

Mass Schedule
Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015



Pray for the Sick

Saturday, April 4th (Holy Saturday)

9:00am Tenebrae
 7:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5th (Easter Sunday)

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
 9:00 Umberto & Constanza Stangarone req. by The Desimini Family
 10:30 George Wilson req. by Family
 Noon Cardinal Dolan (I) req. by the Harrington Family
 1:30 John Citro Sr. & John Citro Jr. req. by Family (There is no 5:30pm Mass)

Monday, April 6th

7:00 For a growing respect for the self-evident right to life req. by Respect Life
 9:00 Thomas Lenzi req. by La Motta Family

Tuesday, April 7th

7:00 Teresa & Joseph Vitelli req. by Mary Ann Vitelli
 9:00 John Flynn req. by Family

Wednesday, April 8th

7:00 Joseph Wyman req. by Victory Ziminsky
 9:00 Laura Calarco req. by Grace Longo

Thursday, April 9th

7:00 William & Mary Scully Riley req. by Riley & Goff Families
 9:00 Peggy Groos req. by Family

Friday, April 10th

7:00 John DeRuzza req. by John DeRuzza, Jr.
 9:00 Mary Chiarazz req. by The Santore Family

Saturday, April 11th

9:00 Paul Ziminsky (I) req. by Sheila Mannix & DeDe Burke
 5:30 Manuel & Sophia Osorio req. by Friends

Sunday, April 12^h

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
 9:00 Assunta Marrella req. by Fran & Jim Dowling
 10:30 Grace Hicks req. by Family
 Noon Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family
 5:30 Albert Popot (I) req. by Gloria Powell

3/29/15 Parish Income
Regular Collection: \$17,177.00

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend is for our Partner-in-Faith parish, Sacred Heart in the Bronx. Thank you for your generosity.

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Fr. Steve Clark, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Kate Fletcher (rehabbing leg injury), Margaret Harrington, Alex Hood, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Rosalie Marsico, Stephen Michael Mack, Betty Martineau, Kate Martinez, Kevin Meher, Danny Mulholland, John O'Shea, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Thomas N. Ryan, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith and William Vitro and all who request our prayers. Recently deceased: Maryann DiBarri

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.

Partnership – 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 Sacred Heart, Bronx

"Author Debra Riensta says: May the ashes of Lent mix with the waters of our baptism and draw us into the abundance of God's own presence. May the bread of affliction become for all of us the bread of communion with our Lord."

It is with great gratitude that we here at Sacred Heart Church express our steadfast commitment in prayer for the needs and in thanksgiving to all the Parishioners of St. Patrick's.

Gratefully, Sister Lauria Fitzgerald, Sacred Heart

Cardinal's Appeal - 2015
The Annual Appeal is ongoing.

The appeal is now in its final stages. If you have not yet made your donation, please do so. Envelopes for the Appeal are available in the back of the church. **Thank you for your generosity to the Appeal.**



From the Pastor's Desk

Easter 2015

On behalf of Fr. Joseph, Deacon Lou, Fr. Lowery and all of us at St. Patrick's parish, I wish each of you and all the members of your family a most blessed and happy Easter. Having just celebrated this mystery of Christ's death we now celebrate His rising to new life, a life He wishes to give to each of us.

It was St. Paul who was the first to identify the Easter event as the very heart of the Christian faith. Without it, "our faith is in vain." Why so? Because without Easter, there is no life after death. Easter represents the triumph of our wildest dream: victory over death, and, happiness that is complete and knows no limit. It's what our striving is all about. All our yearning. All our searching. Life forever with God. This is what the triumph of Christ means to us, what His Resurrections means to us, as long as we choose to be part of it.

So, how do we become part of it? By becoming part of Christ. By accepting His new life that He wants to give to us. He starts to do this at Baptism. We are freed from the basic inability to love God above all things. This inability is called original sin by the theologians. After being washed in the baptismal waters of new life, we are anointed with the chrism oil and given the three-fold mission of Christ: to be priest, prophet and king. Just as Christ summarized these three roles in Himself, so does each baptized Christian. All of this comes to us as a result of our connection to Christ. St. Paul says we are grafted onto the Body of Christ.

For the next three Sundays, I would like to comment in this space about these three baptismal roles we are called to play, that of priest, prophet and king. But for now, one final thought. The vast majority of us were baptized as infants. We had no choice in the matter. All of this grace and all of this responsibility with no doing on our part! For this reason we are often called upon to "renew" our baptismal promises. In the beginning, others (our parents and godparents) made these promises for us. Now we make and remake them for ourselves. We do so each year on Easter Sunday because it is Christ's resurrection which validates and empowers our baptism. Baptism is the great Easter sacrament.

As we renew our baptismal promises today, perhaps we could reflect on what we celebrate: not only a triumph and a great day for Jesus, a day on which He personally conquers death, but also a great day for us who wish to be part of His victory, for He wants to share it with each of us. We are the reason for His triumph. We, too, get to enjoy life forever, His gift to us. Happy Easter to all. Alleluia.

