



**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017**

Saturday, September 9th

- 9:00 In honor of St. Padre Pio req. by Matthew F. Feeney
- 4:30 Antonio Scuderi req. by The Scuderi Family

Sunday, September 10th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Rafael Neto req. by Anne Neto
- 10:30 Carmine LoBosco req. by Fran & Jim Dowling
- Noon Edward Fuhrman req. by Family
- 5:30 Rafael Neto req. by Anne Neto

Monday, September 11th

- 7:00 Eugene T. Feeney (I) req. by Matthew F. Feeney
- 9:00 Joseph La Motta req. by Geraldine La Motta

Tuesday September 12th

- 7:00 James F. Feeney(I) req. by Matthew F. Feeney
- 9:00 James & Ann Walsh req. by Flynn Family

Wednesday September 13th

- 7:00 Antoinette LaManna Jen req. by The Larkin Family
- 9:00 Peter Vincent req. by Vincent Family

Thursday, September 14th

- 7:00 Charles Kuralt req. by Matthew F. Feeney
- 9:00 Mary & James Boyle req. by Sr. Kathleen

Friday, September 15th

- 7:00 Father Michael Gugliemelli req. by Matthew F. Feeney
- 9:00 Patrick Walsh req. by The Flynn Family

Saturday, September 16th

- 9:00 Lawrence Gallagher, Sr. req. by The Gallagher Family
- 5:30 Letilde Scuderi req. by The Scuderi Family

Sunday, September 17th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Charlie Rose req. by The Max Family
- 10:30 Raymond F. Hickey req. by Family
- Noon Jessica Rekos(Newtown) req. by Smith
- 5:30 Charlie Rose req. by Hicks Family

RECENT COLLECTIONS

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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, Healy Pauline Marie, Pauline, Francine M. Holley, Chester Hooper, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Mirella Kahrman, 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

Last week our parish in union with William Dym and his living relatives, suffered through the sudden and violent deaths of three members of our local community. The outpouring of grief and support was deeply felt and our Church, filled way beyond capacity, was uplifting as any Funeral Mass could be. Will and his relatives were heroic in their suffering, the prayers and readings were soothing, Fr. Joseph's homily gave voice to our faith in God's love and mercy and those who wished received Holy Communion which is the 'bread of ever lasting life'. William's eulogy spoke of his love for his father, his sister, and his mother; and a Rabbi said the traditional Jewish prayer for the dead. Putting all this together, I came away with a song in my heart, praising God for His infinite goodness.

Within hours that had ended. On one side, complaints were raised about the fact that Steven, who was Jewish was given a Christian Funeral. Others complained that although Loretta's and Caroline's coffins were covered with a White Funeral Pall, Steven's was not. And even mentioned on a TV News station, it was stated negatively that the women's coffins were sprinkled with Holy Water but Steven's was not.

Here is what went through our minds. Steven had allowed his children to be raised Catholic. It meant a lot to the family that all three be together for the funeral. So, the unusual decision was made to have Steven's body with his wife and daughter. The absence of a funeral pall and our not sprinkling with Holy Water was a mark of respect for Steven's decision to remain Jewish. The white funeral pall symbolizes the white garment at Baptism as does the sprinkling of Holy Water. It was in no way anything other than a sign of respect for Steven's love for the religion in which he was raised. If this offends anyone's sensibilities I am truly sorry but I believe we did what was right, good, and merciful.

In the words of the Collect:

Lord, our God,
you are always faithful and quick to show mercy.

Our brother Steven, and our sisters Loretta and Caroline,
were suddenly and violently taken from us. Come swiftly to their aid,
have mercy on them,
comfort their family and friends
by the power and protection of the cross.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

PRAYER AS A COMMUNAL UNDERTAKING

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray it shall be granted". That sounds like a fantastic magic formula for getting just exactly what we want. It's easy to ignore the fact that Jesus makes this promise while talking about people who are hard to forgive. He's not promising shiny new bikes or an "A" on the semester's first exam; he's talking about helping one another get beyond our own wounded pride and hurt feelings so that we can create peace in our world. It takes uncommon humility to ask someone to pray with you that you can learn to forgive. But Christ promises that he himself will be with us when we do so.

