

**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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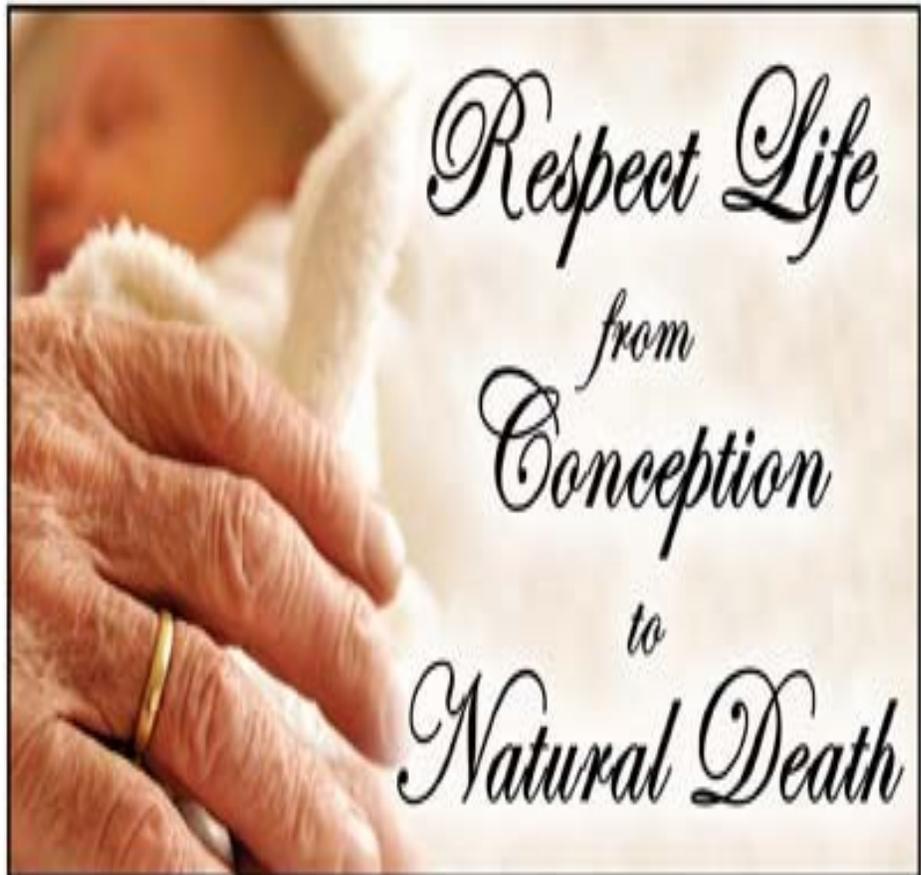
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Sunday Mass Schedule

(Vigil Mass)
Saturday —5:00 PM

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

Confession: Saturday at 4pm
or other days 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.”**

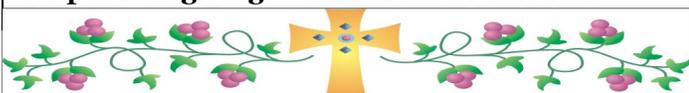
St. Padre Pio

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

The weekend of Sept. 24th and Sept. 25th

Total amount in envelopes:	\$7,344
Loose:	\$2,219
Online Parish Pay:	<u>\$2,970</u>
Total offered:	\$12,533
Parish Debt Reduction	\$2,772

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” St. Teresa of Calcutta



Daily Mass Readings

Monday

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

First Friday

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

**2016 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS**



Our Catholic Charities agencies, the largest recipient of funds from the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, serve tens of thousands of people each

year, from seniors and disabled adults to those with addictions and in need of counseling. In fact, a record number of people have been seeking the services of Catholic Charities over the years. Please be as generous as you are able to the 2016 Bishop’s Annual Appeal so we can continue to serve those in desperate situations. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2016appeal.org

MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY
8:30 AM**

October 3rd
Thomas Quaely
Elizabeth Polizzi
Lena Dorsi (*Living*)

