

**Mass Schedule**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17, 2015**



**Pray for the Sick**

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Betty D'Alton, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Kate Fletcher (rehabbing leg injury), Jennifer Gardner, Margaret Harrington, Margaret Harsacky, Alex Hood, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Patricia Levine, Stephen Michael Mack, Betty Martineau, Kate Martinez, Kevin Meher, Danny Mulholland, John O'Shea, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Thomas N. Ryan, John Sagan, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith, William Vitro, Raymond Webster, Sylvia Webster, Betsy Weiner 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.*

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Andrew McAleer (I) req. by DeDe & Jack Burke
- 5:30 Maria Timpone Scuderi req. by The Scuderi Family

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Adam Cairo req. by The Scuderi Family
- 10:30 Raymond F. Hickey Sr. req. by Family
- Noon Madeline Hsu (Newtown) by The Smith Family
- 5:30 Vincent J. and Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Paul Manna req. by Mary Ann & Frank Manna
- 9:00 Anne Herman & John Coutermash req. by Family

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Elivira Ann Giglio req. by John J. Giglio, DDS & Family
- 9:00 John & Mary Flynn req. by Flynn Family

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Bill Banks req. by Felix Cacciato & Family
- 9:00 Frances Giesen req. by The Santore Family

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:00 Bill Banks req. by Angelina Kirkman
- 9:00 Robert Eidam req. by Family

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 7:00 Della & James Farrell req. by Family
- 9:00 Victoria Kosakowski req. by Mary Ann & Bill Riley

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 9:00 Frances Mannix Ziminsky req. by Ziminsky Family
- 5:30 Michael Abernethy req. by Marilyn Rienecker

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Philip Egan req. by The Zaino Family
- 10:30 John O'Hanlon req. by George Family
- Noon DeRose & Gondiosa Families by Barbara Minton
- 5:30 Antonia & Vitorocco Families req. by Desimini Family

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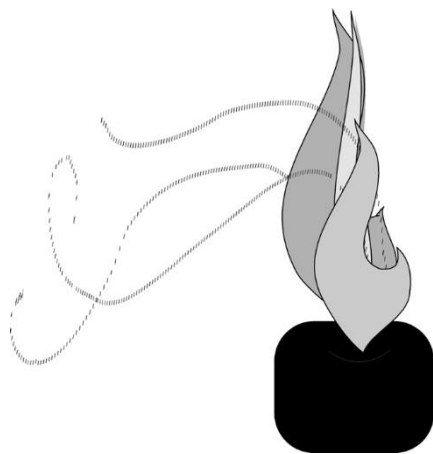
**Recent Collection**

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - \$8,895\*

**\*Parish Weekly Collection Goal - \$10,000**  
**Have you considered yet an increase in your contribution?**

**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 the Pastor's Desk

## Our "Sacramental Season"

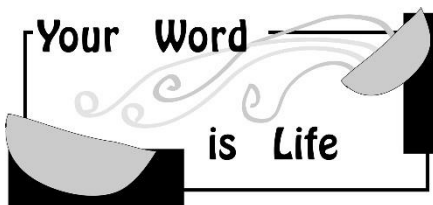
We Catholics celebrate our special encounters with Jesus, the Great Sacrament of God, throughout the year. But the Easter season is especially set aside for the Sacraments of Initiation, as we call them. Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist are especially connected to the Risen Christ and His on-going presence in our midst through the Holy Spirit.

Here in St. Patrick's, due to the limited seating capacity in the church and the large number of people in our programs, there is need to have multiple celebrations of these Sacraments of Initiation. It always begins with the Easter Vigil. This year we welcomed Chen Chen Cui into the Faith with all three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. In addition, Elena Mixon and Branden Hvisch received Confirmation as adults.

First Communion Masses took place on three Saturdays: April 18, May 2 and May 9. On Monday, May 4, Bishop Gerald Walsh came to St. Patrick's and administered Confirmation at two Masses, 2 pm and 5pm. The names of all the children who received Confirmation and First Communion are printed in an insert in this week's bulletin.

