

Third Sunday of Lent



Saturday, March 18:

5:00 Patricia M. Silvestri

Sunday, March 19:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley & The Souls in Purgatory

9:00 Al & Sue Amore

11:00 People of The Parish

1:00 Peter Pellegrito

5:00 Cecilio Lois

Monday, March 20:

7:00 Nancy McVey

9:00 Helen Buckley

Tuesday, March 21:

7:00 Theresa Guglielmo

9:00 Thanksgiving Intentions of the Gordon Family

Wednesday, March 22:

7:00 Mario Rapaglia Sr.

9:00 Dorothy Santucci

Thursday, March 23:

7:00 Mario Rapaglia Sr.

9:00 Maureen Driscoll

Friday, March 24:

7:00 Lucila Bando

9:00 Maureen Driscoll

Saturday, March 25:

9:00 Deceased Members of the Dolan & Lyons Families

5:00 Victoria & James Crowdell

Sunday, March 26:

7:00 Martha L. Adams

9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Monaco

11:00 People of the Parish

1:00 Jack Ryan

5:00 Edward Kaht

Saturday, March 25h :

5:00 Bill Jones

Theresa Hudik

Sunday, March 26th:

7:00 Joan Prenty

9:00 Sister Iraida

11:00 Ken Wisniewski

1:00 Charles Sullivan

5:00 Fred Maley

Maryanne Gambardella

Pat Jezycki

Dorothy Tarafa

Efrain Ortiz



Susan Pellecchia, Lois Mazzitelli, Rosanne Mezzacappa, Christopher Luciano, Patricia Repoli, Tim Campagna, Meghan Clark, Alberto Meranda, Jerry Russo, Anna Parente, James Parente, Ruth Manieri, Mary Kenny, John C. Marino, Michael Rucci, Cpl Justin Campbell, Barbara Brennan, Sam Pezzano, Sheila Jones, Edward B. Hanson, Robert Gaylord, Emily Baron, Frank Silvestri, Carol Van Manen, Frank Juliano, Richard Nagrowski, Theresa Mirante, Barbara Walsh, Christian Pepo, Terrence Gibbons, Jean Forte, Baby Michael John DiCostanzo, JoAnn DiPietro, Robert Williams, Sebastian Lattuga, Linda Browne, Frances Nodar, Tina Russo, Nathaniel Sasha, Kathryn Capofari, Crystal Helewa, Jennifer Santore, Fr. Raymond Dolan, Rosemary Regan

Collections:

March 12th.....\$5.777.00

Monthly Collection.....\$3.445.00

**Online Giving:** Do you know that Sacred Heart now offers online giving which makes donating quick and easy. It's perfect for our parishioners who still want to support while on vacation or have a busy weekend scheduled. Just go to the Sacred Heart website, [www.sacredheartsi.org](http://www.sacredheartsi.org), click on the online giving option at the top of the page and follow the link.

## NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

We just celebrated the solemnity of Saint Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland and the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of New York. In the *Life of St. Patrick* (1920) by Fr. Dean Kinane, the author points out that the defining qualities of St. Patrick were both his faith and his trust in God.

According to the Council of Trent, “Faith is the beginning of human salvation, the foundation and root of all justification, without which it is impossible to please God, and to come into the fellowship of His Son.” (Lesson VI, Chapter 8). This is consistent with what the Gospel says: *Now, this is eternal life; that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.* (John 17:3). Moreover, Jesus told His disciples: *Go into the whole world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized, shall be saved; but he or she that refuses to believe shall be condemned.*” (Mark 16:15). And the Apostle adds: *Without faith, it is impossible to please God. For he that comes to God must believe that He exists, and is a rewarder to them that seek Him.* (Heb. 11:6). And all of this is reasonable, says Fr. Kinane. “How can a traveler reach his goal unless he knows something about it? How, therefore, can the soul find God, if it knows nothing of God? Faith, writes St. Paul, *is the substance of things to be hoped for, and the evidence of things that appear not.* (Heb. 11:1). If I can see or understand a subject, then faith ceases, but submitting my understanding to the infallible authority of God, believing in His unerring Word, in divine mysteries, which the human mind cannot conceive, that is paying homage to God, and, therefore, pleasing to Him.”

Confidence in God is another key virtue in the life of St. Patrick. Everyone who trusts in God receives help. This is clear from Scripture. *Whoever trusted in the Lord and was put to shame?* (Sir. 2:10). Consider also the

reassuring words of God to His people: *Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you.* (Ps. 49:15). Christ Himself tells His Apostles: *Amen, amen, I say to you, if you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you. Hitherto you have not asked anything in My name. Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full.* (John 16:23).

