:

First of all, thanks to all who made our Parish Appreciation Dinner a wonderful success this year! So many folks took part in helping at this event and we are most grateful to Maria Jankowski for catering the dinner. You can check out all the pics from the event at our website www.stpatsjoliet.com.

So this weekend, we begin our annual **PARISH MISSION** with Fr. Joseph Jablonski, MSC. Deacon Darrell Kelsey tells me that Fr. Joe once led a mission for the deacons of this diocese and that he will be probably the best mission speaker we will probably have at the parish. If you would like to learn more about this year's spiritual offering, please feel free to click the link below for more information (or check out the bulletin as well!):

<http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/media/1/Our%20Faith/2016%20Mission%20Posters.pdf>

We are coming up to our **ADULT FORMATION "ALPHA"** program at St. Pat's, where we will watch a six part video series on the life of Jesus. We begin again on February 11th at 6:00 p.m., starting with a free dinner (courtesy of Maria Jankowski), followed by a video presentation (with Spanish subtitles) and small language group discussions after. We are taught that formation is a life-long process and that, like any relationship, we need to spend time with the one that we love to sustain what we have. Please check this week's bulletin for more information.



We are also working on another capital project on the parish, one that will be a little costly up front but will save a great deal of money if we are successful. Following the template of St. Joseph's Church in the city, we have been encouraged to change all the

lights on our property to **LED BULBS**. Not only do these new type lights sustain themselves for over twenty years (less work changing bulbs for Jim Smith and maintenance!), they also cut down our electric bill up to 60%!!! As a parish that needs to conserve wherever possible, this would be a good thing for us to do.

We have already changed to LED lighting in our chapel. Our goal is to do the same in our gymnasium, our church and our church classrooms. We also wish to install motion-detector and shut off switches in these rooms as well. The cost for the project will be just under \$20,000 (probably less). If you can help us achieve this goal, please contact the office.

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 bulletin for January 30-31, 2016:

http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=505

(To access all the bulletins, you can go to

<http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/documents/collection/bulletin>)

Here is the homily for January 16-17 (The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time):

http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=506

The homilies from past weeks can be found at this link:

<http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/documents/collection/fr-pete-s-homilies>

Have a blessed week!

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. This weekend in the bulletin, you can find an announcement which kicks off our **ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL FOR THE DIOCESE**. Many of you will be receiving, or already have received, the appeal mailing from Bishop Conlon. As always, please reflect on the gifts that our Lord has afforded you and the manner in which you respond to God through your generous support to the work of the Diocese of Joliet.
2. Next weekend begins our **PARISH MISSION**, led this year by Fr. Joseph Jablonski. More information can be found in the bulletin.
3. Julie Dillenburg would like to begin the **ALPHA SMALL GROUP SHARING SESSIONS** on Thursday, February 11th in the Columba Room. She needs twenty people to start up the group. If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office.
4. St. Pat's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) once again is sponsoring the local **BISHOP ROMEO BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** to one high school student in the parish. Information can be located in the sacristy of the Church. The winner of the scholarship will be eligible for the Diocesan Blanchette Scholarship award.
5. For those who made monetary contributions to the parish last year or for those who requested their **2015 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**, you can now pick them up in the sacristy this weekend or next or in the parish office during the week. If you still wish to receive your 2015 Contribution Statement and your envelope is not provided, please contact the parish office.
6. As we approach Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent on February 10th, we ask that you bring your **PALM BRANCHES** to Church the next two weekends so that we may use them for this special Mass.
7. This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of the Month – we are seeking help with the **SVDP & FOOD PANTRY**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Juan Perez