

Mass Schedule
Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2015



Pray for the Sick

Saturday, April 11th

- 9:00 Paul Ziminsky (I) req. by Sheila Mannix & DeDe Burke
- 5:30 Manuel & Sophia Osorio req. by Friends

Sunday, April 12^h

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Assunta Marrella req. by Fran & Jim Dowling
- 10:30 Grace Hicks req. by Family
- Noon Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family
- 5:30 Albert Popot (I) req. by Gloria Powell

Monday, April 13th

- 7:00 Denise Del Sindaco req. by A Friend
- 9:00 Members of the Esposito Family req. by Family

Tuesday, April 14th

- 7:00 Edward Cusick req. by The Gallagher Family
- 9:00 John Pedone req. by Family

Wednesday, April 15th

- 7:00 William & Mary Scully Riley req. by Riley & Goff Families
- 9:00 Peter Vincent req. by Family

Thursday, April 16th

- 7:00 Charles Devlin req. by The Santore Family
- 9:00 Michael Abernethy req. by Jackie & Herb Tinsley

Friday, April 17th

- 7:00 Rita Poux req. by A Friend
- 9:00 Wilma Roglin req. by A Friend

Saturday, April 18th

- 9:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family
- 10:00 First Communion (St. Patrick's School)
- 5:30 Lucy Buchen req. by Francis Buchen

Sunday, April 19th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Victoria Kosakowski req. by Fran & Jim Dowling
- 10:30 Dylan Hockley (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- Noon Albert Attisani by Barbara Minton
- 5:30 Filomenes Vitorocco req. by The Desimini Family

Second Collection Today

Today's second collection is for our Partner-in-Faith parish, Sacred Heart in the Bronx. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Respect Life

There will be no Respect Life meeting this Monday; instead it will be April 20th after the 9:00am Mass.



Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Fr. Steve Clark, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, 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. Recently deceased: Maryann DiBarri

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.

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.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION 2015-2016

The first phase of registration for classes for the 2015-2016 program has ended. **All registrations received from this point forward will require a late fee of \$50 in addition to the registration fee.** Forms are also available for download from 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Christian as Priest

The theology of Christian Priesthood begins in the Old Testament. Priests were one of three groups of people who were anointed. Anointing with oil was a rite meant to strengthen the recipient to perform a certain task. The other two groups to be anointed were the Prophets and the Kings. When in the fullness of time Jesus came, He came as the fulfillment of all Old Testament anointings; He alone summarized in Himself all three roles. He alone is Priest, Prophet and King. He is THE anointed one (in Hebrew, the Messiah; in Greek, the Christos).

As Priest, He sacrifices His life for us and redeems us from our sins.

As Prophet, He lives a life of witness to right worship which gives God the Creator the ultimate worship.

As King, He orders the charisms of all the believers and leads the battle against evil.

Which brings us to ourselves. Where do we fit into the scheme of things? Well, because we are connected to Christ in virtue of our baptisms, because we help to form the Body of Christ, because we therefore are part of Christ, we also play the three roles of Priest, Prophet and King. If Christ is Priest, so are we. If Christ is Prophet, so are we. If Christ is King, so are we.

So first, how do we play the role of Priest? What does it entail? How does it work itself out in everyday life? The Christian exercises priesthood when he/she leads a life of sacrifice, offering to God thoughts, words, actions, joys and sorrows. In short, one offers one's life to God which is an essential part of discipleship. By doing this, the Christian as priest also reconciles people to God, leads people to God and introduces the divine dimension to the world that he/she touches. The Christian as priest leaves footprints of faith wherever he/she goes.

One final thought. How does the priestly role of the Christian relate to the ministerial role played by those who have received the sacrament of Holy Orders? The relatively small group of people in the latter group also enjoy the priestly role of all the baptized. In addition, they have a "ministerial" priesthood layered on top of their baptismal priestly task. To "minister" is to serve and those in priestly orders serve the people of God with the Sacraments and the Word of God, especially in liturgical settings. Their priesthood exists in order to serve God's people.

Next week, we shall look at the role of Prophet as part of our baptismal inheritance.

