



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2016

Saturday December 17th

- 9:00 Terry Stevenson req. by The Stevenson Family
- 5:30 Anne Longobardi req. by The Scuderi Family

Sunday, December 18th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Georgette Oestreicher req. by The Cox Family
- 10:30 Alison N. Whatt (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- Noon Laura & Joseph DelRicco req. by Rosa Cannistraci
- 5:30 Scott Tinter by The Tinter Family

Monday, December 19th

- 7:00 Frank D'Allesandro (I) req. by Audrey Harrington
- 9:00 Carmine LoBosco req. by The Jacobsen Family

Tuesday, December 20th

- 7:00 Joseph Communale req. by Mrs. O'Leary, Faculty, Staff & Children of St. Patrick's School
- 9:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

Wednesday, December 21st

- 7:00 Ellen Doucey req. by Sr. Kathleen
- 9:00 Mary Beth & William Harrington req. by Family

Thursday, December 22nd

- 7:00 Nancy & Lou Dubuque req. by The Cox Family
- 9:00 Victoria Kosakowski req. by The Kosakowski Family

Friday, December 23rd

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

Saturday December 24th

- 9:00 William Alling req. by The Corgan Family
- 4:00 Teresa & Joseph Vitelli req. by Marianne Vitelli
- 6:00 Susan Thompson req. by Family
- 8:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family
- 10:00 Deceased Members of Spadacci, Cutri & Estling Families req. by Family

Sunday, December 25th

- 8:30 John Engargiola req. by Jeanette Galvin
- 10:30 Con, Ellen & John Mahoney req. by Kathleen & Richard Hughes
- Noon Raymond Hickey, Sr. req. by Family
- 1:30 John Citro, Sr. & Jr. req. by Dot Citro

Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Conner Curran, Betty D'Alton, Rose DeCicco, Gail Desio, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Kathleen Ducksworth, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Mirella Kahriman, John Li Conti, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Marlene Linz, Kevin Mahoney, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, Chris Schate, Robert Schimpf, Matthew Scherer, Jeanette Shaheen, Kirk Siegwarth, Tony Sturniolo, Christine Young, Eileen Riley Zawada, 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.

RECENT COLLECTIONS

Week of December 11: \$8,104
Religious Retirement: \$2,075

*Call Him
Emmanuel-
God
with
us!*



From the Pastor's Desk

Year-End Report

Please find below a summary of the Year End Report for the fiscal year 9/1/15 to 8/31/16. For purposes of context, the previous year's numbers are also listed.

Because my tenure began only on July 1, 2016, I am not going to go into great detail but just provide two broad strokes that might be of some concern. Although we ended the year in the black we were \$25,000 lower than our Budget. For the current quarter (Sept., Oct., & Nov.) we are down another \$25,000. I am told that we did not bounce back financially with the beginning of the fall season. In fact, the only weekend we deposited over \$10,000 (by only \$13) was the weekend that I was installed when we had some visitors from other parishes.

This year, Christmas falls on a Sunday – a Pastor's nightmare. Automatically we lose at least one weekend's collection. Please keep this in mind when you are thinking about your donation. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity and may the Lord Jesus bless you for all you do for the parish.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Year Ended August 31</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Receipts:		
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$485,446	\$509,956
Christmas & Easter Collections	137,723	146,887
Fundraising Events ^(Note 1)	99,950	104,080
UPK Contribution ^(Note 2)	20,000	15,400
Votive Shrines	9,343	12,476
Investment Income (loss)	20,875	(6,797)
Donations, Bequests and Other	61,732	21,340
Cardinal's Appeal	<u>35,043</u>	<u>27,180</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$870,112	\$830,522

Disbursements:

Lay Salaries and Benefits	\$50,843	\$45,471
Clergy Salaries and Benefits	79,691	79,178
Chapel and Music Expenses	88,681	83,817
Utilities	37,587	71,150
Office Expense	59,155	36,723
Payroll Taxes	4,411	4,467
Repairs, Maint. & Improvements	107,813	123,565
Health and Property Insurance	61,752	57,002
Priests Retirement Plan	8,000	8,000
Archdiocesan Tax	55,253	57,450
School Tax	46,997	46,997
Support to Religious Education	91,552	50,722
Other Disbursements	<u>34,719</u>	<u>27,494</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$726,454	\$692,036

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements: \$143,658 \$138,486

Notes

1. The amounts indicated above do not reflect additional fundraising efforts for St. Patrick's School relating to the Carnival.
2. The 2015 UPK Contribution was received in 2016 and retroactively recorded in 2015.

Words of Pope Francis

GOD IS NOT FAR AWAY

"God is always listening and knows everything about us lovingly. On our daily journey, especially in times of difficulty, in the battle against the evil that is outside and within us, the Lord is not far away, but by our side. We battle with God beside us, and our weapon is prayer which makes us feel God's presence beside us, his mercy and also his help. But the battle against evil is a long and hard one. It requires patience and endurance, like Moses who had to keep his arms outstretched for the people to prevail (Exodus 17:8-13). This is how it is: there is a battle to be waged each day, but God is our ally. Faith in God is our strength and prayer is the expression of this faith."

COFFEE SUNDAY HELPERS NEEDED

Be a Rewarding Part of a Parish Ministry!

