



**The Roman Catholic Parish  
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**We are a Catholic community rooted in the  
Eucharist and committed to the poor.**

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The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday of this week. After the 7 PM Mass that evening there will be a brief teaching on the Jubilee and the vision Pope Francis has outlined for the Church during this extraordinary year. Come and join in this historic moment.

**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 November 28th and 29th

Total amount in 235 envelopes:	\$ 7,843
Loose	\$ 2,172
<u>Parish Pay:</u>	<u>\$ 2,533</u>
<b>Total offered:</b>	<b>\$ 12,548</b>

Thanksgiving Day (for Catholic Home Missions) \$2,276  
 Debt reduction (Mortgage on extension) \$3,367

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Solemnity of Christmas**

**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

4 and 6 PM

**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Midnight

8:30 and 10:30 AM

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

5 PM

**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 and 10:30 AM only (no 6 PM)

**Solemnity of Mary,  
the Mother of God**

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

5 PM

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

10:30 AM

**Confessions:**

Saturday, December 12th, 19th and 26th

**4—4:45PM**

Tuesday, December 15th and 22nd

**7—9 PM**

Other times by appointment.

**GOOD COUNSEL DONATIONS**

Baby bottles are available in the narthex for parishioners to take at their convenience as an ongoing outreach ministry to assist the good works of Good Counsel.

Return the bottles with your change/financial support to be distributed to Good Counsel Homes. Know that you are assisting mothers and their children to have a better opportunity in life when others may have turned away from them.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY**

***December 7th***

***Saint Ambrose, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church***

**8:30 AM**

Sr. Agostine Capozzoli  
Thomas Norton  
Nicholas Angelos

**THE GREAT JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

**TUESDAY**

***December 8th***

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary***

**8:30 AM**

Deceased sisters of the Capozzoli family  
Sallye O'Doherty  
Tyler Hartlaub  
Jerome Stephans

**NOON**

Deceased members of the parish

**7:00 PM**

For the people of the parish

**WEDNESDAY**

***December 9th***

***Saint Juan Diego***

**8:30 AM**

Sr. Mary Agustina  
Rose Soriano  
Brian Meade

**THURSDAY**

***December 10th***

**9:00 AM**

Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Vincent Galdieri  
Maureen Meade

**FRIDAY**

***December 11th***

***Saint Damasus I, Pope***

**8:30 AM**

Msgr Patrick Brown (Living)  
Bernice Wilt  
Edward Tuner

**SATURDAY**

***December 12th***

***Our Lady of Guadalupe***

**8:30 AM**

Regina Mikiewicz  
Michelino Bernardo  
Brid Gallen

**THIRD SUNDAY WITHIN ADVENT**

**5:00 PM (Saturday)**

Nicholas E. Tangreti  
Ann Allegra  
Agnes Skrobacz

**SUNDAY**

***December 13th***

**8:30 AM:**

Gail Bird  
Joseph Romano  
Peter Steger

**10:30 AM**

Lillian Gale  
Christine Dos Santos  
David Bird

**6:00 PM**

For the People of the Parish  
Guido Mannarino  
Brian and Maureen Meade

## THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has declared that the Church worldwide will observe a Jubilee Year of Mercy from December 8th to November 20, 2016 (The Feast of Christ the King). The Pope made the declaration on April 11 of this year in front of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Holy Door, usually bricked up, is opened during a jubilee year. In announcing the Jubilee Year the Holy Father pointed out our "responsibility to be a living sign of the Father's love in the world." Jubilee Years occur about every 25 years. The last one was in 2000. However, the Holy Father may call a Holy Year for a particular purpose as these holy years are filled with special celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance, and the opportunity to experience God's grace, and specifically in this Jubilee Year to focus on God's Mercy.

An absolute clear experience of God's Mercy is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To know that we are able to turn our face back to God, to confess that we have sinned and to be absolved of that sin in the hope of our deep and full conversion to the ways of Jesus is essential mercy. During this Advent Season, as we prepare for Christmas and as we begin this Year of Mercy there is no better way to open your heart to Jesus and the Mercy of God. We are so blessed to have the priests of the Shrine of St. Joseph who are available for confession Monday through Friday from 10 AM—Noon and 1:30-5 , Saturday 3-5 and Sunday 1-3. In addition to confession scheduled here on Saturday afternoon the opportunity for confession will be offered during Advent on Tuesday, December 15 and 22nd from 7—9 PM.

Give Jesus the best Christmas gift, yourself. As we begin this Year of mercy there will be opportunities presented in the parish throughout the year. After the 7 PM Mass on Tuesday evening there will be a brief teaching on the words of Pope Francis in *Misericordiae Vultus* in the Church Meeting Room. Printed below is the prayer composed by the Holy Father for the Year of Mercy which we will pray at Mass. Prayer cards have been ordered and will be placed in the vestibule for your use. In this Jubilee Year may we open our hearts to God's Mercy and be more merciful in our care for and responsibilities towards one another.

### Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessed Advent,  
Peace,  
Fr. Richard

**CHRISTMAS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER**



November 25th was the 5th drawing of our Christmas Calendar Raffle. The winner of that drawing is Michael Gallaway.

Our most recent drawing was on December 2nd and the winner is Nancy Giacumbo.

If you haven't sent in your tickets, please do so to be in the next 3 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, a \$20 ticket could win you from \$3,000 to \$5,000. You have to be in it, to win it.

