



4th Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2015

Saturday December 19th

- 9:00 José Domingo Zapata req. by Karen & Dan Davis
- 5:30 George Delaney req. by Family

Sunday, December 20^h

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Anne Longobardi req. by The Scuderi Family
- 10:30 Benjamin Wheeler (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- Noon Henry Molinari req. by The Fuhrman Family
- 5:30 Scott Tinter req. by Family

Monday, December 21st

- 7:00 Emiljana Ulaj (I) req. by The Ulaj Family
- 9:00 Ellen Doucey req. by Sister Kathleen

Tuesday, December 22nd

- 7:00 John Chrabuszcq req. by The Molinai Family
- 9:00 Victoria Kosakowski req. by Emilie Kosakowski & Family

Wednesday, December 23rd

- 7:00 Donald Doyle req. by Carroll Welch
- 9:00 Kim Knowles req. by Mom & Michael

Thursday, December 24th

- 7:00 John Sitar req. by A Friend
- 9:00 Bill Young req. by Rose Patierno
- 4:00 Teresa & Joseph Vitelli req. by Marianne Vitelli
- 6:00 Robert Melican req. by Family
- 8:00 Emily, Tatum and Codie Allen (I) req. by The McManus Family
- 10:00 Cutri, Spadaccia & Estling Families req. by Families

Friday, December 25th

- 8:30 John Engargiola req. by The Galvin Family
- 10:30 Susan Thompson req. by Family
- 12:00 Rosemary Maiorano req. by Glen Maiorano
- 1:30 John Citro, Sr. & John Citro, Jr. req. by Family

Saturday December 26th

- 9:00 Rafael Neto req. by Anne Neto
- 5:30 Victoria Kosakowski req. by The Kosakowski Family

Sunday, December 27th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Agostino Bellella req. by Family
- 10:30 Mary & Patrick Flanagan req. by The Flynn Family
- Noon Allison Wyatt (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- 5:30 Fred Miranda req. by Family

Recent Collections

Wednesday, December 8th and
 Sunday, December 13th – \$17,115
 Retired Religious – \$2,351
 ParishPay – \$3,210

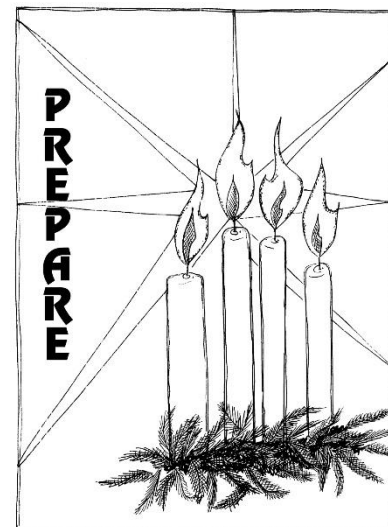


Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Virginia Barrett, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Connor Curran, Betty D'Alton, Maggie Dellorso, Michael Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Francine Holley, Jennifer Gardner, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Alex Hood, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Felice Joaquim, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Patricia Levine, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Kevin Meher, Gary Montanus, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Robert Schimpf, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith, William Vitro, Raymond Webster, Sylvia Webster, Betsy Weiner, Christine Young 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.

Partner-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.



From the Pastor's Desk

Christmas 2015

It's really easy to miss the very heart of Christmas. There are so many traditions that have sprung up during the centuries that are now part of the observance. Some of these traditions are so much a part of Christmas that one could be forgiven for thinking that they are of its very essence: cards, presents, bells, trees, lights, carols, sleighs, the list goes on. I like them all, and others besides. But they don't, even when added together, get to the very heart of Christmas.

So what does? To say it briefly, being open to having the Incarnation of Jesus happen again in me. In other words, I welcome the rebirth of Jesus in my own life. I internalize the Incarnation. And how do I do this? By being open to the virtues and values of Jesus. Take patience, for example. If I do all I can to be patient amid life's difficult demands, I am allowing Jesus to be born again in me. I am stepping out of the center of my own existence and welcoming Jesus in. The same can be said for all the other virtues (honesty, purity, justice, fidelity, etc.). In saying yes to them, I am saying yes to Jesus. I am allowing Him to be "reborn" in me. That, I believe, is the essence of "keeping Christmas well," to borrow the words of Dickens.

May that expression prove true for you and me this Christmastime. If so, Christmas will indeed be "merry," for it will also be "blessed." We will have opened ourselves to God's grace and Incarnation.

A Personal Note

This past Friday, December 18th, I observed the 50th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I can't believe that all those years have gone by! In the two masses I said on Friday, I remembered in prayer all the people it has been my privilege to serve over the years in many and varied assignments here in the Archdiocese of New York, especially all of you in St. Patrick's, where it is my joy to serve now. I also prayed for my classmates who were ordained with me in Rome on December 18, 1965.