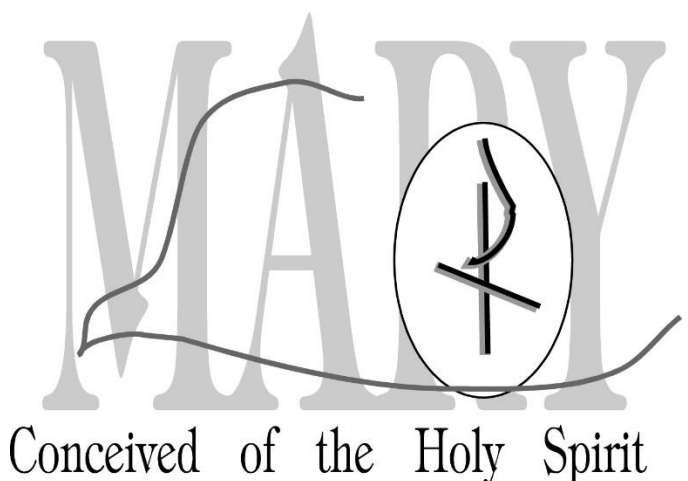
Shop Friday/Saturday, setup to serve coffee and snacks on Sunday once a month after 9, 10:30am and 12pm Masses. Greet new and old parishioners. Role could be shared by a group of families. If interested, call Parish Office.

****The parish pays for all supplies.****

PLEASE NOTE:

We may have a volunteer for set-up and the 9am Mass. We need volunteers for the 10:30am and 12pm Masses and clean-up.

If multiple families pitch in on rotating months, we can get Coffee Sundays going again! Please consider volunteering after one mass or for one month! Call Ann at the Parish Office if interested – 234-3344.





Service Personnel Prayer List

The names listed below are service personnel serving in our nation's armed forces who are relatives of our parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Darren Adler/Marines
- Robert F. Benedettini/Army
- Ryan Bludau/Air Force
- Kristin Chapman/Army
- Casey Dale Climis/Air Force
- Christopher Cruz/Army
- Daniel Cruz/Army
- Thomas Dever/Marines
- Matthew Diterichs/Army
- Terrence Higgins/Navy
- Christopher Homon/Marines
- Richie Hughes/Marines
- Christopher G. Johnson/Coast Guard
- Abram Lee/Army
- Paddy McManus/Army
- Stephen Musick/Marines
- Matthew Nevious/Air Force
- Cristin Pulise/Marines
- Charles Retter/Marines
- Peter Riley/Army
- Kate Rosenschein/Navy
- Christian Roth/Coast Guard
- Craig Scott/Army
- Andrew Solt/Marines
- Thomas McAllister Stevenson/Army
- Michael Tynan/Marines
- Howard Wulforst/Army



We welcome the following children who were baptized in 2016 into God's family and into our own St. Patrick's community:

- Ryan Ross Arnold**
- Greer LeBrecht Bromley**
- Henry Joseph Buschman**
- James Hudson Cafagno**
- Grace Colby Cleveland**
- Rosemary Adams Criss**
- Lainey Grace Dowling**
- Eva Juliet Falino**
- Jocelyn Dayle Falino**
- Ava Marie Falzon**
- Makenna Rose Foley**
- Leonardo Joseph Fusco**
- Mary Elizabeth Hyland**
- Maddalena Anna Giandalone**
- Jesse Josephine James**
- Charlotte Frances Keating**
- Emmett Thomas Kennedy**
- Greyson Joseph Wolf Londrigan**
- Vivienne Grace Lulgjuraj**
- Lydia Ruby McCabe**
- Martin Daniel McCormack**
- Oscar David Mendez**
- Sloane Concettina Mojica**
- Walter James Murray**
- Alden James O'Dowd**
- Cassidy Elizabeth Oveson**
- Katherine Helen Porcelli**
- Michael Thomas Rainaldi**
- Peyton Catharina Connelly Rohan**
- Juliette Rose Ritter**
- Madelyn Riley Schassler**
- Ford Lawrence Sheehan**
- Katherine Lily Stanley**
- Andrew Christopher Stigell**
- Riley Walsh Szluka**
- Marina Whelan Talamo**
- Emma Annamarie Valenti**
- Cole Breikopf Webb**
- Lilliana Grace Welch**
- Teagan Rose Worell**
- Sean Williams Zettl**
- Ethan Joseph Zublin**

Pathway to a Blessed Marriage

A weekend Retreat for Married Couples based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius

Come and take the next step, a rare opportunity to reflect together on God's plan for your lives, to renew your marital love and to deepen your spiritual intimacy. God has you on a path to holiness.

Fr Jason Smith, LC a priest of the Legionaries of Christ, will preach and be available along with Fr Edward Hopkins, LC and Fr Donal O'Keefe, LC For the Sacraments and Spiritual guidance.

**The Copper Beach Inn, Ivorytown, CT 06442
Jan 27th – Jan 29th**

Private room with private bath for each couple; each room uniquely decorated. Only 4 rooms avail.
\$895.00 per couple includes meals and materials.

For more details and to register online visit:
www.regnumchristinyctnj.org questions: email mwohlfert@arcol.org or call 914 244 3685



She will have a son
and name him
Emmanuel

Jesus

