



**Fifth Ordinary Sunday
February 5, 2017**

Saturday, February 4th

- 9:00 For St. Patrick's Catechists
- 5:30 Herbert Hackert req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

Sunday, February 5th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Joseph Pugni req. by The Hickey Family
- 10:30 Sister Rose Cecilia Bozzo req. by John & Barbara Sullivan
- Noon Laura & Joseph DeRicchio req. by Rosa Cannistraci
- 5:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family

Monday, February 6th

- 7:00 Robert Dragan req. by The Perlstein Family
- 9:00 Olivia Engel (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family

Tuesday, February 7th

- 7:00 Michael DiGuglielmo, Jr. req. by The Desperito Family
- 9:00 Victoria Kosakowski req. by Emilie Kosakowski

Wednesday, February 8th

- 7:00 Jim Kenyon req. by The Santore Family
- 9:00 James Flynn req. by Teresa Flynn

Thursday, February 9th

- 7:00 Pat Hennigan Keogh req. by Claire Grimes
- 9:00 Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family

Friday, February 10th

- 7:00 For a Respite from Terrorist Violence
- 9:00 Jim Kenyon req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

Saturday, February 11th

- 9:00 Jim Kenyon req. by Catharine Trongone & Family
- 5:30 Irene Vigilanti req. by The Santore Family

Sunday, February 12th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Mary & James Boyle req. by Sr. Kathleen
- 10:30 John Costello req. by Sr. Kathleen
- Noon Anthony & Josephine Tangredi req. by Family
- 5:30 Dominic Balestra req. by Lisa Cribari & Raymond Infarinato

RECENT COLLECTIONS

Week of January 29th: \$13,318*

*One family donated \$5,000 for all of 2017.

Peter's Pence

The second collection this week is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Thank you for your generosity.



Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Peter Bovat, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Conner Curran, Rose DeCicco, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Kathleen Ducksworth, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Mirella Kahriman, Tom Lee, John Li Conti, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Marlene Linz, Kevin Mahoney, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, Maureen Reardon, Chris Schate, Matthew Scherer, Kirk Siegwarth, Otto Siegwarth, Christine Young, Eileen Riley Zawada, 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 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).

February 12, 19 and 26



Weekend Flower Donation

*Flowers donated Week of January 29th
by Sister Joan Magnetti,
In loving memory of her brother,
Reverend Donald L. Magnetti*

*Flowers donated Week of February 5th
by John Torzilli
In loving memory of his wife,
Elizabeth Torzilli*

From the Pastor's Desk

My Story – Part II

In ninth grade I was one of four St. Catharine's Grammar School graduates who rang the rectory doorbell and asked to see the newly ordained priest who had been assigned to the parish. With Fr. Peter Finn's help and guidance, we established a parish CYO that had nothing to do with sports but everything to do with social (dances), athletics (ski weekends, swimming, ice skating) and charitable (visiting nursing homes, collecting clothes). The strangest thing is that from such humble beginnings it grew into one of the most active CYO's in the Archdiocese. It covered all four years of high school.

The strictly religious part wasn't as successful. In sixth grade Sr. Theresa Marie taught us American Civics and a good number had bought it 'hook-line-and sinker'. So, when Pelham High School sponsored a bus to Selma, Alabama I joined with some of my friends. Before it became popular I would go to Washington to protest the War (never declared) so therefore our involvement in Vietnam. One Sunday I was wearing a black arm band and after Mass I stopped by the rectory to see one of the four founders of the CYO. While we were talking the Pastor walked in, saw the black arm band, called me a Communist and threw me out of the Church. For more than five years I never stepped into a Catholic Church.

One bright point connected with this story: A number of my neighborhood friends were Presbyterian and I could tell my parents that I was kicked out so for at least one year every Sunday I would go with my friends to 'Fellowship' which was like our CCD. Every issue that was raised I always had the answer because I had memorized the Baltimore Catechism. Not because I was an exceptionally good student but the good Sisters had made sure that every student would do this. The teacher was a Deacon and he called me his "Catholic in Residence" and wondered out loud why his church did not teach their children so well. The "revolution" took place in education around that time where memorization was out and balloons were in; sin, rules and regulations were out and "I'm OK and you're OK" was in. I went to fellowship of one year and then no involvement in organized religion.

I graduated high school and completed three semesters of college. I then got hired by Macy's and that brings me to another part of my life where God called and I started listening.

To be continued...

Words of Pope Francis

JESUS THE LINK

"This was the first encounter between Jesus and his people, represented by Simeon and Anna—a meeting between the young and the old. The young were Mary and Joseph with their infant son and the old were Simeon and Anna, who often went to the Temple. Jesus draws all of them to the Temple, his Father's house. The young are full of joy in observing the Law of the Lord, and the elderly are full of joy in the action of the Holy Spirit. It is a unique encounter between observance and prophecy, where young people are the observers and the elderly are prophets! In fact, if we think carefully, observance of the Law is animated by the Spirit and the prophecy moves forward along the path traced by the Law."