**TUESDAY
8:30 AM**

October 4th
Saint Francis of Assisi
Mario J. Lamia
Patricia Buziak
Frank R. Galdieri

**WEDNESDAY
8:30 AM**

October 5th
Thomas Chesney
David “Duke” Dorsi
Bob Hect

THURSDAY

October 6th
Saint Bruno, Priest;

8:30 AM

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Richard P. O’Connell
Ellen Martus

FRIDAY

October 7th
Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 AM

Victor Joseph Tagliaferro
Thomas Quaely, Jr.
John Grande

SATURDAY

October 8th

8:30 AM

Anthony LaRezza
Tom Murphy
John Grande

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM
(Saturday)

Lawrence Leone
Anthony Sinagra
Paul Scanlon

**SUNDAY
8:30 AM**

October 9th
People of the Parish
Edward Turner
Robert Heim

10:30 AM

Anna Wojtyczko
Nicholas Angelos
Salvatore and Elissa Malanga

6:00 PM

Larry Dellisanti
Paul Shubeck
David “Duke” Dorsi

WE ARE CALLED TO SHOW MERCY BECAUSE MERCY HAS BEEN FIRST SHOWN TO US

The Respect Life Program, sponsored by the US Bishops, started in 1972 and begins anew each October—this month is set aside as “Respect Life Month.” The church has always promoted respect for human life in light of our intrinsic dignity as having been created in God’s image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with him. The theme of this year’s program is “Moved by Mercy”. It is most appropriate in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Writing of mercy, St. Vincent de Paul, our patron, whose feast day we celebrated on Tuesday of this past week once stated, “ Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?”

In 2015, 48% of those who died under Oregon’s assisted suicide law cited being a “burden” on family, friends, or caregivers as a reason for their suicide. How tragic that those suffering could see themselves in this fashion and where is the mercy of a society who would contribute to such an understanding by seeing in those who suffer burdens to be erased? Is the treatment of the weak and those who suffer merciful when we believe that their life can simply be ended by hastening death? True compassion alleviates suffering while maintaining solidarity with those who suffer. It does not put lethal drugs in their hands and abandon them to their suicidal impulses. Dr. William Toffler relays the story of a patient in Oregon, named Barbara, who had been in remission for her lung cancer. When it recurred, her oncologist wanted her to be given a drug that (statistically) would increase the chance of her being alive in a year by 45%. The State of Oregon denied this treatment stating that her prognosis wasn’t good enough to warrant expensive medication to treat her cancer. Yet, in the same letter denying coverage for her medication, the State offered full coverage (100%) for her assisted suicide. There are those on our state legislature who are advocating physician assisted suicide for those who are ill. The intentional ending of any human life is murder. Murder is a sin of the gravest manner which cries out to Heaven for justice. God creates us in His image and likeness. When we sin against the God given dignity of others, we are treating them contrary to their God given dignity and are also acting against our own nature.

In the face of sin, we have the merciful gaze of the Father in Jesus Christ. God expresses his love for each of us through his limitless mercy, revealed in Jesus’ death on the Cross. His mercy does not mean indifferently overlooking our sins, leaving us in our sinful ways and the misery they bear. Rather, God offers mercy that we must actively choose to receive by repenting and resolving to amend our lives. When we experience this mercy we also become a means by which God brings others to experience mercy in Jesus. Tens of millions of lives in this nation have been directly touched by abortion. If someone shares that they have had an abortion, or have been involved in assisting another with an abortion, express your sympathy at the loss and urge them to receive mercy and healing. Encourage them to approach me or another priest so that they may receive God’s tender love, mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Allow them to know that the healing they need is available to them. Direct the person to www.HopeAfterAbortion.org or to Project Rachel. There are many loving and compassionate communities who offer hope, counselling and assistance which can be easily found on the internet.

