



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2016



Pray for the Sick

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

Monday, May 9th

- 7:00 Persecuted Christians Around the World
- 9:00 Arthur Attridge req. by Mary Ann & Frank Manna

Tuesday, May 10th

- 7:00 Carl Clifford req. by The Gallagher Family
- 9:00 Mollie Engargiola req. by Jeanette Galvin

Wednesday, May 11th

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Catechists
- 9:00 Esposito Family req. by Family

Thursday, May 12th

- 7:00 For the Intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis
- 9:00 Maria & Michael Azzopardi req. by The DeBono Family

Friday, May 13th

- 7:00 For Religious Freedom
- 9:00 Ann & James Walsh req. by The Flynn Family

Saturday, May 14th

- 9:00 For Victims of the Earthquake in Ecuador
- 5:30 Nina & Adam Cairo req. by Family

Sunday, May 15th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Stella Zagajeski req. by Fran & Jim Dowling
- 10:30 Kate Merker req. by Fran & Jim Dowling & Family
- Noon Nat Picco, Sr. req. by Picco Family
- 5:30 Chase Kowalski (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family

Recent Collection

May 1st - \$7,917
Eastern Europe \$2,281
ParishPay April 15th – April 30th – \$1,435

Partner-in-Faith Collection

The second collection next week will be for our Partner-in-Faith parish, Sacred Heart in the Bronx. Thank you for your generosity.

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 2016 This Week!

Tuesday	6:30 – 10:00pm
Wednesday	6:30 – 10:00pm
Thursday	6:30 – 10:00pm
Friday	6:30 – 11:00pm
Saturday	2:00 – 10:30pm
Sunday	1:00 – 5:00pm

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

www.stpatricksbedford.org/carnival and
www.stpatricksbedford.org/raffle

Raffle tickets can be purchased online directly from the web page. The winning ticket will be drawn on May 15th at 5pm.

In addition, here are our Facebook pages for the parish and for the Carnival:

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

For those on Twitter, the Carnival is also Tweeting:
[@stpats_carnival](https://twitter.com/stpats_carnival). Please follow!



From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Mother's Day!

Long before he became Pope Benedict, Joseph Ratzinger was a leading theologian and one of the key contributors to Vatican Council II. One of his early books was "Principles of Catholic Theology." In it he argues that we come to experience our true humanity only because of the love and acceptance we receive from another, most notably our mothers. Here is how he puts it:

"(Alone) we cannot come to terms with ourselves. Our I becomes acceptable to us only if it has first become acceptable to another I. We can love ourselves only if we have first been loved by someone else.

The life a mother gives to her child is not just physical life; she gives total life when she takes the child's tears and turns them into smiles. It is only when life has been accepted and is perceived as accepted that it becomes also acceptable.

Man is that strange creature that needs not just physical birth but also appreciation if he is to subsist...if an individual is to accept himself, someone must say to him: It is good that you exist'—must say it, not with words, but with that act of the entire being that we call love. For it is the way of love to will the other's existence and, at the same time, to bring that existence forth again. The key to the I lies with you." (Principles of Catholic Theology, pp. 79-80)

It's no wonder then that we set Mother's Day aside each year to recognize all our moms for the special gift that they are. Some are near, some live far away. Some are alive and with us still; some have gone home to God. Whatever the circumstance we thank them all for all that they have done and are doing for us. Most especially, we thank them for giving us a glimpse of God's "no strings attached" love that they have for us. May we return that love to them today at least a little bit. In keeping with this, each of our moms in the parish will be presented with a small remembrance at the end of Mass today, following the final hymn.

St. Patrick's Carnival 2016

The annual St. Patrick's Carnival is almost upon us. It is the parish's biggest social event of the year, and our largest fundraiser. It is a week when we welcome not only our near neighbors from Bedford and Pound Ridge, but also from all the surrounding towns and villages in the area, and indeed from all of Westchester County. It is one of our region's earliest Carnivals, allowing folks to break the "cabin fever" syndrome of the winter, and also one of this area's largest carnivals. We are proud to host this wonderful event. People come to have a good time and to celebrate life. Somehow, the Easter season seems a perfect time for all of this. So, come. Enjoy. And pray for good weather! See you at the Carnival.

Words of Pope Francis

WITNESSING TO LOVE

"We are all called to witness and proclaim the message that 'God is love,' that God isn't far and insensitive to our human affairs. God is close to us, always beside us, walking with us to share our joys and sorrows, our hopes and struggles. God loves us very much and for that reason became human, coming into the world not to condemn it, but so the world would be saved through Jesus (Jn 3:16-17). And this is the love of God in Jesus, this love that is so difficult to understand but that we feel when we draw close to Jesus. And he always forgives us, always awaits us and loves us so much."

Annual Mass of Remembrance for Bereaved Parents

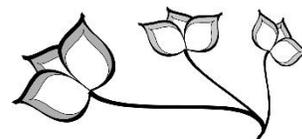
- Remembering children who have died
- St. Elizabeth Seton, Shrub Oak
- Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 11am
- All are welcome
- Additional information: 914-528-3547



Welcome Kate Fletcher!

St. Patrick's welcomes Kate Fletcher from Hekima Place in Kenya. Kate will be saying a few words at all the weekend masses and will be available outside after mass to chat and receive your kindness.

For those wishing to speak with Kate at greater length, there is an Open House at Wendy and Chris Zepf's (18 Kingdom Ridge Road, Bedford) from 1:30 to 4:30pm on Sunday, May 8th.



Career Network

The St. Patrick's Career Network is available to provide assistance to those parishioners who are in a career transition and covers such topics as: career evaluation, resume writing, interview preparation, developing networks, job skills search and targeting the job market. For those interested, please call Deacon Lou at (914) 393-1900.



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 14th/15th June 4th/5th



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



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

*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*

