



**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—Each Monday in Lent
after 7 PM Mass, Saturday at
4—4:45 PM, and at other times
by appointment.

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:30 AM Monday - Saturday
7PM—Monday through Friday
(in Lent)

“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 February 13th and 14th

Total amount in **211** envelopes: \$ 7,293
 Loose: \$ 2,715
 Online Parish Pay: \$ 3,632

Total offered: \$13,640

Diocesan Assessment \$ 2,295

For reflection: Many times in scripture we are reminded to be generous with our time, talent and treasure. We are called to take care of others, to share what we have, to return a portion of our gifts to God. We are reminded to do this with purity of intention and according to our means. Guided by prayer, each Catholic should make a decision to live out the Christian life as a good steward. This decision is an intentional act intended to thank God for all of His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, the talent, and the treasure He has given us. Thank you to those who are good stewards in their support of the needs of this parish.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to

provide for her family—and feed and entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet.

EVENING MASS ON LENTEN WEEKDAYS

During Lent, Mass will be offered at 7 PM Monday through Friday. Mass intentions are available for some of those Masses. Please call or stop by the parish office to arrange for a Mass.

The 2017 book is now open for Mass intentions.

WANT A MEMORABLE LENT?

Dynamic Catholic invites you to join Mathew Kelly, the Dynamic Catholic Team, and thousands of people across the nation for Best Lent Ever. Based on his new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus*, this free email program will take you on a 40 day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way. Each day you will receive an inspirational email. Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent. Want a free copy of *Rediscover Jesus*? Visit DynamicCatholic.com

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY February 22nd
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
8:30 AM Stephan Wan (*Living*)
 Deceased members of the Schlegel Family
 Tina Coda

7:00 PM Michael Schlegel (*Living*)
 Thomas Oliver

TUESDAY February 23rd
Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
8:30 AM John Donovan (*Living*)
 Maureen Meade
 Teresa Giordano

7:00 PM Helena Rohal (*Living*)
 Michael Smith

Wednesday February 24th
8:30 AM Anne Galdieri (*Living*)
 Holy Souls In Purgatory
 Mildred Casazza

7:00 PM Michael Robert Sottile

THURSDAY February 25th
8:30 AM Joan Reid (*Living*)
 Edward Plesko
 Angelo Yannotta

7:00 PM Brian and Maureen Meade

FRIDAY February 26th
8:30 AM Christina Wan (*Living*)
 Carol Ann Rieck
 Bozo and Pera Zeravica

7:00 PM Nicola Vernese
 Jessie and Frank Giacumbo

SATURDAY February 27th
8:30 AM Daniel Scanlon, Sr.
 John Mc Monagle

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
5:00 PM Edward King
 (*Saturday*) Nicholas Tangreti, Sr.
 Edith Anne Walto

SUNDAY February 28th
8:30 AM: Michael Steger
 Patsy Filippone
 Maureen Meade

10:30 AM People of the Parish
 Philomena Guarino
 Patrick Hughes

6:00 PM Manuel Lourenco
 Mary L. Cook

PASTORS COLUMN

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

The 8th grade religion curriculum in our school covers the rich and sometimes bizarre history of the Catholic Church. I remind the students before we begin that while they will study areas of great growth, development and wisdom they will also learn of moments when we see clearly that it could only be the power of the Holy Spirit who guides the Church because left to human action the ship could have gone aground years ago. One of the areas we study is the first major split in the Church which is dated to 1054 and called the Great Schism.

