



**3rd Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2015**

**Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Aileen Schaefer req. by A Friend
- 5:30 Rita Rizzotti req. by Jeanne Ryan & Family

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Sean Doherty req. by Sr. Kathleen
- 10:30 Raymond F. Hickey req. by Family
- Noon Josephine & Joseph Dearie req. by Family
- 5:30 Rose Marie Mulholland req. by Peggy & Bob Corrao

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Herbert Hackert req. by St. Patrick's Religious Education Program
- 9:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Rocco Konte req. by The Ulaj Family
- 9:00 Victoria Soto (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Lula Konte req. by The Ulaj Family
- 9:00 Laura & Joyce DelRicchio req. by Rosa Cannistraci

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Gjovleni Konte req. by The Ulaj Family
- 9:00 Theresa Stevenson req. by Family

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Henry Molinari, MD req. by The Molinari Family
- 9:00 Anne Tartaglia req. by Lillian Petraccione

**Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 José Domingo Zapata req. by Karen & Dan Davis
- 5:30 George Delaney req. by Family

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Anne Longobardi req. by The Scuderi Family
- 10:30 Benjamin Wheeler (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- Noon Henry Molinari req. by The Fuhrman Family
- 5:30 Scott Tinter req. by Family

**Recent Collections**

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – \$9,871  
Sacred Heart - \$3,644

**Retired Religious Collection**

There will be a second collection this week for the Retired Religious sisters and brothers in the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.



**Pray for the Sick**

Tatum Allen, Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Virginia Barrett, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Connor Curran, Betty D'Alton, Maggie Dellorso, Michael Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Francine Holley, Jennifer Gardner, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Alex Hood, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Felice Joaquim, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Patricia Levine, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Kevin Meher, Gary Montanus, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Robert Schimpf, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith, William Vitro, Raymond Webster, Sylvia Webster, Betsy Weiner, Christine Young 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.*



# *From the Pastor's Desk*

## **2015 Annual Financial Report**

It is once again my responsibility to present to you a financial report for St. Patrick's for the fiscal year 9/1/14 – 8/31/15. The report is inserted in this issue of the Bulletin. For purposes of context, the previous year's numbers are also listed. Permit me some observations on the report.

Regarding our receipts, you will notice a slight decline to an average of \$10,000 per Sunday (51 Sundays per year, not counting Easter which is listed separately). If you haven't changed your weekly donation in recent years, you might consider a small increase, even if only a dollar or two. The collections at Christmas and Easter were outstanding. Thank you for your magnificent generosity.

Fundraising also increased nicely, thanks to great weather for the Carnival in May 2015 and close to a record Auction in March. The Bicentennial capital campaign, begun in 2008, has now ended.

Regarding investment income, we show a loss. You may recall the stock market correction of August, 2015. That coincided with the end of our fiscal year. Last year's profit of \$10,273 is more typical and, indeed as I write this, our investments have rebounded into the black for the calendar year.

Donations and bequests vary from year to year. In some years we are the beneficiaries of substantial wills. This past year, we were not. The Cardinal's Appeal refers to a 60% rebate from the Appeal for all donations over our parish goal. We went over goal by a good margin this past year, thanks to your generosity. All told, our receipts remain at a very healthy level.

The really good news lies in the area of disbursements where we show a substantial decrease. Regarding lay salaries and benefits, the decrease is due to the fact that we no longer cover the pension benefits of school employees. Chapel and music expenses involve music and liturgical costs.

The utilities line shows a decrease because the Archdiocese is now sharing part of the cost of the school building utilities. Repairs and maintenance, etc. is down because we operated fewer capital projects this year.

Health insurance never goes down, of course. And it didn't for us, either. The Archdiocese has begun a new priests' retirement plan. The Archdiocesan tax refers to a percentage of all regular collections income which each parish pays to the Archdiocese. It is a sliding tax depending on the amount of income. The School tax is similar and represents a slightly smaller percentage of regular collection income.

