

Mass Schedule
21st Ordinary Sunday
August 23, 2015



Pray for the Sick

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Betty D'Alton, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Michael Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Jennifer Gardner, Marvin Goldsmith, Margaret Harrington, Alex Hood, Christine Iannino, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Patricia Levine, Stephen Michael Mack, Betty Martineau, Kate Martinez, Kevin Meher, Gary Montanus, Danny Mulholland, John O'Shea, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Evelisse Rivera, Robert Schimpf, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith, William Vitro, Raymond Webster, Sylvia Webster, Betsy Weiner 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.

Saturday, August 22nd

9:00 James Flynn req. by Rose & Joe Ryan
 5:30 Leanora Giardino. req. by Laura & Michael Citro

Sunday, August 23rd

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
 9:00 Marie Murphy-Scannell req. by MaryAnn & Bill Riley
 10:30 Howard Bischoff req. by Maiorano Family
 Noon Federica Gayde & Parents Jennie & Frank Giglio req. by Richard Gayde
 5:30 Victoria Kosakowski req. by Carino & Latella Families

Monday, August 24th

9:00 William Galvin req. by Family

Tuesday, August 25th

9:00 Edward Costello req. by Sister Kathleen

Wednesday, August 26th

9:00 Emilie Parker (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family

Thursday, August 27th

9:00 Robert Melica req. by Family

Friday, August 28th

9:00 Anna Leone req. by Marianne Vitelli

Saturday, August 29th

9:00 Christine McCabe (I) req. by DeDe Burke
 5:30 Ferrante Benedettini req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

Sunday, August 30th

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
 9:00 Luiz Soares Lima req. by The Smith Family
 10:30 Jim Slatery req. by The Borelli Family
 Noon Leanora Giardino req. by Tom & Carol Citro
 5:30 Helen D. LeFevre req. by The Long Family

Recent Collections

Sunday, August 16th – \$6,862

Sacred Heart – \$1,931

ParishPay August 1st – August 15th – \$2,064.59

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

Tues	Sept 8	School & CCD Opening Sessions
Fri	Sept 19	Kate Fletcher visiting parish
Sun	Sept 20	Kate Fletcher visiting parish
Sun	Sept 20	Fall Blood Drive
Fri	Sept 25	Pope Francis celebrates Mass at Madison Square Garden
Sat	Sept 26	Annual St. Patrick's Picnic 2:30-5:30pm
Sat	Sept 26	Catechist's Blessing at Outdoor 5:30pm Mass
Mon	Oct 5	St. Patrick's Golf Outing, Salem Golf Club, North Salem



Weekend Flower Donation

Flowers donated by Richard Gayde

In loving memory of his wife,

Federica

and her parents,

Jennie & Frank Giglio

From the Pastor's Desk

St. Patrick's Parish Council

Around this time each year, I try to write an article about our Parish Council, which could better be called our Pastoral Council because of its function. The Archdiocese of New York encourages pastors to have a Pastoral Council. The format of the Council is left to each pastor to decide. Here in St. Patrick's our Council is made up on the one hand of people who are in charge of our various ministries (e.g. CCD, CYO, youth group, liturgical ministers, etc.) The Council also has parishioners who are not involved in any particular ministry but have volunteered to serve on the Council.

It is the task of our Council to advise me concerning pastoral projects and to coordinate all our pastoral ministries so that they take place in an efficient and orderly way as we attempt to help the Lord in building His Kingdom. This is why I prefer the title Pastoral Council, since we are coordinating pastoral activities.

As I do every year at this time, **I would like to invite any registered parishioners who would like to serve on the Council to give me a call.** The Council is open to all. If in any given year we get too great a number of folks willing to serve we place the names "in a hat," and following the example in the Acts of the Apostles (1:12-26), we draw out the number of names we need to fill out the Council. Council meetings are held every other month.

I am so appreciative of the Council's efforts, not only in advising me, but also in their good work for the building of God's Kingdom in our parish.

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St. Patrick's School Opening September 8th

With the end of summer just around the corner, many families begin to think of the beginning of the new school year. St. Patrick's School will open its doors on Tuesday, September 8th to welcome returning and new students. In our third year of Regionalization, St. Patrick's anticipates closer association with the schools in our Northern Westchester/Putnam region. No longer a strictly parish-based school, St. Patrick's joins with the other Catholic schools in our area to form a cohort of schools governed by a Board of Trustees and supervised by our regional superintendent Mrs. Mary Jane Daley. As in the past, the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Timothy McNiff, oversees the implementation of curriculum and ensures the quality of education in all of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. Our dedicated teachers and staff bring to each classroom years of experience and a love of learning. Through ongoing professional development, our teachers continue to be active learners!

St. Patrick's School has a strong history of academic excellence on both standardized, state and teacher created assessments. Our graduating class was awarded over \$200,000 in high school scholarships! But our school is about more than just academics. St. Patrick's strives to develop in each child, no matter how young, knowledge of the traditions and beliefs of the Catholic Church. Our students begin and conclude each

day with prayer. We join together as a school community to collect food and donations for local food banks and organizations. We walk to find a cure for cancer and visit nursing homes. We learn by doing that our hands help to bring Christ to others.

