

Mass Schedule
Palm Sunday
March 29, 2015

Saturday, March 28th

9:00 James Flynn. req. by DeDe & Jack Burke
 5:30 Marguarita Luccarelli req. by Family

Sunday, March 29th

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of
 St. Patrick's Parish
 9:00 Joseph Muolo req. by The Fusco Family
 10:30 William Kelleher & Family req. by Kathleen Hughes
 Noon Kathleen Conneely req. by John & Gail Conneely
 5:30 Carmela Clarizzio req. by The Desimini Family

Monday, March 30th

7:30 Ann Mara req. by Victor Ziminsky
 9:00 James Flynn req. by Kathleen Blaney

Tuesday, March 31st

7:00 Margaret Santore req. by Family
 9:00 Wilma & John Rogalin req. by Family

Wednesday, April 1st

7:00 William & Mary Scully Riley req. by Riley & Goff
 Families
 9:00 James Flynn req. by Flynn Family

Thursday, April 2nd (Holy Thursday)

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3rd (Good Friday)

9:00am Tenebrae
 3:00pm Liturgy of Lord's Passion
 7:30pm Stations/Benediction

Saturday, April 4th (Holy Saturday)

9:00am Tenebrae
 7:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5th (Easter Sunday)

7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of
 St. Patrick's Parish
 9:00 Umberto & Constanza Stangarone req. by
 The Desimini Family
 10:30 George Wilson req. by Family
 Noon Cardinal Dolan (I) req. by the Harrington Family
 1:30 John Citro Sr. & John Citro Jr. req. by Family
 (There is no 5:30pm Mass)

3/22/15 Parish Income
Regular Collection: \$9,287.00

ParishPay 3/1-3/15/15: \$2,025.00

Holy Land Good Friday Collection

Every day Christian families in the Holy Land try to live holy lives as we do. They live where Christ walked and taught. Unfortunately, it is still a land of war and destruction. Because of this, the Christian population is dwindling. The Franciscan Friars share in the upkeep of the sacred shrines and holy places. The collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Land mission and these faithful people and the shrines. Please be generous.



Pray for the Sick

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Fr. Steve Clark, 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 ongoing.

The appeal is now in its final stages. If you have not yet made your donation, please do so. Envelopes for the Appeal are available in the back of the church. **Thank you for your generosity to the Appeal.**



An Easter Gift to St. Patrick's

Permit a few words about the importance of our Easter collection. Catholic parishes around the country rely on their Christmas and Easter collections for a sizable percentage of their annual income. Indeed, it is no different here at St. Patrick's. Last year, a little over 20% of our annual revenue from collections was given at Christmas and Easter. We hope that you will be as generous as you have been in the past. St. Patrick's thanks you in advance for your splendid generosity.

From the Pastor's Desk

Holy Week 2015

Sports have always been a big part of my leisure time. I played all four of the so-called “major” sports: baseball, hockey, football and basketball. The first two I played the most and liked the most. In later years I took up skiing and golf. Of them all, the only one I actively pursue now is golf. Because I took part in baseball and its derivatives the most, and because I coached it on the high school level, I not only like it the most, but feel I know it best. The principle seems to be that the more you take part in something – as opposed to just watching it – the more you will know it and like it.

I think the same is true in the spiritual life. For example, one can talk about and read about prayer, but actually praying is the only way to become involved in spiritual growth.

This leads me to Holy Week and the rich liturgies of the Church. The only way to appreciate them fully is by actually taking part in them. Permit a few examples.

We start tomorrow with Reconciliation Monday. Come to any church in the Archdiocese of New York (or Brooklyn or Rockville Centre) and you will be able to receive the wonderful mercy and forgiveness of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's one thing to read about the mercy of God, but here's a chance to actually experience it. That's tomorrow, March 30th, from 3pm to 9pm. Come anytime.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week form what is called the Sacrum Triduum (in Latin, the sacred three days). We are meant, again, to be participants in what is celebrated, not just spectators.

This is unique in our experience, because the events commemorated during Holy Week are ancient: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. How can we participate in them? Since they happened 2,000 years ago, can we but remember them as we recall what happened to Jesus? How can we do more than that? We can do more because we are both invited to do so, and are given the power to do so, by God's grace and favor.

