



**Palm Sunday
March 20, 2016**

Saturday, March 19th

- 9:00 For Those in RCIA Programs Preparing for a Deeper Relationship with the Church
- 5:30 John Citro, Jr. req. by Dot Citro

Sunday, March 20th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Mary Beth Harrington req. by The Harrington Family
- 10:30 George Genovesi req. by Sue Coan
- Noon Louise Grassi req. by The Smith Family
- 5:30 Zachary Latteri req. by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Downey

Monday, March 21st

- 7:00 Frank Kosakowski req. by The Santore Family
- 9:00 For the Intentions of Pope Francis

Tuesday, March 22nd

- 7:00 Virginia Dominguez req. by The Santore Family
- 9:00 Joseph Vitelli req. by Marianne Vitelli

Wednesday, March 23rd

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Catechists
- 9:00 For Those Preparing for Easter Sacraments

Thursday, March 24th

- 7:00 (No Mass)
- 9:00 (No Mass)
- 7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 25th

- 7:00 (No Mass)
- 9:00 Tenabrae
- 3:00 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
- 7:30 Stations/Benediction

Saturday, March 26th

- 9:00 Tenabrae
- 5:30 (No Mass)
- 7:30 Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27^h

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Teresa & Joseph Vitelli req. by Marianne Vitelli
- 10:30 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family
- Noon Raymond F. Hickey, Sr. req. by Family
- 5:30 John Citro, Sr. req. by Dot Citro

Recent Collections

Sunday, March 13th – \$8,095
 Sacred Heart - \$3,161
 ParishPay March 1st – 15th - \$1,760

EASTER COLLECTION

We are most grateful to our generous St. Patrick's parishioners who support the parish throughout the year. As you may know, the Christmas and Easter collections account for about 25% of our annual collection income – they are that important. So, thank you for whatever you will do in next week's collection. We are deeply appreciative.



Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Jacqueline Ruvalo Ascenzi, Virginia Barrett, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu Thomas Browne, Conner Curran, Betty D'Alton, Frankie Dezell, Kathleen Ducksworth, Martha Dursi, Jean Gallagher, Joe George, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Francine Holley Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Felice Joaquim, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Kevin Mahoney, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Gary Montanus, Robert Schimpf, Kirk Siegwath, Michael Walsh, Christine Young 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.

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
BENEDICTION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

takes place on Friday, March 25th at 7:30pm

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

Last Sunday's Blood Drive was very successful, producing 52 pints of the precious resource. Many thanks go to John Fink and his associates for their work in setting up the drive.



From the Pastor's Desk

Holy Week 2016

This very early Lent is about ready to produce a very early Easter. But before that happens we have the most beautiful liturgical week of the year. It is the week we call "Holy," and it is filled with the most important events in the life of Christ: His passion, death and resurrection.

We are invited to participate in these events. It may seem odd that we use the word "participate." How can we participate in something that happened 2,000 years ago? Normally it would be impossible. But since we are members of Christ's Body, we are able to take part in these events of long ago. If it happened to Christ, it happens to us as members of His Body. When Jesus carries the cross, so do we. When Jesus dies on the cross, so do we. When Jesus rises, so do we. All this, as long as we are willing participants. Let the pieces of palm you receive today be both your invitation and a reminder to participate.

It all starts today as we join Christ who triumphantly enters Jerusalem. But the readings from Luke's gospel make it clear that human nature is indeed fickle, and that some who cheered for Him on the first Palm Sunday will be calling for His blood on Good Friday. We are forced to consider our own inconsistency in the spiritual life.

It is precisely to deal with these inconsistencies, our sins, that we have Reconciliation Monday, tomorrow, March 21st. The wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3pm to 9pm, not only here in St. Patrick's, but also in every parish in the Archdiocese of New York, and also in the Diocese of Brooklyn, Rockville Centre and Newark. Over 700 churches! Come any time in the six-hour period. What a wonderful way to share in the dying and rising of Christ our Lord.

