



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**February 28, 2016**

**Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 Josephine & Anthony Tangredi req. by Family
- 5:30 John Arthur Sullivan req. by St. Patrick's Religious Education Program

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

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Grace Ferraro req. by Charles & Mariann Casarella
- 10:30 Susan & John Thompson req. by Family
- Noon Vincent Zaccardo req. by The Smith Family
- 5:30 Ginger Casciano req. by Lisa Cribari & Raymond Infarinato

**Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 Guy Schiller req. by A Friend
- 9:00 Margaret Harsacky req. by The Santore Family

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

- 7:00 For Those in RCIA Programs Preparing for a Deeper Relationship with the Church
- 9:00 Ingrid Climis req. by The Elliotts

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

- 7:00 Lenten Devotion of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Anne Fischer req. by The Elliotts

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

- 7:00 Persecuted Christians Around the World
- 9:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

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

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Children Preparing for Confirmation
- 9:00 Rita Costello req. by The Ruvituso Family

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

- 9:00 For Those in RCIA Programs Preparing for a Deeper Relationship with the Church
- 5:30 Alva Teixeira req. by The Guevara Family

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

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Ana M. Marquez Greene (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family
- 10:30 George Genovesi req. by Fran & Jim Dowling
- Noon Kate Merker req. by Emilie Kosakowski
- 5:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by Family

**Recent Collection**

Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – \$10,268



**Pray for the Sick**

Tatum Allen, Jacqueline Ruvalo Ascenzi, Virginia Barrett, Lauren Ditrlich Bilyeu Thomas Browne, Connor 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, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Gary Montanus, Robert Schimpf, Kirk Siegarth, 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.*



**Coffee Sunday**

Next Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, is Coffee Sunday. Please join us in the Church Meeting Room for refreshments after the morning masses.

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
BENEDICTION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
takes place on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm



# *From the Pastor's Desk*

## Almsgiving – The Third “Pillar” of Lent

In the gospel passage read on Ash Wednesday, Jesus gave us the blueprint for Lenten spirituality. One might even call it a blueprint for Christian spirituality as a whole: a life marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This week we turn our attention to almsgiving.

One of my favorite episodes in the scriptures concerns the conversion of St. Paul. Saul of Tarsas is traveling to Damascus to persecute any Christians that he could find. He is literally knocked to the ground. There, blinded by light, he hears a voice saying to him: “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” Stunned, he says, “Who are you?” And the answer is one that reverberates through the ages: “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.” Jesus identifies Himself with those who believe in Him. Paul would later develop this revealed truth into the theology of the Mystical Body of Christ. We believing Christians are members of Christ’s Body. And that is why Jesus would also say: “As often as you do good things for your sisters and brothers, you do them for me.” Notice again Jesus’ identification with the poor and the needy. Thus, the importance of almsgiving. No wonder it is a pillar of Christian spirituality. When we help those in need, we help Jesus Himself.

Almsgiving is something that can be done on a person-to-person basis or on what we might call an institutional level. Someone’s need is presented to you and you respond as best you can; hopefully as Jesus would. You do what you can to help. In so doing, Jesus tells us we are helping Him as well.

This also applies when we don’t personally know the people we are helping. This is almost always the case with institutional giving. I am speaking at all the masses this weekend about my own personal favorite charity, the Cardinal’s Appeal.

It always comes during Lent which somehow makes the giving more timely. It deals with the needs of many: children to be educated, parishes to be assisted, the poor to be fed and clothed, retired religious to be cared for, clergy to be educated. Over the years, the Archdiocese has been good to me and to so many that I have known. It is time now for me to be good to the people of the Archdiocese.

It seems to me that if we approach the almsgiving with openness and with a willingness to be guided by conscience, then we shall inevitably become involved in both personal and institutional almsgiving. And remember, when we do these things for the least of our sisters and brothers, we shall be doing them for Christ.

What better time to do this than during Lent in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.



## Words of Pope Francis

### COVENANTED WITH God

“In the burning bush, God reveals himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God’s name is bound to the names of men and women to whom he binds himself, and this bond is stronger than death. This also applies to God’s relationship with us: God is our God! He is the God of each one of us! As though God bore each of our names. It pleases God to say it, and this is the covenant. And this is also the decisive bond by which God gives us eternal life, he gives it to everyone. The life that God prepares for us is not a mere embellishment of the present one: it surpasses our imagination, for God continually amazes us with his love and with his mercy.”

### ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

In his encyclical on creation care, “Laudato Si,” Pope Francis highlights “integral ecology” as the basis of the conversion we are all called to in order to save our common home from destruction. “Integral ecology” is the profound, fundamental interconnection between God, human beings and all the rest of creation. With Pope Francis we pray, “Triune God... Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.” As we reflect on our relationship to life-giving water, the air we breathe, and the ground we walk on, let us think of actions that we can take locally to protect the air, water and land for the generations to come. We might consider supporting legislative bills of our city, county or state that will serve to do this.

### Cardinal’s Appeal 2016

The Annual Cardinal’s Appeal is underway. Please be as generous as you can to this most important Archdiocesan charity. There is an insert in this bulletin.

### High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group will meet tonight, February 28th, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Church Meeting Room.



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Registration forms for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 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 1st 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).

### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LENTEN SERIES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29th  
9:30AM – 10:30AM OR 7:30PM – 8:30PM  
CHURCH MEETING ROOM

Topic: The Holy Spirit and the Church  
Presenter: Fr. Joseph Domfeh

Join us for a multi-session reflection on the mass.

### *Altaration*

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm St. Patrick's School

- Do you struggle to get to mass?
- Then once you to mass, do you struggle to participate?
- Does weekly mass feel like a requirement rather than an hour to restore?
- Do you leave mass feeling more stressed rather than less stressed?
- Have you ever looked at Mass as a moment to exhale your stresses and inhale the grace of God?

Join us for one or both sessions:

- Explore the meaning of the mass
- Explore why it is important to encourage our children to go to mass
- Explore how to "get more" out of the Liturgy of the mass for yourself and your family

No need to register, just stop by and join us!



### Annual St. Patrick's Auction/Dinner Dance

- Saturday Evening, March 12, 2016 at 7 PM
- Salem Golf Club, North Salem NY
- Honoring Patrick Collins & Sam Roberts
- PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING!
- Need a ride to the Auction? Please call the Parish Office at 234-3344



*On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Spring Blood Drive will be held at St. Patrick's School from 8am to 4pm. If you are able, please consider donating. Blood is always vitally needed. A sign-up schedule will be available at the Church entrance on February 28th.*

### 55+ CLUB – ST. PATRICK'S MSGR'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



Friday, March 4th, 2016 – 1 PM  
Church Meeting Room



Catered by Scott's Corner Market  
LENTEN MEAL

\$25.00 per Person

Paid Reservations by February 28<sup>th</sup>

Please make your checks payable to 55+ Fund  
and send to: Gail Desio

150 South Bedford Road Pound Ridge, N.Y. 10576  
Please indicate on your check –Msgr's Luncheon

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