Words of Pope Francis

"We are living in an age in which people are rather skeptical of truth. Benedict XVI has frequently spoke of relativism, that is, of the tendency to consider nothing definitive and to think that truth comes from consensus or from something we like. The question arises: Does *the* truth really exist? What is *the* truth? Can we know it? Can we find it? Here springs to my mind the question of

Pontius Pilate, the Roman procurator, when Jesus reveals to him the deep meaning of his mission: "What is truth?" (John 18:37, 38). Pilate cannot understand that the truth is standing in front of him; he cannot see in Jesus the face of the truth that is the face of God. And yet Jesus is exactly this: the Truth that, in the fullness of time, 'became flesh' (see John 1:1,14) and came to dwell among us so that we might know it. The truth is not grasped as a thing; the truth is encountered. It is not a possession; it is an encounter with a Person.

But who can enable us to recognize that Jesus is the Word of Truth, the only begotten Son of God the Father? St. Paul teaches that 'no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit' (1 cor. 12:3). It is the Holy Spirit himself, the gift of the risen Christ, who makes us recognize the Truth. Jesus describes him as the 'Paraclete,' namely, 'the one who comes to our aid.' who is beside us to sustain us on this journey of knowledge. And at the Last Supper, Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit will teach them all things and remind them of all he has said to them (see John 14:26).."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2015-2016

The first phase of registration for classes for the 2015-2016 program has ended. **All registrations received from this point forward will require a late fee of \$50 in addition to the registration fee.** Forms are also available for download from 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.

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring The 9th Annual Liturgy & Brunch for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools

The ***Ninth Annual Retreat Day for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools*** will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015 9am to 1pm at the RiverView. Please join our Catholic Teachers in Public Schools both active and now retired from across the Archdiocese of New York. Deepen your appreciation of your ministry as a teacher, share with colleagues and pray and reflect upon Jesus' connection with each of us.

Where: The RiverView
One Warburton Ave
Hastings-on-Hudson NY 10706

When: Saturday, April 11th from 9am to 1pm

How Much: Suggested donation of \$30 is requested to help defray the cost.

**For more information contact Ms. Jasmine Gomez
@ 212-371-1011 x2692.**

Widows, Widowers and Singles Spring Lunch

Mardino's Restaurant Mt. Kisco, NY

Sunday, April 19th 1:00 pm \$33 Cash

For Information and Reservations

Call Sue Coan 914-234-3093 or

E-mail – suecoan@aol.com

Come join us and bring a friend!



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary any time during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 20th OR Sunday, June 21st 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 19, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

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 234-3344.

Recent Thanks to St. Patrick's From The Community Center of Northern Westchester

"On behalf of the clients, volunteers and Board of Directors of the Community Center of Northern Westchester, thank you for your annual contribution of \$2,000. Your continued leadership as a Community Partner is vital to furthering the Center's mission. Your donation helps us provide the essentials of living to over 2,000 households in need in 38 communities across Northern Westchester – food and clothing as well as skills classes, job counseling and practical guidance.

Your generous gift to the Community Center of Northern Westchester helps make our community a better place."

Wish gratitude,

Sherry Wolf, Executive Director



HAIL TO THE CHAMPS!

CONGRATULATIONS to our 5th Grade Boy's CYO Basketball Team who won the New York State Championship game on March 28th! They defeated St. Augustine of New City 46 to 29.

Hats off to Coaches John New and Kevin Matson and all the boys, as well as to our CYO Board headed by Van Muller. This is the first State Championship for St. Patrick's.

Pro-Life Breakfast

The Center for Life will hold its 15th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast on **Saturday morning, April 18th, 2015** at the **Holiday Inn in Mt. Kisco**. The guest speaker will be **Sr. M. Peter Lillian Di Maria, O. Carm.**, Director of Avila Institute of Gerontology, Inc., who will speak on the topic of **"Being Aware of God's Presence in Serious Illness and End of Life Care."**

The Center for Life will also honor two special people at the breakfast in appreciation for their exceptional efforts in defense of the sacredness of all human life. Honored will be Tina McDermott, Executive Director of Birthright of Peekskill and Rita O'Brien, Executive Director of Emmanuel House International. Call 914-232-1168 for information and directions.



Carnival Information

We now have two pages on the St. Patrick's Parish Web Site for Carnival information:

www.stpatricksbedford.com/carnival and
www.stpatricksbedford.com/raffle.

News and updates about both will be posted regularly, and **Raffle tickets can be purchased online directly from the web page.**

In addition, we have started Facebook pages for the parish and for the Carnival:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksparishbedford>
<https://www.facebook.com/stpatscarnival>.

Please "like" and follow these pages, and share news with your friends!

For those on Twitter, the Carnival is also Tweeting: @stpats_carnival. Please follow!