On Holy Thursday at 7:30pm, we join Jesus at the Last Supper. We experience the beginnings of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders and we relive the beautiful example of humility and service as Christ washes the feet of His friends.

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday mornings at 9am, we shall be praying the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer in common. The practice is called Tenebrae. The service begins with seven liturgical candles on the altar which are slowly extinguished as the service proceeds. Psalms are recited in the monastic manner and readings and hymns take place. The psalms and readings are from the Divine Office, the official prayer of the Church.

Later on Good Friday, at 3pm, we relive the Passion of the Christ; we pray for groups large and small around the world and we venerate the cross on which Jesus died. Finally, we receive Holy Communion from the Eucharist that was consecrated the day before.

Lastly, we gather at 7:30pm on Holy Saturday evening to keep vigil for the Resurrection of the Lord. RCIA candidates enter into full communion with the Catholic Church and are confirmed. In a most beautiful ceremony, we experience new light, new fire and the new

life of the Risen Lord. We celebrate the extraordinary presence of the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

May you and your family experience all the graces that come from playing your part in the dying and rising of Jesus during Holy Week.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after all weekday masses (Monday – Friday 7am and 9am, Saturday 9am). Of course, confessions are also heard on Saturdays at 4:30-5:00pm.

Words of Pope Francis

TO MAKE YOU FREE

"Jesus wants us to be Christians, freely as he was, with the freedom that comes from this dialogue with the Father, from this dialogue with God. Jesus does not want selfish Christians who follow their own ego, who do not talk to God. Nor does he want weak Christians, Christians who have no will of their own, "remote-controlled" Christians incapable of creativity, who always seek to connect with the will of someone else and are not free. Jesus wants us free. And where is this freedom created? It is created in dialogue with God in the person's own conscience. If a Christian is unable to speak with God, if he or she cannot hear God in his own conscience, he or she is not free."

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – 2016

Confessions (Holy Week)

Saturday, March 19th – 4:30pm to 5pm
Reconciliation Monday, March 21st – 3pm to 9pm
Holy Saturday, March 26th – 4pm to 5pm

Palm Sunday – March 20th

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:30pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,
Noon & 5:30pm

Holy Thursday – March 24th

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper – 7:30pm
Adoration at the Altar of Reposition
8:30pm – 9:30pm

Good Friday – March 25th

Tenebrae – 9am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death – 3pm
Stations and Veneration of the Cross – 7:30pm

Holy Saturday – March 26th

Tenebrae – 9am
Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection – 7:30pm
There is no 5:30pm Mass on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday – March 27th

Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, Noon & 1:30pm
There is no 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

The Eucharistic Chapel will be closed from
Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 school year were e-mailed on March 7th to all currently registered families. Forms received after March 29th will require a late fee of \$50 in addition to the registration fee. Forms are also available for download off of the parish web site www.stpatricksbedford.org or printed copies are available outside the Religious Education Office or at the Parish office. 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.

MARTHA MINISTRY

We are looking for additional volunteers for the Martha Ministry. These volunteers are responsible for washing and ironing the altar linens (purificators, etc.) for one month at a time in your home. Instructions will be provided. Please contact Addie Perez at 914-234-7025.

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.



50th Anniversary

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary any time during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25TH at 1:30pm OR Sunday, June 25th at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.



**Widows, Widowers & Singles
Spring Luncheon
FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH
12:30 PM - \$35 cash**

**Mardino's Restaurant
473 Lexington Avenue
Mt. Kisco, NY 10549**

For information and reservations
Call Sue Coan – 914-234-3093
or e-mail suecoan@aol.com
Please let me know by Monday April 11th
if you will or will not be joining us.

FAMILY RETREATS July 3^d-8th & July 31st-August 5th

Family Retreats for parents and their children are being offered at a retreat center near an ocean beach in Duxbury, MA. Contact Deacon John & Peggy Scarfi at 845-621-7000. www.starofthesearetreats.com

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and
be saved.