



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2016

Saturday February 6th

- 9:00 Joseph LaDuca req. by A Friend
- 5:30 Harold T. Brew req. by The Brew Family

Sunday, February 7th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Nancy J. Chiariello req. by The Blake Family
- 10:30 Olivia Envel (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- Noon Laura & Joseph DelRiccio req. by Rosa Cannistraci
- 5:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D Luccarelli req. by Family

Monday, February 8th

- 7:00 Mary Stoervinger req. by Kim Blake
- 9:00 Carla Jolly req. by Family

Tuesday, February 9th

- 7:00 Elvira Anna Malfetano Giglio, B.A., M.A. req. by Dr. John Giglio
- 9:00 Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family

Wednesday, February 10th

- 7:00 Amalia M. Giglio, M.D. req. by the Dr. John Giglio
- 9:00 Theresa Rivera req. by The Ferrara Family
- Noon Prayer Service with Ashes
- 5:30 Francine Holley req. by Joe Tirinato
- 7:30 Lenten Devotion of St. Patrick's Parish

Thursday, February 11th

- 7:00 Sue Durso req. by The Crummy Family
- 9:00 Marilyn Jackson req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

Friday, February 12th

- 7:00 John Costello req. by Sister Kathleen
- 9:00 Persecuted Christians Around the World

Saturday February 13th

- 9:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for 1st Communion
- 5:30 Arthur Davis req. by Hughes Family

Sunday, February 14th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Augustina Caruso req. by The Scuderi Family
- 10:30 Kenneth W. Gonsalves req. by The Lyons Family
- Noon Patricia Smith req. by Karen McInerney
- 5:30 Teresa & Joseph Vitelli req. by Marianne Vitelli

Recent Collections

Sunday, January 31st – \$11,349
Total Christmas Collection – \$90,551

Second Collection Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend (February 13th-14th) is for our Partner-in-Faith Parish, Sacred Heart in the Bronx. Thank you for your generosity.



Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Jacqueline Ruvalo Ascenzi, Virginia Barrett, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu Thomas Browne, Connor Curran, Betty D'Alton, Frankie Dezell, Kathleen Ducksworth, Martha Dursi, Eileen Flynn, Joe George, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Francine Holley Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Felice Joaquim, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Gary Montanus, Robert Schimpf, Kirk Siegwath, Michael Walsh, 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.

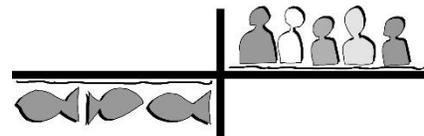


Weekend Flower Donation

*Flowers donated by John Torzilli,
In loving memory of his wife, Elizabeth*

Check Out Our Updated Website at
stpatricksbedford.org

If you have any comments or suggestions, send them to
patrick485@optonline.net or call 234-3344.



From the Pastor's Desk

Ash Wednesday, 2016

It's hard to believe, but Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent occur this week, on February 10th. The date for Ash Wednesday each year depends on the date for Easter, which this year is March 27th. In case you ever wondered how the date for Easter is determined, the formula is: the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. If my calculations are correct, that means that Easter can be any time between March 22nd and April 23rd.

In any event, on Wednesday we turn our attention to our need for repentance. It is a need we all share. Most people seem to know this at a very deep level. I suppose that is why so many folks come each year to have the mark of the ashes rubbed on their foreheads, thus signifying their sinfulness and need for redemption. Indeed, wearing the ashes is a wonderful first step in doing Lent well. For the rest of it, one should become involved in the three traditional Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. These are called the Pillars of Lent, and we shall be talking about them as the weeks go by. But for now, let's concentrate on getting off to a good start by coming for ashes on Wednesday. The schedule for that day is printed nearby.

Lent in St. Patrick's

Allow me to make four suggestions, any one or more of which will enrich your Lenten season.

1. Attend Mass on the weekdays, a few mornings each week during Lent. Get your day off to a great start here in St. Patrick's at 7am or 9am. Or go to a church near where you work (St. Patrick's Cathedral with its holy doors for the Year of Mercy?)
2. Be Part of the **Best Lent Ever** program. It's really very easy. All you do is sign up with your e-mail address at DynamicCatholic.com. Starting on Ash Wednesday, each day you will receive an inspirational e-mail with a short video. This video will follow the 40 chapters of **Rediscover Jesus**. That's the book we gave out at Christmas. This is a free program.
3. Come to Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent at 7:30pm.
4. Take part in Fr. Joseph's Adult Faith Formation Series called "What Do We Mean by Church?" Understanding the church and our place in it will surely enhance our relationship with the Lord and with each other. The series takes place on five consecutive Mondays in Lent, February 15th through March 14th at both 9:30am to 10:30am and 7:30pm to 8:30pm in the Church Meeting Room.

May we all have a meaningful, joyful and spirit-filled Lent.



Words of Pope Francis

CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCY THIS LENT

"With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Trinity. Jesus' mission from the Father was to reveal the mystery of divine love in its fullness. "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8, 16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with those who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favor of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick and the suffering are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion."

Cardinal's Appeal 2016

The Annual Cardinal's Appeal is underway. There is an insert in this edition of the Bulletin. Thank you so much if you have made your donation already. If not, please consider doing so. This is a wonderful way to enter into the Lenten practice of almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ashes will be distributed five times through the day:

7am Mass

9am Mass

Noon Prayer Service

5:30pm Mass

7:30pm Mass

Lenten Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence from meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting: Only one full meal should be taken. Two other small meals may be taken to maintain strength. Those in good health between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged.

Abstinence from meat obliges those over the age of 13.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **all Fridays during Lent at 7:30pm**. The first of these services will be this Friday, February 12th.



Pilgrimage of NY 2016-Year of Mercy:

The top of Manhattan to the bottom of Manhattan!
Saturday, April 16, 2016

(Rain date: Saturday, September 17, 2016)

9:00 A.M.-Opening Prayers at The Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 701 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10040.

6:15 P.M.-Pilgrims' Mass at The Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7 State Street, New York, N.Y. 10004

We will be walking the length of Manhattan, visiting churches in honor of the Year of Mercy! We will visit two churches named after two saints who are examples of God's Mercy: Saints Peter and Paul. Plus we will visit two churches that have designated Holy Doors for this jubilee year: St Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine and St Patrick's Cathedral. This walk is a total of 13.5 total miles!

You must register in advance at www.pofnyc.org in order to participate in this event.



Two Archdiocesan Announcements

The Archdiocese of New York has asked all parishes to print these announcements, which will appear from time to time:

"Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse by any employee of the Archdiocese or its parishes or schools is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at (212) 371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at (917) 861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website: www.archny.org." In keeping with the Archdiocese policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

"The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring please report your concerns via a toll-free hotline at (877) 820-0541 or on the Internet at www.reportineweb.com/ADNY. Both are available 24-hours per day."



Annual St. Patrick's Auction/Dinner Dance

- **Saturday Evening, March 12, 2016 at 7 PM**
- **Salem Golf Club, North Salem NY**
- **Honoring Patrick Collins & Sam Roberts**
- **PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING!**
- **Need a ride to the Auction? Please call the Parish Office at 234-3344**
- **Insert in this bulletin**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 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.



Spiritual Adoption—Month 3

Our spiritually adopted babies' hearts pump several quarts of blood through the body every day. Our unborn babies have developed the body parts required to experience pain, including all of the nerves, spinal cord and thalamus. From this age on, there is only growth in size and maturation of the organs already present. All organ systems are functioning. This precious child is being formed by God.