

Mass Schedule
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2015

Saturday, April 25th

- 9:00 Carol & Christopher Moran req. by The Hughes Family
- 5:30 Grace Cox req. by Kathleen Hughes

Sunday, April 26th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Vincent Longobardi req. by The Scuderi Family
- 10:30 John O'Hanlon req. by The Kate Merker Family
- Noon Dawn Hockspring (Newtown) by The Smith Family
- 5:30 Claire LaMotta req. by Family

Monday, April 27th

- 7:00 Edward J. Lonczak req. by The Religious Education Office
- 9:00 Theresa Stevenson req. by Family

Tuesday, April 28th

- 7:00 Mary Mazzella req. by Katie Blaney
- 9:00 Marie & Bert Tinsley req. by Family

Wednesday, April 29th

- 7:00 William & Mary Scully Riley req. by Riley & Goff Families
- 9:00 James Flynn req. by Jackie & Herb Tinsley

Thursday, April 30th

- 7:00 John William Clay III req. by Joann Wirth & George Morse
- 9:00 Ann Keller req. by Mary Ann & Bill Riley

Friday, May 1st

- 7:00 Mary Mazzella req. by Nellie Palamarczuk
- 9:00 Biagio Indriolo req. by Faculty, Staff & Children of St. Patrick's School

Saturday, May 2nd

- 9:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family
- 5:30 Katie Davidson req. by Beverly Albano

Sunday, May 3rd

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Members of the Esposito Family req. by Family
- 10:30 Joan Schwartz req. by Charlie & Mary George
- Noon Mary Fuhrman by Family
- 5:30 Chiara & Martino Racanelli req. by The Desimini Family

Recent Collections

Sunday, April 19th - \$12,584

2nd Collection for Eastern Europe

The second collection next Sunday will be the annual collection to assist the Church in Eastern Europe. Many thanks for your generosity

Coffee Sunday

Next Sunday, May 3rd, is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the Church Meeting Room for refreshments after the morning masses.



Pray for the Sick

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Fr. Steve Clark, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Kate Fletcher (rehabbing leg injury), Margaret Harrington, Margaret Harsacky, Alex Hood, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Stephen Michael Mack, Betty Martineau, Kate Martinez, Kevin Meher, Danny Mulholland, John O'Shea, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Thomas N. Ryan, John Sagan, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith, William Vitro, Raymond Webster, Sylvia Webster, Betsy Weiner 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.

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 ongoing.

The appeal is now in its final stages. If you have not yet made your donation, please do so. Envelopes for the Appeal are available in the back of the church. **Thank you for your generosity to the Appeal.**

Community Center Volunteers
Help Neighbors Seeking Employment

Did you know that the Community Center of Northern Westchester offers free assistance to help those seeking employment? Each Wednesday, volunteers donate their services – and share their expertise – with our neighbors who are looking for work. Many come to find work in babysitting, elder-care, housecleaning or landscaping. Our volunteers help write resumes, practice interviewing skills and guide our clients in their search for employment. Then another group of volunteers help these job-seekers use the Internet to complete on-line employment applications and to further their job searches via the Internet.

Would you like to become a volunteer in this effort?

To learn more about how the Community Center helps our neighbors on their path to self-sufficiency, visit us at communitycenternw.org or call us at 914-232-6572.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Christian as King

In the baptism ceremony, right after the water is poured over the head of the person being baptized and the words "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" are said, the newly baptized is anointed with chrism oil. He or she is "chrismated" or "christened," as we say. In Old Testament times, we hear of priests, prophets and kings who were thus anointed or set aside and strengthened for their particular task.

In the New Testament, Jesus is the anointed one, the Messiah, the Christ. He alone is Priest, Prophet and King. All baptized persons form the Body of Christ. Thus, every baptized person is anointed to the three-fold role of priest, prophet and king. The previous two weeks in this space were given over to looking at the Christian as Priest and as Prophet. Today, the Christian as King.

What does it mean to be a king? It sounds kind of alien and pretentious to us Americans. There aren't many kings around anymore. Back in the 1950s, King Farouk of Egypt is supposed to have said "within 50 years there will probably be only five kings left: one in England and the other four in a deck of cards." In any event, kings are not too prevalent. Except. Except that if you are baptized, you have a kingly note to play. How so?

To see how, it's useful to look at the way the king fulfilled his role in the Old Testament. It was his task to rule the people of God and to order and arrange their charisms. All of this was to be done for the good of the people, not for the personal good of the king. It was the king's task to help the people become more holy and more faithful to God. The king was to be the articulator of Israel's vision and to lead the people in the right praise of God. He was to lead in the fight to destroy the idols and the false gods. Only the rare king in the Old Testament lived up to this lofty role. David as his best, and young Solomon were two examples. There were not many more. When the king failed, as he often did, the entire people suffered, as is clear from the biblical accounts.

