



17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 30, 2017

Saturday, July 29th

- 9:00 Patricia D. Hart req. by Robert Hart & Family
- 5:30 Marian O'Neill req. by Katharine Trongone & Family

Sunday, July 30th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Fred Roth req. by Jim & Fran Dowling
- 10:30 Grace Hicks req. by Hicks Family
- Noon Maria Rose & Nicole Sarubbi req. by Labricciosa Family
- 5:30 Mary C. Burdick req. by Lisa Cribari & Raymond Infarinato

Monday, July 31st

- 9:00 Mary Gallagher req. by Family

Tuesday August 1st

- 9:00 Raymond F. Hickey Sr. req. by Family

Wednesday August 2nd

- 9:00 Ben Saladino req. by Marcella Saladino

Thursday, August 3rd

- 9:00 Maureen Reardon req. by Teresa Flynn

Friday August 4th

- 9:00 Mary Lewis req. by Teresa Flynn

Saturday, August 5th

- 9:00 Sr. Rosemary Sheehan, RSCJ req. by The Hooper Family
- 5:30 Chuck Damiano req. by Lisa Cribari & Raymond Infarinato

Sunday, August 6th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Jim Kenyon req. by Corgan Family
- 10:30 Doris Martin req. by Barrett Family
- Noon Marie & James Gondiosa req. by Barbera Minton
- 5:30 Vincent J & Vincent D Luccarelli req. by Family

RECENT COLLECTIONS

July 23rd \$7,437

Parish Pay July 1st-15th- \$1,557

2nd Collection- \$1,794

(The Society for the Propagation of the Faith 7/16)



Pray for the Sick

Rayyan Ahsan, Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Brady Walter, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Dominick Cannavo, Michael Casarella, Conner Curran, Marie Doescher, Rose DeCicco, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Mary Doyle, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Francine M. Holley, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Mirella Kahriman, Maureen Laning, John Li Conti, Dominic Lombardi, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, John Magnotta, Kevin Mahoney, Robert Mangone, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, John Reardon, Chris Schate, Matthew Scherer, Bob Silberberg, Otto Siegwarth, Thomas Valentine, Michael Walsh, Mia Wiltse, Christine Young, Eileen Riley Zawada, 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.

Cardinal's Appeal 2017

The Annual Cardinal's Appeal is underway. Please be as generous as you can to this most important Archdiocesan charity.

From the Pastor's Desk

On Sunday, July 16th, we celebrated the Fifteenth Sunday of the Year, cycle A. The Liturgy of the Word included a reading from the Prophet Isaiah (55:10-11), portions of Psalm 65, a reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:18-23), and a reading from the holy Gospel of Matthew (13:1-23).

The Gospel included the Parable of the Sower and Jesus' explanation of the parable. No farmer who is interested in a profit would be as lavish in spreading seed as the farmer in that parable. A discreet farmer is careful to sow only in places which are sure to produce results. But the farmer in the Gospel is lavish with the seed since he represents God who is always generous with his gifts.

The seed represents the Word of God which is found in the inspired pages of Sacred Scripture. There are 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New. God sows his seed in our minds and in our hearts primarily by means of the Liturgy of the Word within the celebration of the Mass.

In the last 60 years there have been many changes in what we feel comfortable calling the Liturgy of the Word but used to be called the Mass of the Catechumens. When I first started serving Mass as an Altar Boy, there were two readings at Mass; a reading from an Epistle and a reading from the Gospel of Matthew. These were read in Latin with the Priest facing the wall. Pope Saint John XXIII, before the Second Vatican Council, changed the readings into the vernacular and they were to be read from the pulpit. Today, when the extraordinary form of the Mass (the old form of the Mass in Latin) is celebrated, these changes must be included.

In the previous liturgy, the same readings were used every year so that it was impossible to get a representative sampling of the richness of the Bible. One result of this arrangement was that some magnificent passages were never heard by Catholics on Sundays. The parable of the Prodigal Son was not part of any Sunday liturgy; neither was the story of the Good Samaritan.

