



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2016

Saturday, April 30th

- 9:00 For Persecuted Christians Around the World
- 5:30 Vincent Longobardi req. by The Scuderi Family

Sunday, May 1st

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Don Devey req. by Fran & Jim Dowling
- 10:30 George Genovesi req. by Mary & Charlie George
- Noon Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family
- 5:30 Catherine V. Hubbard (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family

Monday, May 2nd

- 7:00 Eileen Flynn req. by Pat & Tony Suppa
- 9:00 For a growing respect for the self-evident right-to-life req. by Respect Life

Tuesday, May 3rd

- 7:00 For Persecuted Christians Around the World
- 9:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

Wednesday, May 4th

- 7:00 Elinor Fitzgerald req. by A Friend
- 9:00 Rauno Boga req. by Mr. Charles & Dr. Marian Casarelli
- 7:00 For the Intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Thursday, May 5th

- 7:00 Jennie Decina req. by Garibaldi & Decina Families
- 9:00 Michael Gibbons. req. by Teresa Flynn
- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Catechists

Friday, May 6th

- 7:00 Msgr. Dan Brady req. by Sr. Kathleen
- 9:00 Rita Costello req. by Sue Coan

Saturday, May 7th

- 9:00 For a Respite from Terrorist Violence
- 5:30 Robert Curran req. by Pat & Tony Suppa

Sunday, May 8th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Lucy Buchan req. by The Ventura Family
- 10:30 Kate Merker req. by Mary & Charlie George
- Noon Teresa Vitelli req. by <Arianne Vitelli
- 5:30 Mary Miranda req. by Sue Coan

Recent Collections

April 24th - \$8,825



Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Thomas Browne, Conner Curran, Betty D'Alton, Frankie Dezell, Kathleen Duckworth, Martha Dursi, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Joe George, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Francine Holley, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Felice Joaquim, Frank Kearns, Hank Kensing, Joyce Kersh, Kevin Mahoney, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Gary Montanus, Jim Murphy, 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.



The Carnival is Coming

This year St. Patrick's Carnival occurs Tuesday, May 10th, through Sunday, May 15th. **Ride tickets are on sale in the School Office, the CCD office and the Parish Office. The cost is \$25 for a 22-ticket sheet. (Sheets will cost \$30 at the carnival.)**

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, here are our 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

It's What We Do!

The Geico Insurance Co. runs a series of hilarious ads featuring the line, "It's what you do." (My favorite is Jane and Tarzan looking for the waterfall.)

The expression, "It's what you do" can be applied to us Catholics, both in St. Patrick's and elsewhere, as we celebrate the sacraments of initiation each spring during the Easter season. It starts with those who are baptized on Holy Saturday night at the Easter Vigil. In the weeks that follow, children receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time (First Holy Communion) and other older children receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

As we turn the calendar into May, all of this is in the midst of happening in our parish. After all, it's what we do! It started on Saturday, April 16th, when the second graders from St. Patrick's School received First Communion. Yesterday morning, the first group of our Second Grade CCD children made their First Communion. Next Saturday, May 7th, the second group of CCD children will receive First Communion. Finally, on this coming Friday, May 6th, Bishop Peter Byrne will come to St. Patrick's to administer Confirmation to eighth graders from both the School and CCD programs. There will be Confirmation Masses at 2pm and 5pm on that day. Congratulations to all the children and their families who are receiving their sacraments of initiation during this Easter season. And many thanks to the catechists who have prepared them so well. There is an insert attached to this bulletin with all their names.

These celebrations, beautiful and special as they are, all fit into a larger context. We Catholics are a sacramental people. Jesus has left us special remembrances of Himself which turn out to be encounters with the Risen Lord. The Lord manages to be with us at the key moments of our lives (and some very ordinary ones as well). He is with us as newborns, and we call it Baptism. He is with us at our coming of age, and we call it Confirmation. He is with us in our need for forgiveness, and we call it Reconciliation. He is with us in our need for healing and we call it the Sacrament of the Sick. He is with us as we give ourselves to a soul-mate and we call it Matrimony. He is with the Church in our need for shepherding and we call it Holy Orders. Finally, He is with us every day in our need for nourishment and we call it Holy Eucharist. These are our seven encounters with Jesus, the great Sacrament of God. We call these encounters sacraments also.

