



**Mary, Mother of God  
January 1, 2017**

**Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 9:00 The Neto Family req. by Anne Neto
- 5:30 Fred Miranda req. by Family

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Kuruvilla & Mary Charalel req. by The Charalel Family
- 10:30 Con, Ellen & John Mahoney req. by Family
- Noon Laura & Joseph DelRicchio req. by Rosa Cannistraci

**Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 7:00 Betty D'Alton req. by St. Patrick's Religious Education Program
- 9:00 Richard Mignone req. by The Mignone Family

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 7:00 Betty D'Alton req. by Family
- 9:00 Douglas Nicholas req. by Chris Irwin

**Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Pat Sullo req. by The Crummy Family
- 9:00 Charlotte Bacon (Newtown) req. by Smith Family

**Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Catherine DiGiacomo req. by Anita DiGiacomo
- 9:00 Gene Ellis req. by Pat & Tony Suppa

**Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Deacon Robert Schimpf req. by Deacon Lou & Mary Santore
- 9:00 Patricia Cloonan req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

**Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Mary Finnegan req. by The Ziminsky Family
- 5:30 Jose Fantauzzi req. by The Alvarez & Fantauzzi Families

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Kmruvilla Charalel req. by The Charalel Family
- 10:30 Steve Sapione req. by The Tarateta Family
- Noon Anna Zaccardo req. by Katherine Trongone & Family
- 5:30 Martha Dursi req. by Lyn & Frank Tivolacci



*Pray for the Sick*

Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Conner Curran, 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, Matthew Scherer, Jeanette Shaheen, Kirk Siegwarth, 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<sup>th</sup>: \$8,104***  
***Religious Retirement: \$2,075***  
***Week of December 18<sup>th</sup>: \$10,225.50***  
***ParishPay December 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: \$3,775***  
***Week of December 25<sup>th</sup>: \$6,935***  
***Christmas to Date: \$37,969***  
***(Christmas Collection accounting closes at the end of January. Final total will be reported then.)***



**May God bless you and keep you**

# From the Pastor's Desk

## Christmas and New Year's

Blessed Christmas! The "Octave of Christmas" means that for 8 days we celebrate Christmas. Unlike our society where everything has to be on or before December 25th, the Church continues its celebration of the Nativity of the Savior. Christmas Eve with the Vigil readings still looking forward to the actual birth. Midnight's readings bringing us the Bethlehem story with the Angelic Hosts telling the shepherds what has happened. The Mass at Dawn where the readings tell us what the shepherds saw; and then the Mass during the Day gave us the religious meaning of the Incarnation with the reading of the Prologue of Saint John's Gospel.

The octave is filled with special Feasts such as 12/26, the Feast of Saint Stephen the Martyr; 12/27, the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist; 12/28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents; 12/29, Saint Thomas Becket; 12/30, the Feast of the Holy Family when there is no Sunday within the Octave (like this Year); 12/31, the Feast of Saint Sylvester 1; and of course, 1/1 the Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God. Each day is Christmas.

That January 1<sup>st</sup> is the first day of a New Year it is also a time when we ask God for health and happiness. It is a time to thank Him for the year that has been and to ask Him to the coming year. In previous parishes that I have served in some people had asked for a Holy Hour from 11:30pm until 12:30am which allows 30 minutes in thanksgiving and 30 minutes in prayer for the New Year. If some people come forward indicating that they would like to take part in such a Holy Hour we could arrange one for next year.

Therefore, I am praying that the celebration of The Nativity of the Lord has filled you with peace, joy, and good will towards others. I am also praying that during this coming year you will have health and true happiness so that you may share with others the source of all these blessings, Jesus Christ the Lord.

### **ST. PATRICK'S PARISH**

***Would like to thank Greg Gutter and the crew of The Care of Trees for assisting Charlie George with a bucket truck to install the new light shining on the stained glass window above the altar just in time for the Christmas holiday.***



# Words of Pope Francis

## MARY OUR MODEL

"Mary, Mother of God, has always been present in the hearts, the piety and above all the pilgrimage of faith of Christians. Our faith journey is the same as hers, and so we feel that she is particularly close to us. As far as faith is concerned, the Mother of God shared our condition. She had to take the same path as ourselves—a path which is sometimes difficult and obscure. In this way Mary becomes a source of hope and true joy! She goes before us and continually strengthens us in faith, in our vocation and in our mission. By her example of humility and openness to God's will she helps us to transmit our faith in a joyful proclamation of the Gospel to all, without reservation."



The Home Healthcare Service of the Archdiocese of New York

December 19, 2016


Dear Reverend Bisignano,

Please accept our deepest gratitude for your parishioners' participation in this year's "Santa Project" which benefited many of the Bronx families served by ArchCare at Home, formerly Dominican Sisters Family Health Service (DSFHS). The thoughtfulness and kindness of the St Patrick's Church community ensured that this annual effort reach the homes and hearts of these families.

The generosity of your parishioners will fulfill Christmas wishes for many less fortunate Bronx 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 parents have expressed gratitude to us, which we pass on to you.

On behalf of ArchCare at Home and the Bronx families, thank you again. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we wish you and the St Patrick's Church community a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

  
Mary J. Zagajewski  
President/CEO

  
Marianne Bogannam  
VP Development



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### **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 Nevios/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



### **COFFEE SUNDAY** **January 8<sup>th</sup> 9am ONLY**

After much urging by her children, Colleen Gelfand has agreed to take on the preparation for Coffee Sunday and manning the 9am Mass on January 8th.

### **COFFEE SUNDAY HELPERS** **STILL 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, you just pitch in the labor and personality.\*\***

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**We still 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! Won't you please stand up and help to share this rewarding ministry? Please consider volunteering after one mass or for just one month at a time! Call Ann at the Parish Office if interested – 234-3344.**

