



**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017**

Saturday, September 16th

- 9:00 Lawrence Gallagher, Sr. req. by The Gallagher Family
- 5:30 Letilde Scuderi req. by The Scuderi Family

Sunday, September 17th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Charlie Rose req. by The Max Family
- 10:30 Raymond F. Hickey req. by Family
- Noon Jessica Rekos (Newtown) req. by Smith
- 5:30 Charlie Rose req. by Hicks Family

Monday, September 18th

- 7:00 Lawrence & Mary Gallagher req. by The Gallagher Family
- 9:00 James & Ann Walsh req. by The Flynn Family

Tuesday September 19th

- 7:00 Edward Smith req. by Matthew F. Feeney
- 9:00 Julia Lewis req. by Schmidt Family

Wednesday September 20th

- 7:00 Evelyn Mizzaro req. by Mizzaro Family
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Thursday, September 21st

- 7:00 Father Vincent Hart req. by Matthew F. Feeney
- 9:00 Otto Siegwarth req. by Christine Meyer

Friday, September 22nd

- 7:00 Nora Magarahan req. Sr. Kathleen
- 9:00 Gasper Engargiola req. by Jeanette Galvin

Saturday, September 23rd

- 9:00 Dieter Siegwarth req. by Christine Meyer
- 5:30 Jacqueline M. Garibaldi req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

Sunday, September 24th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Mariel Clark req. by Jeanne & Warren Elliott
- 10:30 Mary Reilly req. by Stagnari Family
- Noon Steve Sapione req. by Tarata Family
- 5:30 Minny Glusko req. by Hicks Family

RECENT COLLECTIONS

September 10th \$9,440



Pray for the Sick

Rayyan Ahsan, Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Walter Brady, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Dominick Cannavo, Michael Casarella, Conner Curran, Marie Doescher, Rose DeCicco, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Mary Doyle, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Healy Pauline Marie, Molly Henry, Pauline, Francine M. Holley, Chester Hooper, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Mirella Kahriman, Maureen Laning, John Li Conti, Dominic Lombardi, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, John Magnotta, Kevin Mahoney, Robert Mangone, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, John Reardon, Chris Schate, Matthew Scherer, Bob Silberberg, Otto Siegwarth, Thomas Valentine, Michael Walsh, Mia Wiltse, Christine Young, Eileen Riley Zawada, 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.

Cardinal's Appeal 2017
The Annual Cardinal's Appeal is underway. Please be as generous as you can to this most important Archdiocesan charity.

FROM THE PASTOR'S **DESK**

There seems to be some confusion in our parish concerning the tradition of offering a Mass either for the peaceful repose of a deceased loved one or for the intention of someone who is alive. It is the tradition within the Catholic Church that when someone dies people who attend the wake would almost always arrive with a Mass Card that would include the date and the time the Mass would be celebrated or if the family did not live in the parish then a different Mass Card would be given that stated a Mass would be offered but not include any date or time. I encourage you to revive this traditional way of showing your sympathy, love, and concern.

There also seems to be some confusion on how one goes about having an intention assigned to a specific Mass. The Mass Book in every parish is opened when the previous year has been filled. It is a tradition that this date is published for a number of weeks so that everyone is aware of when this is about to occur. Prior to the announced time NO personal intentions are permitted. The Church does mandate that every Sunday and Holy day of Obligation one Mass must be offered for the "pro populo" translated to Mass for the people of the parish.

Nowhere in the Catholic Church is it permissible to arrange Mass intentions in perpetuity. In fact, the rule is so strict that when a deceased person's will stipulates that a parish should receive say, solely for an example, \$10,000.00 for the intention of the repose of the soul of the deceased in perpetuity, the parish is not allowed to accept such a bequest.

None of the above is arbitrary!

But now I am being maligned because I have followed these rules. I am being called arbitrary, cruel, and even unchristian. A parishioner came to see me and that person was distraught because on a certain date in June 2018 both Masses (7am & 9am) already had intentions. I offered to celebrate an extra Mass at 8am which the parishioner accepted asking that the Mass be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Cenacle and I agreed to do that. This person then demanded that a Mass intention be reserved for her in perpetuity, which is not permitted and so I declined. This person then threatened that this would be made public and more people would turn against me than there are already. Apparently, that person has followed through on that threat.

What should be noted is that the whole week before and the whole week after this date there are absolutely no intentions at all. Is it possible that that date is also important to these other families and that they were prevented in the recent past from having Masses offered for intentions that are important to them?

All that anyone needs to do is to be first or second in line when the Mass Book is opened and that person

will have the Mass intention that they may want since there will never be any previous intentions except those mandated by the Church.