St. Patrick was a man of immense faith and trust in God. During his six years of slavery in his youth he served a cruel task master, watching his flock on the mountains of Antrim, and yet his confidence in God was unshaken. And when he was freed from that bondage and returned to his abode in Britain he answered the evangelical call to return to Ireland, where he encountered great opposition from sinners. Fr. Kinane writes:

“When challenged by the pagan priests and magicians to a trial of strength in working prodigies, before kings, princes, and vast unbelieving multitudes, on the Hill of Tara, in Royal Meath; on the plain of adoration, in Cavan; on the capital of Connaught; in every other field of his apostolic labors, St. Patrick’s faith and confidence in God rose equal to every occasion. The minister of God took up the challenge, and like the prophet of old, Moses, brought shame and confusion upon the magicians. You all know of the miracle he worked at Cullen, where he sent two of his disciples to restore to life the son of Elelius. [Consequently] the kings and priests, princes and bards, with the vast multitude, embraced the Gospel of Christ.”

May St. Patrick pass on to us his spirit of faith and confidence in Christ!

God Bless You!

Fr. Eric

**Sacred Heart 2017-2018:** Sacred Heart is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Sacred Heart School is a West Brighton fixture with a rich history of academic and athletic success. Many of our students are awarded high school scholarships and our school has among the highest ELA and Math scores on Staten Island. Also our basketball and soccer teams are not only competitive, they win! In fact we just won five Island championships this year, more than any other Catholic School. The final Open House will be on Tuesday, April 4 from 9-11 AM.

**Archdiocese NY Men's Conference:** The 2017 NY Archdiocese Men's Conference will be held on Saturday April 1st at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. The featured speakers are Mr. Alfred Kelly, director the 2015 visit to NYC of Pope Francis, Father Jonathan Morris, a well known Pastor and Author and Mr. Ryan Young, director of the popular *Camp Veritas* youth ministry retreat. In addition to Mass there will also be confessions heard and anyone interested should visit [www.ArchNYMensConference.eventbrite.com](http://www.ArchNYMensConference.eventbrite.com)

**Msgr. Farrell:** The Holy Name Society of Monsignor Farrell will be hosting its 5th annual Fr. John Comiskey Memorial Mile on Sunday April 2, 2017. We ask that all alumni try to turn out and honor this stellar educator who taught at the school for over 40 years. Anyone interested should follow the link [www.tinyurl.com/5thcomiskeymemorialmile](http://www.tinyurl.com/5thcomiskeymemorialmile) for the registration form.

### **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

**Friday March 24, 2017:** Stations of The Cross  
7:30: J. Diaz, T. Koleci, A. Maida

**Saturday March 25, 2017:**  
5:00 : M. Riccardi, J. Manning, M. Manning

**Sunday, March 26, 2017:**  
7:00 M. Ahern, J. Ahern, S. Laurenco  
9:00 A. Collado, R. Delamasa, C. Basile  
11:00 B. Daniels, A. Cardone, H. Bond  
1:00 G. Seaborg, B. Freund, T. Smith  
5:00 Siobhan, Kathleen and Anne McCafferty

**Golden Cross for Education Awards:** The Golden Cross for Education Awards Breakfast will be held on Sunday April 23rd. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:15 AM at St Charles, Oakwood, and the breakfast will follow from 9:30-12:30 PM at the Excelsior Grand. Featured honorees are Assemblyman Mike Cusick who is being honored for his sponsorship of the Education Tax Credit Bill. Also being honored is Monsignor Peter Finn who has spent many, many years serving Staten Island Catholic Education. There will also be awards given to nominees from each of the 22 Catholic Elementary Schools on Staten Island. Tickets range from \$37 for a single and \$350 for a table of ten. For more information those interested should visit [www.adny-si-org](http://www.adny-si-org) or email [Diana.Gatto@archny.org](mailto:Diana.Gatto@archny.org)

**Chrism Mass:** The annual Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday April 11, 2017 at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 4 P.M. There will be a bus departing from Blessed Sacrament at 1:30 P.M. and those interested should contact The Parish House at (718) 442-1581. The suggested donation is \$25 and any checks should be made payable to Blessed Sacrament Church.

**Catholic Relief Services:** Next weekend March 25th and 26th the second collection will be for The Catholic Relief Service and by supporting this collection you will be helping people in some of the most marginalized communities in the world. This collection provides services to immigrants, humanitarian aide in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. For example climate changes in Western Africa have left farmers in Niger struggling due to drought shortened rainy seasons. Recent harvests have been too short to support families and your support will help deliver drought resistant seeds to these farmers. Timothy Cardinal Dolan has asked that you prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and for more information visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).