We celebrate these events: Holy Thursday with the Last Supper, Good Friday with Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion, and Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday with the Resurrection, we celebrate them as the Body of Christ. If it happened to Christ, it happens to us as members of His Body. When Jesus establishes the Eucharist, we take part. It is our Body too. When Jesus suffers, so do we. When Jesus carries the cross, so do we. When Jesus rises, so do we. All of this, because we are part of Christ's Body.

Of course this is dependent on our will; on whether we wish to participate like this. We can merely watch on the sidelines, should we so choose. “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” is the question asked by the famous hymn. Please Lord, let me answer in the affirmative. Next to this column is printed the Holy Week schedule. Please plan to join us throughout the week as the mysteries of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection are once again played out in each one of us.



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – 2015

Confessions (Holy Week)

Saturday, March 28th – 4:30pm to 5pm

Reconciliation Monday, March 30th – 3pm to 9pm

Holy Saturday, April 1st – 4pm to 5pm

Holy Thursday – April 2nd

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper – 7:30pm

Adoration at the Altar of Reposition
8:30pm – 9:30pm

Good Friday – April 3rd

Tenebrae – 9am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death – 3pm

Stations and Veneration of the Cross – 7:30pm

Holy Saturday – April 4th

Tenebrae – 9am

Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection – 7:30pm

There is no 5:30pm Mass on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday – April 5th

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

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, PLEASE!

MARCH 30, 2015 3pm – 9pm

CONFESSIONS HEARD IN ALL PARISHES

Words of Pope Francis

“Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem. The crowd of disciples accompanies him in festive mood, their garments stretched out before him. There is talk of the miracles he has accomplished and loud praises are heard: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” (Luke 19:38).

Crowds, celebration, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings, he has shown the face of God's mercy, and has bent down to heal body and soul.

This is Jesus. This is his heart, which looks to all of us, to our sicknesses, to our sins. The love of Jesus is great. And thus he enters Jerusalem, with this love, and looks at us. It is a beautiful scene, full of light—the light of the love of Jesus, the love of his heart—of joy, of celebration.”

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION 2015-2016**

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2015-2016 school year were emailed on March 11th to all currently registered families. Forms received after March 27th 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.

**Widows, Widowers and Singles
Spring Lunch**

Mardino's Restaurant Mt. Kisco, NY
Sunday, April 19th 1:00 pm \$33 Cash
For Information and Reservations
Call Sue Coan 914-234-3093 or
E-mail - suecoan@aol.com
Come join us and bring a friend!



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary any time during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 20th OR Sunday, June 21st 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 19, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

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 234-3344.



Carnival Information

We now have two pages on the St. Patrick's Parish Web Site for Carnival information:

www.stpatricksbedford.com/carnival and
www.stpatricksbedford.com/raffle.

News and updates about both will be posted regularly, and **Raffle tickets can be purchased online directly from the web page.**

In addition, we have started Facebook pages for the parish and for the Carnival:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksparishbedford>
<https://www.facebook.com/stpatscarnival>.

Please "like" and follow these pages, and share news with your friends!

For those on Twitter, the Carnival is also Tweeting: @stpats_carnival. Please follow!

Lenten Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence:

Good Friday is a day 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.

Pro-Life Breakfast

The Center for Life will hold its 15th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast on **Saturday morning, April 18th, 2015** at the **Holiday Inn in Mt. Kisco**. The guest speaker will be **Sr. M. Peter Lillian Di Maria, O. Carm.**, Director of Avila Institute of Gerontology, Inc., who will speak on the top of **"Being Aware of God's Presence in Serious Illness and End of Life Care."**

The Center for Life will also honor two special people at the breakfast in appreciation for their exceptional efforts in defense of the sacredness of all human life. Honored will be Tina McDermott, Executive Director of Birthright of Peekskill and Rita O'Brien, Executive Director of Emmanuel House International. Call 914-232-1168 for information and directions.



We welcome the newly baptized into God's family and into our own St. Patrick's community:

**Jackson Peter Kenny
Annie Bracher Burke
Fiona Marie Skiba**