

**Mass Schedule
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 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 21st

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

Sunday, March 22nd

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

Monday, March 23rd

7:30 Ann Mara req. by The Dowdle Family
9:00 Grace Cox req. by Fran & Jim Dowling

Tuesday, March 24th

7:00 Gov. Mario Cuomo req. by Curran Family
9:00 Angelo Colacicco req. by The Cavise Family

Wednesday, March 25th

7:00 Nora Magarahan req. by Sr. Kathleen
9:00 Robert Best req. by Family

Thursday, March 26th

7:00 Gloria Werb req. by The Voltaggio Family
9:00 James Flynn, Jr. req. by Mary Ann & Bill Riley

Friday, March 27th

7:00 William & Mary Scully Riley by The Riley & Goff Families
9:00 Helen Magone req. by Mary Ann & Bill Riley

Saturday, March 28th

9:00 James Flynn. req. by DeDe & Jack Burke
5:30 Marguarita Luccarelli req. by Family

Sunday, March 29th

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
9:00 Joseph Muolo req. by The Fusco Family
10:30 William Kelleher & Family req. by Kathleen Hughes
Noon Kathleen Conneely req. by John & Gail Conneely
5:30 Carmela Clarizzio req. by The Desimini Family

**3/15/15 Parish Income
Regular Collection: \$9,625.00**

Catholic Relief Services: \$2,752

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.

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 ongoing.**

The appeal is now in its final stages. If you have not yet made your donation, please do so. Envelopes for the Appeal are available in the back of the church. **Thank you for your generosity to the Appeal.**

55+ Club

Widows, Widowers and Singles will hold their Spring Lunch Sunday, April 19th @ 1:00 pm
Mardino's Restaurant Mt. Kisco, NY
For Information and Reservations
Call Sue Coan 914-234-3093 or
E-mail - suecoan@aol.com
Come join us and bring a friend

From the Pastor's Desk

Reconciliation Monday

As we reach the two-thirds mark in Lent, we focus more and more on the Passion and Death of the Lord, to be followed by His Resurrection. Perhaps you made Lenten resolutions back on Ash Wednesday. If so, this is a good time to check how faithful you have been to them. If you've fallen a bit short (probably most of us), you have the opportunity to rededicate yourself to the fasting, prayer and almsgiving you chose to offer to God.

In this refocusing, please consider using the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What a wonderful way to experience the Mercy of God! You may receive this sacrament quite regularly, or, as is frequently the case, you may not have gone to Confession in a while. Either way, the Lord Jesus awaits you with His forgiveness and His ongoing grace to help you in your pilgrimage through life. There is not a priest alive who does not yearn for the opportunity to welcome back someone who has not used the sacrament for years.

Reconciliation Monday is coming. It is on March 30th, a week from tomorrow, the Monday in Holy Week. On that day, in all the churches in the Archdiocese of New York, the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Diocese of Rockville Centre, confessions will be heard from 3pm to 9pm. Come any time to any church during those six hours. Please don't miss this great opportunity.

Dinner/Auction Thanks

The annual St. Patrick's Dinner/Auction was held on Saturday evening, March 14th at the Salem Golf Club and it was a great success. The turn-out for the evening was one of the largest in the history of the event. The funds raised will be used to renovate the bathrooms in the Church. That work will be done over the coming summer.

Hats off and thanks go to our fine Dinner/Auction Committee: Chairs Fran and Jim Dowling, and the team of Marsha Borelli, Eileen Melican, Eileen Pazos, Kathy Scaturro and Kathy Trongone.

At this year's dinner, CYO Board Chairman Van Muller was honored for his years of dedicated volunteer service to the St. Patrick's CYO program. No one deserves more thanks than Van for his most generous and good-humored service to St. Patrick's!

CYO Retrospective

We have come to the end of another successful CYO season. St. Patrick's has a large number of teams-boys and girls, grades 3 and up, who proudly wear the green and gold. Many thanks to all the coaches and assistants of each of the many teams. Some had more wins than losses; some saw results the other way around; some were very successful. Three of our teams won CYO championships this year. But most important of all, each team saw its players enjoy themselves and grow in the values of teamwork and sportsmanship. Many thanks to our fine CYO Board of Van Muller, Jeff Fitz, Bill Gallagher, Sheila O'Gara, Charlie Versaci, Lou Nemnom, Dave Kulowiec and Tracey Matson.



CYO UPDATE

Our 5th grade boys won their game vs the Staten Island champs and have advanced to the next round today. Our 6th grade boys lost their game in Staten Island, ending their season. They do end as the Westchester/Putnam/ Rockland County CYO champs

Words of Pope Francis

"The Church is apostolic because she is *founded on the preaching and prayer of the apostles*, on the authority that was entrusted to them by Christ himself. St Paul writes to the Christians of Ephesus: 'You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus himself being a cornerstone'. (Eph. 2:19-20); that is, he compares Christians to living stones that form an edifice that is the Church, and this edifice is founded on the apostles, who are like columns, and the cornerstone that carries it all is Jesus himself. Without Jesus the Church cannot exist! Jesus is the foundation of the Church—the foundation! The apostles lived with Jesus, they listened to his word, they shared his life; above all they were witnesses of his death and resurrection. Our faith, the Church that Christ willed, is not based on an idea; it is not based on a philosophy. It is based on Christ himself. And the Church is like a plant that over the long centuries has grown, has developed, has borne fruit, yet her roots are planted firmly in Christ and that fundamental experience of Christ which the apostles had, chosen and sent out by Jesus, reaching all the way to us. From this little plant to our day, this is how the Church has spread everywhere in the world."



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2015-2016

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2015-2016 school year were emailed on March 11th to all currently registered families. Forms received after March 27th 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 or printed copies are available outside the Religious Education Office or at the Parish office. Our Religious Education Program begins in 1st Grade and continues until 8th 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.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 50th 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 20th OR Sunday, June 21st 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.

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

Last Sunday's Blood Drive was very successful, producing 65 prints of the precious resource. Many thanks go to John Fink and his associates for their work in setting up the drive.

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"

Facilitated by Msgr. Thompson

This Week's Topic: "Jesus Christ: King of Kings"

7:30 pm, Church Meeting Room

Last Session Monday, March 23rd

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

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Friday, March 27th – 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, PLEASE!

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

MARCH 30, 2015 3pm – 9pm

CONFESSIONS HEARD IN ALL PARISHES

RESPECT LIFE

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

March 23, 2015

Theology on Tap-NYC Presents:

**"Historical Jesus – Magician or Zealot?
What Do We Really Know?"**

The 2nd talk of 2015 will feature Father Kevin O'Reilly, professor at Saint Joseph's Seminary. The Gospels themselves contain a treasure trove of historical information about Jesus (that greatly exceeds the information we have about other historical figures). As a result, there are always "new discoveries" about Jesus that claim to shed light on who he "really" was. Fr. O'Reilly will address these "new discoveries" and also give us a reminder about what Jesus was really all about. This is a great talk as we prepare for Holy Week! Talk begins at 7:30pm and ends around 9pm. Location is Connolly's Bar, 121 West 45th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues, on the 3rd floor. E-mail us at questions@totnyc.org for more information.

Tribute to Our Religious

On Sunday, March 15th, St. Patrick's welcomed more than 20 religious sisters to the Noon Mass. They were honored for their commitment to the Lord Jesus and their service to the Church in our deanery of Northern Westchester and Putnam. Hats off to them and also to Dot Citro and Ann Haney who hosted the sisters at a delicious luncheon in the Church Meeting Room after Mass.

