Mass Schedule Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2015

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 Filomenas Vitorocco req. by The Desimini Family

Monday, April 20th t

7:00 Ruth Kahng req. by The Crummy Family9:00 William Harrington, Sr. req. by Family

Tuesday, April 21st

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

Wednesday, April 22nd

7:00 William & Mary Scully Riley req. by Riley & Goff Families

9:00 James Flynn req. by The Hughes Family

Thursday, April 23rd

7:00 Raymond F. Hickey req. by Family 9:00 Philip Longo, Sr.req. by Family

Friday, April 24th

7:00 Susan Wymetal D'Ascoli req. by The Aleksandravicius Family 9:00 Walter Biscardi req. by Cavise Family

Saturday, April 25th

9:00 Carol & Christopher Moran req. by The Hughes Family

For the Living & Deceased Members of

5:30 Grace Cox req. by Kathleen Hughes

Sunday, April 26th

7:30

St. Patrick's Parish
9:00 Vincent Longobardi req. by The Scuderi Family
10:30 John O'Hanlon req. by The Kate Merker Family
Noon Dawn Hockspring (Newtown) by The Smith Family
5:30 Claire LaMotta req. by Family

Recent Collections

ParishPay (3/16-3/31) \$1,157.83 Holy Land (Good Friday) - \$2,395.00 Easter Sunday (Final Total) - \$51,715.00 Sunday, April 12 - \$9,055.00 Partner-in-Faith, April 12th - \$3,017.00

Many Thanks for Your Most Generous Offerings!



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, Stephen Michael Mack, Betty Martineau, Kate Martinez, Kevin Meher, Danny Mulholland, John O'Shea, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Thomas N. Ryan, John Sagan, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith, William Vitro, Betsy Weiner 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.

<u>Cardinal's Appeal - 2015</u> <u>The Annual Appeal is ongoing.</u>

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 Prophet

When we were baptized, we were "grafted onto" the Body of Christ, in the words of the Church Fathers. We are part of the Risen Christ and share in His duties and privileges. Jesus is Priest, Prophet and King. So also are we who are His disciples. All the baptized share in the three-fold mission of the Master. Last week we looked at the baptized Christian as Priest. This piece will treat the Christian as Prophet.

To be a Prophet is to be a speaker on behalf of another. The Hebrew prophets of the Old Testament spoke on behalf of God. No one does that more fully than Jesus who is THE Prophet speaking on behalf of His Father. We continue His prophetic action today by boldly proclaiming the truth of God. Our faith is not a private matter. We need to evangelize. When we do this we act on our prophetic role. We live lives of witness to right worship which gives God the creator the ultimate worship.

How is this done in everyday life? By taking up the battle of the ancient prophets. They spoke on God's behalf and led the fight against the false idols. What are these false idols? Have they changed any since Old Testament days? A little, perhaps. But not as much as one might imagine. It was St. Thomas Aquinas who first said that our idols take the form of wealth, power, pleasure and honor. All of these are gods that we can bow down to. We can find ourselves dancing at their altars. It's easy to see how money can be the center of one's life. All of life's striving can be aimed at more and more accumulation. The needs of others play no role. Charity begins and ends at home. Pleasure can also be a god. "Reach for all the gusto" as the old commercial said. "It must be right, it feels so good" is the motto of one dancing at the altar of pleasure. Power is another false god. I am 'in control" of everything. Not only in my life, but in yours, too! I am the ultimate authority figure. I answer to no one. Finally, there's honor. The focal point of my life is respect. I deserve it. I demand it. Don't they know I'm special? That the usual rules don't apply to me?

Yes, these are the modern idols: wealth, pleasure, power and honor. They have one thing in common: giving oneself to them leads to a dead end. They are all here today and gone tomorrow. Dance at their altars and you wind up with nothing in the end.

