

Mass Schedule
Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2015



Pray for the Sick

Saturday, March 7th

9:00 Leanora Giardino req. by Dorothy & Lindsay Speidell
 5:30 Josephine Gay (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family

Sunday, March 8th

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of
 St. Patrick's Parish
 9:00 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Laccarelli req. by Family
 10:30 Kathleen Ceccola req. by Pam & Ray Hickey
 Noon William Harrington, Sr. req. by Family
 5:30 Michael Abernethy req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

Monday, March 9th

7:30 Walter Liedke req. by The Glascott Family
 9:00 Anne King req. by The Vincent Family

Tuesday, March 10th

7:00 Mary Jane Madigan req. by The Glascott Family
 9:00 Louise & Joseph Garibaldi req. by Garibaldi &
 Decina Families

Wednesday, March 11th

7:00 Joseph Vitelli req. by Mary Ann Vitelli
 9:00 Victoria Kosakowski req. by Deacon Lou &
 Mary Santore

Thursday, March 12th

7:00 Gina Mastrantoni req. by The Santore Family
 9:00 Laura & Joseph Del Riccio req. by Rosa Cannistraci

Friday, March 13th

7:00 Ramona Guterrez req. by Nancy Grasso
 9:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

Saturday, March 14th

9:00 John Citro, Sr. req. by Family
 5:30 Maria Scuderi req. by Family

Sunday, March 15th

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of
 St. Patrick's Parish
 9:00 Manuel & Sophia Osorio req. by Family
 10:30 Joseph Dearie req. by Family
 Noon Louise Grassi. req. by The Smith Family
 5:30 Kim Knowles req. by The Fuhrman Family

3/1/15 Parish Income
Regular Collection: \$12,877.00

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Fr. Steve Clark, Rose DeCicco, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Maryann DiBarri, Martha Dursi, Kate Fletcher (rehabbing leg injury), Margaret Harrington, Alex Hood, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Rosalie Marsico, Stephen Michael Mack, Betty Martineau, Kate Martinez, Kevin Meher, Danny Mulholland, John O'Shea, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Thomas N. Ryan, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith and William Vitro 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.

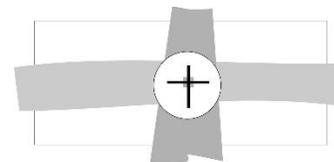
Partnership – in – Faith Prayer

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 - 2015
The Annual Appeal is underway.

Our seminary programs offer the finest philosophical, theological, liturgical and spiritual preparation for our future priests and deacons. As we continue to attract more vocations, it is vital that we maintain and strengthen these programs so that our clergy receive the highest level of instruction and formation possible. **THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL ALLOCATES TWO MILLION DOLLARS FOR THIS PURPOSE. Thank you for your generosity to the Appeal.**

If you did not receive an invitation to the Dinner/Dance-Auction, it may be because you are not a registered parishioner. If you do not receive weekly donation envelopes, you may not be registered. Not sure? Call the Parish Office at 234-3344 and check.



From the Pastor's Desk

Almsgiving: An Antidote to Materialism

Toward the beginning of Lent each year we hear in the Sacred Scriptures the story of Jesus being tempted by Satan in the desert. The temptations are toward power, ego and materialism. Sound familiar? They are our three most powerful temptations as well. Fortunately, antidotes exist for each of these three temptations. For power, there is prayer. For ego, there is fasting. For materialism, there is almsgiving. These three antidotes are also the three pillars on which Lenten spirituality is built. Today, a few words about almsgiving.

The first thing to note is that we shall always have to deal with materialism since we are material creatures ourselves. We can never get away from having "stuff." The danger comes when we let the material dimension of our lives completely block the spiritual dimension. This happens when we make a 'God' out of some material thing, when we make this material thing and its pursuit the driving force in our lives. What makes my life go around? Is it money – or "stuff" of any kind? Or is it instead my relationship with God – my spiritual dimension – and all that comes with it: generosity, forgiveness, compassion?

There is an antidote to materialism, the having and caring too much for "stuff." The antidote is almsgiving: giving "stuff" away. The way to fight materialism is to give material away.

Life presents us with many opportunities to do this. The giving can be personal or institutional. I can give on a one-to-one basis or I can give to a group which often allows my gift to be magnified since it is joined to the gifts of others. Both types of almsgiving are antidotes to my selfishness.