Our school is a place filled with many events and special programs, too. We worked very closely with Gary Tozzi, of the Cooperative Extension program, to create a School Garden. In early June, we enjoyed harvesting strawberries from our garden and creating Smoothies. We offer many extra-curricular programs, from gymnastics to golf to tennis and art. During the week and after school, you can hear our school band and classroom singers preparing for our musical productions. Our playground and physical education classes help keep our children on the road to physical fitness as does our after-school Zumba class! Students from Pre-kindergarten to Grade 8 attend Technology class and our classrooms have smart board technology. Our Science Lab, financed by donors, makes hands-on science a reality. Extended mornings and afternoons are available for families that need assistance with day care.

This year when students return to school they will be greeted by many familiar faces and some new ones. The Archdiocese of New York offered a voluntary retirement incentive to all teachers. The opportunity offered an enhanced retirement packet which in some cases was too good to pass up. Ms. Susanne Meccio, Mrs. Colette Savino and Mrs. Laurie Niederhauser decided to take the early retirement package. Mrs. Kim Kilduff decided to pursue other interests. These veteran teachers will surely be missed by all and I thank them for all their years of dedication to our school, students, and to Catholic education.

I am delighted to introduce to our school and parish family our new teachers: Mrs. Palsia Papa, Mrs. Mary Dick, Ms. Olivia Fraioli and Ms. Erin Pontez. I know that you will all join me in welcoming them (more about them next week).

As principal of St. Patrick's School, I hope that you will take the opportunity to learn more about our school. Please call 914.234.7914 to set up an appointment to visit. All are welcome!

Sharyn O'Leary
Principal

Words of Pope Francis (Part II of III)

"Three words sum up Mary's attitude: listening, decision and action. They are words that point out a way for us too as we face what the Lord asks of us in life. Listening, decision, action

The second word: *decision*. Mary did not live 'with haste.' with breathlessness, but, as St. Luke emphasizes, she 'kept all these things, pondering them in her heart' (see Luke 2:19,51). Moreover, at the crucial moment of the angel's annunciation, she also asks, 'How shall this be?' (Luke 1:34). Yet she does not stop at the moment of reflection either. She goes a step further: she decides. She does not live in haste but 'goes with haste' only when necessary. Mary does not let herself be dragged along by

events; she does not avoid the effort of making a decision. And this happens both in the fundamental decision that was to change her life—'I am the handmaid of the Lord...' (see Luke 1:38)—and in her daily decisions, routine but also full of meaning. The episode of the wedding of Cana springs to my mind (see John 2:1011): here, too, one see the realism, humanity and practicality of Mary, who is attentive to events, to problems. She sees and understands the difficulty of the young married couple at whose wedding feast the wine runs out; she thinks about it; she knows that Jesus can do something and decides to address her son so that he may intervene: 'they have no more wine' (John 2:3). She decides.

It is difficult in life to make decisions. We often tend to put them off, to let others decide instead; we frequently prefer to let ourselves be dragged along by events, to follow the current fashion. At times we know what we ought to do, but we do not have the courage to do it, or it seems to us too difficult because it means swimming against the tide. In the Annunciation, in the Visitation, and at the wedding of Cana, Mary goes against the tide. Mary goes against the tide; she listens to God, she reflects and seeks to understand reality, and she decides to entrust herself totally to God. Although she is with child, she decides to visit her elderly relative, and [years later] she decides to entrust herself to her Son with insistence so as to preserve the joy of the wedding feast."

Needed: Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

At the present time, the parish is in need of volunteers to assist in the liturgical ministries as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Training will be provided. If you are interested, just call the Parish Office at 914-234-3344.

Summer Work Project

Thank you for your continued patience as we renovate the bathrooms in the church basement. Temporary bathrooms are located outside the basement doors.

Career Network

The St. Patrick's Career Network is available to provide assistance to those parishioners who are in a career transition and covers such topics as: career evaluation, resume writing, interview preparation, developing networks, job skills search and targeting the job market. For those interested, please call Deacon Lou at (914) 393-1900.



ST. PATRICK'S GOLF OUTING

Join us for a wonderful afternoon and evening of golf and food! Proceeds go to St. Patrick's Educational Ministry.



**SALEM GOLF CLUB
NORTH SALEM
OCTOBER 5, 2015**



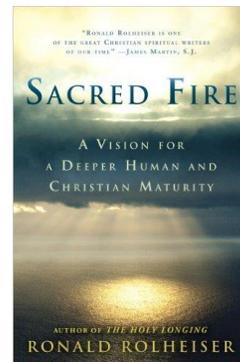
**Can't make it for golf? Join us for dinner!
Information & brochure at the church entrance.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you are an 8th grader in a private Catholic school and want to participate in our Confirmation program, please call the CCD office at 234-3775.

COMING IN THE FALL
ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education the fall will examination ideas and set forth in Rolheiser's



Religious offering for be an of the theories Fr. Ronald new book,

"Sacred Fire."

Participants will be encouraged to read the book as we go along. Six sessions will take place on six consecutive Mondays, October 12th through November 16th, in the Church Meeting Room. Msgr. Thompson will facilitate these sessions.

"Sacred Fire" is available at bookstores and on-line in hardcover, audio and Nook or Kindle at Barnes and Noble and Amazon