

Mass Schedule
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015



Pray for the Sick

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Kate Fletcher (rehabbing leg injury), Margaret Harrington, Margaret Harsacky, Alex Hood, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Patricia Levine, 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, Griffin Toma, William Vitro, Raymond Webster, Sylvia Webster, Betsy Weiner 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.

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.**

CONFIRMATION THIS WEEK

Bishop Gerald Walsh will visit St. Patrick's on Monday, May 4th to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to approximately 80 children from the school and CCD program. There will be two sessions, at 2 pm and 5 pm

RESPECT LIFE

There is no meeting this month. The next meeting will be Monday, June 1st.

Saturday, May 2nd

- 9:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family
- 5:30 Katie Davidson req. by Beverly Albano

Sunday, May 3rd

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Members of the Esposito Family req. by Family
- 10:30 Joan Schwartz req. by Charlie & Mary George
- Noon Mary Fuhrman by Family
- 5:30 Chiara & Martino Racanelli req. by The Desimini Family

Monday, May 4th

- 7:00 Mary Mazella req. by Mary Millo
- 9:00 For elderly people forgotten & abused req. by Respect Life

Tuesday, May 5th

- 7:00 Mary Mazzella req. by Pat Combs
- 9:00 Jenny Decina req. by Garibaldi & Decina Families

Wednesday, May 6th

- 7:00 Msgr. Dan Brady req. by Sr. Kathleen
- 9:00 William Harrington Sr. req. by Family

Thursday, May 7th

- 7:00 Alfred George Rose req. by The Fink Family
- 9:00 Vincent Jack Pisello req. by The Tivolacci Family

Friday, May 8th

- 7:00 Daniel McCartney req. by The Santore Family
- 9:00 Peggy Adipietro req. by Irma & Albert Castagna

Saturday, May 9th

- 9:00 Kurt Grossberndt req. by The Debitetto Family
- 5:30 Dorothy Reiter req. by Judi & Arnold DiGregorio

Sunday, May 10th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Mollie Engargiola req. by The Galvin Family
- 10:30 Josephine Dearie req. by Family
- Noon Lucy Buchan by The Ventura Family
- 5:30 Manuel & Sophia Osorio req. by Family

Recent Collection

Sunday, April 26th - \$9.706

2nd Collection for Eastern Europe

The second collection today will be the annual collection to assist the Church in Eastern Europe. Many thanks for your generosity



Coffee Sunday

Today, Sunday, May 3rd, is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the Church Meeting Room for refreshments after the morning masses.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Spirit of Volunteerism

The old army joke is, "I'm looking for three volunteers – you, you and you." Jokes aside, and speaking as your pastor, we simply couldn't do without volunteers. It's also true throughout society. In Tennessee they are even part of the state motto. Here in St. Patrick's volunteers are responsible for so many of our ministries and activities. Currently, as you will note in this bulletin, our need is for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, especially the latter. But permit me to say a few things about volunteers in general.

Corry Busse, writing in Take Out, a publication of The Crosier Fathers, says that there are five myths about volunteering at church:

1. I'm not good at anything.
2. They don't really need my help.
3. I don't have time.
4. I gave at the collection plate.
5. I'm just too (insert excuse here) to volunteer.

Here are some comments about each.

Regarding #1: Is there really anyone who could be said to be "not good at anything?" Someone who is completely devoid of talent? It's hardly likely. The variety of ministries in our parish will almost surely turn up something that will match almost everyone's skill set.

Regarding #2: You may look at a ministry you might have interest in and see it as functioning smoothly and therefore think that your help is not really needed. But it's important to have a certain amount of turnover, so that people don't burn out or feel trapped in place. Some of our volunteers would perhaps love to either step aside or get involved in a different ministry if they could. So yes, you are needed.

Regarding #3: The first thing to note is that there are very few people who are sitting around doing nothing. We are not wired that way. Mostly, we are busy. But isn't it true that we still seem to make time for the things we consider to be really important? In one way or another, all of our ministries contribute to the building of God's Kingdom on earth. That's a great project to be involved with! And it's really important!

