



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
February 25, 2018



Pray for the Sick

Saturday, February 24th

- 9:00 Joan McNamara req. by Thomas & Sharyn O'Leary & Sons
- 5:30 Gloria Flaherty req. by Jane & Dan Hickey

Sunday, February 25th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 John H. Cushman req. by Fran & Jim Dowling & Family
- 10:30 Caroline Dym req. by the Maloney Family
- 12:00 Lena Angrisani req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Valente & Family
- 5:30 Paula Desperito req. by Raymond Infarinato & Lisa Cribari

Monday, February 26th

- 7:00 Michael J. Luciano req. by Deacon Lou
- 9:00 Marie Pauline Healy req. by John Healy

Tuesday, February 27th

- 7:00 Mary K. Lewis req. by The Melican Family
- 9:00 John McMahan req. by The Family

Wednesday, February 28th

- 7:00 Stephanie Martone req. by The Melican Family
- 9:00 Joan McNamara req. by Faculty, Staff & Students of St. Patrick's School

Thursday, March 1st

- 7:00 John & Agnes Kickham req. by The Melican Family
- 9:00 Tessie Stepnowski req. by the Wirth Family

Friday, March 2nd

- 7:00 Robert Melican req. by the Melican Family
- 9:00 James Flynn req. by Teresa Flynn

Saturday, March 3rd

- 9:00 Rose Bisignano req. by Fr. Joseph Bisignano
- 5:30 Vladimir Cale req. by The Zizic Family

Sunday, March 4th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 John Kucich req. by The Blake Family
- 10:30 Loretta & Caroline Dym req. by Julianne Maloney
- 12:00 Gena M. Squarcia req. by The Borelli Family
- 5:30 Vincent J. & Vincent D. Luccarelli req. by The Family

Rayyan Ahsan, Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Walter Brady, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Marianne Canetta, Dominick Cannavo, Kevin Cannon, Jose Luis Carmona, Michael Casarella, Maria Colon, , Conner Curran, Marie Doescher, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Lisa Doyle, Meghan Farrell, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Duane Goff, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Bill Harkness, Margaret Harrington, Molly Henry, Debra Ferman, Francine M. Holley, Chester Hooper, Richard Hughes, Freeman Huntington, Christine Iannino, Kathleen T. Kelleher, Bill Killen, Maureen Laning, John Li Conti, Dominic Lombardi, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, John Magnotta, Kevin Mahoney, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, Edward Prihoto, John Reardon, Madeline Sanford, Chris Schate, Matthew Scherer, Thomas Valentine, Michael Walsh, Mia Wiltse, Albert Young, Christine Young, Eileen Riley Zawada, Magdalena Zikely and all who request our prayers.

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
- Charlie Carr /Air Force
- Richard Hughes/Marines
- Steven Scully/Marines
- Thomas M. Stevenson/Army

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 strength that will make us one in you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECENT COLLECTIONS:

February 18, 2018 & Ash Wednesday \$7,727
Sacred Heart \$1,553

FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK:

PROCESSIONS

“Religious processions are ritual actions in which people go solemnly from one place to another. Such ceremonies were fairly common in pagan religions and have a resemblance to the more secular parade; in fact, their universality gives rise to a suspicion that there is something natural in them as more or less conscious community expressions of the pilgrimage of life. The Christian Church adopted them by purifying them, insofar as possible, from licentiousness and other improprieties and changing their significance for other purposes. The Christian procession uses prayers and hymns and the accompaniment of the clergy to remind the people that prayer itself is “walking with God.” The procession is indeed a striking image of the people of God on the pilgrimage of life. Some processions recall particular events such as the Passover, the deliverance from Egypt with YHWH’s accompanying presence in the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. More prominent in the Christian consciousness in the NT Passover, the Palm Sunday triumph and the “Way of the Cross.” According to Roman Catholic Church Law (CIC cc. 1290-1295) some Liturgical processions are classified as ordinary, i.e., they take place at specified times of the year such as anniversaries of events; others are extraordinary and are held for certain specific occasions or needs. Some processions originally extraordinary, e.g., the rogation processions, became ordinary for regularly recurrent needs such as the harvest. Still others are functional, e.g., funeral and Offertory processions, or simply the entrance and recession of the clergy and faithful at Mass. *Encyclopedic Dictionary of Religion, Corpus Publications: Washington, D.C. 1979.*

PROCESSIONS IN HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: At an appropriate hour, a gathering takes place at a smaller church or other suitable place other than inside the church to which the procession will go. The faithful hold branches in their hands. The priest greets the people, blesses the palm, and sprinkles the branches with holy water. Then the account of the Lord’s entrance is proclaimed from one of the four gospels. This is done in the usual way. After the gospel, a brief homily may be given. Then, to begin the Procession, an invitation may be given by a Priest or a Deacon or a lay minister, in these or similar words: **Dear brethren, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.** The Procession to the church where Mass will be celebrated then begins. If incense is used, the thurifer goes first, carrying a thurible with burning incense, then the cross-bearer (with the cross decorated with palm branches) between two acolytes with lighted candles. Then follow the Deacon carrying the Book of the Gospels, the Priest with the ministers, and after them, all the faithful carrying branches. During the procession, the choir and people sing appropriate hymns.

