

Mass Schedule
Thirteenth Ordinary Sunday
June 28, 2015



Pray for the Sick

Christopher Barratt, William Harry Barratt, Al Boucher, Karen Brady, Walter Brady, Matthew Branford, Thomas Browne, Bill Buckingham, Betty D'Alton, Laura Deleg, Maggie Dellorso, Michael Dellorso, Frankie Dezell, Martha Dursi, Jennifer Gardner, Margaret Harrington, Margaret Harsacky, Alex Hood, Larry Kaslow, Frank Kearns, Patricia Levine, Stephen Michael Mack, Betty Martineau, Kate Martinez, Laura Mazza, Kevin Meher, Danny Mulholland, John O'Shea, Monica Progreske, Darlene Richards, Thomas N. Ryan, John Sagan, Robert Schimpf, Robert Sewall, Robby Smith, Lou Solomon, 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.

Saturday, June 27th

- 9:00 Brian Powell (I) req. by A Friend for a Special Intention
- 5:30 Leanora Giardino req. by Dot Citro

Sunday, June 28th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Vincent J. Buchan req. by The Ventura Family
- 10:30 Antonia Maria Adams req. by Mary & Charlie George
- Noon Edith Lenzi req. by The LaMotta Family
- 5:30 Regina Bilski req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

Monday, June 29th

- 7:00 For Mary Beth Harrington req. by Edith Ryan
- 9:00 Joan Luccarelli req. by Family

Tuesday, June 30th

- 7:00 Silvio Meyers req. by Ann Neto
- 9:00 Amelia Sande req. by Mary Ann & Frank Manna

Wednesday, July 1st

- 9:00 George Genovesi req. by Kathy & Biagio Mignone

Thursday, July 2nd

- 9:00 George Genovesi req. by Pat & Tony Suppa

Friday, July 3rd

- 9:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

Saturday, July 4th

- 9:00 Brian Powell (I) req. by A Friend for a Special Intention
- 5:30 Michael & Sophia Parrino req. by Family

Sunday, July 5th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Dylan Hoffman req. by The Carlsen Family
- 10:30 Egon Merker req. by Family
- Noon Virginia Colonna req. by Dawn Caruolo
- 5:30 Members of the Esposito Family req. by Family

Please Note:

Starting July 1st, there will be no 7am Mass.
The 7am Mass will resume on September 1st.

Recent Collections

Sunday, June 21st – \$9,547
Sacred Heart – \$2,561

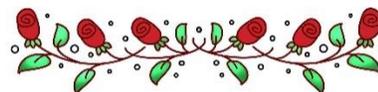


Partnership-in-Faith Prayer

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.

Summer Work Project

Thank you for your continued patience as we renovate the bathrooms in the church basement. Temporary bathrooms are located outside the basement doors.



Weekend Flower Donation

Weekend of 6/27/2015
Flowers Donated by Alice Genovesi
In Memory of George Genovesi

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Summer!

When it comes to rating the four seasons, as far as I'm concerned, there's summer and then the other three. It's always been my favorite, and I think even moreso as time goes by.

I ask myself why, and what usually comes to mind first is that the pace of life slows to a manageable speed. There aren't as many days that are so chock-full of appointments and obligations that you need the proverbial roller skates to get around to everything.

Summer is usually different. As the song goes, "Summertime, and the living is easy." But why does this suit me so well and make me so happy? Is it just that I like doing less? That would not be a particularly exalted reason. It would be like saying: "I love summertime because I'm lazy."

Of course this may be true! But I prefer to think of it in terms of using the free time for more reflective purposes. We refer to it as "taking the time to smell the flowers." What does that mean? To me, it means giving the God-dimension a chance to surface in our lives. A less frenetic pace allows us to gain the perspective we all need.

One final thing. Just as it is true that God is always present to us and never leaves us, it's also our responsibility to make sure we never leave God. So in these weeks of vacation and reduced activity, we shall hopefully recognize the need to keep God at the center of our lives. We do this in many ways, of course, but certainly one of the most important is by making sure we get to Mass every weekend, even if we are traveling. Just go to www.masstimes.org to find the nearest Catholic Church to where you are. It's the least we can do: giving back to God 45 minutes or so of the 10,080 minutes that God gives us each week. Not to mention all the flowers we will be smelling! Happy summer!

Let Freedom Ring

This coming Saturday we will be celebrating Independence Day, and our nation's 239th anniversary. It's a day on which we should indeed be celebrating, mindful of what we are doing and grateful for the opportunity to do so.