Regarding #4: I think all of our parishioners know how grateful I am for your financial support, whether it is for our parish or for the many additional causes we approach you for: Sacred Heart in the Bronx, the Cardinal's Appeal, the many second collections, to mention just a few. But helping to build God's Kingdom involves more than just financial support. Sharing your time, your talent, your interest and your strength is often called for as well. All of these comprise the language of love.

And finally regarding #5: If we let ourselves, we can always find an excuse. It comes down to how we respond to Jesus' invitation, like the apostles who followed Christ and tried to do their best? Or like "the rich young man" invited by Jesus to follow Him, but who refused and went away sad because he had many possessions (read, other interests)?

So, here's to our volunteers. If you are one of them, many thanks and hats off to you. If you aren't yet involved, we could sure use your help.

Words of Pope Francis

"The strength of Peter and the other apostles strikes us all. In response to the order to be silent, no longer to teach in the name of Jesus, no longer to proclaim his message, they respond clearly: 'We must obey God rather than human beings.' And they remain undeterred even when flogged, ill-treated and imprisoned. Peter and the apostles proclaim courageously, fearlessly, what they have received: the Gospel of Jesus. And what about us? Are we capable of bringing the word of God into the environment in which we live? Do we know how to speak of Christ, of what he represents for us, in our families, among the people who form part of our daily lives? Faith is born from listening and is strengthened by proclamation."

Community Center Volunteers Help Neighbors Seeking Employment

Did you know that the Community Center of Northern Westchester offers free assistance to help those seeking employment? Each Wednesday, volunteers donate their services – and share their expertise – with our neighbors who are looking for work. Many come to find work in babysitting, elder-care, housecleaning or landscaping. Our volunteers help write resumes, practice interviewing skills and guide our clients in their search for employment. Then another group of volunteers helps these job-seekers use the Internet to complete on-line employment applications and to further their job searches via the Internet.

Would you like to become a volunteer in this effort?

To learn more about how the Community Center helps our neighbors on their path to self-sufficiency, visit us at communitycenternw.org or call us at 914-232-6572.



Weekend Flower Donation

Flowers Donated by
Brenda Dawson
In Loving Memory of
James J. Blake

~ The following weekend is available for a flower donation
~ in loving memory of someone or for a special intention.
~ Please call the Parish Office (914-234-3344) to make
~ arrangements.

May 16th

Baby Shower

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).

Part-Time Music Director

Church of St. Patrick's in Armonk is looking to hire a part-time music director. If you are interested please send your resume to Fr. Jeffrey Galens, Church of St. Patrick's, PO Box 6, Armonk NY 10504. For further information call 914-273-9724 or e-mail questions to pastor.stpats@outlook.com

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.

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.



Carnival Information

The Carnival is Coming!

This year St. Patrick's Carnival is Tuesday, May 12th through Sunday, May 17th. **Raffle tickets will be sold after Mass today.**

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

www.stpatricksbedford.org/carnival and
www.stpatricksbedford.org/raffle.

News and updates about both will be posted regularly. **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!

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. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
1377 East Main Street, Shrub Oak, NY



You are cordially invited to the 21st Annual Children's Memorial Mass

Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Remembering the lives of our children.

Monsignor Joseph R. Giandurco,
Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Suffern, NY,
will celebrate the Eucharist as we join together to bear one another's burdens and pray to God for Comfort, Strength and Renewal.

Your beloved child's name will be displayed on the altar.

Please join us for light refreshments in the auditorium following the Mass.

In Our Lady Memorial Chapel, the names of our children are displayed in golden frames and a magnificent **Book of Remembrance** holds their pictures. If a child's name has never been submitted for inclusion in this Memorial Mass, please call the Parish Office by **May 22nd at 914-528-3547** (Monday – Friday, 9:30am to 5pm).