Holy Thursday: After the distribution of Communion, a ciborium with hosts for Communion on Good Friday is left on the altar. After the Prayer after Communion, the procession with the Holy Eucharist to the place of reposition takes place. The Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession, led by a cross-bearer and accompanied by candles and incense, to the place of reposition prepared in a chapel suitably decorated for the occasion. During the procession the hymn *Pange, lingua* (exclusive of the last two stanzas) is sung. The procession is led by the cross-bearer between two candles, followed by the faithful with choir members interspersed to aid with the singing, then the ministers, the Thurifers, and finally the celebrant with the Blessed Sacrament.

When the procession reaches the place of reposition, the priest sets the ciborium down. Then he puts incense in the thurible and, kneeling, incenses the Blessed Sacrament, while *Tantum ergo Sacramentum* is sung. The tabernacle of reposition is then closed. After a period of silent adoration, the priest and ministers genuflect and return to the sacristy.

The faithful should be encouraged to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable period of time during the night, according to local circumstances, but there should be no solemn adoration after midnight.

Good Friday: Although it is not part of our custom here in Northern Westchester, in other parishes throughout the Archdiocese and of course throughout the world, especially in Jerusalem, there is a long tradition of a procession leading to the Church where the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion would be celebrated. Here in the United States, this tradition is maintained primarily by people of Hispanic descent. It would be the Stations of the Cross done in the streets leading to the local parish.

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil begins with a brief service of light. We start with all the lights in church are put out. A large fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. When the people have assembled, the priest goes there with the ministers, one of whom carries the Easter candle. The priest greets the congregation and instructs them about the vigil. The fire is blessed and the Easter Candle is lighted from the new fire. The deacon lifts high the Easter Candle and sings **Christ our light** and all answer **Thanks be to God.** Then all enter the church, led by the Thurifer and the deacon with the Pascal Candle. At the church door the deacon lifts the candle high and sings a second time. All light their candles from the Pascal Candle and continue in the procession. When everyone is in their pew, the deacon sings the above for the third and final time. The deacon places the Easter Candle in a stand near the Ambo (pulpit).

The above processions are very important and we ask all who can to be a part of them. They are part and parcel of Holy Week and we should not absent ourselves lightly. Obviously, if someone is truly unable, then they should do what they can and the rest of us should be mindful of them, e.g., bringing them blessed palm from the procession or lighting their candle at the Easter Vigil.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION:

JESUS TRANSFIGURED

Jesus reveals himself as the perfect icon of the Father, the radiance of his glory. He is the fulfillment of revelation; that is why beside him appear Moses and Elija; they represent the Law and the Prophets, so as to signify that everything finishes and begins in Jesus, in his passion and in his glory. With Peter, James and John we too climb the Mount of the Transfiguration today and stop in contemplation of the face of Jesus to retrieve the message and translate it into our lives; for we too can be transfigured by Love. In reality, love is capable of transfiguring everything. Love transfigures all!

~Pope Francis



St. Patrick's Spring Blood Drive

Sunday, March 18th
from 8am to 2pm

St. Patrick's School Gym

If you are able, please consider donating.
Blood is always vitally needed!

High School Youth Group will meet this evening,
Sunday, February 25th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the
Church Meeting Room.

For more information contact:

Patrick Collins at patrickcollins27@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVER CLASSES:

Thursdays at the Church

March 1, 8, 15, 22nd

From 6:00 to 7:00pm

Pre-registration not required!

For details please contact Deacon Lou at
(914)393-1900 or lsantore@yahoo.com

Spring Adult Religious Education

Section Two of

Catechism of the Catholic Church

TOPIC: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Facilitator: Fr. Joseph Domfeh

Monday: February 26th

9:30-10:30am & 7:30-8:30pm in

The Church Meeting Room

The Second Commandment:

**"You shall not take the name of the Lord
your God in vain" (Ex.20:7; Deut.5:11)**

Be Informed for February 2018:

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on-line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with our parish code **TWY2GF** and enjoy! On the 23rd was the Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr. Listen to: *Swimming Upstream, Lessons from the Early Church Fathers*, or *The Logic of Being Catholic*

Archdiocese of New York

Family Life Office

The Family Life Office offers the *Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents*. A unique, faith-based program providing spiritual retreats for grieving parents. The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents serving the needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause - no matter how long ago.

The Ministry provides a safe place where you can find peace, comfort and hope, at least for a time.

\$25 per person, \$40 per couple.

Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required. Fee includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and all retreat materials.

To register: www.emfgp.org/2018-archny or contact Sue DiSisto at (646)794-3191 or susan.disisto@achny.org

St. Patrick's Religious Education Office:

ALL WELCOME!

"Spirit Night"

**Wednesday, March 14th at 7pm
in the Church**

Inspirational speaker: Arthur Boyle

Please join us for an inspirational evening. On Wednesday, March 14th the Confirmation Candidates will have an evening of reflection we call **"Spirit Night"**

This year's speaker will be Arthur Boyle.

A father of 13, he will tell of his miraculous healing from terminal cancer in Medjugorje. According to a well-documented, fast-moving new book, Miracles Still Happen, Artie Boyle was a run-of-the-mill American hockey dad. That is, until he was diagnosed with metastatic renal cell carcinoma, an incurable form of cancer. Doctors from Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) offered little hope. But a three-man pilgrimage brought not only a miracle cure, but a spiritual transformation as well.

We welcome all parishioners to join us to hear Artie's story and to be inspired!