



**Easter Sunday**  
**March 27, 2016**

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Tenebrae
- 5:30 (No Mass)
- 7:30 Easter Vigil

**Sunday, March 27<sup>h</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Teresa & Joseph Vitelli req. by Marianne Vitelli
- 10:30 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family
- Noon Raymond F. Hickey, Sr. req. by Family
- 5:30 John Citro, Sr. req. by Dot Citro

**Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Robert Degnan req. by Sally Betancourt
- 9:00 Margherita Luccarelli req. by Family

**Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Kathleen Conneely req. by John & Gail Conneely
- 9:00 Robert Best req. by The Best Family

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Charlotte Miller req. by The Miller Family
- 9:00 For Those Celebrating Easter Sacraments for the First Time

**Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:00 For Persecuted Christians Around the World
- 9:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for First Communion

**Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for Confirmation
- 9:00 Robert Gjerlow req. by The Cardillo Family

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9:00 For a Respite from Terrorist Violence
- 5:30 Rita O'Leary req. by Ann Haney & Vincent Lane

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Paschal Daniel Veditti req. by William McCormack
- 10:30 Dawn Jacksprung (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- Noon Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family
- 5:30 Stella Zagajeski req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

**Recent Collection**

Sunday, March 20th – \$10,937

**EASTER COLLECTION**

We are most grateful to our generous St. Patrick's parishioners who support the parish throughout the year. As you may know, the Christmas and Easter collections account for about 25% of our annual collection income – they are that important. So, thank you for whatever you will do in this week's collection. We are deeply appreciative.



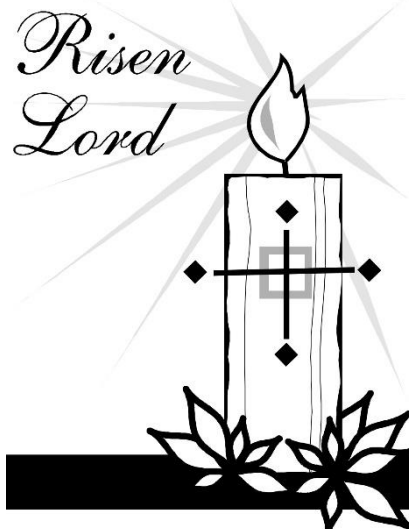
*Pray for the Sick*

Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Thomas Browne, Conner Curran, Betty D'Alton, Frankie Dezell, Kathleen Ducksworth, Martha Dursi, Jean Gallagher, Joe George, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Francine Holley, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Felice Joaquim, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Kevin Mahoney, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Gary Montanus, Ann Porteus, 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.*



# *From the Pastor's Desk*

## Easter 2016

On behalf of Father Joseph, Deacon Lou, Father Martin and all of us at St. Patrick's, I wish you and all of your loved ones a most blessed Easter. This is the greatest day of the year in our Christian faith. Having celebrated the passion and death of the Lord last week, we now celebrate his rising to new life.

It is not too exaggerated to say that of all of Christianity depends on Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus. It is the very heart of our faith. Without Easter, there is no Christianity. St Paul put it this way: "If Christ is not risen from the dead, our faith is in vain." Why is this the case? Because if Jesus is not risen, then neither are we. It is Jesus' resurrection that has defeated death not only for him, but also for us, the members of His body. When Jesus rises, so do we. When Jesus lives forever, so do we as His members. Life forever. It's our wildest dream. In fact, it's even wilder than our wildest dream!

What is needed for all this to happen to us? Simply our agreement for it to happen. I must be willing to accept this gift that God would give to me. As Mother Teresa has famously put it, I must "give God permission" to enter my life. Sounds easy, right? Yes, but God will come only on God's conditions, not mine. In other words, I must give myself to the redeeming process, and that means giving myself to and making my own the dying and rising of Christ. Easter calls for repentance, reform and recommitment. That's why we renew our baptismal vows today, Easter Sunday. As we do, we reaffirm our link with Jesus who rises from the dead this day, and rolls away the stones and obstacles in our lives and remains forever with us. Alleluia! A most blessed Easter to you

## Words of Pope Francis

### NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

"Christ has fully triumphed over evil once and for all, but we must welcome this victory into our life and into the situations of history and society. The grace contained in the sacraments of Easter is an enormous potential for the renewal of our personal existence, of family life, of social relations. However everything passes through the human heart: if I let myself be touched by the grace of the risen Christ, if I let him change me in all that is not good and can hurt me and others, I allow Christ's victory to be affirmed in my life and to broaden its beneficial action. This is the power of grace! Without grace we can do nothing. And with grace I can become an instrument of God's mercy."