In the year 800 Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne, as Holy Roman Emperor. This was not well received in the Byzantine Empire which viewed the crowning by the Pope as an insult to the Eastern Emperor and the Byzantine Empire which had remained faithful under several invasions and had projected and held on to the faith for centuries after Rome fell in 476. The crowning of a Holy Roman Emperor greatly affected the relations between the East and the West rendering the Byzantine Emperor without the previous great influence in political matters. Relations were greatly strained but the actual split did not come about immediately. The tension between the empires was also felt within the Church where greater distance in culture allowed for distance in language, ritual and relations. The West exercised its influence in Western Europe and the north and west regions of the Mediterranean. The East encompassed Asia Minor, the Middle East, and Northern Africa. Due to the distancing of the empires the Byzantine Church eventually did not use Latin in prayer, ritual or ceremony. In time most of the Patriarchs of the Byzantine Church could not read Latin and the Pope in Rome did not habitually read or use Greek. In the East leavened bread was used in the Divine Liturgy (Mass) while in the West unleavened bread was used for the Eucharist. Both were valid but when the Patriarch Michael Cerularius wrote a letter to Pope St. Leo IX that the Latin use of unleavened bread was a Jewish practice and not Christian, he was basically suggesting that the Latin Rite of the Mass was not valid. Pope Leo and Patriarch Michael were not known to be on the best of terms and held one another in suspicion. Pope Leo countered that the Patriarchs were puppets of the Byzantine Emperors. Such was the nature of a not so beautiful relationship. There were also differences in the emphasis on the divinity and humanity of Jesus and the role and nature of the Holy Spirit. In the end, Pope Leo and Patriarch Michael excommunicated each other and their respective Churches. The Eastern Church became the Greek Orthodox Church severing all ties with Rome and the Roman Catholic Church. It would be 900 years later, when in 1965, Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople removed the mutual excommunications. That is a quick summary of the history.

Last week for the first time in a thousand years that history changed significantly. Pope Francis met with Russian Orthodox Church Patriarch Kirill for several hours in Cuba's Havana airport. The two ended the meeting by signing a joint declaration. Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill came together to enhance relations in light of the plight of Christians in the Middle East and Africa. Vladimir Legoida, spokesman for the Russian Orthodox Church stated, "Although many problems in relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church remain unresolved, the protection of Christians in the Middle East against the genocide is a challenge that requires urgent united efforts. The exodus of Christians from the Middle East and North African countries is a catastrophe for the whole world."

Reconciliation of this historic proportion did not happen overnight. From St. John XXIII to Pope Paul VI, St. John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI strides have been made to achieve this. It is also that which Jesus prayed for at the Last Supper, "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me" John 17:21. There is strength in unity. A united voice on the plight of Christians in the world from religious leaders is essential. For those who would like to read the declaration it can be found at: http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/02/12/joint_declaration_of_pope_francis_and_patriarch_kirill. It is good to study history, it is wonderful to see history being made.

Hope and pray your Lent observances are bearing fruit. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Peace,

Fr. Richard

LENT 2016

On Wednesday evenings during Lent there is the opportunity for discussion on matters of faith. **Catholicism 101** allows you to ask questions about our Catholic faith. A box in the vestibule of the church marked Catholicism 101 is for your questions. You may also email them directly to Fr. Richard at frichardcarton@stvd.org. Each week the questions will be discussed from 7:30—9 in the church meeting room.

Mass is offered Monday through Friday at 7 PM Mass on Friday in Lent we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** after Mass. The Stations of the Cross may be prayed at any time and is not confined to the Lenten Season.

COFFEE AND...



Come and join us February 28th after the 10:30 Mass, for coffee and a light breakfast, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Guild in the Church meeting room. All are invited to spend time with fellow parishioners.

We look forward to seeing you there!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are short of several items: Pancake mix, white Rice, canned and dry black beans, ravioli, spam, spaghetti sauce (traditional or meat sauce). Additional items that are greatly appreciated are: Dry milk, canned pears and pineapple, dry mashed potatoes, coffee, hot chocolate mix, Honey Nut Cheerios, and Frosted Flakes.

**NOTIFICATION OF HOSPITALIZATION
ILLNESS OR IMPENDING SURGERY**

Hospitals are required to observe confidentiality and privacy laws and are not permitted to inform us of admissions of parishioners to their facility. It is now necessary for the patient, a family member, or a health care proxy to notify the parish at the time of hospitalization. Arrangements then can be made for hospital/ health care facility visits once we are notified. Because of privacy laws we do not publish the names of the sick in our bulletin or announce them at Mass unless the patient or a family member gives us permission to do so. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered upon request prior to a scheduled hospital admission or before any elective surgery. Please call the parish office 908-647-0118. All calls are kept confidential.

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading:
Exodus 3:1-8a,
13-15



Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

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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 Slevens.