Jesus comes and establishes the new kingdom of God. That is the Kingdom we are baptized into. As members of Christ's Body, our kingly role is to govern ourselves, our families and our community according to God's will. We are to do our best to order the charisms of ourselves and those in our lives. How can I introduce the values of Jesus into the world that I touch? And how can I do this as often as I can, not just once in a while? Also, how can I let the role of Christ the King touch my whole life, not just a little piece of it?

These are the issues that confront the baptized Christian as king. It has to do with Gospel values like mercy, forgiveness, justice and love. It has to do with right worship, giving God His due and ridding our lives of idols not worthy of our attention, much less our love.

Words of Pope Francis

"I would like to reflect briefly on the passage from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-42) that is often read in the Liturgy at Eastertime. This text says that the apostles' first preaching in Jerusalem filled the city with the news that Jesus was truly risen in accordance with the Scriptures and was the Messiah foretold by the prophets. The chief priests and elders of the city were endeavoring to crush the nascent community of believers in Christ and had the apostles thrown into jail, ordering them to stop teaching in his name. But Peter and the other eleven answered, 'We must obey God rather than men.'

I ask myself, where do the first disciples find the strength to bear this witness? And that is not all, what was the source of their joy and of their courage to preach despite the obstacles and violence? Let us not forget that the apostles were simple people; they were neither scribes nor doctors of the law, nor did they belong to the class of priests. With their limitations and with the authorities against them, how did they manage to fill Jerusalem with their teaching (see Acts 5:28)? It is clear that only the presence with them of the risen Lord and the action of the Holy Spirit can explain this fact. The Lord who was with them and the Spirit who was impelling them to preach explain this extraordinary fact. Their faith was based on such a strong personal experience of the dead and risen Christ that they feared nothing and no one, and even saw persecution as a cause of honor that enabled them to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to be like him, witnessing with their life."

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Join the Invisible Monastery

Pledge to pray for vocations at the international web site, www.invisiblemonastery.com. It was inspired by a Vatican document urging Catholics to "organize an 'invisible monastery' in which many persons, day and night, are committed to continuous prayer for priestly vocations."



St. Patrick's School Touring Tuesday
April 28th, 9-11am
483 Old Post Rd, Bedford NY
914-234-7914

TOURING TUESDAYS are universal open houses held at all regional Catholic elementary schools servicing children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th.

Established in 1956, St. Patrick's school strives to create an environment of Christian love, mutual respect and spiritual development for your child. The school's dedicated, professional staff ensures that high academic standards are maintained, while instilling in your child a love of God and a fundamental knowledge of the Catholic Faith. The nurturing school community welcomes active parental involvement. Even with NYS test results that exceed Bedford Central School District's results, we understand that a child's academic success is more than the sum of his or her test scores.

About our programs: Grades Pre-K3 to Grade 8; AdvancED Accredited; Follows NYS Core Curriculum; Full-day Kindergarten; Hot lunch program; Before- and after-school program; Strong focus on faith formation; Full-time Nurse; Enrichment instructions includes: Spanish language (grades PK-8), Honors Math (grades 6-8), Robotics, Art, Music, Physical education, Technology program; Cultural Events; Parental Engagement; Variety of Christian Community Service projects; Extra-curricular activities include: Band, Choir, Chess Club, Soccer, Golf, Tennis, Art Club, Zumba, and Gymnastics; Sports activities include: CYO Basketball and Girls Volleyball

Visit St. Patrick's School to experience our Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service!



On Saturday, May 9th and Sunday, May 10th, St. Patrick's Respect Life Committee is hosting a baby shower and bake sale to benefit the Good Counsel Daystar Program in Harrison NY. Good Counsel Homes provide care and shelter for needy mothers and their babies. Please bring baked goods to the Church Meeting room on Saturday afternoon. Wrapped shower gifts, marked "boy" or "girl" may be brought to the Masses. **There is a great need for volunteers** to make this all possible. Please contact the Parish Office (234-3344) or DeDe Burke (234-7264) if you are able to volunteer).



Carnival Information
The Carnival is Coming!

This year St. Patrick's Carnival is Tuesday, May 12th through Sunday, May 17th. **Raffle tickets will be sold after Mass May 2nd and 3rd.**

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

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

News and updates about both will be posted regularly, and **Raffle tickets can be purchased online directly from the web page.**

In addition, we have started Facebook pages for the parish and for the Carnival:

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

Please "like" and follow these pages, and share news with your friends!

For those on Twitter, the Carnival is also Tweeting: @stpats_carnival. Please follow!

We bless you † † † †
from the house of God

The Antioch Baptist Church Choir

presents

A Gospel Concert

Sunday, April 26, 2015 4:00 PM

Antioch Baptist Church

3 Church Street Bedford Hills NY

(Corner Church St and Main St)

Admission: A Free-Will Offering

To Benefit the

Community Center of North Westchester

84 Bedford Rd Katonah NY 10536

Reception immediately following the concert at

Bedford Hills Community House



Visit us at www.communitycenternw.org