21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 27, 2017

Saturday, August 26th
9:00  Gail Tirinato req. by Family
5:30  Edward Costello req. by Sr. Kathleen

Sunday, August 27th
7:30  For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
9:00  Minnie B. Glusko req. by Lanzilotti Family
10:30 Robert Melican req. by The Melican Family
Noon  Dr. Anthony LoGrasso req. by The Timmel Family
5:30  Bernie Curran req. by St. Patrick's Religious Education Program

Monday, August 28th
9:00  Mary & Patrick Flanagan req. by The Flynn Family

Tuesday August 29th
9:00  James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

Wednesday August 30th
9:00  Mary Lewis by Ed & Barbara Walsh

Thursday, August 31st
9:00  Margaret O'Brien req. by Anne Neto

Friday, September 1st
7:00  Lawrence & Florence Gallagher req. by The Gallagher Family
9:00  Joseph DeLessio req. by Elms Family

Saturday, September 2nd
9:00  Ben Saladino req. by Joseph Saladino & Family
5:30  Charlie Rose req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

Sunday, September 3rd
7:30  For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
9:00  Victor Rivara req. by Garibaldi & Decina Families
10:30 Theodore J. “Ted” Petrillo Jr. req. by The Mc Cormick Family
Noon  Alba & Dominic Annmirati req. by Tarateta Family
5:30  Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family

RECENT COLLECTIONS

August 20th  $5,354

Pray for the Sick

Rayyan Ahsan, Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Brady Walter, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Dominick Cannavo, Michael Casarella, Conner Curran, Marie Doescher, Rose DeCicco, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Mary Doyle, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Healy Pauline Marie, Pauline, Francine M. Holley, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Mirella Kahriman, Maureen Laning, John Li Conti, Dominic Lombardi, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, John Magnotta, Kevin Mahoney, Robert Mangone, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, John Reardon, Chris Schane, Matthew Scherer, Bob Silberberg, Otto Siegwarth, Thomas Valentine, Michael Walsh, 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, September 17th, St. Patrick’s Fall Blood Drive will be held at St. Patrick’s School from 8:00 am-2:00 pm. If you are able, please consider donating. Blood is always vitally needed. A sign-up schedule will be available at the Church entrance on September 3rd.
This weekend, I will like to reflect with you the holy days of obligation we have in our Catholic tradition.

Holy days of obligation are special days the church sets aside for the solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic faithful are obliged to observe them by attending a Mass. The first holy day of obligation that comes to mind is Sunday, the day of the Lord on which the Holy Eucharist is celebrated. Thus, Sunday, the day of the Lord, “must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation” (c. 1246 § 1). Besides Sunday, the following dates are holy days of obligation in the Latin Church:

- January 1st (The feast of Holy Mary, Mother of God);
- January 6th (The feast of Epiphany);
- The sixth Thursday after Easter (The feast of the Ascension);
- The Thursday after the feast of the Blessed Trinity (Corpus Christi; The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ);
- March 19th (The Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary);
- June 29th (The feast of Saints Peter and Paul);
- August 15th (The feast of the Assumption);
- November 1st (The feast of All Saints);
- December 8th (The feast of the Immaculate Conception); and
- December 25th (Christmas).

The church requires that December 25th (Christmas) and January 1st (the Solemnity of Holy Mary, the Mother of God) be observed in every country.

Episcopal conferences in various countries are authorized to suppress the obligations of attending mass on some of the holy days and transfer others to Sundays after they have received confirmation from the Apostolic See. For instance, in the United States, the feasts of Epiphany and the Corpus Christi are transferred to Sunday, while the feasts of St. Joseph (March 19th) and Saints Peter and Paul (June 29th) are retained on their proper feast days, but the obligation to attend Mass and abstain from work has been suppressed.

The Catholic faithful are obliged to observe Sunday and other holy days of obligation by participating in the Eucharistic celebration and abstaining from all forms of work. The obligation is fulfilled when one is physically and consciously present at a Eucharistic celebration. Those people whose livelihood requires them to work on Sundays and other holy days of obligation are morally excused from the observance of rest. The Catholic faithful who find it physically and morally impossible to attend Sunday liturgy are morally excused without seeking dispensation from their local ordinary. Catholics who cannot participate in a Eucharistic celebration because of the absence of a priest can fulfill the Sunday obligation by participating in the liturgy of the word if their diocesan bishop allows such celebrations.