When you think about it, freedom and independence are both marvelous gifts, but they are relative. Neither is an absolute. My freedom and independence are limited by your rights and the rights of society. I am not free to take away your rights or property. We have all heard of the popular example that no one is free to cry "fire" in a crowded theatre. So my freedom is limited, and it is limited by your rights. This is the only way that freedom, limited though it may be, can be preserved for all. Incidentally, this is the moral and philosophical basis for our position on the right of the child in the womb to life. The mother's absolute freedom is limited by the child's right to live. We are indeed free, up to a point. And so is everyone else.

As for independence, God made us to stand on our own two feet, and not to spend our lives leaning on others in an overtly dependent way. But our independence is also limited, for there are times when we all need each other, when we all must depend on another. Who is more dependent than the human infant? And at the very end of our lives, are we not often totally dependent on others? So, independence, like freedom, is not an absolute.

In the spiritual order, our faith tells us that we can never be independent of God, not even for the briefest instant, since God keeps us in existence. We are totally dependent on God. So as we celebrate Independence Day, we are thankful for our political freedom and independence, and also for those who have passed them on to us. We appreciate these things for what they are, gifts from God who is the giver of all good gifts, freedom, independence and life itself.

Words of Pope Francis

"Isn't the world we want a world of harmony and peace—in ourselves, in our relations with others, in families, in cities, *in* and *between* nations? And does not true freedom mean choosing ways in this world that lead to the good of all and are guided by love?"

When we think only of ourselves and of our own interests and place ourselves in the center, when we permit ourselves to be captivated by the idols of dominion and power, when we put ourselves in God's place, then all relationships are broken and everything is ruined; then the door opens to violence, indifference and conflict. This is precisely what the passage in the book of Genesis seeks to teach us in the story of the Fall: the man enters into conflict with himself, he realizes that he is naked, and he hides himself because he is afraid (see Gen. 3:10). He is afraid of God's glance; he accuses the woman, she who is flesh of his flesh (see Gen. 3:12) he breaks harmony with creation, and he begins to raise his hand against his brother to kill him.

It is exactly in this chaos that God asks the man's conscience, "Where is Abel your brother? and Cain responds, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen. 4:9). We too are asked this question; it would be good for us to ask ourselves as well: am I really my brother's keeper? Yes, you are you brother's keeper! To be human means to care for one another! But when harmony is broken, a metamorphosis occurs: the brother who is to be cared for and loved becomes an adversary to fight and kill. What violence occurs at that moment, how many conflicts, how many wars have marked our history! We need only look at the suffering of so many brothers and sisters. This is not a questions of coincidence, but the truth: we bring about the rebirth of Cain in every act of violence and in every war. All of us!"



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.

Thank You to the Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish

HandCrafting Justice and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd offer their great thanks to you for your generous response to our mission on June 14. The receipts of the sale, which amounted to \$2,071 and donations of \$307 will enable us to continue our support for women and their families in Asia, Africa and Latin America. We know from our visits with the women themselves that this support makes a great difference in their lives and the lives of their families. We thank you on their behalf and invite you to read more about them on our website (www.Handcraftingjustice.org) where you can also shop for more of their amazing work. Thank you again for your support.

RCIA INVITATION!

RCIA is in the process through which an adult or young adult receives the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. It begins with a call to conversion, continues through a period of instruction and a deepening of faith and leads to the celebration of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass. This program is for unbaptized adults and young adults, baptized non-Catholics and baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed.

If you know of some who "missed" confirmation or someone interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please tell them about RCIA. The next group starts preparation in the fall.

The following weekends are available for flower donations in loving memory of someone or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements (234-3344).

July 4th
July 25th

July 11th

Career Network

The St. Patrick's Career Network is available to provide assistance to those parishioners who are in a career transition and covers such topics as: career evaluation, resume writing, interview preparation, developing networks, job skills search and targeting the job market. For those interested, please call Deacon Lou at (914) 393-1900.

Tutor Available in All Subjects

Graduated St. Patrick's & Regis High School
For Middle School & High School
Nights & Weekends
Jeremiah Reyser (914) 610-6682

Family Retreat

A Star of the Sea Catholic Family Retreat for parents and their children is being offered on August 15-20 at Wisdom House Retreat Center, Litchfield CT. Contact Deacon John and Peggy Scarfi 845-621-7000 or jscarfi@verizon.net.



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

