

**Mass Schedule  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 15, 2015**



***Pray for the Sick***

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Fr. Steve Clark, Rose DeCicco, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Maryann DiBarri, Martha Dursi, Kate Fletcher (rehabbing leg injury), Margaret Harrington, Alex Hood, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Rosalie Marsico, Stephen Michael Mack, Betty Martineau, Kate Martinez, Kevin Meher, Danny Mulholland, John O'Shea, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Thomas N. Ryan, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith and William Vitro and all who request our prayers.

*It is a privilege and a duty for us to pray for those commended to our prayers. From time to time we start a new list to make sure that it is up-to-date. If we have removed someone who should remain on the list, please call the Parish Office at 234-3344.*

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 John Citro, Sr. req. by Family  
5:30 Maria Scuderi req. by Family

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish  
9:00 Manuel & Sophia Osorio req. by Family  
10:30 Joseph Dearie req. by Family  
Noon Louise Grassi. req. by The Smith Family  
5:30 Kim Knowles req. by The Fuhrman Family

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 John Cox & Gregory Trost req. by The Tinsley Family  
9:00 Theresa Stevenson req. by Family

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 James B. Ferguson req. by William & Diana McCormack  
9:00 Louise Frassi req. by Family

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 Gjyste Markja req. by Ulaj Family  
9:00 Terri & Jerry Hawe req. by Sr. Kathleen

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 Nora Magarahan req. by Sr. Kathleen  
9:00 John Citro, Jr. req. by Family

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 Anita Boucher req. by The Santore Family  
9:00 Grace Cox req. by The Vincent Family

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 James Flynn. req. by The Flynn Family  
5:30 Vincent J. Luccarelli req. by Family

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish  
9:00 Carl Trach req. by Fran & Jim Dowling  
10:30 Raymond F. Hickey req. by Family  
Noon Ana Marquez-Greene (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family  
5:30 Frankie Dezell (I) req. by The Arkison Family

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**3/8/15 Parish Income**  
**Regular Collection: \$7,732.00**

**Sacred Heart: \$2,482.00**

**Partnership – in – Faith Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings and protection on the people of Sacred Heart parish. We, your children at St. Patrick's, invoke your name on their behalf. We are grateful for all you have given us and in return we are mindful of those who have less than we do. Bless us all and keep us close to you. May the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, be the strength that will make us one in you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Cardinal's Appeal - 2015**  
**The Annual Appeal is underway.**

Our bond with Christ is everlasting. The *Cardinal's Appeal* now supports offices and programs that nurture and encourage our journey in faith, including Adult Faith Formation, Family Life/Respect Life, Hispanic Ministry, Black Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Outreach, Liturgy and University Apostolate. **THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL ALLOCATES \$6 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THIS PURPOSE.** Thank you for your generosity to the Appeal.

***If you did not receive an invitation to the Dinner/Dance-Auction, it may be because you are not a registered parishioner. If you do not receive weekly donation envelopes, you may not be registered. Not sure? Call the Parish Office at 234-3344 and check.***



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### **Two Books to Read:**

From our earliest days we were taught that the purpose of life was to “know, love and serve God in this world and then to be happy in heaven with Him forever.” So part of our spiritual life involves getting to know God more and more. The more we know God, the more we can love and serve God.

Enter the need for religious or spiritual education. It's important not just for the theologians but for all of us baptized people. Permit me to share with you two recommendations of books that are sure to help you in your quest for a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Lord Jesus and your own spiritual development.

The first is called, “**JESUS, A Pilgrimage,**” by James Martin, SJ. You may know Fr. Martin from numerous other books including “*The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything.*” He lives in New York and is one of the editors of America magazine. “*Jesus, A Pilgrimage*” is at once a study of the gospels, a travel commentary about his trip to the Holy Land and a rich spiritual reflection on the life and times of Jesus. It is filled with the author's humorous observations and his down-to-earth comments that lead the reader to a greater knowledge of Jesus. You feel yourself vicariously in the Holy Land with Fr. Martin and his Jesuit traveling companion. This is a wonderful book which you will want to tell your friends about.