I see this as a matter of justice, of being fair to all the parishioners. No one, including the clergy, are given preferential treatment. Again, this is not my policy. The Church does not permit Mass Intentions reserved in perpetuity.

WORDS OF POPE **FRANCIS**

WE LIVE FOR THE LORD

Working with the dying has brought light into my own life. The dying teach how to love and how allow ourselves to be loved; how to forgive and how to ask for forgiveness; how to find our joy and how to spread that joy to others. They also teach us how to spend valuable time connecting our earthly self with our spiritual self so these two separate but vital aspects of our being aren't strangers when they meet as our own death draws near. So it is perhaps meant to be that, with every person's dying, another person is learning to live well. Although I can't know for certain, I suspect from what I have witnessed that possibly, the very best part of living might actually be the dying.

A Message from Deacon Lou

Please be aware I will be traveling for work in Asia from September 7 through September 22 and will be back at parish for Masses during the weekend of September 23-24.

God bless all of you,
Deacon Lou

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you are an 8th grade student in a private Catholic school please contact the Religious Education Office to register for the Confirmation class. Many Private Catholic schools DO NOT offer Confirmation preparation. Email goodnews2@verizon.net for more information.

Crop Walk

Many of the world's people walk daily for food or water. We invite you to join neighboring churches and congregations in our community and walk as a way to reduce hunger not only here in Northern Westchester but around the world. Save the date: Sunday, October 22, at 2pm at Ward Pound Reservation (Registration at 1:30). Once you get to the park, you can pick up a registration form. There are forms available at the Religious Education Office and you can also go online www.cropwalk.org. You may choose to be sponsored for the miles you walk that day or sponsor yourself.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, September 17th, St. Patrick's Fall Blood Drive will be held at St. Patrick's School from 8:00 am-2:00 pm. Thanks to all who participated in our Spring Blood Drive. We received 77 units of blood, one of our best drives ever! Your support is truly necessary at this Blood Drive. Hurricane Harvey has depleted reserves in Texas and Irma could be even worse. Please try to find time Sunday to give, it is truly appreciated.

CYO BASKETBALL

Registration for the St. Patrick's of Bedford CYO Basketball 2017-2018 season is now open for **St. Patrick's parishioners only**. It will close on Saturday, Sept 23. Please go to www.eteamz.com/bcyo to register. For families with more than one child, there will be a \$50 discount for each additional child in the program. This discount will be applied when you register. If you wish to use a uniform from a previous season, you will receive a \$25 discount, so select the appropriate category while registering. Parents who would like to coach please let us know on the registration form.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Join the new Youth Ministry Initiative. It is a new parish group with the goal of getting high school students involved in local community service. If interested in being on the coordinating committee or becoming a member, please respond to Michelle at stpatsymi@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

For many years now the Men's Ministry, which meets on Saturday mornings in St. Patrick's meeting room, has been very successful in its discussions with the men of the parish regarding how they live out their spirituality in everyday life. We would like now to start a Women's Ministry along the same lines. If you are interested in being part of this group, please give Dr. Sally Dolan a call at 914-234-7758 so that we can set up a time and place.

COFFEE SUNDAY HELPERS NEEDED

We need volunteers for the 9:00am, 10:30am and 12pm Masses and clean-up. Won't you please stand up and help to share this rewarding ministry? Please consider volunteering after one mass or for one Sunday or one month at a time! Call Julieann at the Parish Office if interested 914-234-3344.

NEWLY FORMED VERONICA MINISTRY

Are you interested in floral, fabrics or decorating? How about polishing the brass, marble, or hardwoods? Willing to check on the altar servers albs after mass? During the summer, could you help collate the bulletins? How about praying the rosary in a group setting? All are welcome especially to point-out, and instruct. One person it's personal, two people are a team, three or more is a party! Please, join us in our new Veronica Ministry as St. Veronica did as she wiped the face of our Lord. Contact Christine 914-391-2722, voice message or text. Let's care for our sanctuary.

LIFE SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Life Spirituality Group will meet on Thursday, September 28 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Cenacle. The group is reading the book, Merton's *The Palace of Nowhere* by James Finley. Anyone interested in joining the group, please call Deacon Lou at 914-393-1900.

ST. PATRICKS GOLF OUTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

Join us for a wonderful day and evening of golf and food!

**SALEM GOLF CLUB
18 BLOOMER ROAD
NORTH SALEM, NY 10560**

Contact SaintPatsGolf@gmail.com for further information or go to www.evenbrite.com to register and see other ways you can support this St. Patrick's event.