Each of us is commissioned to be a vehicle of God’s mercy and to remind ourselves and others that receiving God’s mercy helps us draw closer and become more like Jesus. In our outreach to those who oppose the teaching of our faith on the dignity and beauty of every life from conception through natural death we will face challenges, yet even in this the Lord equips us with a spirit of love and power. Our place is never to judge or condemn but to offer hope and encouragement to persons and families faced with difficult decisions at every stage of life. Ours is a Gospel of Life and as Jesus so beautifully reminds us in the Gospel of St. John, “I came that they might have life and have it abundantly”. 10:10

The preborn, the suffering, the terminally ill, the emotionally and physically challenged, are our brothers and sisters who depend on our compassion, love and tender care. We are called to show mercy to all, not just some, because God has shown us mercy. Christ suffered, died and rose so that our human dignity may be elevated in the light of his resurrection. That which we do here has eternal consequences and as Catholics we must be firm in our defense of human life in every stage. In this life we see the presence and mastery of God’s amazing creation, mercy and love.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Stephen J. Campbell, Sean Milde, 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:

Dominic Carton, Carol Sedita, George Thoms, Richard Sherer, Anne Moore, Maple Young, Kevin Shea, Helen Murray, Larry Hebert, Larry Oster, Lou Aroneo, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Jack and Maria Bickel, Mary Keller, Dorothy Paul, Givi Trauwaert, Ruth Ann Rahe, Mary Bigelis, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, Patricia Caruso-Minicozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran, and Eric Binner.

Those who have died to this world

Deacon Mark McCabe
Requiescat in Pace

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reborn through the waters of Baptism and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we embrace



Allegra Crincoli
daughter of Francesco and Klara
claimed now by Christ for the fullness of Eternal Life.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Paterson Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Join us from 8:30am to 1pm for the opportunity to enhance men's spirituality and encourage men to be more involved with their parishes. Former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz, Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal Ministries and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries will give presentations. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. For further information visit www.insidethewalls.org.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17 Elisha cures Naaman of leprosy, which convinces Naaman that there is only one God. Naaman then asks to take some loads of soil from Israel so that he can worship and make sacrifices to one true God on his own land.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Paul reminds Timothy that Christ rose from the dead so that many people could be saved. Paul was being treated as a criminal and kept in chains but says, "There is no chaining the word of God!" Paul also says, "if we die in Christ, we will live in him. But if we deny him, he will deny us."

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 Jesus cures ten lepers, but only one returns to express gratitude for being healed. Jesus is disappointed that only one gave thanks to God, but tells that one, "Your faith has been your salvation."



The Ministry of Lector is for those who feel comfortable and competent in proclaiming the Word of God at Mass. Training for new lectors will take place on **Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30pm.**

Those interested should contact the parish office to sign up for the training.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration will resume on **Friday, October 7.** Please consider spending valuable time with the Lord. The hour of 9pm to 10pm on First Friday is still in need of coverage. Please contact Christine Regnault if you are available 908-872-4444.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The annual blessing of animals will take place this **Sunday, October 2nd at 3pm** at the clock tower. Animals of every variety are asked to bring the ones trained to feed and care for them for the annual blessing. Some may be better off in a crate for their protection or on a leash for the protection of others—animals that is.



MINISTRY AND SERVICE

Serving the community of faith is the responsibility of all by virtue of our baptism and the teaching of Jesus to serve. Prayerfully consider serving your community with the gifts and talents God has given you as:

Lector—proclaiming the sacred texts at Mass.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion—distributing the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus at Mass.

Usher—assisting with the collection and other needs at Mass.

Greeter/Hospitality—greeting and assisting those who come to Mass, especially visitors to our community.

Music (Choir/Instrumentalist)—assist in raising hearts and minds as we glorify God in prayer. For more information about these ministries see our parish website to be connected with the person responsible for training in these various ministries. Please call the parish office for this information also.