*Alleluia*  
*Alleluia*

## COMMUNITY CENTER

Each month on the first Sunday of the month, we collect food for the Community Center of Northern Westchester's food pantry. Last month the Center tells us that we donated 152.6 pounds of food. They are grateful for that, indeed. Just a reminder, we collect food next weekend. Just bring your non-perishable items to the vestibule of Church. Many thanks!



## Coffee Sunday

Next Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the Church Meeting Room for refreshments after the morning masses.

## MARTHA MINISTRY

We are looking for additional volunteers for the Martha Ministry. These volunteers are responsible for washing and ironing the altar linens (purifications, etc.) for one month at a time in your home. Instructions will be provided. Please contact Addie Perez at 914-234-7025.

## FAMILY RETREATS

July 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> & July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 5<sup>th</sup>

Family Retreats for parents and their children are being offered at a retreat center near an ocean beach in Duxbury, MA. Contact Deacon John & Peggy Scarfi at 845-621-7000. [www.starofthesearetreats.com](http://www.starofthesearetreats.com)



The following weekends are available for flower donations in loving memory of someone or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements (234-3344).

April 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>

April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1<sup>st</sup>

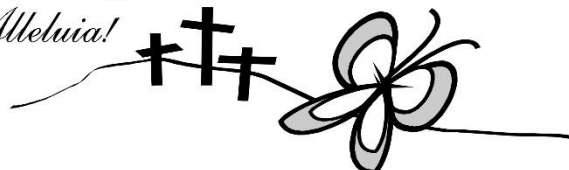
May 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>

April 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>

May 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>

May 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>

*Jesus is Risen!*  
*Alleluia!*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 school year were e-mailed on March 7th to all currently registered families. Forms received after March 29th will require a late fee of \$50 in addition to the registration fee. Forms are also available for download off of the parish web site [www.stpatricksbedford.org](http://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](mailto:goodnews2@verizon.net).

### 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.

### 55+ Club

Please join us for coffee, cake and friendship on Friday, April 1st at 1PM in the Church Meeting Room. New members are always welcome.

### **Pilgrimage of NY 2016-Year of Mercy:**

The top of Manhattan to the bottom of Manhattan!

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

**(Rain date: Saturday, September 17, 2016)**

**9:00 A.M.**-Opening Prayers at The Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 701 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10040.

**6:15 P.M.**-Pilgrims' Mass at The Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7 State Street, New York, N.Y. 10004

We will be walking the length of Manhattan, visiting churches in honor of the Year of Mercy! We will visit two churches named after two saints who are examples of God's Mercy: Saints Peter and Paul. Plus we will visit two churches that have designated Holy Doors for this jubilee year: St Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine and St Patrick's Cathedral. This walk is a total of 13.5 total miles!

**You must register in advance at [www.pofnyc.org](http://www.pofnyc.org) in order to participate in this event.**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary any time during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25<sup>TH</sup> at 1:30pm OR Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 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 24, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.



### Upcoming Weddings

04/24/16 *Joanna Delaney*

*John Ruvo*

05/01/16 *Ann Haney*

*Vincent Lane*

05/28/16 *Mia Yabut*

*Edward Wiese*

06/17/16 *Jayne Sullivan*

*Matthew Coleman*

06/25/16 *Kaylin Tavolacci*

*Peter Aarts*



**Widows, Widowers & Singles**

**Spring Luncheon**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH**

**12:30 PM - \$35 cash**

**Mardino's Restaurant**

**473 Lexington Avenue**

**Mt. Kisco, NY 10549**

For information and reservations

Call Sue Coan – 914-234-3093

or e-mail [suecoan@aol.com](mailto:suecoan@aol.com)

Please let me know by Monday April 11th if you will or will not be joining us.