

**The Roman Catholic Parish
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Sunday Mass Schedule

(Vigil Mass)
Saturday —5 PM

Sunday
8:30 AM, 10:30AM and 6:00 PM

Confession—Saturday at 4 PM
at other times by appointment.

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:30 AM Monday - Saturday

“It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass.”
St. Padre Pio

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

The weekend of October 31 and November 1st

Total amount in 254 envelopes:	\$ 9,469
Loose	\$ 2,505
<u>Parish Pay:</u>	\$ 2,533
Total offered:	\$ 14,507

All Saints \$ 1,882

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Mk. 12:41-44

Prudent Stewardship ...

You may want to consider a simpler, more convenient way to support your parish: electronic giving (Parish Pay). Sign up online at ParishPay.com or call 1-866-727-4741. To learn more, please contact our parish bookkeeper Mary Woods, at 908-647-0118, or via email: mwoods@stvd.org

2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Nazareth Village in Chester is our residence for retired diocesan priests. It is a wonderful place where senior priests live in community while also helping at local parishes. Your generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support Nazareth Village and is a perfect way to give thanks to those priests who spent a lifetime helping parishioners grow in faith.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

On May 27th, 2014, a new law took effect that will allow adoptees and certain relatives to request and obtain the names of their biological parents beginning January 1, 2017. Birth Parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a redaction request from the NJ Department of health by December 31, 2016. The form can be downloaded at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf> The helpline is 609-989-4809

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

November 4th was the second drawing of our Christmas Calendar Raffle. Congratulations to Elena Rivera who won \$1,000.00 . If you haven't sent in your tickets, please do so to be in the next 7 drawings. All proceeds go to the Parish and the School. If you need additional tickets, please call or visit the Parish House. We encourage you to get your family and friends in on the fun. Remember, you have to be in it, to win it. Our next drawing will be on Wednesday November 11th.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY *November 9th*
The Dedication for the Lateran Basilica
8:30 AM Anne DeMarzo (*Living*)
 Christine Dos Santos
 Brian Meade

TUESDAY *November 10th*
Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Julius Becker
 Eugene McMahan
 Bentley Davis

WEDNESDAY *November 11th*
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
8:30 AM Jessie Giacumbo
 Ernest Mozer, Sr.
 Willard Dolman

THURSDAY *November 12th*
Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
8:30 AM Virginia Donofrio
 Edward Turner
 Michael Steger
 Randy Shope

FRIDAY *November 13th*
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
8:30 AM John Calabro (*Living*)
 Phillip Montalto
 Kathleen Calabro

SATURDAY *November 14th*
Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM Rudy Heller
 Patsy Filippone
 Peter Scavo

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM **VIGIL MASS**
 Nicholas E. Tangreti Sr.
 Anna Silva
 Beverly Guldner

SUNDAY *November 15th*
8:30 AM: Buziak and McMonagle Families
 Vinny Espinosa
 Robert Heim

10:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 Thomas Lee
 Edith Anne Walto

6:00 PM Anthony DeFillips
 Clark Cheshire

PASTORS COLUMN

THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

We begin the month of November with the Solemnity of All Saints followed by the Feast of All Souls on the following day. The celebration of Mass has ever been for the Church the principal means of fulfilling towards the dead the great commandment of charity. Masses specifically for the dead are found in the tradition of the church from the fifth century. It was St. Odilo, fourth abbot of Cluny, who around the year 1040, was responsible for the institution of the general commemoration of all the faithful departed; he started it and fixed its celebration on November 2, the day after All Saints. The practice spread to the rest of the Church.

Daily in the prayers of the Holy Mass, at which the priest remembers all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord, the priest implores God to grant them a place of happiness, light and peace. Thus there is no Mass in which the Church does not pray for the faithful departed. During the month of November our thoughts are directed towards the Holy Souls in Purgatory in a particular fashion, with the desire of leaving no soul in purgatory without spiritual aid and of grouping them all together in her intercession.

Who are these souls that we pray for and why do we need to pray for them? The Holy Souls are those who have gone through death before us marked with the sign of faith. These beautiful souls lived in response to Jesus' invitation to be His disciples and witnesses in this world. While reborn in the waters of baptism, and claimed by Christ, they spend their lives seeking to love and serve Jesus. In human frailty our love for God is not perfect and so after death our souls who have served Christ and sought union with Him are purified for the awesome life of Heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers the following insight and teaching on Purgatory:

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

Pope St. Gregory the Great.

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin." (2 Maccabees 12:46) From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.

