



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 24, 2016**

**Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 9:00 William Harrington req. by Family
- 5:30 Nat Picco, Sr. req. by The Picco Family

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Rose Mary Mulholland req. by Peggy & Bob Corrao
- 10:30 George Genovesi req. by Mary Ann & Bill Riley
- Noon Nellie Marie Kosakowski req. by The Kosakowski Family
- 5:30 Mary Beth Harrington req. by The Religious Education Program at St. Patrick's School

**Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Ann Davis Laibe req. by The Regan Family
- 9:00 Robert Best req. by Family

**Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Rita Costello req. by A Friend
- 9:00 Teresa Vitelli req. by Marianne Vitelli

**Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Joseph Valente req. by Dr. O'Hanlon & Family
- 9:00 Mass of Thanksgiving req. by Anne Neto

**Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Tom & Julia Begley req. by The Begley Family
- 9:00 Emily Lozina req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Cale

**Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Frances Shilowich req. by Katharine Trongone & Family
- 9:00 Anthony Azzopardi req. by The DeBono Family

**Saturday January 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Brian Climis req. by Pat & Tony Climis
- 5:30 George Genovesi req. by Gerry Alfino & Lucy

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Rose Mary Mulholland req. by Peggy & Bob Corrao
- 10:30 Rachel Davino (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- Noon Frank Kosakowski (I) req. by The Kosakowski Family
- 5:30 Jason Vanterpool req. by The Religious Education Program at St. Patrick's School

**Recent Collections**

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – \$7,945  
 ParishPay January 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – \$2,265  
 Sacred Heart Parish – \$3,365  
 Late Christmas – \$3,560



**Pray for the Sick**

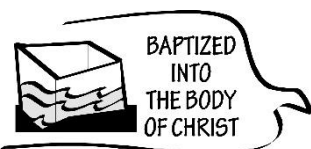
Tatum Allen, Jacqueline Ruvalo Ascenzi, Virginia Barrett, Thomas Browne, Connor Curran, Betty D'Alton, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Eileen Flynn, Francine Holley, Jennifer Gardner, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Felice Joaquim, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Gary Montanus, Robert Schimpf, Kirk Siegwarth, Michael Walsh, 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.***

  
 The following weekend is available for a flower donation in loving memory of someone or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements (914-234-3344).  
 February 6/7

**Check Out Our Updated Website at**  
**stpatricksbedford.org**  
 If you have any comments or suggestions, send them to [patrick485@optonline.net](mailto:patrick485@optonline.net) or call 234-3344.



# *From the Pastor's Desk*

## Just What Are Indulgences, Anyway?

In the Bulletin of January 10<sup>th</sup>, mention was made of the Plenary Indulgences associated with the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Holy Doors have been established in Cathedral churches around the world and in other designated churches. People passing through those doors with the proper intentions and dispositions and who fulfill the usual conditions can obtain the Jubilee plenary indulgence.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church,

“An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.

An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.”

Some further explanation might be helpful. First, an indulgence does not forgive sins. That is done by the merciful grace of God and a person's sincere contrition responding to God's grace. The indulgence deals with the “temporal punishment due to sins.” This refers to the process of purification which readies a person to love God above all things and to abandon all selfish traits. This can be done on earth while the person is alive or in Purgatory while a person prepares for the perfect love of God that we call heaven.

It is the doctrine of the Church that we can help each other with the process of purification. We are all members of the Body of Christ and His grace flows back and forth among us. So we can pray for each other and for the souls in Purgatory and they can pray for us. As well, the entire Communion of Saints, the Church, can pray for individual members of the Body of Christ, individual souls. In other words, our prayers and good works for each other can help prepare us for heaven.

As the Catechism continues:

“An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishments due for their sins. Thus the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity.

Since the faithful departed now being purified are also members of the same communion of saints, one way we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due for their sins may be remitted.”

In creating the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is inviting all of us to share and experience the mercy of God with each other. Surely gaining plenary indulgences for each other and for souls in Purgatory is a splendid way to experience the Holy Year.

## Preview of Lent – 2016

Easter is early this year – March 27<sup>th</sup>. That means Lent will soon be upon us. Ash Wednesday is February 10<sup>th</sup>. We have a special Lenten program this year. It is called “Best Lent Ever.”

