



**1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2015**

Saturday, November 28th

- 9:00 George Delaney req. by Family
- 5:30 Margaret Attridge req. by Mary Ann & Frank Manna

Sunday, November 29th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Rose Mary Mulholland req. by Peggy & Bob Carrao
- 10:30 Raymond F. Hickey req. by Family
- Noon Learnora Giardino req. by The Dowling Family
- 5:30 Luke Ronald Lyons req. by Pat & Adam Perlstein

Monday, November 30th

- 7:00 Ronald Corelli req. by The Corelli Family
- 9:00 Lucy Buchan req. by The Ventura Family

Tuesday, December 1st

- 7:00 Alviro Maiorano req. by Nancy Platt
- 9:00 Catherine Nix req. by Ahrens Family

Wednesday, December 2nd

- 7:00 Mary Miranda req. by St. Patrick's Religious Education Program
- 9:00 Aileen Schaefer req. by Fran & Jim Dowling

Thursday, December 3rd

- 7:00 Mary Miranda req. by Zaino Family
- 9:00 William Harrington, Sr. req. by Family

Friday, December 4th

- 7:00 Mary Miranda req. Loretta & Steven Dym
- 9:00 Julius Goodman req. by Betty Goodman

Saturday, December 5th

- 9:00 John Arthur Sullivan req. by The Colao Family
- 5:30 Robert Gerlow req. by Blake Family

Sunday, December 6th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Rose Mary Mulholland req. by Peggy & Bob Carrao
- 10:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family
- Noon Mary Sherlach (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- 5:30 August Bohn req. by The Rienecker Family



Pray for the Sick

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Virginia Barrett, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Connor Curran, Betty D'Alton, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Michael Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Jennifer Gardner, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Alex Hood, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Felice Joaquim, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Patricia Levine, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Betty Martineau, Kate Martinez, Kevin Meher, Gary Montanus, Danny Mulholland, John O'Shea, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, 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.

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.



The following weekend is available for a flower donation in loving memory of someone or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements (234-3344).

December 12/13

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Advent 2015

May I be among the first to wish you a "Happy New Year!" A Church New Year, that is; for today is the beginning of a new year of grace in the Church's liturgical calendar. As always, the year begins with the season of Advent which this time lasts for just more than 3½ weeks, since Christmas is on a Friday.

With the "new" year there is a new look to things. There are wreaths at the doors, a violet altar frontal and Mass vestments, the Advent wreath and candles in the sanctuary, the new 2016 missals in the pews, and Advent Word Among Us meditation booklets for your use. All are signs of the times. It's a new year of grace!

As for Advent itself, it is a special time for waiting, for hope and for openness.

It is a time for waiting. Waiting for Christmas, to be sure; but even more, waiting patiently for the fullness of Christ's coming in our lives, when we shall finally cooperate fully with the grace of God so freely given to us.

It is a time for hope. Hope is the beautiful virtue that allows us to trust fully in God with confidence that His graciousness will triumph over all the obstacles in our lives, even the ones we put there.

It is a time for openness. We come ever closer the great Advent figure, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who utters the unforgettable Advent words, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be done unto me according to your word."

The daylight hours dwindle. We are increasingly aware of darkness. The leaves have dropped and been blown away. We wait, knowing that in the fullness of time and "in the silence of night, the Eternal Word will leap down from heaven" and fill us with wonder at the nearness of God. Happy Advent! and, oh yes, Happy New Year!

Words of Pope Francis

OUR ADVENT JOURNEY

"Today we begin a new liturgical year and a new journey of the People of God with Jesus Christ, our shepherd, who guides us through history toward the fulfillment of the kingdom of God. Therefore, this day makes us experience deeply the meaning of history. We rediscover the beauty of us all—the Church, with her vocation and mission, and all humanity, peoples, civilizations, cultures—being on a journey across the paths of time. But where are we journeying? Is there a common goal? And what is this goal? Jesus Christ is both guide and goal of our pilgrimage, of the pilgrimage of the entire People of God. And in his light the other peoples may also walk toward the kingdom of justice and peace."