The second book is “**Sacred Fire.**” It is subtitled ***A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity.*** The author is Ronald Rolheiser. You may recognize the name. Fr. Rolheiser, an Oblate priest, is the author of “*The Holy Longing,*” which many regard as a spiritual classic. I have recommended it countless times to people at the beginning of their spiritual development. “*Sacred Fire*” might be considered a sequel to “*The Holy Longing.*” In that book, Rolheiser developed the idea of Essential Discipleship which he describes as “the struggle to get our lives together.” In this latest work the focus is on Mature Discipleship, the struggle to give one's life away. It would probably be very helpful to read “*The Holy Longing*” before reading “*Sacred Fire.*” Both are extremely accessible and enlivened with stories that illustrate the points he is making.

In closing let me quote what James Martin and Ronald Rolheiser have to say about each other's new book:

“What can be said about Jesus that's never been said before?” James Martin answers that question with an insightful, balanced, intelligent, widely-embracing and faith-filled account of his journey in search of Jesus. This is a book for everyone, regardless of creed or background. This is James Martin at his best.”

Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

“Ronald Rolheiser is one of the great spiritual writers of our time, as well as one of my own personal favorites. I have read and recommended his beautiful book, “*The Holy Longing*” more times than I can remember. His sequel, “*Sacred Fire,*” is a superb book – one to give to a seeker looking to find God, to a friend struggling with a relationship with God, to a devout

believer looking to deepen his or her faith – or best of all, to yourself, as a way of coming to know the God who desires ever more to know you.

James Martin, SJ.

### **Words of Pope Francis**

“When we recite the Creed, we say, ‘I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.’ I don't know if you have ever reflected on the meaning of the expression ‘the Church is apostolic.’

To profess that the Church is apostolic means to stress the constitutive bond that she has with the apostles, with that small group of twelve men whom Jesus one day called to himself, He called them by name, that they might remain with him and that he might send them out to preach (see Mark 3:13-19). *Apostle*, in fact, is a Greek word meaning ‘sent,’ ‘dispatched.’ An apostle is a person who has been given a mandate, sent to do something, and the apostles were chosen, called and sent out by Jesus to continue his work, that is, to pray – which is the primary job of an apostle – and, second, to proclaim the Gospel.”



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2015-2016**

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2015-2016 school year were emailed on March 11<sup>th</sup> to all currently registered families. Forms received after March 27<sup>th</sup> will require a late fee of \$50 in addition to the registration fee. Forms are also available for download off of the parish web site [www.stpatricksbedford.org](http://www.stpatricksbedford.org) or printed copies are available outside the Religious Education Office or at the Parish office. Our Religious Education Program begins in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and continues until 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. For more information or to obtain a registration form, please call the Religious Education Office at 234-3775 or e-mail [goodnews2@verizon.net](mailto:goodnews2@verizon.net).

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

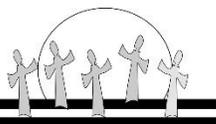
Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary any time during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> OR Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 19, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.



### WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

On Good Friday, April 3, 2015, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10:00am. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 pm. At each station there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information please call Communion and Liberation at 212-337-3580 or visit its website at [www.wocbrooklynbridge.org](http://www.wocbrooklynbridge.org).

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### Needed: Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

At the present time, the parish is in need of volunteers to assist in the liturgical ministries as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Training will be provided. If you are interested, just call the Parish Office at 234-3344.

### LENTEN HAPPENINGS

#### Adult Religious Education Series

"Jesus Christ: Priest, Prophet, King"

This Week's Topic: "Ordering The Kingdom of God"

Facilitated by Msgr. Thompson

7:30 pm, Church Meeting Room

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE BEEN TO EARLIER SESSIONS**

#### Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm

#### Lenten Confessions

Every day after 9 am Mass, Mon-Sat

Saturdays 4:30-5:00 pm

#### Lenten Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence from meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

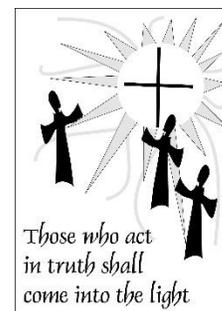
**Fasting:** Only one full meal should be taken. Two other small meals may be taken to maintain strength. Those in good health between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged.

**Abstinence** from meat obliges those over the age of 13.

**COMING!**  
**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**  
**MARCH 30, 2015**  
**CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE**  
**3pm – 9pm**

### RESPECT LIFE

Since we were forced to cancel our meeting for February, we will be having our meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 9am Mass in the Church Meeting Room.



**Room/roommate situation wanted for 7AM Mass attendee who is female Estate Manager in Greenwich during week and needs accommodations Monday PM through Friday AM. Contact Ann at Parish Office 234-3344.**