Those who are ill:

Mary Jane Postal, Leocadia Grynis, Rosa Benitez, Yves Baeyens, Jack and Maria Bickel, Bob Mikulyak, Barbara Engle, Marilyn Fogarty, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Mary Keller, Richard Scherer, Dorothy Paul, Givi Trauwaert, Ruth Ann Rahe, Daniel Nastarowicz, Jonathan and John Tantaros, Mary Bigelis, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, Patricia Caruso-Minicozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran, Carmel Connolly and Eric Binner.

Those who have died to this world

Euphemia Diaz

Requiescat in Pace

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

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
IN PARISH CEMETERY**

EAGLE SCOUT LEGACY WALL

Boy Scout and parishioner, Sean Theoclitus, is building a wall that will curve around the back of the cross in the parish's cemetery. Which will provide a nice space for prayer and reflection. On the wall there will be names of people's loved ones, (deceased or living,) engraved onto individual name plates, to be put on the wall. If you are interested in having your loved one's name put on the wall please visit www.troop59.com/seaneagleproject. The project is limited to 100 names. The wall will stand for many generations to come. You may also contact the parish office for more information if you do not have access to a computer.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! The St. Damien Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Night at the Irish Pub on Saturday, April 23rd, from 7-11 p.m. in the school gym. Please join us for an evening of Traditional Irish Music and a Folk Music Seisún featuring Irish pub fare, bar games, drinks, and dancing (and craic!). You can even sing or bring an instrument too. Entertainment provided by Burns and Cashman. Price is \$25 per person. Contact Sean Kane for more information and tickets at kane_s@hotmail.com or (908) 508-1114.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

**OCEAN OF MERCY /HEALING
AFTER ABORTION**

The Sisters of Life believe that God has a unique and beautiful plan of healing for each woman who contacts them. Many who are suffering alone experience great peace and healing as they are able share their burdens with another. The Sisters are available to meet with women individually in person or over the phone as they walk through the journey of healing. Accompaniment may be a single phone call or ongoing meetings and conversations

The Sisters host monthly Days of Prayer and Healing, monthly Gatherings, and Hope and Healing Weekend Retreats. These events are opportunities to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. All retreats are led by the Sisters of Life and women who have experienced both the suffering of abortion and the joy of healing in Christ. The retreats are directed by faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer. They include witnesses of mercy, Scripture sharing, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Entering Canaan Days of Prayer for Woman
March 19, 2016

For more information or to register contact Sisters of Life at 1(866)575-0075 or Theresa Bonopartis: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Visit our site at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

SCHOOL NEWS



I have attend Catholic School all my life and it has shaped me into who I am. You get a great education at Catholic school. The classes are small so you always are aware of what is going on yet big enough so you are not always the center of attention. We have great teachers who give up their free time in the morning and after school to ensure you the best possible education. Being part of a small Catholic School gives you the opportunity to personally know all the kids and faculty in school. This creates a friendly learning environment.

Catholic School also provides a great chance to play sports with your friends. Saint Vincent de Paul offers basketball, volleyball, softball, cross country and track and field. Playing basketball with my friends after school has been one of the greatest things in my life. I still remember my first 5th grade basketball practice. We have had a lot of fun these last couple years and are now entering the last basketball season as Saint Vincent de Paul Knights.

The final thing Saint Vincent de Paul offers is the ability to serve others. The 8th grade has the great privilege of being part of many service projects. We make and pack sandwiches for Bridges, a charity that brings food to the poor. You could find the 8th grade at the Saint Vincent de Paul food drive or setting up for a fund raiser. Our love to help and serve others has been instilled in us during school and after school in school clubs. Catholic School has taught me book smarts and most importantly taught me important Christian values.

Brian Grade 8

FAITH FORMATION

The Season of Lent



LENTEN SCHEDULE

As part of the Faith Formation curriculum, during Lent, families are to participate in the following three events:

Confessions

Each Monday in Lent after 7Pm Mass until 8:30 PM or Saturdays (4:00-4:45 pm)

Stations of the Cross

Mass at 7 PM followed by Stations of the Cross

Family Faith Session on the Angels

(RSVP at www.stvincentschurch.org Religious Ed link)

FISH & CHIPS DINNER
Saturday, February 27th

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Entertainment: Traditional Irish Dancers & Musicians
Catered by Argyle Restaurant - BYOB

Adult: \$25 Senior: \$15 Child (under 12): \$10

Dinner includes: Fish or Chicken & Chips, Tartar Sauce, Coleslaw, Beverage, Dessert

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