



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 6, 2016**

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 For Those in RCIA Programs Preparing for a Deeper Relationship with the Church
- 5:30 Alva Teixeira req. by The Guevara Family

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Ana M. Marquez Greene (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- 10:30 George Genovesi req. by Fran & Jim Dowling
- Noon Kate Merker req. by Emilie Kosakowski
- 5:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family

**Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Lenten Devotion of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 For all who suffer from the culture of death req. by Respect Life

**Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Eileen Flynn req. by Ann Haney
- 9:00 The Esposito Family req. by Family

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Rita Costello req. by The Gallagher Family
- 9:00 William Harrington req. by Family

**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Louise & Joseph Garibaldi req. by The Garibaldi & Decina Families
- 9:00 Edward Fuhrman, Sr. req. by Family

**Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Persecuted Christians Around the World
- 9:00 Joseph Vitelli req. by Marianne Vitelli

**Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for Communion
- 5:30 Maria Scuderi req. by The Scuderi Family

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

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Dylan Hockley (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- 10:30 George Genovesi req. by Jan & Dan Hickey
- Noon Laura & Joseph DelRicchio req. by Rose Cannistraci
- 5:30 John & Mary Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

**Recent Collections**

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – \$9,438  
ParishPay February 16<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> - \$1,470

**Today's Second Collection**

Today's Collection is the annual collection for Catholic Relief Services – on the front lines helping people suffering from disasters around the world. Thank you for your generosity.

**Next Week's Second Collection**

The second collection next weekend 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 Dittich Bilyeu Thomas Browne, Conner Curran, Betty D'Alton, Frankie Dezell, Kathleen Ducksworth, Martha Dursi, 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 Siegarth, 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.*



**Coffee Sunday**

**This Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the Church Meeting Room for refreshments after the morning masses (9am, 10:30am and Noon).**

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
BENEDICTION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
takes place on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**



# *From the Pastor's Desk*

## **Social Action Committee Update**

You may recall that recently we announced our intention to create a parish Social Action Committee. The committee's task would be to suggest and create ways to make our charitable works more personal. While not denying the importance of charitable giving, the committee will be focusing more on charitable doing.

I would like to thank the fifteen parishioners who came forward to join the committee. One general meeting has already been held. A smaller steering committee will soon meet to organize and prioritize the ideas that have surfaced. The full committee will then meet again. Here are some of the ideas:

- Identifying and creating a list of parishioners who have temporary or ongoing needs
- Organizing a Crisis Intervention Team
- Initiating a "one extra meal" program – a kind of "Meals on Wheels"

Hopefully, you will be hearing more about these things as time goes by, but I wanted to keep you updated.

One last thing in the area of helping. It could be that there is someone who needs assistance with a job transition. St. Patrick's has what we call a Career Network which exists to offer help to those seeking employment. Deacon Lou is the person to contact for more information (914-393-1900)

## **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after all weekday masses (Monday – Friday 7am and 9am, Saturday 9am). Of course, confessions are also heard on Saturdays at 4:30-5:00pm.

## **Words of Pope Francis**

### **TWO ESSENTIAL LOVES**

"Jesus reminds us that the whole of divine law can be summed up in our love for God and neighbor. The novelty is in his placing these two commandments together—revealing that they are inseparable and complementary, two sides of the same coin. You cannot love God without loving your neighbor nor love your neighbor without loving God. In effect, the visible sign a Christian can show in order to witness to his love for God to the world and to others, to his family, is the love he bears for others. Jesus does not place these commandments at the pinnacle but at the center, because it is from the heart that everything must go out and to which everything must return and refer."

## **Cardinal's Appeal 2016**

The Annual Cardinal's Appeal is on-going. Thank you for your generosity to this most important charity.

## **Good Friday Way of the Cross**

On Good Friday, March 25, 2016, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10am. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30pm. At each station there will be reading from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information please call Communion and Liberation at 212-337-3580 or visit its website at [www.wocbrooklynbridge.org](http://www.wocbrooklynbridge.org).

**BEST LENT EVER**

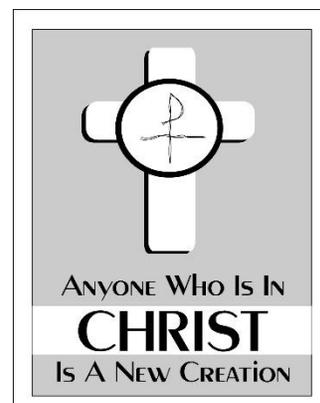
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## **Hats Off to CYO!**

Another wonderful season has just about concluded for St. Patrick's CYO Basketball program. As this is written a few of our 28 teams are still engaged in play-off games, but most are finished. So it's time to thank Van Muller and the entire CYO Board, along with all the coaches and assistant coaches for their tireless efforts to make our CYO program as good as it is. It is "as good as it gets," and is admired throughout the Archdiocese. Hats off to you all!!



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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).

### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LENTEN SERIES

MONDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM – 10:30AM OR 7:30PM – 8:30PM  
CHURCH MEETING ROOM

Topic: The Holy Church and the Apostolic Church  
Presenter: Fr. Joseph Domfeh

Join us for a reflection on the mass.

### *Altaration*

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm St. Patrick's School

- Do you struggle to get to mass?
- Then once you to mass, do you struggle to participate?
- Does weekly mass feel like a requirement rather than an hour to restore?
- Do you leave mass feeling more stressed rather than less stressed?
- Have you ever looked at Mass as a moment to exhale your stresses and inhale the grace of God?
- Explore the meaning of the mass
- Explore why it is important to encourage our children to go to mass
- Explore how to "get more" out of the Liturgy of the mass for yourself and your family

**No need to register, just stop by and join us!**



**On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 February 28th.**



## Annual St. Patrick's Auction/Dinner Dance

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET YOUR  
TICKETS TO THIS GREAT EVENT ON  
SATURDAY EVENING**

**March 12, 2016 at 7 PM.**

Call the Parish Office at 234-3344.

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS!**



Dear Friends,

We at the Community Center would like to thank the leadership and parishioners of St. Patrick's Church for the generous donations collected during the annual archdiocesan hunger initiative. Your donations will help us to continue to provide food to the neediest families in our community.

Last year during 7,768 household visits to our Food Pantry, 22,412 people received food: 35% were children.

Over 84 tons of donated shoes, clothes, and linens were distributed during 7,408 visits to our Clothing Boutique. Additionally, over 800 children received new school supplies and 900 received new sleepwear for the holidays.



Whilst providing help when a family is in need, the Community Center also offers classes, programs and workshops to help people get back on their feet. Last year more than 1,000 adults attended programs in an effort to attain self-sufficiency.



Your support enables the Community Center to make a difference in the lives of our underserved neighbors in need.

With heartfelt gratitude,

*Clare Murray*  
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Interim Executive Director