The Christian as Prophet leads a life that speaks to the virility of these false idols. Poverty of spirit instead of wealth. Meekness instead of power. Self-control instead of pleasure. Humility instead of honor. These are the virtues of the Prophetic Christ, and these are also the virtues proclaimed by the baptized Christian as Prophet.

Youth Group

There is a Youth Group meeting tonight, Sunday, April 19th at 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Words of Pope Francis

"Dear brothers and sisters, we need to let ourselves be bathed in the light of the Holy Spirit so that he may lead us into the Truth of God, who is the one Lord of our life. Let us ask ourselves whether we really have taken some steps to know Christ and the truth of faith better by reading and meditating on sacred Scripture, by studying the *Catechism*, and by receiving the sacraments regularly. However, let us ask ourselves at the same time what steps we are taking to ensure that faith governs the whole of our existence. We are not Christian "part-time," only at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain decisions; no one can be Christian in this way. We are Christian all the time! Totally! May Christ's truth, which the Holy Spirit teaches us and gives to us, always and totally affect our daily life. Let us call on him more often so that he may guide us on the path of Disciples of Christ. Let us call on him every day. I am making this suggestion to you: let us invoke the Holy Spirit every day; in this way the Holy Spirit will bring us close to Jesus Christ."

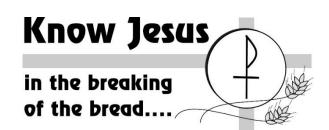


GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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.





St. Patrick's School Touring Tuesday April 28th, 9-11am 483 Old Post Rd, Bedford NY 914-234-7914

TOURING TUESDAYS are universal open houses held at all regional Catholic elementary schools servicing children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th.

Established in 1956, St. Patrick's school strives to create an environment of Christian love, mutual respect and spiritual development for your child. The school's dedicated, professional staff ensures that high academic standards are maintained, while instilling in your child a love of God and a fundamental knowledge of the Catholic Faith. The nurturing school community welcomes active parental involvement. Even with NYS test results that exceed Bedford Central School District's results, we understand that a child's academic success is more than the sum of his or her test scores.

About our programs: Grades Pre-K3 to Grade 8; AdvancED Accredited; Follows NYS Core Curriculum; Full-day Kindergarten; Hot lunch program; Before- and after-school program; Strong focus on faith formation; Full-time Nurse; Enrichment instructions includes: Spanish language (grades PK-8), Honors Math (grades 6-8), Robotics, Art, Music, Physical education, Technology program; Cultural Events; Parental Engagement; Variety of Christian Community Service projects; Extra-curricular activities include: Band, Choir, Chess Club, Soccer, Golf, Tennis, Art Club, Zumba, and Gymnastics; Sports activities include: CYO Basketball and Girls Volleyball

Visit St. Patrick's School to experience our Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service!



On Saturday, May 9th and Sunday, May 10th, St. Patrick's Respect Life Committee is hosting a baby shower and bake sale to benefit the Good Counsel Daystar Program in Harrison NY. Good Counsel Homes provide care and shelter for needy mothers and their babies. Please bring baked goods to the Church Meeting room on Saturday afternoon. Wrapped shower gifts, marked "boy" or "girl" may be brought to the Masses. **There is a great need for volunteers** to make this all possible. Please contact the Parish Office (234-3344) or DeDe Burke (234-7264) if you are able to volunteer).



<u>Carnival Information</u> 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. **Raffle tickets will be sold after Mass May 2nd and 3rd.**

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

<u>www.stpatricksbedford.org/carnival</u> and <u>www.stpatricksbedford.org/raffle</u>.

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/stpatricksparishbedfordhttps://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!

The Antioch Baptist Church Choir

presents

A Gospel Concert

Sunday, April 26, 2015 4:00 PM Antioch Baptist Church 3 Church Street Bedford Hills NY (Corner Church St and Main St) Admission: A Free-Will Offering

To Benefit the

Community Center of North Westchester

84 Bedford Rd Katonah NY 10536 Reception immediately following the concert at Bedford Hills Community House



Visit us at www.communitycenternw.org