A Message from Deacon Lou

Please be aware I will be traveling for work in Asia from September 7 through September 22 and will be back at parish for Masses during the weekend of September 23-24.

God bless all of you,
Deacon Lou

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday Religious Education classes for this year begin this weekend and Tuesday classes begin September 12th. If you are an 8th grader and attend a private Catholic school please register immediately to participate in the Confirmation class.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, September 17th, St. Patrick's Fall Blood Drive will be held at St. Patrick's School from 8:00 am-2:00 pm. Thanks to all who participated in our Spring Blood Drive. We received 77 units of blood, one of our best drives ever! Your support is truly necessary at this Blood Drive. Hurricane Harvey has depleted reserves in Texas and Irma could be even worse. Please try to find time next Sunday to give, it is truly appreciated. A sign up-schedule will be available at the Church entrance.

CYO BASKETBALL

Registration for the St. Patrick's of Bedford CYO Basketball 2017-2018 season is now open for **St. Patrick's parishioners only**. It will close on Saturday, Sept 23. Please go to www.eteamz.com/bcyo to register. For families with more than one child, there will be a \$50 discount for each additional child in the program. This discount will be applied when you register. If you wish to use a uniform from a previous season, you will receive a \$25 discount, so select the appropriate category while registering. Parents who would like to coach please let us know on the registration form.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Our next Centering Prayer meeting is 8:00 pm Sept. 11 in the Church meeting room. You are invited to join us! No experience necessary.

COFFEE SUNDAY HELPERS NEEDED



Be a Rewarding Part of a Parish Ministry!

We need volunteers for the 9:00am, 10:30am and 12pm Masses and clean-up. If multiple families pitch in on rotating months, we can get Coffee Sundays going again! Won't you please stand up and help to share this rewarding ministry? Please consider volunteering after one mass or for one Sunday or one month at a time! Call Julieann at the Parish Office if interested 914-234-3344.

The St. Patrick's Men's Ministry Welcomes You

A new season of the St. Patrick's Men's Ministry begins on Sept. 9, and we invite you to join us! We are launching our fifth season with an original series about everyday ways to find peace in our busy lives. Over the last four years we have grown from a group of men who meet each Saturday into a true community of brothers who support each other and encourage each other. We know that by reaching out to you and inviting you to share your gifts with us, we will continue to deepen and broaden our faith lives. Our meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays in the church meeting room with coffee and bagels. Our meetings are open to all men. Our Men's Ministry Band often opens the meeting, and we have rotating speakers who give their perspective about the morning's reading. The heart of our meeting is the small table discussions, where we share ways to connect our faith to everyday life. We conclude our meetings by coming together as a group to reflect on what we have talked about. We have no dues or membership requirements and we always have a seat open for you. Please stop by on Saturday and see for yourself.

NEWLY FORMED VERONICA MINISTRY

Are you interested in floral, fabrics or decorating?

How about polishing the brass, marble, or hardwoods? Willing to check on the altar servers albs after mass? During the summer, could you help collate the bulletins? How about praying the rosary in a group setting? All are welcome especially to point-out, and instruct.

One person it's personal, two people are a team, three or more is a party!

Please, join us in our new Veronica Ministry as St. Veronica did as she wiped the face of our Lord. Contact Christine 914-391-2722, voice message or text. Let's care for our sanctuary.

RESPECT FOR LIFE GROUP

Monday, September 11th, The Respect Life Group will be having its first meeting of the new season, after the 9:00am Mass in the Church Meeting Room. We are looking forward to making some changes in our format and hope we can entice some new members to come and join our group.

LIFE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Life Spirituality Group will meet on Thursday, September 28 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Cenacle. The group is reading the book, Merton's The Palace of Nowhere by James Finley. Anyone interested in joining the group, please call Deacon Lou at 914-393-1900.