



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2016

Saturday, April 16th

- 9:00 For St. Patrick's Catechists
- 5:30 Robert Curran req. by The Syracuse Family

Sunday, April 17th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Peter Sherry req. by Jane & Dan Hickey
- 10:30 Madeline F. Hsu (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- Noon Victoria Kosakowski req. by Kosakowski Family
- 5:30 Wilma Rogalin req. by A Friend

Monday, April 18th

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for 1st Communion
- 9:00 Lucy & Vincent Buchan req. by The Ventura Family

Tuesday, April 19th

- 7:00 Paul Manna reg Mary Ann & Frank Manna
- 9:00 John W. Kelly req. by The Borelli Family

Wednesday, April 20th

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for Confirmation
- 9:00 Rachel Traina req. by The Cordiano Family

Thursday, April 21st

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Catechists
- 9:00 Jacqueline Ruvalo req. by Jackie & Herb Tinsley

Friday, April 22nd

- 7:00 For the Intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis
- 9:00 Joseph A. Saladino, MD req. by Family

Saturday, April 23rd

- 9:00 Raymond F. Hickey, Sr. req. by Family
- 5:30 Philip Longo, Sr. req. by Family

Sunday, April 24th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 John Minton req. by Barbara Minton
- 10:30 George Genovesi req. by Kate Merker & Family
- Noon Lauren Savino req. by Megan Hickey & Family
- 5:30 The Hofving Family req. by Betty Goodman

Recent Collections

April 10th - \$10,981

Archdiocese of Military Service - \$2,513



Weekend Flower Donation
Weekend of 4/17/2016
Flowers Donated by Virginia Curran
In Memory of Bob



Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Thomas Browne, Conner Curran, Betty D'Alton, Frankie Dezell, Kathleen Ducksworth, Martha Dursi, Jean Gallagher, Joe George, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Francine Holley, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Felice Joaquim, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Kevin Mahoney, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Gary Montanus, Jim Murphy, Ann Porteus, 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.



The Carnival is Coming

This year St. Patrick's Carnival occurs Tuesday, May 10th, through Sunday, May 15th. **Ride tickets are on sale in the School Office, the CCD office and the Parish Office. The cost is \$25 for a 22-ticket sheet. (Sheets will cost \$30 at the carnival.)**

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

www.stpatricksbedford.org/carnival and
www.stpatricksbedford.org/raffle

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

In addition, here are our 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!

From the Pastor's Desk

"Giving Fatigue"

I once heard a story about a pastor who had to run a million-dollar capital campaign in his parish. When he got up to address the parishioners and commence the campaign, he told them he had good news and bad news. The good news was that "we already have all the money we need for the campaign." The bad news was that "it's all still in your pockets."

That story comes to mind as I come toward the end of my service here in St. Patrick's. We sure do have a lot of collections. The Archdiocese asks us to take up twelve second collections each year, one per month (things like Catholic Relief Service, Peter's Pence, St. Joseph's Seminary, etc.). On top of that, our parish helps our Partner-in-Faith parish in the Bronx, Sacred Heart, to run its Food Pantry. That's twelve more second collections. (By the way, please see Sister. Lauria Fitzgerald's latest note of thanks printed in this bulletin.) With all these collections, in addition to our regular parish collections, and in addition to the annual Cardinal's Appeal, I suppose we run the danger of what some call "giving fatigue." It could happen almost despite ourselves and our better instincts. Perhaps we start thinking thoughts like "I've done enough," "You can't get blood out of a stone," "I need a break."

It's all understandable, but it ignores the fact that people's needs don't take a break, and that God doesn't take a break from sustaining us and blessing us. So let me simply commend you for your continued generosity to all our many causes. The words of Bishop Fulton Sheen come to mind: "Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left."

Speaking of the Cardinal's Appeal, there is an insert in this Bulletin which is an update of how we are doing this year. To use the familiar words, there is "good news and bad news." The good news is that we have already raised over \$90,000. That represents over 82% of our parish goal. The bad news is that all of this comes from about 150 families. We have so many more families to be heard from. Won't you consider a gift to the Cardinal's Appeal this year? No gift is too small! You can use the tear-off section at the bottom of the insert if you wish. May God's blessings continue to come to you and be shared with others.