I am speaking today at all the Masses concerning my personal favorite vehicle for institutional almsgiving. I refer to the Cardinal's Appeal, our most important annual Archdiocesan charity. It always coincides with Lent, which somehow makes the giving more timely. It does indeed deal with the needs of the many: children to be educated, poor parishes to be assisted, needy folks to be fed, clothes and housed, retired religious to be cared for, clergy to be educated.

These are all causes close to my heart. May I ask you to join me in this particular effort? If you have given in the past, I thank you and ask that you do so again this year. If you have not expressed your charity through the Cardinal's Appeal in the past, may I ask that you consider a gift – of whatever size – this year. The words of Jesus are addressed to each of us who are his disciples: "As often as you do good to these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you do good to me."



Annual St. Patrick's Auction and Dinner Dance

- **Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 7 PM at the Salem Golf Club, North Salem**
- **Honoring Van Muller of CYO**
- **PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING!**
- **HAVEN'T MADE YOUR RESERVATION YET? IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET TICKETS. CALL 234-3344**
- **Need a ride to the Auction? Call the Parish Office at 234-3344.**

Words of Pope Francis

"The Church is catholic because she is the 'home of harmony,' where *unity and diversity* know how to merge in order to become a great source of wealth. Let us think about the image of a symphony, which implies accord, harmony, various instruments playing together. Each one preserves its own unmistakable timbre and the sounds characteristic of each blend together around a common theme. Then there is the one who directs it, the conductor, and as the symphony is performed all play together in harmony, but the timbre of each individual instrument is never eliminated; indeed, the uniqueness of each is greatly enhanced!

This is a beautiful image illustrating that the Church is like a great orchestra in which there is great variety. We are not all the same, and we do not all have to be the same. We are all different, varied, each of us with our own special qualities. And this is the beauty of the Church: everyone brings their own gifts, which God has given, for the sake of enriching others. And between the various components there is diversity; however, it is a diversity that does not enter into conflict and opposition. It is a variety that allows the Holy Spirit to blend it into harmony. He is the true "Maestro." He is harmony. And here let us ask ourselves: In our communities do we live in harmony or do we argue among ourselves? In my parish community, in my movement, in the place where I am part of the Church, is there gossip? If there is gossip, there is no harmony but rather conflict. And this is not the Church. The Church is everyone in harmony – never gossip about others, never argue! Let us accept others; let us accept that there is a fitting variety, that this person is different, that this person thinks about things in this way or that – that within one and the same faith we can think about things differently. Or do we tend to make everything uniform? But uniformity kills life. The life of the church is variety, and when we want to impose this uniformity on everyone, we kill the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

BLOOD DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY

The semi-annual Blood Drive is being conducted next Sunday, March 15th, from 8am to 2pm at St. Patrick's School. Given the harsh winter, blood supplies are lower than usual since numerous drives have had to be cancelled. We need your help. It only takes about 45 minutes. Don't forget to bring ID. Many thanks.

Room/roommate situation wanted for 7AM Mass attendee who is female Estate Manager in Greenwich during week and needs accommodations Monday PM through Friday AM. Contact Ann at Parish Office 234-3344.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION **2015-2016**

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2015-2016 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.

Lenten Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence from meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting: Only one full meal should be taken. Two other small meals may be taken to maintain strength. Those in good health between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged.

Abstinence from meat obliges those over the age of 13.



CYO UPDATE

Three of St. Pat's 28 teams reached the final championship game. Two of three games were held last weekend; one, this weekend.

Congratulations to our 5th Grade Boys who won last weekend and to our 5th Grade Girls who lost by 2 points. More next week.

Needed: Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

At the present time, the parish is in need of volunteers to assist in the liturgical ministries as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Training will be provided. If you are interested, just call the Parish Office at 234-3344.



**ALL WELCOME
TO THE
25TH ANNUAL
ANCIENT ORDER OF
HIBERNIANS
ST. PATRICK'S
PARADE
SATURDAY MARCH 14th
2pm
MAIN STREET
MT KISCO**

SPECIAL LENTEN PROGRAMS

A Lenten Series Presented by Msgr. Thompson

"Jesus Christ: Priest, Prophet, King"

7:30 pm, Church Meeting Room

Monday, March 9th

"The Word Made Flesh"

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Friday, March 13th – 7:30 pm

Lenten Confessions

Every day after 9 am Mass, Mon-Sat

Saturdays 4:30-5:00 pm