During this month of November, and indeed everyday, may we offer prayers in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the Holy Souls in Purgatory so that they may come to the fullness of Eternal Life. Let us also teach others to do so, especially those who may be the ones we will depend upon for prayers when we are among the Holy Souls preparing for that ultimate fulfilment of Eternal Life in God's presence. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in your peace.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

FAITH FORMATION / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Theology of the Body Presentation

6th & 7th grade Faith formation students and their parents will have the privilege of attending a Theology of the Body presentation on November 15th from 7-9 pm. The main speaker is Mrs. Cindy Costello, a Theology of the Body expert in our Diocese. Saint John Paul II brings these beautiful teachings that shed a divine light on what it truly means, as human beings, to be made in the image and likeness of God.

GOOD COUNSEL DONATIONS

Those who continue to take baby bottles from last weekends Masses are asked to return them so that the donations may be forwarded to Good Counsel to assist new mothers and their babies.

Baby bottles will remain in the Narthex for parishioners to take at their convenience as an ongoing outreach ministry to assist the good works of Good Counsel.

There will be a basket in the Narthex for the filled bottles to be returned. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The food pantry is running low on several items. We would appreciate any donation to help those in need. Below are the items that we are running very low on.

Canned corn, hot chocolate, canned chicken, dry black beans, dry red beans, rice, canned beets, canned yams, canned mixed veggies, oatmeal, tomato products, sardines, chunky peanut butter, chicken and beef broth, stuffing, and gravy.

Thank you for your continued support.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



If you or someone you know would like to receive a Thanksgiving basket prepared by our Social Ministries program, please contact Sr. Elsa Jeronimo at 908-295-

4944 or by email at SrElsa@stvd.org

FLOWER AND CANDLE OFFERING

The votive lights before the statues of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph are in memory of

Vincent Scrudato

The flowers in front of the Altar are in memory of

Thomas Norton

The flowers in front of the Holy Family are in memory of

Regina Mikiewicz

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Sean Milde, James Minogue, Greg Scaduto, Joseph Bozell, Frank Fasano, Marcia Fernandes, Richard Lister, Eric Leverone, Jay Donato, Frank Messina, Eileen Murphy, Peter Giovanni, Brian Reynolds, John E. Siedler IV, and Alex Stevens.

Those who are ill:

Patricia Herrmann, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Richard Haluska, Mary Keller, George Columbus, Richard Scherer, Robert Markowski, John Ramella, Dorothy Paul, Givi Trauwaert, Ruth Ann Rahe, Daniel Nastarowicz, Jonathan and John Tantaros, Mary Bigelis, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, John McMonagle, Patricia Caruso-Minicozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran, Carmel Connolly and Eric Binner.

Those who have died to this world

Monica Kuechler, Esther "Dolly" Roche, Telmo Nunes

Requiescat in Pace

May all the faithful who have departed this world rest in your eternal peace. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE



St. Vincent de Paul School presents...

Food and Wine Tasting Fall Festival

Featuring the band Silent Q!

Sponsored by Wine World, Stirling,

Saturday, November 14th | 7pm – 11pm

\$40.00 per person advanced ticket sales

\$50.00 per person at the door

For questions, please call 908-647-0421,

For more information, please visit www.stvdp.org.

Must be 21 to enter and proper ID required.

There will be raffles, a wine pull, 50/50, and a live band!

Tickets will be sold after all Masses

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Thanksgiving Boxes for November 26th

Let your family help another family celebrate Thanksgiving! On Sunday, November 22nd, the K of C will be collecting frozen turkeys and or hams in boxes with a few other items to be delivered to St. Agnes Parish in Paterson. It's as simple as: 1. Placing a frozen Turkey or Ham in a cardboard box 2. Adding a few food items (yams, beans, rice, potatoes, corn, etc.) 3. Bringing the box to the clock tower of our school, on Sunday November 22nd, by 12:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot accept boxes or turkeys after 12:00 PM. There is no sufficient freezer space. The truck will leave SVDP at 12:30 PM on Sunday, November 22, 2015

May God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving, for your loving generosity and goodness to God's holy people.

MARRIAGE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Please join us in a retreat for married couples. This weekend retreat is designed to strengthen marriages by centering them in the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and invoking the power of the Holy Spirit.

November 14th and 15th at St. James Church in Basking Ridge. It begins at 8:30 AM on Saturday and ends at 11:30 AM Sunday.

If you are interested, please email f.guido2@gmail.com or call 908-403-3350.

RCIA, RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



**A Journey of Faith
AN INVITATION**

Who might consider the RCIA Process?

- * Adults who have never been baptized;
- * Adults who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to profess their faith as a Catholic Christian;
- * Adults who were baptized Catholic as infants but who have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you know someone who is interested, please call Sr. Nadine at 551-655-4943 or Parish office at 908-647-0118.