Our support to Religious Education shows a decline due to fewer people electing medical coverage and also due to a percentage rebate from the Archdiocese on the amount that we pay for the School Tax. The rebate is to be used for the Religious Education program.

All in all, our disbursements declined by a healthy amount, which in turn resulted in a considered excess of

receipts over disbursements. This is a wonderful result and is a very healthy sign. Hopefully we can do this for a few more years and restore parish reserves to an adequate level. Not having the huge school subsidy to pay (since we are now a regional school) makes all the difference. It should also be noted that the parish has no outstanding debt.

This report has focused on the material side of St. Patrick's mission. In this life, the material is always somehow linked to the spiritual. It costs money to make good things happen. Again, profound thanks to you for your continued support of our parish and all its ministries. It remains a privilege and a pleasure to serve you in this corner of the Lord's vineyard.

## **Words of Pope Francis**

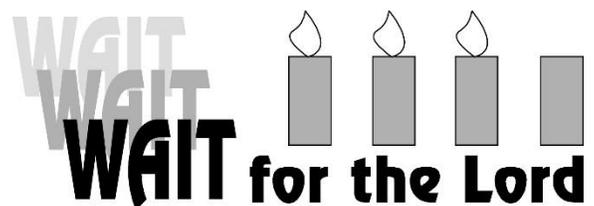
### **REJOICE TODAY**

"Today is the Sunday of joy. In the liturgy the invitation rings out several times to rejoice. Why? Because the Lord is near. Christmas is near. The Christian message is called the gospel (good news), an announcement of joy for all people. Christian joy, like hope, is founded on God's fidelity, on the certainty that God always keeps his promises. The prophet Isaiah exhorts those who have lost their way and have lost heart to entrust themselves to the faithfulness of the Lord, for God's salvation will not delay in bursting into their lives. All those who have encountered Jesus along the way experience a serenity and joy in their hearts that nothing and no one can take away. Our joy is Jesus Christ, his faithful love is inexhaustible!"



### **COMMUNITY CENTER HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

The Center provides extra assistance throughout the Holiday period of November and December. There is a list of suggested items you can donate posted on the Church bulletin board. Thank you for sharing with your neighbors in this holiday season..





### **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 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

### **Reconciliation Monday**

Tomorrow, December 14<sup>th</sup>, is Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be available from 4pm to 8pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to get the Year of Mercy off to a good start and to thoroughly celebrate the season of Advent.

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This is also happening in all of the parishes of the Archdiocese of New York.



### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 2015**

**Reconciliation Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation available 4pm – 8pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 4pm – 5pm

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Mass on Saturday: 5:30pm  
Masses on Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,  
Noon & 5:30pm

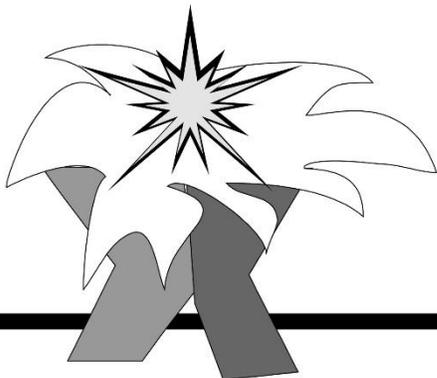
**Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Masses at 4pm\*, 6pm, 8pm & 10pm  
\*PLEASE NOTE: 4pm Mass for families with small children only. Please attend this Mass only if you have children under age 10.

**Christmas Day, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Masses at 8:30am, 10:30am, Noon & 1:30pm

**Feast of the Holy Family, December 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Mass on Saturday: 5:30pm  
Masses on Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,  
Noon & 5:30pm

**Feast of Mary, The Mother of God,**  
**Friday, January 1, 2015**  
5:30pm (Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>)  
Masses on Friday: 10:30am & Noon

**God** *is near*



### **High School Youth Group**

The High School Youth Group will meet tonight, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Church Meeting Room.