



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2017**

Saturday, March 25th

- 9:00 Nora Magarahan req. by Sr. Kathleen
- 5:30 Robert Best req. by The Best Family

Sunday, March 26th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Michael DiGuglielmo, Jr. req. by Tessie Cassone
- 10:30 Amelia LoGrasso req. by The Riley Family
- Noon Anna Zaccardo req. by The Zagajeski Family
- 5:30 Vincent J. Lane (I) req. by Ann Haney Lane

Monday, March 27th

- 7:00 Ann Leyden req. by Faculty, Staff & Students of St. Patrick's School
- 9:00 Ann Durkin & Family (I) req. by The Kearns Family

Tuesday, March 28th

- 7:00 John J. Burns, Jr. req. by The Ziminsky Family
- 9:00 Margarita Luccarelli req. by Family

Wednesday, March 29th

- 7:00 Kathleen Conneely req. by John & Gail Conneely
- 9:00 For the Carson Family (I) req. by The Kearns Family

Thursday, March 30th

- 7:00 Maeve Collum req. by David & Marisa Mannion & Family
- 9:00 Mary Lewis (I) req. by The Melican Family

Friday, March 31st

- 7:00 Walter Hobson req. by Family
- 9:00 Margaret Santore req. by The Santore Family

Saturday, April 1st

- 9:00 Cara Iantorno req. by The Desperito Family
- 5:30 Jene Wichman req. by The Polese Family

Sunday, April 2nd

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Martha Dursi req. by The Gerosa Family
- 10:30 Martha Dursi req. by Mary-Lynn Liverzani
- Noon Dawn Hockspring (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- 5:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family

RECENT COLLECTION

Week of March 19th: \$7,960
Sacred Heart: \$511

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE

The second collection this week is for the Catholic Relief Service. (See the Archbishop's letter on the next page.) Thank you for your generosity.



Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Peter Bovat, Rudi Bovat, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Dominick Cannavo, Michael Casarella, Conner Curran, Rose DeCicco, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Kathleen Ducksworth, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, BillieJo Harder, Margaret Harrington, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Mirella Kahrman, Maureen Laning, John Li Conti, Dominic Lombardi, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Kevin Mahoney, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, Maureen Reardon, Chris Schate, Matthew Scherer, Kirk Siegwarth, Otto Siegwarth, Mia Wiltse, 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.

Cardinal's Appeal 2017

The Annual Cardinal's Appeal is underway. Please be as generous as you can to this most important Archdiocesan charity.

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
BENEDICTION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

*Takes place on Friday, March 31st at 7:30pm
And every Friday during Lent*

Pancake Dinner A Great Success!

The Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday was a great success. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen, especially the 7th and 8th grade student volunteers. Special thanks to the seniors who joined us. Next year we will remember the decaf!

From the Pastor's Desk

Before The Second Vatican Council (1962-1964) the last two weeks before Easter were known as "Passiontide." The General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM), Volumes 1 and 2 downplayed this tradition by suppressing the covering of statues. Pope Saint John Paul II reinstated this tradition to help the faithful enter into a deeper sense of Passiontide. This year we will cover the statues and these covers will be removed just before the Easter Vigil.

Good Friday:

First let me begin with a request: Please try, if at all possible, to take time off from work on Good Friday, April 14th. It does not have to be the whole day, just enough to be present the hour of Jesus' death. It is a long tradition that no Mass is celebrated on Good Friday. This is a day of formal fast and abstinence.

If you are free in the morning, we gather at 9:00am for Tenebrae which is the Office of Readings, Morning Prayer and the Limitations of Jeremiah the Prophet.

The celebration of the Lord's Passion begins at 3:00pm in stark silence. After the procession has reached the sanctuary, everyone kneels while the clergy prostrate. After a while the priests rise and the Collect is prayed. The Liturgy of the Word reaches its climax with the proclamation of St. John's Passion and the homily. Then there are 10 Solemn Intercessions where we pray: for the Holy Church, for the Pope, for all orders and degrees of the faithful, for catechumens, for the unity of Christians, for the Jewish people, for those who do not believe in Christ, for those who do not believe in God, for those in public office, and for those in tribulation.

A collection is taken for support of the shrines in the Holy Land.

Then we have the Veneration of the Holy Cross. The same cross that has been placed at Our **Lady's Altar will be carried to the Sanctuary.** The Celebrant and all the other ministers will, one by one, genuflect and kiss the Cross. The faithful will also kiss the cross but this can be done two by two with each kissing the cross bar.

