



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2016

Saturday, March 12th

- 9:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for Communion
- 5:30 Maria Scuderi req. by The Scuderi Family

Sunday, March 13th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Dylan Hockley (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- 10:30 George Genovesi req. by Jane & Dan Hickey
- Noon Laura & Joseph DelRiccio req. by Rose Cannistraci
- 5:30 John & Mary Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

Monday, March 14th

- 7:00 Mary Grace Pasqualino req. by Katharine Trongone and Family
- 9:00 John Citro, Sr. req. by Dot Citro

Tuesday, March 15th

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for Confirmation
- 9:00 Maria & Michael Azzopardi req. by The De Bono Family

Wednesday, March 16th

- 7:00 Maurice Egan req. by Family
- 9:00 Terry Stevenson req. by The Stevenson Family

Thursday, March 17th

- 7:00 Nora Magarahan req. by Sister Kathleen
- 9:00 Jerry & Terri Hawe req. by Sister Kathleen

Friday, March 18th

- 7:00 A. Michael latesta req. by The Glascott Family
- 9:00 Kim Knowles req. by The Fuhrman Family

Saturday, March 19th

- 9:00 For Those in RCIA Programs Preparing for a Deeper Relationship with the Church
- 5:30 John Citro, Jr. req. by Dot Citro

Sunday, March 20th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Mary Beth Harrington req. by The Harrington Family
- 10:30 George Genovesi req. by Sue Coan
- Noon Louise Grassi req. by The Smith Family
- 5:30 Zachary Latteri req. by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Downey

Recent Collections

Sunday, March 6th – \$10,070
Catholic Relief - \$3,012

Today's Second Collection

The second collection today is for our Partner-in-Faith Parish, Sacred Heart in the Bronx. Thank you for your generosity.



Pray for the Sick

Tatum Allen, Jacqueline Ruvalo Ascenzi, Virginia Barrett, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu Thomas Browne, Conner Curran, Betty D'Alton, Frankie Dezell, Kathleen Ducksworth, Martha Dursi, 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, 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.

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
BENEDICTION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
takes place on Friday, March 18th at 7:30pm



From the Pastor's Desk

Wedding Bells and the Year of Mercy

The title of this article may seem odd. What does the Year of Mercy have to do with wedding bells? Well, it is a sign of our times that many Catholic couples, or Catholics marrying non-Catholics, choose to have their weddings "outside the Church," so to speak. In other words, they marry civilly or in a non-Catholic ceremony perhaps in a reception hall, perhaps as part of a "destination wedding." What are the religious consequences of this? It means that in the eyes of the Catholic Church, the couple has not received the Sacrament of Matrimony. There are many couples in this situation who would not have any problem getting such a marriage blessed and ratified by the Church. In other words, there is no impediment preventing them from receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony. So, what to do?

Here's where the Year of Mercy comes in. What better time than this great year of grace and forgiveness to get your marriage set right with the church? Most likely, this could be done without great difficulty, as long as there are no prior marriages involved for either party. So if you were married in a civil ceremony, or in a non-Catholic religious ceremony, and you would like to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony and return to good standing in the Catholic Church, I would love to speak with you. Or, if you prefer, Fr. Joseph or Deacon Lou would love to speak with you.

What would it involve? You would have to gather your sacramental papers and respond to a short list of questions that would show that you are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. As for the ceremony itself, it could be as quiet and private or as public as you want it. It could be as simple as you and your spouse, two witnesses and a priest or deacon.

The Year of Mercy is the time for this. If you need to have your marriage blessed and satisfied by the Church, consider this your invitation. In keeping with the Year of Mercy, there will be no scolding or disapproving looks. We just want you to receive the benefits of the Sacrament of Matrimony. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after all weekday masses (Monday – Friday 7am and 9am, Saturday 9am). Of course, confessions are also heard on Saturday s at 4:30-5:00pm.



Words of Pope Francis

GOD DOESN'T FORGET US

"The prophet Isiah presents it as the image of maternal love full of tenderness. How beautiful is this! God does not forget us, not one of us! Everyone by name and surname. He loves us and doesn't forget. What a beautiful thought. However, thinking of the many people who live in precarious conditions, or even in a poverty offensive to their dignity, these words could seem abstract, if not illusory. But actually they are relevant, now more than ever! They remind us that you cannot serve two masters: God and wealth. As long as everyone seeks to accumulate for themselves, there will be no justice. Instead, by entrusting ourselves to God's providence, and seeking his kingdom together, no one will lack the necessary means to live with dignity."

POPE FRANCIS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The encyclical *Laudato Si* calls for immediate and difficult changes in each of us, our country and the nations of the world, including changes in our personal lifestyles, in business practices and national policies. It is a message we don't always want to hear or heed. Pope Francis asks each of us and all of us to make some sacrifice for a better, more compassionate world. Let us be thankful for his leadership and courage, and pray for a "conversion of heart" in ourselves and in our national and world leaders, that we and they will be open to his message and willing to take the needed steps to protect our common home.



BLOOD DRIVE TODAY

Today, St. Patrick's Spring Blood Drive will be held at St. Patrick's School from 8am to 2pm. If you are able, please consider donating. Blood is always vitally needed.

MARTHA MINISTRY

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 school year were emailed 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.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LENTEN SERIES

MONDAY, MARCH 14th
9:30AM – 10:30AM OR 7:30PM – 8:30PM
CHURCH MEETING ROOM
Topic: **The Church and Its Structure.
Authority in the Church**
Presenter: **Fr. Joseph Domfeh**

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.

Spiritual Adoption—Month 3

Our spiritually adopted babies' hearts pump several quarts of blood through the body every day. Our unborn babies have developed the body parts required to experience pain, including all of the nerves, spinal cord and thalamus. From this age on, there is only growth in size and maturation of the organs already present. All organ systems are functioning. This precious child is being formed by God.



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 25th 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.



Upcoming Weddings

04/24/16 *Joanna Delaney
John Ruvo*
05/01/16 *Ann Haney
Vincent Lane*
05/28/16 *Mia Yabut
Edward Wiese*
06/17/16 *Jayne Sullivan
Matthew Coleman*
06/25/16 *Kaylin Tavolacci
Peter Aarts*

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.