NEW HYMNAL ISSUE

The 2016 edition of "Breaking Bread," has been placed in the pews. Please be gentle with them! Since they belong to all of us, please do not remove them from the Church or deface them in any way. It would be helpful if you could return them to the racks after using them.



The Santa Project

For well over a decade, the people of St. Patrick's Church have "adopted" a poor family from the Mott Haven Section of the Bronx and played Santa at Christmas. It is a wonderful opportunity for our families to share Christmas joy with those who are less fortunate. If you are interested in participating, an early response would be greatly appreciated. The staff at the Dominican Sisters Family Health Service (a community-based agency at 279 Alexander Avenue in the Bronx), has requested the following:

- One family gift, a set of towels (bath towel, hand towel, washcloth)
- One article of clothing for each child (size will be indicated on the Santa Letter)
- A toy or game requested by the child (indicated on the Santa Letter)

If you would like to participate, a letter of instruction with the "wish list" for each child will be mailed to you. Please call Chris Zagajeski at 845-582-0657 or email at chriszagajeski@comcast.net. If not in, please leave your name, full mailing address, size of the family you would like to adopt (the number of children 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5). All gifts should be brought to St. Patrick's School gym between **9am and 4pm on Thursday, December 3rd**. Please do not drop off gifts any sooner as there is no one who can accept them before that date.



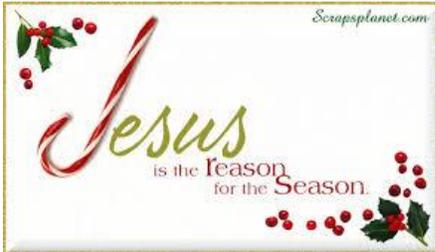
St. Nicholas Breakfast

The Annual St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast takes place **NEXT SUNDAY, December 6th** after the 9am Mass in the St Patrick's School gym. Adults \$7.00 and Children \$4.00 at the door. Just walk over after Mass, and have your family join ours for this Advent celebration.



CHURCH CARPETS BEING CLEANED

On Monday, November 30th, all the carpets in the Church building will be cleaned. The Church will be closed that day after the 9am Mass in order to let the carpets dry. If you wish to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament that day, please come to the Cenacle chapel.



Christmas Luncheon Widows, Widowers & Singles Saturday, December 12th 12 noon Bedford Golf and Tennis

Route 22 - 535 Cantitoe Street Bedford, NY 10506
Please send your \$40 check by **December 2nd** to
Sue Coan
11 Brook Farm Lane Bedford, NY 10506
Any questions call Sue at 914-234-3093



FAMILY OXYGEN SUPPORT GROUP

Caring for a spouse, child or friend who is struggling with depression or any other mental health issue can be extremely stressful and isolating. Family Oxygen is hosting an informal caregiver support group meeting Monday, November 23rd at Yorktown Community Center, Room 209 at 7:30pm to offer connections and resources. Contact: Christine Moffatt 914-407-0447 or email: info@familyoxygen.org for additional info. Check out www.familyoxygen.org.

National Night of Prayer

St. Patrick's Parish will again join churches throughout the United States in observing the 26th National Night of Prayer for Life. This year St. Patrick's will conduct a Holy Hour on Tuesday, December 8th, immediately after the 7:00 PM Holy Day Evening Mass. The Hour of Prayer will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by prayer, adoration and Benediction in atonement for the abortions, infanticide and euthanasia taking place in the United States. Please join Christians throughout the nation in spending one hour with us in reparation for these sins! "And he told them a parable-that they must always pray and not lose heart!" (Luke 18).



COMMUNITY CENTER HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Center provides extra assistance throughout the Holiday period of November and December. There is a list of suggested items you can donate posted on the Church bulletin board. Thank you for sharing with your neighbors in this holiday season.



55+ CLUB – ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Friday, December 4, 2015 – 1 PM

**Church Meeting Room
Catered by Scott's Corner Market
\$25.00 per Person
Paid Reservations by November 30th, 2015**

**Please make your checks payable to 55+ Fund
and send to:
Gail Desio
150 South Bedford Road
Pound Ridge, N.Y. 10576
Please indicate on your check:
Christmas Luncheon**

Name: _____

Tel.No. _____

Address: _____