REMINDER

Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers & Readers

There was a meeting on Saturday, February 4th from 10am to 11:30am in the Church **for all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to update you on the latest updates from Rome, Washington D.C. and the Archdiocese of NY.

The first part centered on the Theology of these two ministries and the second part focused on our local adaptation and praxis.

Because of the importance of these two presentations, this meeting will be repeated on Saturday, February 11th from 10am to 11:30am and Monday, February 13th from 7:30 to 9pm.

If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharist Minister, please attend.

Catholic Couple Checkup

To celebrate *World Marriage Week (February 5-12)*, the Family Life † Respect Life Office will be offering 100 free codes for **Catholic Couple Checkup**.

The **Catholic Couple Checkup** is an online tool designed to identify the unique relationship strengths and growth areas of dating, engaged or married couples. Research has shown this process improves relationships by stimulating honest dialogue, increasing understanding and empowering couples. It's an enjoyable, easy, private way to take the temperature of your relationship and start some meaningful conversations. Best of all...it's on us! **Visit nyfamilylife.org during the month of February to get your free code. Don't miss out – the free codes are first come, first serve!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2017-2018 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.



Catholic Schools Corner

Save the Dates: 2017 Catholic Elementary School Open Houses

January 31st, February 14th,
March 14th, and April 4th

from 9-11 am or by Appointment

The Catholic School Region of Northern Westchester invites you to experience Catholic schools in action by visiting on a TOURING TUESDAY open house event. Prospective parents are invited to visit from 9-11 am or by appointment. Reservations are required for TOURING TUESDAYS. **RSVP to 646-794-2885 or www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org**. Additional Open House dates and times will be scheduled during Catholic Schools Week – January 29th through February 3rd. We look forward to welcoming you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic, fraternal, family service organization in the world. Plans are underway to form a council right here in our parish. Representatives from the Knights will join us this month to discuss this with us and to advise us on what we need. If you should have any questions in the meantime, please contact Bill Venturini on 718-815-2147

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The Members of the Cisqua Council would like to express their sincere appreciation to Father Bisignano and the Parishioners of St. Patrick's for their generous support of our 2016 50/50 Raffle. We collected almost \$6,000 in our chance book sales. This is a vital fundraising effort for us to continue our commitment to various charitable causes.

First Prize went to Lynn Watson of St. Patrick's in Armonk; Second Prize to William Reilly, Sr. of St. Mary's in Katonah and Third Prize to Lian Schur of St. Francis in Mount Kisco. We will also be making a donation to each of the four parishes where we sold chances.

RESPECT LIFE

There will be a Respect Life meeting on Monday, February 6th, after the 9am Mass in the Church Meeting Room. All are welcome.

St. Patrick's Men Ministry Mini-Series

The St. Patrick's Men's Ministry announces the launch of new mini-series called *The Psychology of Temptation*, based on the C.S. Lewis classic, "The Screwtape Letters." The mini-series begins on Saturday, February 11th and runs three consecutive Saturdays. All Men's Ministry meetings are open to men who are interested in connecting faith to everyday life. No dues or membership obligations. Just walk in, like so many of us have, and see if it works for you. Meetings begin with coffee and bagels at 7:30am in the Church Meeting Room, and transition to informal table discussions about topics that we develop in-house. We find that the connections we discover totally outweigh the inconvenience of getting up early on Saturday -- so much so that our conversations have become the highlight of our week. Remember, we always have a seat open for you!

\$25,000

Tuition Raffle for Any School

Fairfield College Preparatory School is proud to again present our \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. The prize can be used for any K-12 schools, colleges or universities or pay back of college loans. **The prize is to be paid directly to any K-12 schools, colleges or universities or the financial institution that holds your school loans. Schools must be located and accredited in the U.S. Only 1,000 tickets will be available at \$100 per ticket.** (500 tickets must be sold for the raffle to proceed. If fewer than 500 tickets are sold, the raffle will be canceled and the ticket purchasers will receive a full refund.) Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Scholarship Fund at Fairfield Prep. The drawing will be held at the Spring Event on Saturday, May 6, 2017 promptly at 10:15 p.m. in the Student Life Center, Fairfield Prep. **Winning ticket holder does not need to be present to win.** For more information please contact the Development Office at (203) 254-4237 or development@fairfieldprep.org.

Donation Statements for 2016

2016 End-of-Year Tax Statements will be mailed out by the end of January. Any parishioner who contributed more than \$250.00 will automatically receive a statement in the mail. If you have any questions or need further assistance please contact Ann Haney Lane at the Parish Office (914) 234-3344.