So, whether you are receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time or the 5,000th time this month, it is indeed a comforting thought to know that Jesus walks with us on our pilgrimage through life. We don't just have a God who is "up there, out there" and totally removed from our experience. No, we have a God who is present to us and who sustains us in all we do.



Words of Pope Francis

BECOMING MORE MATURE CHRISTIANS

"When we participate in holy Mass and are nourished by the body of Christ, the presence of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit acts in us, shaping our hearts, communicating an interior disposition that translates into conduct according to the gospel. Above all, docility to the Word of God, then fraternity amongst ourselves, the courage of Christian witness, creative charity, the capacity to give hope to the disheartened, to welcome the excluded. In this way the Eucharist fosters a mature Christian lifestyle. The love of Christ, welcomes with an open heart, changes us, transforms us, renders us capable of loving not according to a limited human measure but according to God's measure. And what is God's measure? Without measure!"

Feast of the Ascension

Thursday of this week, May 5th, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and a holy day. Masses for the feast are as follows:

- 7pm Vigil Mass (Wednesday, May 4th)
- 7am Thursday
- 9am Thursday
- 7pm Thursday

Kate Fletcher's Visit

Kate Fletcher of Hekima Place in Nairobi, Kenya will make her annual visit to St. Patrick's next weekend. She will say a few words and be outside after the masses to chat and receive your gracious generosity.



Coffee Sunday

This Sunday, May 1st, is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the Church Meeting Room for refreshments after the 9am, 10:30am and noon masses.

High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group will meet tonight, May 1st, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

CONFIRMATION

will be celebrated this Friday, May 7th
at 2pm & 5pm by Bishop Peter Byrne.

Let not your hearts
be troubled

Five simple line-art hearts are arranged horizontally. The first three hearts are above a horizontal grey bar, and the last two hearts are above another horizontal grey bar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2016-2017

The Initial registration period for Religious Education Classes for 2016-2017 is now closed. All registrations received after this time will require a \$50 late fee per family. Forms are available at the Religious Education office, the parish office and on the Parish web site www.stpatricksbedford.org. Registration is first come first serve and some classes are already full. Register immediately to secure a place in your desired class. Please call the Religious Education office at 234-3775 or email goodnews2@verizon.net with any questions.



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).

May 7th/8th
June 4th/5th

May 14th/15th
June 11th/12th



On Saturday, May 7th and Sunday, May 8th, St. Patrick's Respect Life Committee is hosting a baby shower and bake sale to benefit the Good Counsel Daystar Program in Harrison NY. Good Counsel Homes provide care and shelter for needy mothers and their babies. Please bring baked goods to the Church Meeting room on Saturday afternoon or with you to Mass on Sunday. Wrapped shower gifts should be marked "boy" or "girl. **There is a need for volunteers** to make this successful. Please contact the Parish Office (234-3344) or DeDe Burke (234-7264) if you are able to volunteer.



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 26, 2016.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

*The Family Association of
Kennedy Catholic High School
invites you to join them as they Restore the
Grotto - In Memory of Sr. Barbara Heil. Join us as
we begin our campaign to honor the life of our
beloved teacher and friend. Donations can be
made at www.kennedycatholic.org or mail
checks to Family Association KCHS, 54 Route
138, Somers, NY 10589, or call 914-232-5061*



Service Personnel Prayer List

The names listed below are service personnel serving in our nation's armed forces who are relatives of our parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers.

Darren Adler/Marines
Robert F. Benedettini/Army
Ryan Bludau/Air Force
Casey Dale Climis/Air Force
Christopher Cruz/Army
Daniel Cruz/Army
Thomas Dever/Marines
Matthew Diterichs/Army
Terrence Higgins/Navy
Christopher Homon/Marines
Richie Hughes/Marines
Christopher G. Johnson/Coast Guard
Paddy McManus/Army
Stephen Musick/Marines
Matthew Nevious/Air Force
Cristin Pulise/Marines
Charles Retter/Marines
Peter Riley/Army
Kate Rosenschein/Navy
Christian Roth/Coast Guard
Craig Scott/Army
Andrew Solt/Marines
Thomas McAllister Stevenson/Army
Michael Tynan/Marines
Howard Wulforst/Army

Spiritual Adoption—Month 5

Our babies weigh over one pound. Their mothers can feel them moving now. Before, they were too small to be felt. We are midway through the pregnancy now. Our prayers have helped our babies' mothers continue with their pregnancies and seek the help they need.