Since this anniversary falls so close to Christmas, we are putting off an official Mass of Thanksgiving until May 22nd. On that occasion we shall have a noon mass and a reception to follow in the gym, as we recently did for Sister Kathleen. More about that as we get closer. Meanwhile, know that you are in my prayers. May you and your family have a most blessed Christmas.



Words of Pope Francis

GOD COMES CLOSE TO US

"Christmas is the feast of the presence of God, who comes among us to save us. The birth of Jesus is no fable! It is an historic event which truly occurred in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. Faith enables us to recognize the child born of the Virgin Mary as the true son of God, who for love for us became human. In the face of little Jesus we contemplate the face of God, who does not reveal himself in strength and power but in the weakness and frailty of a newborn babe. This is what our God is like—God comes so close, in a child. This child reveals the faithfulness and tenderness of the unconditional love with which God surrounds each one of us."



COMMUNITY CENTER HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Center provides extra assistance throughout the Holiday period of November and December. There is a list of suggested items you can donate posted on the Church bulletin board. Thank you for sharing with your neighbors in this holiday season...



The Gift of a Catholic Education

This Christmas, give the gift of a Catholic education. Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York are Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life-long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another. For more information about St. Patrick's PreK, Kindergarten or elementary school program, just call 234-7914.



The Nativity Scene at St. Patrick's Cathedral

This year the famous Nativity Scene installation of Francesco Artese is visiting New York and St. Patrick's Cathedral. In the past, it has been at St. Peter's Square in Rome. If you find yourself visiting New York over the holidays, don't miss this spiritual and artistic treat.



Neighbors Link in Mount Kisco is in need of ESL (English as a Second Language) volunteers to tutor students one on one, converse one on one, as well as assist with computer learning. Below, please find our specific needs, and if you are able to commit for the first quarter of the calendar year, please let us know as soon as possible.

Monday: 12pm-2pm (English Conversation)

Tuesday: 9am-12pm (ESL tutoring), 3pm-5pm (Rosetta Stone Online Learning), 7pm-9pm (one-on-one tutoring)

Wednesday: 12pm-2pm (English Conversation)

Thursday: 9am-12pm (ESL tutoring), 3pm-5pm (Rosetta Stone Online Learning), 7pm-9pm (one-on-one tutoring)

Friday: 12pm-2pm (English Conversation)

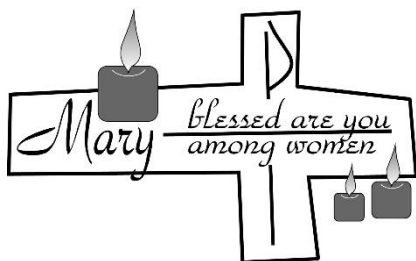
Thank you for considering volunteering the first quarter of 2016. Contact Amy Werner, awerner@neighborslink.org, [914-666-3410 x16](tel:914-666-3410)



2015 St. Nicholas Breakfast

The 2015 St. Nicholas Breakfast was a great success. We had a wonderful turnout. Thank you to all who participated and a special thank you to the following individuals who helped out in various ways:

- The Sunday 8th Grade CCD Class
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| Grace D'Attilo | Joe and Gabriella DeCicco |
| George Fauver | Scott and Tracy Fauver |
| Dawn Giannelli | Ivan and Jennifer Madrid |
| Nico Madrid | Marla Malcolm |
| Gail and Michael Malloy | Van Mueller |
| Lynn Tobin Mullaney | Adam Perlstein |
| Kenneth and Carolyn Shea | |
| Kenneth and Jon Shea | |
| Maarten and Frances Steenman | |
| Debra Sulam | |



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19th & 20th

Mass on Saturday: 5:30pm

Masses on Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, Noon & 5:30pm

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th

Masses at 4pm*, 6pm, 8pm & 10pm

***PLEASE NOTE: 4pm Mass for families with small children only. Please attend this Mass only if you have children under age 10.**

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th

Masses at 8:30am, 10:30am, Noon & 1:30pm

Feast of the Holy Family, December 26th & 27th

Mass on Saturday: 5:30pm

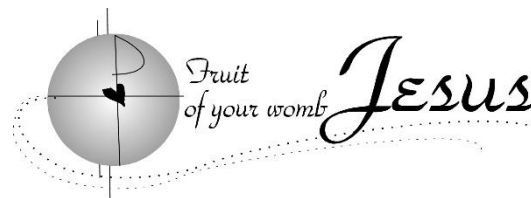
Masses on Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, Noon & 5:30pm

Feast of Mary, The Mother of God,

Friday, January 1, 2015

5:30pm (Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31st)

Masses on Friday: 10:30am & Noon



We welcome the newly baptized into God's family and into our own St. Patrick's community:

- James-Kevin Desperito Barry**
- Lia Desperito Barry**
- Isabella Sophia Giovanetti**
- Chloe Lynn LaMothe**
- Chloe Mae Lovig**
- Natalie Jeanne Lovig**
- Matthew Robert Wilkenloh**