Words of Pope Francis

MARY THE MISSIONARY DISCIPLE

"Mary teaches us by her life what it means to be a missionary disciple. On receiving the grace of being the mother of the incarnate Word, she did not keep that gift to herself but immediately sets off from in haste to help her kinswoman Elizabeth—to be of service and to bring Jesus. She carried out an act of love and of practical service, bringing Jesus who was in her womb. And she did all this in haste! Let us too give Christ's joy to our families, our companions, our friends, to everyone. Never be afraid to be generous with Christ. It is worth it! Go out and set off with courage and generosity, so that every man and every woman may meet the Lord."

April Food Collection

On April 3rd, St. Patrick's collected 174.4 pounds of food for the Community Center of Northern Westchester. The Center thanks us on behalf of all the recipients of our generosity.

A letter from Sr. Lauria Fitzgerald of the Sacred Heart (Bronx) Food Pantry:

Dear Msgr. Thompson:

With joyful certainty in our hearts, today we acclaim, Alleluia to you, risen Lord!

The Gregorian chant words: UBI Caritas ET Amor, Deus Ibi Est, is St. Patrick's parishioner's song of praise echoed from their hearts; Where Love and Charity Prevail There We Find God! Charity of heart is not divided into the deserving or not deserving but to those whom you hold in prayer and presence; our Partner-in-Faith Prayer.

The call of Easter is this simple invitation: to step forth across the threshold, between the tragic and the triumphant.

It is in the places of profound unknowing that we let ourselves enter into Mystery. The resurrected life is at heart a great and transformative process of hope. Pope Francis reminds us that we must welcome this in our lives and into the situations of history and society.

During this Easter, in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, St. Patrick's has enabled, embodied and endowed Sacred Heart Parish to transform the lives and needs presented to us through the Food Pantry.

Your ever charitable gifts rendered on the poor are a great blessing.

During the Easter Vigil when we pray for "all holy men and women, saints of God," yes, my prayers and thoughts are with you, the Parishioners of St. Patrick's.

*Easter Blessings,
Sr. Lauria Fitzgerald*

The monthly collection for Sacred Heart will be taken up today.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2016-2017

The Initial registration period for Religious Education Classes for 2016-2017 is now closed. All registrations received after this time will require a \$50 late fee per family. Forms are available at the Religious Education office, the parish office and on the Parish web site www.stpatricksbedford.org. Registration is first come first serve and some classes are already full. Register immediately to secure a place in your desired class. Please call the Religious Education office at 234-3775 or email goodnews2@verizon.net with any questions.



The following weekends are available for flower donations in loving memory of someone or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements (234-3344).

April 23rd/24th April 30th/May 1st
May 7th/8th May 14th/15th
May 21st/22nd

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sisqua Council #1852 will host their **Annual Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, April 24th at the Council, One Turner Lane, Mt. Kisco, following the 9:30am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi in Mt. Kisco. The guest speaker will be Senator Terrance P. Murphy, NY State 40th Senate District. All are invited to attend. Cost is \$10/adults; \$5/children with a \$25 maximum charge for a family. Reservations may be made by contacting Tom O'Brien at 914-232-3830 (obkatny@aol.com) or Burt O'Keefe at 914-277-8535 (okboat@comcast.net).



FREE-WILL GOSPEL CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, April 17, at 4 p.m.**, when the Chancel Choir of the **Antioch Baptist Church** in Bedford Hills, N.Y. will raise its inspired voices in a rousing concert in support of the Center. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event. There will be a reception afterward at The Bedford Hills Community House directly across the street.

The Northern Westchester and Putnam Center for Life Educational Trust Invites You to the Sixteenth Annual Pro-Life Breakfast

Saturday, April 16th, 2016
At the Holiday Inn, Mt. Kisco
9:00 am - 11:45 am
(Registration Begins at 8:45 am)
Guest speaker:

Father Charles Caccavale

Professor of Moral Theology at
St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie

Topic: The Moral Perspective on Physician-Assisted Suicide

\$50.00 per person Manor Buffet Breakfast
For more information call DeDe Burke 234-7264

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.

The Family Association of Kennedy Catholic High School

invites you to join them as they Restore the Grotto - In Memory of Sr. Barbara Heil. Join us as we begin our campaign to honor the life of our beloved teacher and friend. Donations can be made at www.kennedycatholic.org or mail checks to Family Association KCHS, 54 Route 138, Somers, NY 10589, or call 914-232-5061

50th Anniversary

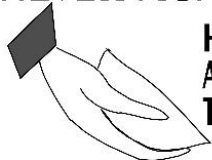
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary any time during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25TH at 1:30pm OR Sunday, June 26th 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 24, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group will meet tonight, April 17th, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

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