Youth Group

Our next regular meeting will be today, Sunday, April 12th at 6:30 to 8:00 pm and next Sunday, April 19th at 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Words of Pope Francis

"How does the Holy Spirit act in our life and in the life of the Church in order to guide us to the Truth? First of all, He recalls and impresses in the hearts of believers the words Jesus spoke and, through these very words, the law of God—as the prophets of the Old Testament had foretold—is engraved in our hearts and becomes within us a criterion for evaluation in decisions and for guidance in our daily actions; it becomes a principle to live by. Ezekiel's great prophecy is brought about: 'You shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you...And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances' (Ezek. 36:25-27). Indeed, it is in our inmost depths that our actions come into being; it is the heart itself that must be converted to God, and the Holy Spirit transforms it when we open ourselves to him.

Then, as Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit guides us 'into all the truth' (John 16:13); not only does he guide us to the encounter with Jesus, but he also guides us 'into' the Truth—that is, he makes us enter into an ever-deeper communion with Jesus, giving us knowledge of all the things of God. And we cannot achieve this by our own efforts. Unless God enlightens us from within, our Christian existence will be superficial. The Church's tradition asserts that the Spirit of truth acts in our heart, inspiring that 'sense of the faith' (*sensus fidei*) through which, as the Second Vatican Council states, the People of God, under the guidance of the magisterium, adheres unfailingly to the faith transmitted, penetrates it more deeply with the right judgment and applies it more fully in life (see Dogmatic Constitution, *Lumen gentium*, no. 12). Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit? Do I pray to him to give me illumination, to make me more sensitive to God's things? This is the prayer we must pray every day."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sisqua Council #1852 will host their **Annual Communion Breakfast** on **Sunday, April 19th** at the **Council, One Turner Lane, Mt. Kisco, following the 9:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Mt. Kisco**. The guest speaker will be Rob Astorino, Westchester County Executive. All are invited to attend. Cost is \$10/adults; \$5/children, \$25/maximum charge per family. Reservations by contacting Tom O'Brien @ 914-232-3830 (obkatny@aol.com) or Burt O'Keefe 914-277-8535 (okboat@comcast.net)



**The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring
The 9th Annual Liturgy & Brunch for
Catholic Teachers in Public Schools**

The **Ninth Annual Retreat Day for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools** will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015 9am to 1pm at the RiverView. Please join our Catholic Teachers in Public Schools both active and now retired from across the Archdiocese of New York. Deepen your appreciation of your ministry as a teacher, share with colleagues and pray and reflect upon Jesus' connection with each of us.

**Where: The RiverView
One Warburton Ave
Hastings-on-Hudson NY 10706**

When: Saturday, April 11th from 9am to 1pm

How Much: Suggested donation of \$30 is requested to help defray the cost.

**For more information contact Ms. Jasmine Gomez
@ 212-371-1011 x2692.**

**Widows, Widowers and Singles
Spring Lunch**

**Mardino's Restaurant Mt. Kisco, NY
Sunday, April 19th 1:00 pm \$33 Cash**

For Information and Reservations
Call Sue Coan 914-234-3093 or
E-mail – suecoan@aol.com
Come join us and bring a friend!

**50th
Anniversary**

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.

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 914-234-3344.

Pro-Life Breakfast

The Center for Life will hold its 15th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast on **Saturday morning, April 18th, 2015** at the **Holiday Inn in Mt. Kisco**. The guest speaker will be **Sr. M. Peter Lillian Di Maria, O. Carm.**, Director of Avila Institute of Gerontology, Inc., who will speak on the topic of **"Being Aware of God's Presence in Serious Illness and End of Life Care."**

The Center for Life will also honor two special people at the breakfast in appreciation for their exceptional efforts in defense of the sacredness of all human life. Honored will be Tina McDermott, Executive Director of Birthright of Peekskill and Rita O'Brien, Executive Director of Emmanuel House International. Call 914-232-1168 for information and directions.



**Carnival Information
The Carnival is Coming!**

This year St. Patrick's Carnival is Tuesday, May 12th through Sunday, May 17th. The weekend of April 11th/12th we are soliciting volunteers to work at either the food tent, the games or selling tickets. Sign-up sheets are available after Mass as well as in St. Patrick's School or contact Susanne Quattrochi at 914-234-7764.

We now have two pages on the St. Patrick's Parish Web Site for Carnival information:

www.stpatricksbedford.com/carnival and
www.stpatricksbedford.com/raffle.

News and updates about both will be posted regularly, and **Raffle tickets can be purchased online directly from the web page.**

In addition, we have started Facebook pages for the parish and for the Carnival:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksparishbedford>
<https://www.facebook.com/stpatscarnival>.

Please "like" and follow these pages, and share news with your friends!

For those on Twitter, the Carnival is also Tweeting: @stpats_carnival. Please follow!