On behalf of our entire faith community here at St. Patrick's, I wish to thank all of our administrators, teachers, catechists and aides who helped to prepare our children and adults to receive their Sacraments. First, thanks to Deacon Lou Santore who does such a fine job with the RCIA program. Thanks also to all in our School and CCD who were involved in the sacramental programs: Sharyn O'Leary, principal of St. Patrick's School and Pat Perlstein and Karen Schmidt, the Directors of Religious Education. Also thanks to Dorothy Monaco and Louise Paolicelli, the Administrative Assistants to these programs. Lastly, we thank our teachers from St. Patrick's School; Sister.Kathleen Fitzgerald, Laurie Niederhauser and Anthony Sepe. Thanks also to our CCD catechists Tina Beninati, Millie Bush, Joe DeCicco, Cheryl Gardner, Stacey Hicks, Mary Loughney, Christina Lunny, Jennifer Lyons, Donna Marion, Adam Perlstein, Charlie Rose, Jenifer Santulli, Elizabeth Schreiber, Kim Somerville-Gros and Maureen Vincent.

We are so grateful to all of you and to all of our other teachers and catechists in all of our grades. You perform a beautiful ministry for us, and you keep us a sacramental people, vitally connected to Jesus Christ, the great Sacrament of God.



## Words of Pope Francis

"What does it mean, then, to worship God? It means learning to be with him; it means that we stop trying to dialogue with him; and it means sensing that his presence is the truest, the most good, the most important thing of all. All of us, in our own lives, consciously and perhaps sometimes unconsciously, have a very clear order of priority concerning the things we consider important. Worshipping the Lord means giving him the place that he must have; worshipping the Lord means stating, believing—not only by our words—that he alone truly guides our lives. Worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before him that he is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history.

This has a consequence in our lives: we have to empty ourselves of the many small or great idols that we have and in which we take refuge, on which we often seek to base our security. They are idols that we sometimes keep well hidden; they can be ambition, careerism, a taste for success, placing ourselves at the center, the tendency to dominate others, the claim to be the sole masters of our lives, some sins to which we are bound, and many others. I would like a question to sound in the heart of each one of you, and I would like you to answer it honestly: Have I considered which idol lies hidden in my life that prevents me from worshipping the Lord? Worshipping is stripping ourselves of our idols, even the most hidden ones, and choosing the Lord as the center, as the highway of our lives."

## 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](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).



**We welcome the newly baptized into God's family and into our own St. Patrick's community:**

- Jonathan Aguzzi
- Attilio Jordan Crupi
- Jack Leo Giliotti
- Penelope Jean Magliacca
- Declan Robert Maloney
- Preston Gaetano Nastasi
- Thomas Nastasi
- Logan Petar Zizic
- Marin Vladmir Zizic

### **RCIA INVITATION!**

RCIA is in the process through which an adult or young adult receives the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. It begins with a call to conversion, continues through a period of instruction and a deepening of faith and leads to the celebration of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass. This program is for unbaptized adults and young adults, baptized non-Catholics and baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed.

If you know of some who "missed" confirmation or someone interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please tell them about RCIA. The next group starts preparation in the fall.



### **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

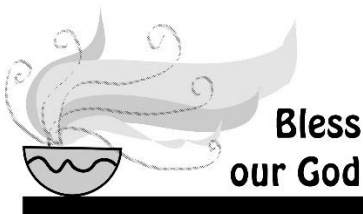
Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> OR Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 19, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

### **Family Retreat**

A Star of the Sea Catholic Family Retreat for parents and their children is being offered on August 15-20 at Wisdom House Retreat Center, Litchfield CT. Contact Deacon John and Peggy Scarfi 845-621-7000 or [jscarfi@verizon.net](mailto:jscarfi@verizon.net).

### **Career Network**

The St. Patrick's Career Network is available to provide assistance to those parishioners who are in a career transition and covers such topics as: career evaluation, resume writing, interview preparation, developing networks, job skills search and targeting the job market. For those interested, please call Deacon Lou at (914) 393-1900.



### **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  
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

### **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.

### **Thank You!**

The St. Patrick's Respect Life Committee extends a heartfelt **Thank You** to all who made the Good Counsel Daystar Mother's Day Bake Sale and Baby Shower a success. Your kindness presented itself in generous donations, delicious baked goods and beautifully wrapped presents for the mothers and their babies. In the lives of those facing challenges, your generosity makes such a difference!