Attending Sunday Liturgy should not only be viewed as observing an obligation. It gives us an opportunity to thank God for his many blessings. The church encourages us to celebrate this moment of thanksgiving with other members of our faith community.

Have a blessed Sunday. God bless us all.

Fr. Joseph Bisignano

**WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS**

**WHAT DO PEOPLE THINK?**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is concerned with what the people think—not to please them, but to be able to communicate with them. Without knowing what the people think, a disciple would be isolated and judge people according to his or her own thoughts and convictions. Maintaining healthy contact with reality, with what the people experience, with their tears and their joys, is the only way to be able to help, to be able to teach and communicate with them. It is the only way to speak to the heart of people, by being in touch with their daily experience; such as work, family, health problems, traffic, school, health services and so forth. It is the only way to open their hearts so as to listen to God.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes for grades 1-8 begin on Sunday, September 10th and Tuesday September 12th. The Back to School mailing was sent to all Registered students. If you have not received the mailing please contact the office immediately at 234-3775. Some classes are already full. If you are a Catholic Private school student in 8th grade you must register now for Confirmation.

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic is scheduled for September 9, 2017. Based on parishioners’ feedback, some changes to its format have been planned. Mass will still be held outdoors that evening, but it will be at 4:30pm (instead of 5:30). There will not be a 5:30 Mass that evening. The picnic will follow Mass, from 5:30 - 7:30pm.

We will need volunteers to assist with planning and managing activities, food, set up and clean up. We also need one volunteer to take charge of each of these areas. Please call the parish office (234-3344) or email (patrick485@optonline.net) if you are able to help in any way.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Join the new Youth Ministry Initiative in organizing activities at the parish picnic on September 9th. Help out by running an activity or aid in set-up and clean-up. If interested, please reply to Michelle at stpatsymi@gmail.com

The Youth Ministry Initiative is a new parish group with the goal of getting high school students involved in local community service. If interested in being on the coordinating committee or becoming a member, please respond to Michelle at the email above.

14th Annual Kennedy Catholic Golf Classic
Thursday, September 21, 2017
Centennial Golf Club
185 John Simpson Road, Carmel

For Info. or to Register
KennedyCatholic.org/golf-outing
(914) 232-5061 Ext. 121
Advancement@KennedyCatholic.org

Non-Golfer “Get into Golf” Clinic
Come for a 2-hour clinic to learn the nuts & bolts of golf:
Demo of swings by golf pro • Chipping & Putting contests
Driving range • Practice greens • Golf club rental
then join us for cocktails & dinner!

The Community Center of Northern Westchester is in need of baby food, formula, diapers and wipes to help serve our youngest and most vulnerable neighbors in need. Please keep this in mind when donating to the food collection on the first Sunday of the month.

Food Collection

Food is collected for the Community Center of Northern Westchester the first Sunday of each month. Next Sunday, September 3rd, Please bring non-perishable food items to the rear of the Church.

NEWLY FORMED
VERONICA MINISTRY

Are you interested in floral, fabrics or decorating? How about polishing the brass, marble, or hardwoods? Willing to check on the altar servers alb’s after mass? During the summer, could you help collate the bulletins? How about praying the rosary in a group setting? All are welcome especially to point-out, and instruct.

One person it’s personal, two people are a team, three or more is a party!

Please, join us in our new Veronica Ministry as St. Veronica did as she wiped the face of our Lord.

Contact Christine 914-391-2722, voice message or text. Let’s care for our sanctuary.

CYO BASKETBALL

Registration for the St. Patrick’s of Bedford CYO Basketball 2017-2018 season is now open for St. Patrick’s parishioners only. It will close on Saturday, Sept 23. Please go to www.eteamz.com/bcyo to register. For families with more than one child, there will be a $50 discount for each additional child in the program. This discount will be applied when you register. If you wish to use a uniform from a previous season, you will receive a $25 discount, so select the appropriate category while registering. Parents who would like to coach please let us know on the registration form.