**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 3, 2017**

**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 Ammirati req. by Tarateta Family
- 5:30  Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family

**Monday, September 4th**
- 9:00  Anthony Saccoccio req. by Rosemarie Saccoccio

**Tuesday September 5th**
- 7:00  Grace M. Feeney req. by Matthew Feeney
- 9:00  Caroline Previdi (Newtown) req. by Smith

**Wednesday September 6th**
- 7:00  John O’ Brien req. by Sr. Kathleen
- 9:00  Mary Heisler req. by Sr. Kathleen

**Thursday, September 7th**
- 7:00  Father Michael Guglielmelli req. by Matthew F. Feeney
- 9:00  James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

**Friday, September 8th**
- 7:00  In honor of Saint Joseph req.by Matthew F. Feeney
- 9:00  Athena “Tina” Scarfone req. by Sharyn O'Leary, Faculty, Staff & Children of St. Patrick’s School

**Saturday, September 9th**
- 9:00  In honor of St. Padre Pio req. by Matthew F. Feeney
- 4:30  Antonio Scuderi req. by The Scuderi Family

**Sunday, September 10th**
- 7:30  For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick’s Parish
- 9:00  Rafael Neto req. by Anne Neto
- 10:30 Carmine LoBosco req. by Jim Dowling & Fran Dowling
- Noon  Edward Fuhrman req. by Family
- 5:30  Rafael Neto req. by Anne Neto

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**RECENT COLLECTIONS**

**August 27th**  $6,571

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**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, Chester Hooper, 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 Schate, Matthew Scherer, Bob Silberber, 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.

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**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.

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**Cardinal’s Appeal 2017**

The Annual Cardinal’s Appeal is underway. Please be as generous as you can to this most important Archdiocesan charity.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

I have no doubt that you all had a restful and fun summer. Now, that you are energized and invigorated I call on you to take up the challenges of your Christian calling. I am delighted your summer went well. I take this opportunity to welcome all of you.

Now that the summer months are behind us, we are in full gear with the resumption of the normal activities and programs of our beloved parish. We resume our 7am daily masses from Monday through Friday. Fr. Joseph or I will always be here to celebrate the 7am liturgy with you.

I welcome the students of our CCD program. Mrs. Pat Perlstein and Mrs. Karen Schmidt have drawn up programs and activities to enhance the religious education formation of our young people. I also take this golden opportunity to welcome the students of St. Patrick’s School, the Principal, Ms. Sharyn O’Leary, and the staff. I wish our school a very successful academic year. I look forward to working with the principal and the staff in realizing the goals and objectives of our Catholic education.

The parish pastoral council is vigorously working on the suggestions and inputs you have given during our listening sessions and will draw an action plan to help us implement your suggestions and input. I hope this action plan will enable the clergy and the pastoral council members to better serve the parish community. I encourage each one of you to be fully involve in the life and activities of our beloved parish so that together we will build the kingdom of God in our midst. Fr. Joseph, Deacon Lou, and I look forward to serving you to the best of our abilities, nourishing you spiritually, and accompanying you on your spiritual journey.

I wish you a blessed Sunday and a lovely week.

Fr. Joe Bisignano

WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

FOLLOW ME

To hear ourselves talk about God, we might think that God is some kind of satellite navigational aid on life’s dashboard. We think that if we listen hard enough we will hear the divine signals coming through: keep right; take the next exit; take a left in half a mile. But it isn’t so easy! We have to make every choice ourselves, but not alone. Our wisdom is not in some add-on gadget but within us. God’s guidance is not a GPS device, but perhaps a compass. God never promised an easy ride, with all decisions made for us by some divine website in the sky. But God promises to travel with us, helping us pay attention to the terrain, to notice the signs—to read the compass.

A Message from Deacon Lou

I wanted you all to know that I will be traveling on business in Asia during September 3 through September 16 and should be at Mass on Sunday, September 17th. During the time I am away, I can be contacted by sending me an email to lsantore@yahoo.com or text or calling me on my cell phone at 914-393-1900.

God’s Blessings,
Deacon Lou

There is in my heart a burning fire
**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.

**Annual St. Patrick’s Parish Picnic**

Saturday, September 9th  
5:30-7:30 pm  
Outdoor Mass Starts at 4:30 pm  
St. Patrick’s School and Cenacle Grounds  
SEE INSERT IN THIS BULLETIN

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 albs 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.

**The St. Patrick’s Men’s Ministry Welcomes You**

A new season of the St. Patrick’s Men’s Ministry begins on Sept. 9, and we invite you to join us! We are launching our fifth season with an original series about everyday ways to find peace in our busy lives. Over the last four years we have grown from a group of men who meet each Saturday into a true community of brothers who support each other and encourage each other. We know that by reaching out to you and inviting you to share your gifts with us, we will continue to deepen and broaden our faith lives. Our meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays in the church meeting room with coffee and bagels. Our meetings are open to all men. Our Men’s Ministry Band often opens the meeting, and we have rotating speakers who give their perspective about the morning’s reading. The heart of our meeting is the small table discussions, where we share ways to connect our faith to everyday life. We conclude our meetings by coming together as a group to reflect on what we have talked about. We have no dues or membership requirements and we always have a seat open for you. Please stop by on Saturday and see for yourself.

**RESPECT FOR LIFE GROUP**

Monday, September 11th, The Respect Life Group will be having its first meeting of the new season, after the 9:00am Mass in the Church Meeting Room. We are looking forward to making some changes in our format and hope we can entice some new members to come and join our group.