Epistles supplied the first reading but a long list of what was omitted could be complied. The Acts of the Apostles, the story of the early Church, was chosen only once a year on Pentecost Sunday. Nothing from the Old Testament or the Book of Revelation was read at Sunday Mass.

The Second Vatican Council, using the image of riches, decreed that "the treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful" (*Constitution on the Liturgy*, 51). the revised Liturgy has fulfilled this decree by selecting biblical passages over a three year period on Sundays rather than one, and by supplying two readings rather than one, before the Gospel.

This current year, known as Cycle A, features the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Cycle B presents the Gospel according to St. Mark, and Cycle C that according to St. Luke. The Gospel according to St. John is used primarily on the Sundays of the A cycle during Lent, during the Easter Season, and to fill out the B cycle. Throughout the Easter Season the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles; otherwise, the first reading is from writings other than the Gospels. The Book of Revelation is the second reading during the Easter season on Cycle C.

To appreciate these generous presentations of the treasure of the Bible, we must all make sure that we are prompt in coming to Mass. In fact, we ought to see to it that we get to church in plenty of time to settle down so we may pay close attention to the readings. We are to listen in faith that it is Christ who speaks to us when the Scriptures are proclaimed (see the *Constitution on the Liturgy*, 56-57).

Granting the importance of the Word, what about Holy Communion? One way to view Communion is to see that the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord is like the rain and the snow which come down from heaven to make the earth fruitful. Holy Communion gives us the means we need to turn the Scriptures we hear into the truth which guides and directs our lives according to God's will. The Holy Spirit had not only inspired the pages of the Bible; the Holy Spirit had blessed us through the work of the Second Vatican Council.

Words of Pope Francis

THE HIDDEN TREASURE

What is the secret of finding the treasure? There isn't one. The treasure is everywhere. It is offered to us at every moment and where ever we find ourselves. All creatures, friends or enemies, pour it out abundantly, and it courses through every fiber of our body and soul until it reaches the very core of our being. God's activity runs through the entire universe and penetrates every created being. All they have to do is allow its waves to sweep them forward, fulfill the simple duties of their religion and status in life, accept cheerfully all the difficulties they meet and surrender to the will of God in all they have to do. This is authentic spirituality, and it is valid for all times and for everyone.

Parish Listening Sessions & Survey

UPDATE

The Pastoral Council is working diligently to organize parishioner feedback and suggestions and to create a plan for the parish. We are identifying which initiatives can be started immediately, which will take a few months to get going, and which are more long-term projects. Many, many parishioners have already expressed interest in getting more involved in the parish, and so we are also working on a system to facilitate this. Meanwhile the parish Finance Council continues to work with our pastor to ensure oversight of parish finances.



COMMUNITY CENTER
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER
Sharing the Essentials of Living

The Community Center of Northern Westchester is in need of baby food, formula, diapers and wipes to help serve our youngest and most vulnerable neighbors in need. Please keep this in mind when donating to the food collection on the first Sunday of the month.

Food Collection

Food is collected for the Community Center of Northern Westchester the first Sunday of each month. Next Sunday, August 5th, please bring non-perishable food items to the rear of the Church.

PARISH PICNIC

The Parish Picnic is scheduled for September 9, 2017. Based on parishioners' feedback, some changes to its format have been planned. Mass will still be held outdoors that evening, but it will be at 4:30pm (instead of 5:30). There will not be a 5:30 Mass that evening. The picnic will follow Mass, from 5:30 til 7:30pm.

We will need volunteers to assist with planning and managing activities, food, set up and clean up. We also need one volunteer to take charge of each of these areas. Please call the parish office (234-3344) or email (patrick485@optonline.net) by August 11th if you are able to help in any way.

LIFE SPIRITUALITY MEETING

There will be a Life Spirituality Meeting on Monday, July 31st from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Cenacle Building



Weekend Flower Donation **For July 29th and July 30th**

*From The Tirinato Family
Flowers are for A Special Intention
For Francine M. Holley*

TACHS

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2017 Summer/Fall Classes & Boot Camps held at
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10530 & the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Avenue,
Ossining, NY 10562.

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