



**First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017**

Saturday, March 4th

- 9:00 Rose Bisignano req. by Fr. Joe Bisignano
- 5:30 Sr. Barbara Heil req. by Christina Fuhrman

Sunday, March 5th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Joan Scribner req. by The Voltaggio Family
- 10:30 Mary Woods. req. by Marsha & Keith Borelli
- Noon Nick Modico req. by Christina Fuhrman
- 5:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family

Monday, March 6th

- 7:00 Eileen Buzzanco req. by Family
- 9:00 Philip Hanley Shanley req. by DeDe & Jack Burke

Tuesday, March 7th

- 7:00 Daniel Mulvey (I) req. by The Kearns Family
- 9:00 Ana M. Marquez-Green (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family

Wednesday, March 8th

- 7:00 Elena & Philip Pirone req. by The Monteleone Family
- 9:00 Nancy & John Kearns req. by The Kearns Family

Thursday, March 9th

- 7:00 Harry Whitman req. by Mary & Charlie George
- 9:00 Ellen & Timothy Donovan req. by The Kearns Family

Friday, March 10th

- 7:00 Marianna Saccoccio req. by The Xenos Family
- 9:00 Louise & Joseph Garibaldi req. by The Garibaldi & Decina Families

Saturday, March 11th

- 9:00 Joseph Vitelli req. by Marianne Vitelli
- 5:30 Maria Scuderi req. by The Scuderi Family

Sunday, March 12th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Salvatore Larizza req. by Anne Neto
- 10:30 Martha Dursi req. by The Cinali Family
- Noon Laura & Joseph Del Riccio req. by Rosa Cannistraci
- 5:30 Loretta & James O'Connor req. by Family

RECENT COLLECTIONS

Week of February 26th: \$8,507

ParishPay

Weeks of February 1st – 15th: \$2,060

Weeks of February 16th – 28th: \$905



Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Peter Bovat, Rudi Bovat, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Dominick Cannavo, Conner Curran, Rose DeCicco, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Kathleen Ducksworth, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Mirella Kahrman, Maureen Laning, John Li Conti, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Kevin Mahoney, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, Maureen Reardon, Chris Schate, Matthew Scherer, Kirk Siegwarth, Otto 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.

Cardinal's Appeal 2017

The Annual Cardinal's Appeal is underway. Please be as generous as you can to this most important Archdiocesan charity.

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
BENEDICTION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Takes place on Friday, March 3rd at 7:30pm
And every Friday during Lent**

**We do not live
on bread
alone**



From the Pastor's Desk

LENT – Part II

The Sunday Readings during Lent are specially chosen to convey what the Liturgical Season is all about. The First Sunday of Lent, in all three cycles, has the Synoptic Gospel's (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) account of Jesus' Forty Days in the Desert and how he was Tempted. Similarly, the Second Sunday of Lent, in all three cycles, gives us the three Evangelist's account of the Transfiguration.

The Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays in Lent have different emphases in each cycle. In Cycle A (this year) the readings are taken from the Gospel of Saint John with the emphasis being preparation for Baptism. This year we have no adults at our church seeking Baptism or those already Baptized seeking Admittance to the Catholic Church. Therefore, our focus could be about all of us who are already Baptized Catholics using Lent as a time for us to "Renew Our Baptismal Promises."

It is customary in the United States of America for all Catholics to renew their commitment to the Lord Jesus by their responding positively to the six questions that are fundamental to the Rite of Baptism. They are:

Do you renounce Satan?
And all his works?
And all his empty show?

OR

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?
Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?
Do you renounce Satan, the author and price of sin?

And then the more positive statement of our Faith:

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Now I am quite sure that if I were to ask you these questions now, most, if not all, would respond correctly: "I do." Then we could do away with Lent and go directly to the Sacred Triduum. Except that the Church is not seeking just a movement of our vocal chords. It is seeking an "I do" that burst forth from our minds, hearts, and souls. One of the

purposes of Lent is to facilitate this recommitment to God that has the power to change our very lives and to prepare us for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday.

Words of Pope Francis

THE WAY OUT OF SIN

"Jesus asks us to love those who do not deserve it, without expecting any return, and so fill the emptiness present in human hearts, relationships, families, communities and in the entire world. Jesus did not come to teach us good manners, how to behave well at table! To do that, he would not have had to come down from heaven and die on the cross. Christ came to save us, to show us the way, the only way out of the quicksand of sin, and this way of holiness is mercy, which he has shown, and daily continues to show us. To be a saint is not a luxury. It is necessary for the salvation of the world. This is what the Lord is asking of us."



**Come Celebrate with
St. Patrick's Parish**

**St. Patrick's Day Cocktail Party
and Silent Auction
Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 6:30pm**

**Proceeds to go Toward a New
Sound System for the Church**

**Open Bar and Hors D'oeuvres
\$100 per person**

**The Stanwich Golf Club
888 North Street Greenwich CT 06831
(Just through Banksville, less than
15 minutes from here)**

**Please respond ASAP to Ann at
234-3344 or patrick485@optonline.net**



A Note from Deacon Lou

My employer has asked me to work in the company's Singapore and Shanghai offices during the month of March and early April. I will be leaving New York on Friday, March 3rd for Singapore and will not be back until Thursday, April 6th.

During this time I can be contacted on my mobile phone (914 393 1900) by either text or voice or you can email me at lsantore@yahoo.com. I would be happy to hear from you and will respond to your messages as quickly as possible but please remember Singapore is **13 hours ahead** of New York time.

May God bless you all,
Deacon Lou



Confirmation for Youth with Disabilities

On Sunday, May 14, 2017, Cardinal Timothy Michael Dolan will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to young persons with disabilities at the 10:15am Liturgy at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

If you are interested in participating in this special event please contact Stephanie Gonzalez at 646-794-2822 for an application and further information.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2017-2018 school year will be e-mailed in early March. Registration forms will automatically be e-mailed to all families who are currently registered in the program and to new families who have requested a form. 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.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **LENTEN SERIES**

Christian Spirituality: Historical Development

(Fr. Anthony Cirorra, S.J, PhD)

Facilitator: Fr. Joseph Domfeh

Monday, February 20th – Monday, April 3rd

Morning Session: 9:30/After Mass-10:30am

Evening Session: 7:30-8:30pm

Church Meeting Room

Monday, March 6th - The Spirituality of the First Christian Generation (Martyrdom).

Monday, March 13th - The Giants of the Second and Third Centuries (Irenaeus, Clement, and Origen).

Monday, March 20th - The Writings of Clement of Alexandria and Origen (The Monastic Movement and the Desert Fathers).

Monday, March 27th - The 4th Century Spirituality and the Golden Age (St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, and St. Augustine).

Monday, April 3rd - Modern Spirituality as a Gateway into the 21st Century Spirituality. Where Do We Go From Here?



On Sunday, March 19th, St. Patrick's Spring Blood Drive will be held at St. Patrick's School from 8am to 2pm. If you are able, please consider donating. Blood is always vitally needed. A sign-up schedule will be available at the Church entrance on March 5th.