Our next drawing will be on Wednesday December 9th for \$3000.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Reborn through the waters of Baptism and the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, we embrace,

**Chase Patrick Simo**  
son of Timothy and Ashley

claimed now by Christ for the fullness of Eternal Life.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Those who serve in the military:**

Sean Milde, James Minogue, Greg Scaduto, 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:**

Marilynn Fogarty, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Patricia Herrmann, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Richard Haluska, Mary Keller, 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**

Evelyn La Rose, Charles Dropp

**Requiescat in Pace**

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

**CANDLE OFFERING**

The votive light before the statue of Saint Joseph is in memory of

**Michael Fornaro**

The votive light before the statue of the Blessed Mother is in memory of

**Jerome Stephans**

**CHRISTMAS TICKET INFORMATION FOR OUR 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 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.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU**



The Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Day Food Drive in support of St. Agnes Parish in Paterson was an overwhelming success. A record 166 turkeys were donated by parishioners. Other food items donated were also at an all time high. Without your generosity, none of this would be possible. The Knights and the parishioners of St. Agnes humbly thank all who donated and helped share the spirit of Thanksgiving. A special *Thank You* to the Beneduce family of the Great Swamp Greenhouses for providing the truck that allows us to transport all of the donations.

**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, Dry Red, Black and Pinto Beans, Canned Black and Pinto Beans, hot chocolate, canned chicken, rice, canned beets, canned mixed veggies, Cake/Brownie Mixes, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Boxed Mac and Cheese, Pancake Mix, and Grape Jelly.

Thank you for your continued support.

**ADVENT ANGELS**

Our Giving Tree is bedecked with Angel tags that will be in the narthex of the church. Select an Angel, purchase the desired gift and return by Sunday, December 12th. Attach the Angel securely to the non-wrapped gift. There will also be a marked box to collect gift certificates.

This year we will be sponsoring Catholic Charities Christmas Sled, Family Promise in Morristown, St. Agnes in Clifton and Eva's village in Paterson

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Elsa at 908-295-4944 and or [srelsa@stvd.org](mailto:srelsa@stvd.org)

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**

If you would like to participate in our Christmas Flower offering, please use your envelope that was provided in your monthly packet or use the form below. If you have any questions please contact Tonianne in the Parish house for assistance. 908-647-0118 or at [tvanderveer@stvd.org](mailto:tvanderveer@stvd.org). **Please have all offerings in by December 16th for it to be published.**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifted by: : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you .



**ROASRY ALTAR GUILD**



The Rosary Altar Guild will meet to pray the Rosary on December 7th at 6:00 PM in the Chapel. All are welcome to pray with us. We will gather right after and celebrate the Advent Season with our annual party in the Church Meeting Room. We will be entertained this year by the Watchung Hills High School Honors Vocalists and Instrumentalists beforehand. If you would like to join us , please contact Paula Cerami at 908-647-9246.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Joseph Conant, a parishioner and Eagle Scout candidate has began work on his project. Planned over many months Joe has proposed to erect Stations of the Cross along the outside of the Church. The stations made of treated wood with an icon of each station attached will be similar to the one pictured. Each station may be dedicated to the honor/memory of a person/family and will have a small plaque attached indicating the dedication. This will also allow Joe to cover the costs of the project. The dedications are \$200 each. If you are interested contact Fr. Richard.

**RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS**

In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saturday Dec. 12, immediately following the 8am Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 6 Sussex Avenue, Morristown. Process 3 blocks with statue of Our Lady from church to Planned Parenthood, where we will say rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Email: [info@morriscountyrighttolife.org](mailto:info@morriscountyrighttolife.org) or call 973-933-2800.

**ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS**

A wonderful tradition for close to 20 years at St. Vincent's, we are happy to once again conduct our Christmas Cookie Project for the homebound in our Parish. We are looking for bakers to drop off cookies on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Church Meeting Room. Any type of homemade cookie would be great. Please contact Ellie Alber at 908-204-8988 or [Elliealber@gmail.com](mailto:Elliealber@gmail.com); or Ann Ryan at [ALR222@me.com](mailto:ALR222@me.com) or 908-580-9740 if you are able to contribute. Thanks for your kindness.

**AWAY FROM HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**

We are blessed that John Calabro was chosen to continue his studies for the Priesthood in Rome. John is working and praying hard in his new surroundings. Unlike many college students John will not be home for Christmas so perhaps you would like to send him a card. If so the address is: John Calabro, Pontifical North American College, 00120 Vatican City State, Europe. Go ahead, make his day.

**NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

**Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."



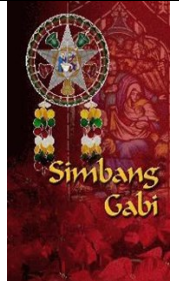
**SIMBANG GABI**

You are cordially invited to join our Diocesan and parish-sponsored Simbang Gabi. A Filipino tradition of a nine day novena of Masses during Advent in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus Christ.

Please join us on December 16th for Mass at 7:00 PM offered by Fr. Richard .

The nine-day novena is coordinated by the Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) of the Diocese of Paterson.

Refreshments immediately to follow Mass. For more information of if you wish to help, please contact Emma Militante at 908-604-0075 or [mommilitante@gmail.com](mailto:mommilitante@gmail.com)



**SAVE THE DATE**

Getting Ready for Christmas.

Join us for an Advent Evening with St. Nicholas



As we prepare the way for Jesus' birth, please join us in celebrating the life of St. Nicholas, an Advent Saint. Please join us for story, craft, movie, cookies and candy. Pizza and cider will be served to all attendees around 6:30 pm. When: December 19th, after 5:00 pm mass. Where: St. Vincent de Paul Church Meeting Room/JPII Room, Time: 6:00- 8:30 pm, Age Group: 3-10 year olds. You can sign up by emailing [helenarohal@gmail.com](mailto:helenarohal@gmail.com). RSVP by December 12th. We look forward to seeing you there.