Saturday, November 5
7pm to 11pm
St. Vincent de Paul Pastoral Center

\$40.00 per person advanced ticket sales
\$50.00 per person at the door

Tickets can be purchased online at our website
stvincentschurch.org or at the Parish House
For questions, please call 908-647-0118

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

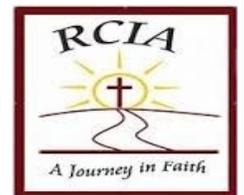
Please consider supporting our parish by
spending a fun evening enjoying delicious food
and sampling fine wine with friends.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

For adults who have never been baptized, adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who believe that God is calling them to full membership in the Roman Catholic Church, adults who were baptized Catholic but have had no instruction in the faith or have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Through study, faith formation and discernment adults engage the process which will bring them into fuller sacramental membership within the Church.

Please contact Fr. Richard if you or someone you know would be interested or if would like to have more information.
Sessions begin in October.



GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY



Join Fr. Richard for a deeper insight into the Scriptures for Sunday Mass and a better understanding of the Mass itself. Let the Readings come alive for you by gaining an understanding of their context and the culture within which they were written. Presentations will be every Thursday at 2-3:30 pm and 7:30- 9 pm in the Faith Formation and Pastoral Center.

**1st-8th Grade Faith Formation
begins October 2 with
Mass and the Rosary!
10:15am- 12:00pm OR 5:45pm-7:30pm
(Mass included)**

All Parishioners are invited to join the Faith Formation families in church *after* the 10:30am or 6:00pm Mass as we pray the Rosary as a faith community.

1st-8th grade students and parents should come to the Church Meeting Room at either 10:15am or 5:45pm, pick up your family folder and then enter the church. Parents should sit with their children.

After Mass, from 11:30am-12:00 noon and 7:00pm-7:30pm, families will hear a brief lesson on Mary and the Rosary and then pray this powerful prayer together. Through the Rosary, our Blessed Mother will lead all of us to a deeper union with her Son, Jesus, which is a beautiful way to begin the new Faith Formation year.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Our ministry will meet on **Monday, October 3 at 7pm** in the Chapel to pray the Rosary and our meeting will follow in the church meeting room. If you are new to the parish or have not been to a Rosary Altar Society meeting please join us to see what we are all about!



WOMENS COMMUNION BRUNCH

Sunday, October 23

Mass at 10:30, Brunch immediately following in the Pastoral Center.

Fr. Richard will be our guest speaker!

Payment can be made online at stvincentschurch.org and flyers can be found in the Narthex. Payment is due October 14.

MOMS MEETING

The MOMS Group

will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:30pm to 9pm in the church meeting room. Come hear Stacey Beer speak of her experiences in the pro life movement and enjoy an evening of fellowship and refreshments.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Vincent de Paul Parish and St. Mary's Stony Hill, Watchung will be hosting a joint Bereavement Support Group starting Thursday, October 27 at 7pm. The group will meet every Thursday except their last session on Wed. Dec. 7. Grief is a journey. Consider sharing your loss of a loved one, a sibling or a friend with others who have faced similar circumstances. Contact our Bereavement Coordinator, Barbara Carlson 908-647-0407 or the Parish House 908-647-0118 to register.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

St. James School in Basking Ridge is hosting a High School Information Night for prospective 6th, 7th & 8th graders and their parents.

Thursday, October 6 from 7:15pm to 8:30pm
There will be representatives from 18 local Catholic and private High Schools

Oratory Prep

For prospective 7th—12th grade boys

Thursday, October 20 from 6:45pm to 8:15pm
for further information call 908-273-5771 ext.1 or visit their website at www.oratoryprep.org

Academy of St. Elizabeth

For prospective 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls

Thursday, October 13th at 7pm
Thursday, November 10th at 7pm
for further information call 973-290-5225

Union Catholic High School

Wednesday, October 5th at 7pm
Early Bird Tours at 6:15pm
for further information call 908-889-1600 ext302 or visit their website at www.unioncatholic.org

Morris Catholic High School

Wednesday, October 12 at 7pm
Sunday, October 23 at 2pm
for further information contact the Admissions Office at mcostello@morriscatholic.org or visit their website at www.morriscatholic.org

**Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child
For prospective 7th—12th grade girls**

Saturday, November 5th from 9:30am to 11:30am
For further information call 908-522-8109 or visit their website www.oakknoll.org