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

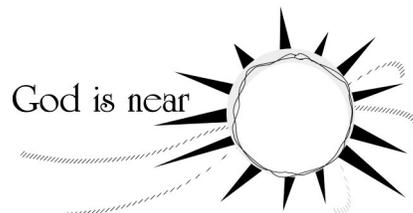
Daniel discusses the end of the world, a time when the dead shall rise and everyone will be judged. He warns that some shall "be an everlasting horror and disgrace." But he promises that some will live forever, and the wise will shine brightly to lead others to justice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Priests repeatedly offered sacrifices that were unable to take away sin. But through Jesus' one sacrifice, our sins were forgiven, leaving no need for other offerings.

**Gospel: Mark
13:24-32**

Jesus told his disciples that many signs would be seen before the end of the world. He explained that the earth would pass away but his words would not. He also told them that neither the angels nor himself, but only his Father knew when this would take place.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC IS COMING TO
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



Once again, the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, along with their exceptional vocalists, and conducted by Fr. Alphonse Stephenson, will perform their Christmas concert here, in the church, on Saturday, December 12, 2015, at 7:30 PM.

Tickets are \$30 each and will be available after all masses beginning October 31st, or by contacting Karen Nyquist at 908-612-5971 or karen.nyquist@gmail.com, or by using the form below.

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Christmas Concert Ticket Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

No. of Tickets _____ x \$30 = _____

Please drop off payment in the form of a check or money order made payable to *St. Vincent de Paul Church* with this order form to the Parish House or mail to:

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Bebout Avenue
Stirling, NJ 07980
ATTN: KAREN NYQUIST

Tickets will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment.

RIGHT TO LIFE FIRST PLACE WINNING ESSAY



The Gift of Life

Pope Francis told us every life is a gift from God. We should recognize every life as such because God forms us in the palms of His hands in Heaven and places us in our mother’s womb. The hands of God preordained our future when we entered the womb and blessed our mothers with a gift of God’s image and love for the world. God expects us to see this as a blessing and not a mistake. Therefore, life is a supernatural gift that brings us closer to God and to His love.

Life begins for us in the womb. We are fully alive and this is proven by the first heartbeat of the unborn child. In the womb, we are vulnerable to abortion, which kills the unborn child of God and breaks our relationship with Him. Abortion is an act of complete defiance to God. Life must be defended. Just as people see murder as a terrible crime, so must they see abortion, because it murders the child who was created out of God’s love.

Life is important, not only because it is a gift from God to the world, but also because it continues the line of humanity. The children who are born continue traditions that will be passed on for the rest world. Our offspring will change the world and begin new traditions of humanity. This is not to be taken lightly. In the past year, 40 million children have been aborted. We are killing the generation that will cure diseases and make new discoveries. If abortion stays legal, not only will it devastate our God who created these children, but it could end our line of humanity. The future of humanity depends on every unborn child, and every life that must be protected.

Alexa Mistichelli 8th Grade Student

BOLD

SCHOOL NEWS

Next TNL

Tues, Nov 17th, 7:30-9pm
JPII ROOM

BOLD
youth ministry by fiat Ventures

Bridges

DATE: Sat, November 21
TIME: 9am - 2:30pm
PLACE: Newark, NJ

All middle and high school students are invited to help out with our next Bridges run! All are welcome to help pack lunches for the homeless in the JPII room at 9am. Those in grades 9-12 are invited to help distribute the lunches in Newark in the afternoon.

To sign up:
boldym.com/svdp/signup

TNL NEXT TUESDAY!

Don't miss the fun! Come out for a great night of games, music, friends, and faith. Open to all in grades 9-12, so bring a friend!

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 11/13-15 BOLD Fall Retreat
- 11/17: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII
- 11/21: Bridges Run
- 12/1: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII

For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events

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Please join us for our school’s 2nd Annual Food and Wine Tasting Fall Festival **WINE PULL!**

Last year’s Wine Pull was a huge success, earning \$2000 for our school in under two hours!

What is a WINE PULL?

At the Food and Wine Tasting Fall Festival, on Saturday, November 14, 2015, purchase a cork for \$20, choose a numbered cork from the cork bowl, and win the bottle with the corresponding Number!

No bottle is valued at less than \$20, but some will be valued at more! Others will include bonus gift cards to local wine and spirit shops!

How you can donate to the WINE PULL... We are requesting donations of bottles of wine, of at least a \$20 value. Please purchase your wine and donate it to the school. All donations must be received by Friday, November 13th.