

ST. PATRICK'S NEWS & NOTES OCTOBER 26, 2016

Dear Friends of the Mailing List:

Lots of stuff happening at the official home of your Cub-fan pastor!!!

First of all, much thanks to **ROSA TREJO AND OUR HISPANIC COMMUNITY** for selling food after our Sunday Masses last weekend. Because of our financial situation, Rosa and the gang decided that every little bit of the volunteer spirit helps. Through their effort, the Hispanic community raised over \$600 for the parish, which for us is a pretty good deal!

Much thanks also to our **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** of Rick Knoble & Kyle Hoffman, who helped load bags of clothes for our **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK** last weekend. That work is important, as it provides an income base at our local thrift stores and nets us a 70% reimbursement for all the financial assistance we give to the poor in the community. Nice work, all!

Deacon Felix (Chuy) Dominguez has been working with our Wednesday night Spanish Prayer group and will initiate the **COFRADÍA MARIANA DE SANTA MARÍA DE GUADALUPE (THE MARIAN CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE)**, which dedicates itself to prayer and Christian service here at the parish. Formerly the Legion of Mary, the Marian Confraternity will meet twice a month on Wednesday nights following the 7:00 Mass. We are most grateful for Deacon Chuy's work in helping this group out!

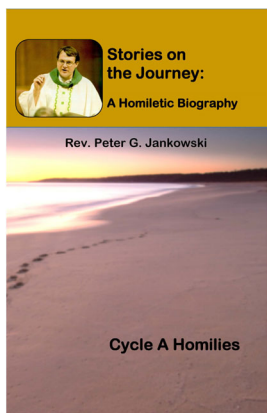
As we have discussed, all of our parish dinners become important, as they help offset some of the financial things we do at St. Pat's. That said, our **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ITALIAN DINNER** takes place on November 5th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. With the amount of food that they serve, the cost of \$10 for

adult, \$8 for a senior and \$7 for the juniors is a steal! Come join us for some festive pastas and help the parish out in the process.

As we have stated and included in the attached document, Jim Smith has been working with Go Green Solutions to change all of our lightbulbs to the LED variety, which will cut our electric bill by up to \$3,500-\$4,000 a year (in addition to not having to change bulbs so often!). Of the \$15,000 we need to raise, Catholic Charities has donated \$4,000 and we raised \$6,000 more. **IF YOU CAN HELP US BRIDGE THE GAP WITH THE OTHER \$5,000, WE NEED THE MONEY BY NOVEMBER 1ST! IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CAN HELP US RAISE THE JUST UNDER \$15,000 TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH (OR ME!) AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.**

Finally, I received a note from Sr. Grace Henneberry concerning the update on the **DOMINICAN SISTERS WORKING IN IRAQ AND THEIR PERILOUS SITUATION**. I have attached the note sent to us. The situation is grave, so I am sure your prayers and support would be most helpful.

You may wish to read last Sunday's homily, which talks about our parish's financial situation. If there is any way you can help us address our financial problems, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience.



On sale at the office is the book of homilies I just published, entitled, **STORIES ON THE JOURNEY: A HOMILETIC BIOGRAPHY**, published by Christian Lighthouse publishing. The cost of the book is \$12 and all the proceeds go to the parish – this is one of my contributions towards doing my part in the ministry. You can also purchase them on Amazon.com at the following link:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/1532765835/ref=mp_s_a_1_10?qid=1462580446&sr=8-10&pi=AC_SX236_SY340_QL65&keywords=peter+jankowski

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 October 29-30, 2016:

http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=download&fid=598

To access all the bulletins, you can go to

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

Here is the homily for October 15-16, 2016:

http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=download&fid=595

Here is the homily for October 22-23, 2016:

http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=download&fid=597

To access all the homilies, you can go to

<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. Our annual **ALL SOULS' DAY MASS** will take place on Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend this Mass.
2. On November 12th, St. Patrick's Church is hosting her **ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS** at 10:00 a.m. for those who wish to receive the sacrament. A nice brunch will take place following the Mass. All are invited to attend.
3. On November 5th, St. Patrick's Church in Joliet will sponsor their annual **ITALIAN VILLAGE FUNDRAISER DINNER** from 4:00 – 8:00 in the gymnasium. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$7 for children. The cost includes appetizers and dessert; a cash bar will be available. Proceeds benefit our Religious Education Program.
4. This weekend is the fourth Sunday of the month, which we have designated as **FOOD PANTRY & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SUNDAY**. Please consider the manner in which we can help serve our Lord by serving those less fortunate than ourselves.
5. This is the last weekend to include names of deceased loved one in our "**BOOK OF THE DEAD**," located at the back of the Church, in remembrance of those who have died this last year. Please feel free to include those names of loved ones who have died this last year in the book. The Mass in Commemoration of All Souls will take place on Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
6. Deacon Paul is asking our parishioners to consider **ADOPTING A FAMILY AT THANKSGIVING** with a \$15 donation. This donation will provide an entire Thanksgiving dinner for one family, courtesy of *The Northern Illinois Food Bank*. You can put the money in an envelope entitled, "Thanksgiving Dinner" or drop the donation off at the rectory office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Jeanine Acuff, Sonia Arriaga, Joan Bannon, Joe Barello, Alejandra Becerra, Virginia Borio, Anne Buldak, Frank Butera, Henry Chavez, Mae Delaney, Bernice Demmick, Richard Duke, Ray Fenili, Dan Green, Don, Dolores & Rich Jankowski, Kathy Kelly, Andrea Magosky, Christine McKitrick, Tom

Meyer, Eleanor Orr, Felipe Partida, Brenda Perez, Jack & Mary Lou Querio,
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASES:

Art Wilhelmi & Mary Van Cina