What if I told you: Don't give up chocolate. Instead, do something life-changing.

Lent isn't just about giving something up; it's about transformation. It's about doing something bold to become a better version of yourself.

This Lent, join me and your fellow parishioners for Best Lent Ever®, a free e-mail program from Dynamic Catholic that is based on Matthew Kelly's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus*—that's the same book you all received as you left Christmas Mass this past year.

Each day you'll get an inspirational e-mail with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Throughout Lent, they will guide you through each of the 40 chapters in *Rediscover Jesus* and share simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday life.

The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent).

Let's do something life-changing this Lent. Let's take a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and ourselves—in a deeply personal way.

## Words of Pope Francis

### I HAVE CHOSEN YOU

“Jesus no longer belongs to the past, but lives in the present and is projected towards the future. God's newness appears to us as victory over sin, evil and death, over everything that crushes life and makes it seem less human. Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk. You won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid. Trust him, be confident that he is close to you. He is with you and will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.”

### “Feeding Our Neighbors” Campaign

Today begins the annual Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign in the Archdiocese of New York. Non-perishable food items are being collected for the Community Center of Northern Westchester. If you forgot to bring items with you today you can still do so next Sunday. Parishioners who are also Community Center volunteers are on hand today to answer questions about the Center and to receive any financial gifts to the Center that you might wish to make.



**Save the Dates:  
2016 Catholic Elementary School Open House  
February 2, February 23  
March 8 and April 12 from 9-11am**

St. Patrick Regional School in Bedford invites you to experience a Catholic school in action by visiting a TOURING TUESDAY open house. Prospective parents are invited to visit from 9-11am or by appointment. Just call the school at 914-234-7914. Please note that Archdiocesan Open House dates and times may be scheduled during Catholic Schools Week. (the first week in February)



**DSFHS**

Dominican Sisters Family Health Services, Inc.  
More than Care, Peace of Mind!

January 12, 2016

Dear Monsignor Thompson,

Please accept our deepest gratitude for your parishioners' participation in this year's "Santa Project" which benefited many of the New York City families served by Dominican Sisters Family Health Service (DSFHS). It is because of the caring and kindness of the St. Patrick's Church community that this annual effort reached the homes and hearts of these families.

The generosity of your parishioners made Christmas bountiful for more than 100 less fortunate New York City families and their children this year. These families have limited incomes and struggle to provide life's basic necessities for themselves and their children. The thoughtfulness that went into buying, wrapping and distributing gifts made Christmas a reality for them.

On behalf of DSFHS and the New York City families, thank you again. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we wish you and the St. Patrick's Church community a happy and a very healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

*Mary J. Zagajski*  
Mary J. Zagajski  
President/CEO

*Marianne Bogannam*  
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VP Development

**High School Youth Group**

The High School Youth Group will meet tonight, January 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

ST. JOSEPH'S MUSIC MINISTRIES PRESENTS

***A Lenten Evening of  
Prayer and Sacred Music***

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 7:00 pm

Performed by our parish Contemporary Ensemble  
Join us for a beautiful service of Sacred Music, Prayer and Reflection for the Lenten season. Including the prayerful music of the Taizé community from the French countryside, the program will include beautiful settings of the psalms, contemporary hymn arrangements, and scripture readings. Father John M. Lagiovane offers thoughts and reflections on the holy season of Lent. Make this evening a part of your Lenten preparations.

In the beautiful sanctuary of

*St. Joseph's Church*

95 Plum Brook Road

Somers, New York 10589

Father John M. Lagiovane, Pastor

Free will offering

For information contact the music

office at 914-318-3268 or

**treasurehousemusic@gmail.com**



**SAVE THE DATE  
ST. PATRICK'S  
AUCTION/DINNER DANCE**

Saturday Evening,

March 12, 2016

Salem Golf Club

North Salem NY

**55+ CLUB – ST. PATRICK'S  
MSGR'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**



Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 1 PM  
Church Meeting Room



Catered by Scott's Corner Market

**\$25.00 per Person**

Paid Reservations by January 30th

Please make your checks payable to 55+ Fund

and send to: Gail Desio

150 South Bedford Road Pound Ridge, N.Y. 10576

Please indicate on your check –Msgr's Luncheon

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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