After the celebration, this cross with lighted candles will stand at the entrance to the sanctuary throughout the evening and night for anyone who wishes to come and pray.

Holy Communion is then distributed to any who wish to receive.

And the Recessional is done in absolute silence.

Next week: An Outline of the Easter Vigil

A LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

March 25, 2017
Season of Lent

Dear friends in the Lord:

By participating in the **Catholic Relief Service (CRSC)** collection, you are responding to Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. **Catholic Relief Service** collection provides services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Let us join together in this special collection to support those who are suffering and are on the margins of society.

For example, in Niger, changes in climate in Western Africa are adversely affecting poor and rural farmers. No matter how hard these farmers work, droughts are shortening the rainy season, leaving harvests too small to support families and communities. Your support of the **Catholic Relief Service** collection is helping connect businesses that provide drought-resistant seeds to these communities. These new relationships are providing hope to these communities for a sustainable future.

Your support of the **Catholic Relief Service** collection makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Lenten season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Words of Pope Francis

MARY'S "YES"

"Mary's encounter with the angel did not hold her back since she did not consider herself privileged, or make her hesitate in leaving those around her. On the contrary, it renewed and inspired an attitude for which Mary is and always will be known: she is the woman who says 'yes,' a 'yes' of surrender to God and, at the same time a 'yes' of surrender to her brothers and sisters. This is the 'yes' which prompted her to give the best of herself, going forth to meet the others. Mary assures us that those who suffer do not weep in vain but always find a place under her mantle. In her and with her, God has made himself our brother and companion along the journey."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2017-2018

Registration for Religious Education classes for 2017-2018 has begun. The registration forms were emailed to currently registered students and are available on the web site or at the Religious Education Office or Parish Office. After March 28th there will be a \$50 late fee. For more information call the Religious Education Office at 234-3775 or email goodnews2@verizon.net.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LENTEN SERIES

Christian Spirituality: Historical Development

Monday, February 20th – Monday, April 3rd

Morning Session: 9:30/After Mass-10:30am

Evening Session: 7:30-8:30pm

Church Meeting Room

Monday, March 27th - The 4th Century Spirituality and the Golden Age (St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, and St. Augustine).

Monday, April 3rd - Modern Spirituality as a Gateway into the 21st Century Spirituality. Where Do We Go From Here?

Spirituality for Catholics in the 21st Century Saturday, April 8th after 9am Mass

On Saturday, April 8th, we are going to have a morning of Recollection for Lent. Our speaker will be Sr. Theresa Kane, who will speak on the Spirituality for Catholics in the 21st Century. It will take place in the Church Meeting Room after the 9am Mass. All are invited to attend. Sister Kane is a well-known speaker who has attended many Call-To-Action Conferences in Milwaukee, WI. This is a yearly conference which brings together the most up-to-date thinking by Catholic speakers regarding issues in the Catholic Church. After Sister's presentation, there will be time for discussion.

WEBSITE HELP NEEDED

Seeking help with Church Website. Many areas need to be fleshed out/updated. If interested, call Ann at Parish Office 914-234-3344

BLOOD DRIVE

Last Sunday's Blood Drive was very successful, producing 77 pints of the precious resource, just 1 unit shy of our record of 78 units. Many thanks go to John Fink and his associates for their work in setting up the drive.



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Dear Parishioners,

It is with great pleasure that I announce that I have formed an expanded Finance Council for St. Patrick's, which is an active qualified volunteer committee, consisting of parishioners. The role of the Finance Council is to "advise the pastor in his exercise of proper stewardship over the parish resources." The Finance Council serves in addition to the Parish Council, which advises me on all parish matters.

I am excited to work with the Finance Council to ensure the parish is in robust financial health, to thoughtfully and prudently consider expenses, and to evaluate and make recommendations about the parish's financial support. Financial challenges and uncertainties are a way of life for all of us, including our parish. Upkeep of our historic church buildings requires resources. I am grateful to you, the parishioners, for your continued support – at the recent St. Patrick's Day fundraiser, through your Sunday and Holy Day collections, through your volunteer efforts, and, most importantly, through your prayers.

The members of the Finance Council are:

Judith Barry

John Carson

Christine Meyer (Trustee)

Rosemarie Xenos

Chris Zepf (Trustee)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or email the Finance Council at stpatsfinance@optonline.net.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Bisignano
Father Joseph Bisignano
Pastor

