



Second Sunday of Easter
April 3, 2016

Saturday, April 2nd

- 9:00 For a Respite from Terrorist Violence
- 5:30 Rita O'Leary req. by Ann Haney & Vincent Lane

Sunday, April 3rd

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Paschal Daniel Veditti req. by William McCormack
- 10:30 Dawn Jacksprung (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- Noon Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family
- 5:30 Stella Zagajeski req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

Monday, April 4th

- 7:00 Adam Pizzuti req. by Nancy Grasso
- 9:00 For Aborted Children & Their Parents req. by Respect Life

Tuesday, April 5th

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for 1st Communion
- 9:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

Wednesday, April 6th

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for Confirmation
- 9:00 For St. Patrick's Catechists

Thursday, April 7th

- 7:00 Helen Gwiazdowsky req. by The Borelli Family
- 9:00 Maria & Michael Azzopardi req. by The DeBono Family

Friday, April 8th

- 7:00 For the Intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis
- 9:00 Henry Blaney req. by The Blaney Family

Saturday, April 9th

- 9:00 Laura Calarco req. by Grace Longo
- 5:30 John Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

Sunday, April 10th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Maureen Burns req. by Mary Ann & Bill Riley
- 10:30 Grace Hicks req. by The Hicks Family
- Noon Victoria Kosakowski req. by Jackie & Herb Tinsley
- 5:30 Alviro Maiorano req. by The Religious Education Program

Easter Collection
March 27th - \$30,710

Blessed are those
who have not seen



and yet believe!



Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, 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, Jim Murphy, Ann Porteus, Robert Schimpf, Kirk Siegwarth, 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.



Carnival Information
The Carnival is Coming

This year St. Patrick's Carnival is Tuesday, May 10th, through Sunday, May 15th. The weekend of April 9th/10th we are soliciting volunteers to work at either the food tent, the games or selling tickets. Sign-up sheets will be available after Mass as well as in St. Patrick's School or contact Susanne Quattrochi at 914-234-7764.

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

www.stpatricksbedford.org/carnival and
www.stpatricksbedford.org/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!

From the Pastor's Desk

Mercy Sunday in the Year of Mercy

This day is known by a number of names. It is called the Second Sunday of Easter. In other words, it is the second of eight Sundays in the Easter season. The first is Easter itself and the last is Pentecost. So that's one name. It is also called Low Sunday, a reference to the fact that is in the last day in the octave (an eight-day period) of Easter. Aren't church words great? Finally, in recent years it has also been called Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II placed this feast on the Church's calendar in the year 2000 as a tribute to Jesus' apparitions to Sr. Faustina, a Polish nun who was recently canonized a saint. Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina as the embodiment of Divine Mercy. She related not only what she heard but also what she saw. There is a picture of the apparition, Jesus, the Divine Mercy, in the sanctuary. Beneath the picture are the words, "Jesus I trust in you."

What better time to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday that in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. We celebrate God's saving mercy for each of us even as we remind ourselves of the need to hand that mercy on to others. What I have freely received, I must freely give away.

As you may know, the newest committee to be formed here in St. Patrick's is the Social Action Committee. This committee will be coordinating efforts to identify folks with ongoing or transient needs so that these people can be helped. Their needs might include rides to markets, doctors, or church, etc. Perhaps they are homebound and would want the Eucharist brought to them. Perhaps it's a family that is in need because of illness or injury. Perhaps we can help. Whether it's a Spiritual Work of Mercy, or a Corporal one, the parish should be thought of as a resource, just as each individual Christian and disciple of Jesus should be so regarded.

It's not too early in the Committee's existence for us to engage all of our parishioners with this thought: if you know of anyone who is in need of the above services because they are not presently being tended to, or if you yourself have a particular skill that you would like to put at the service of the Committee, just let us know. Mercy Sunday in the Year of Mercy: a good time to think about these things.

Center for Life

The Center for Life will hold its **Sixteenth Annual Pro-Life Breakfast** on Saturday morning, April 16, 2016, at the Holiday Inn in Mount Kisco, NY. The guest speaker will be Fr. Charles Caccavale, Professor of Moral Theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie who will speak on the topic of **"The Moral Perspective on Physician-Assisted Suicide."**

The Center for Life will also honor two special people at the breakfast in appreciation for their long and tireless efforts in defense of the sacredness of all human life. Honored will be Joy Dechiaro of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Pelham Manor, and B. Michael Garber of St. Joseph's Church, Somers. Call 914-232-1168 for information and directions.

Words of Pope Francis

THE MYSTERY OF MERCY

"We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and us, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy, which might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him."

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On Mercy Sunday in this Year of Mercy, here is a reminder of two groupings we learned in our catechism days.

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. To instruct the ignorant
2. To counsel the doubtful
3. To admonish the sinner
4. To comfort the sorrowful
5. To forgive injuries
6. To bear wrongs patiently
7. To pray for the living & the dead

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. To feed the hungry
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To shelter the homeless
5. To visit the sick
6. To visit the imprisoned
7. To bury the dead.

All of these are the works of mercy. They pervade every part of our lives. The person who is involved in them is a true child of God, a wonderful person to know and be around. Mercy beckons us every day!

MARTHA MINISTRY

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

Spiritual Adoption—Month 4

Well, our little babies now weigh 6 ounces. They have fingernails and eyelashes. They have their own unique fingerprints, which will remain unchanged throughout their lives. Their taste buds are working. There are no additional major bodily developments. Our spiritually adopted babies are already well-formed, internally and externally. All they need now is time to gain weight and grow strong.

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.

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.

Pilgrimage of NY 2016 - Year of Mercy:

The top of Manhattan to the bottom of Manhattan!

Saturday, April 16, 2016

(Rain date: Saturday, September 17, 2016)

9:00 A.M.-Opening Prayers at The Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 701 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10040.

6:15 P.M.-Pilgrims' Mass at The Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7 State Street, New York, N.Y. 10004

We will be walking the length of Manhattan, visiting churches in honor of the Year of Mercy! We will visit two churches named after two saints who are examples of God's Mercy: Saints Peter and Paul. Plus we will visit two churches that have designated Holy Doors for this jubilee year: St Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine and St Patrick's Cathedral. This walk is a total of 13.5 total miles!

You must register in advance at www.pofnyc.org in order to participate in this event.

High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group will meet tonight, April 3rd, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Church Meeting Room.



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 26th 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.



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

April 16th/17th

April 30th/May 1st

May 14th/15th

April 23rd/24th

May 7th/8th

May 21st/22nd



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.



COMMUNITY CENTER
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FREE-WILL GOSPEL CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, April 17, at 4 p.m.**, when the Chancel Choir of the **Antioch Baptist Church** in Bedford Hills, N.Y., will raise its inspired voices in a rousing concert in support of the Center. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event. Reception afterward at Bedford Hills Community Center.