

**Mass Schedule**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 1, 2015**



**Pray for the Sick**

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Fr. Steve Clark, Rose DeCicco, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Maryann DiBarri, Martha Dursi, Kate Fletcher (rehabbing leg injury), Margaret Harrington, Alex Hood, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Sally Kollberg, Rosalie Marsico, Stephen Michael Mack, Betty Martineau, Kate Martinez, Kevin Meher, Danny Mulholland, John O'Shea, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Thomas N. Ryan, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith and William Vitro 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.*

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Olivia Engel (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- 5:30 Susan & John Thompson req. by Family

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Emmet Gallagher (I) req. by The Arkison Family
- 10:30 Rosario Cutri req. by Deacon Lou & Mary Santore
- Noon Vincent Zaccardo req. by The Smith Family
- 5:30 Nick Modico req. by Christina Fuhrman

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 7:30 Ann Mara req. by The Schloat Family
- 9:00 For aborted children and their parents req. by Respect Life

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 7:00 Gjelosh Sokoli req. by Ulaj Family
- 9:00 James Flynn req. by Fran & Jim Dowling

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Gonzalo req. by A Friend
- 9:00 Members of the Eposito Family req. by Family

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Franco Michienzi req. by Kathleen Kane-Molito
- 9:00 Josephine Natoli req. by The Cavisi Family

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 People of St. Patrick's
- 9:00 Joan Sloat req. by Faculty, Staff & Children of St. Patrick's School

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Leanora Giardino req. by Dorothy & Lindsay Speidell
- 5:30 Josephine Gay (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Laccarelli req. by Family
- 10:30 Kathleen Ceccola req. by Pam & Ray Hickey
- Noon William Harrington, Sr. req. by Family
- 5:30 Michael Abernethy req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

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**2/22/15 Parish Income**  
**Regular Collection: \$11,562.00**

***If you did not receive an invitation to the Dinner/Dance-Auction, it may be because you are not a registered parishioner. If you do not receive weekly donation envelopes, you may not be registered. Not sure? Call the Parish Office at 234-3344 and check.***

**Partnership – 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 - 2015**  
**The Annual Appeal is underway.**

We owe a debt of gratitude to the devoted priests and religious women and men who have selflessly served the Church and her people for so many years. Through the **Cardinal's Appeal**, we assist two priests' retirement residences – The John Cardinal O'Connor Residence and Our Lady of Consolation. We also ensure that monies received from the annual archdiocesan collection towards the fund for retired religious exceed \$1 million. **Thank you for your generosity to the Appeal.**



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### **Fasting: An Antidote to Egoism**

When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert, an event recounted variously by Matthew, Mark and Luke, the temptations came in three areas: power, ego and materialism. It is no different for us. We are tempted in the same way. Fortunately, we have antidotes for these temptations. For power, there is prayer. For ego, there is fasting. For materialism, there is almsgiving. These, of course, are the three pillars of Lenten spirituality. Today, some words about fasting.

The word fasting conjures up thoughts of types of food that we "give up" or curtail during Lent. "I'm giving up candy" is a line we've heard since childhood. The catch was that it had to be something we really liked (Brussel sprouts wouldn't do!). It had to be something we would miss and hence be a sacrifice. That hasn't changed. It's still a wonderful Lenten practice to give up or cut down on preferred foods. But there are many other kinds of fasting as well. I can fast from television; from computer games; from time surfing the web; from time spent texting and tweeting, etc. So many kinds of fasting exist.

Strangely, there's one type of fasting we don't think about often. It's the fasting mentioned in Isaiah 58:6-7: The Lord God said to the prophet: "This is the kind of fasting I want: Remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice, and let the oppressed go free. Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those with nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives."

The Lord tells us that social justice has to be part of our fasting. In other words, it can't just be about me, about what I am giving up or doing without. Perhaps what I give up can be given to others. Perhaps the time I redeem from leisure pursuits can be given to helping others who need my time and interest and concern. Scripture connects our fasting with the entire Body of Christ. To fast well is to leave the self behind.

The point of all this is that when we do engage in fasting, of whatever type, we employ the perfect antidote to the egocentric life. The more we mortify ourselves by fasting, the more we put our ego in its place, the more we gain a sense of perspective in our life, and the more we take our rightful place in the body of Christ.



### **2015 Synod on the Family**

In preparation for the Synod on the Family to take place in Rome in October 2015, you are invited to share your input with the Archdiocese of New York. There is a set of questions available on-line at [www.nyfamilylife.org/synod](http://www.nyfamilylife.org/synod). Those responding to this will note that only two of the nineteen questions appear to solicit opinions about issues to be discussed at the Synod. There is a deadline of March 6<sup>th</sup> for your response.

### **Words of Pope Francis**

"The Church is catholic because she is *universal*; she is spread abroad through every part of the world, and she proclaims the Gospel to every man and to every woman. The Church is not a group of the elite; she does not concern only the few. The Church has no limits; she is sent to the totality of people, to the totality of the human race. And the one Church is present even in her smallest parts. Everyone can say: in my parish the Catholic Church is present, because it too is part of the universal Church, since it too contains the fullness of Christ's gifts: the faith, the sacraments, the (ordained) ministry. It is in communion with the bishop, with the pope, and it is open to everyone without distinction. The Church does not rest solely beneath the shadow of our steeple; rather, she embraces a vast number of peoples and nations who profess the same faith, are nourished by the same Eucharist and are served by the same pastors. To feel that we are in communion with the whole Church, with all the Catholic communities of the world great and small—this is beautiful! And then, to feel we are all on a mission, great and small communities alike, that we all must open our doors and go out for the sake of the Gospel. Let us ask ourselves, then, what do I do in order to communicate to others the joy of encountering the Lord, the joy of belonging to the Church? Proclaiming and bearing witness to the faith is not the work of the few; it also concerns me, you, each one of us!"



### **Annual St. Patrick's Auction and Dinner Dance**

- Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 7 PM
- Salem Golf Club, North Salem
- Honoring Van Muller of CYO
- PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING!
- Need a ride to the Auction? Call the Parish Office at 234-3344.

### **SPECIAL LENTEN PROGRAMS**

#### **A Lenten Series Presented by Msgr. Thompson**

**"Jesus Christ: Priest, Prophet, King"**

7:30 pm, Church Meeting Room

Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**"Challenging False Worship"**

#### **Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm

#### **Lenten Confessions**

Every day after 9 am Mass, Mon-Fri

Saturdays 4:30-5:00 pm

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**  
**2015-2016**

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2015-2016 school year will be e-mailed in early March. Registration forms will automatically be e-mailed to all families who are currently registered in the program and to new families who have requested a form. Our Religious Education Program begins in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and continues until 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:goodnews2@verizon.net).



*On Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. A sign-up schedule will be available at the Church entrance on March 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Room/roommate situation wanted for 7AM Mass attendee who is female Estate Manager in Greenwich during week and needs accommodations Monday PM through Friday AM. Contact Ann at Parish Office 234-3344.



***Today is Coffee Sunday. Please join us for refreshments after the morning masses.***

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS**

For Special-Needs  
Children/Adults and Their Families

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 PM**

Musical Presentation at 11:30 AM

Come and worship God with families who have members with special needs. Join us in celebrating God's love for those with special needs who deserve recognition and compassion. We hope to provide a loving and welcome environment and to restore and reinforce faith and hope to families with children and adults with special needs. Light refreshments will be served after Mass to meet and greet one another in Father Wilson Hall. For further info, call Michael Miner at 845-296-1977

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
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**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  
Kristin Chapman/Army  
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