

Mass Intentions



MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

For the
people
of the
parish

7:15 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Concetta & Luigi Puglise,
John G. & Elaine T. Shubeck,
John Kosakowski, Jr.

8:30 am

12:00 pm

Jane Sauchelli

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

David Johnson
Betty Sweeney, Eileen Smith,
Thomas Grady, Jr.

8:30 am

12:00 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Maria Olivieri Family,
Xavier Atencio

8:30 am

12:00 pm

Thomas Figenshu, Ronald O'Brien,
Anthony Mary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Maryann Rillo, Robert Kennedy
Ralph DeMayo

8:30 am

12:00 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Stanley Swaintek
Philomena & Saverio Allocca,
Joseph Farrell, Barbara Stevenson,
Joseph Heilmann, Sr.

8:30 am

5:00 pm

7:00 pm

For the people of the parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Antoinette Chiarolanzio,
Biagio Pelaggi

7:15 am

9:00 am

Mary & Frank Mocerino,
Francine Varley, Anne Das,
Patricia Dyer Donnelly

10:30 am

12:00 pm

Ann Vitellaro, James Maguire, Sr.,
Joanne Arbitell, Dennis Leary

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Offices will be closed through Tuesday,
December 26 for the Christmas holiday and reopen
on Wednesday, December 27 at 8:30 a.m.

For New Year's, the office will be closed on
Monday, January 1 and reopen on Tuesday,
January 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing in the name of the Father and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching
them to observe all that I have
commanded you.

(Matthew 28: 19-20)



Avery Madison Roshong and Emilio Joaquin Glowacki
who were baptized December 17, 2017

For the reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and the two
shall become one flesh. So they are no
longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what
God has joined together, no human being
must separate.



(Matthew 19:5-6)

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Andrea Picillo, Melissa Winters, Jacob Shaw,
Elinor Mantone, Ricky Carroll, Aria Rose,
Joseph Stephen De Lara, John Hilovsky,
Maggie Corley

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO THE LORD:

Lord for your faithful people life is changed not ended.
When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we
gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven.

Peter Mahan

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

The weekend collection for Saturday/Sunday,
December 16/17 amounted to \$25,450.00. Your
generosity to our Church is gratefully appreciated.

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Our children's collection for St. Peter's Orphanage for
the weekend of December 16/17 amounted to \$74.00.
Thank you girls and boys for helping.

The Pastor's Corner

As many of you know it has been a tradition of mine to end my Christmas homilies with a song. Although I am still searching for this year's selection (I am writing this four days before Christmas) there has been one song that has caught my ear as a possibility - it is entitled "Jesus is Alive" by John Wilson. I know what you are thinking - that sounds like an Easter song. In a sense you are right. The song gives voice to the truth that the Savior in the manger changes everything. Jesus will go on to live, die and rise again - and ultimately bring us home to heaven. Thus the refrain brings Christmas and Easter together - *"Noel, Noel! Jesus is alive. Emmanuel, hope is here tonight. So go and tell the world that death has died. Noel, Noel - Jesus is alive!"*

I am sure that the reason I connected with this beautiful tune is that my personal journey since last Christmas included walking through the grief of losing my Dad. Like all of us who experience the death of someone we love, I have been approaching the Christmas feast with a bit of anxiety - wondering what will it be like without my father. But then I hear the Easter message sung with a Christmas message in perfect harmony, giving me hope and bringing peace to my heart and soul. Because Jesus was born and is alive I know where my Dad is. Because Jesus was born and is alive I know I will see him and my Mom and my sister again.

Because Jesus was born and is alive I can be close to everyone I love who now live in Him and are united with us in our worship of God, Father, Son and Spirit!

Indeed, the joy of the Christmas festival is found in the alleluia of the Easter that we celebrated every Sunday as God's holy church.

My prayer for you, my dear friends, is that on this holy night and this happy day you allow yourselves to be drawn ever more deeply into the mystery of God's love that we celebrate at Christmas. Feel the embrace of the Father's arms assuring you that all will be well. Look upon the infant Jesus and adore him as your Lord and Savior. Let your heart be flooded with the Holy Spirit moving you out into the world to spread the good news we celebrate - God is with us and for us - today, tomorrow and forever - Amen.

A very blessed and Merry Christmas to you all!

St. Vincent Martyr

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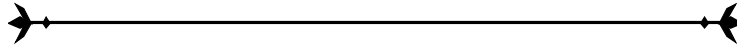
Stewardship Corner



December 24, 2017 - 4th Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - LUKE 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.



Christmas 2017 Schedule

CHRISTMAS—THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The Fourth Sunday in Advent is also Christmas Eve. Masses on that weekend will be held in the lower Church (gym). We will have the usual weekend schedule to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent, but with no Noon Mass.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017—CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Nativity of the Lord Vigil - Lower Church (Gym)

4:00 p.m. Nativity of the Lord Vigil - **St. Paul Inside The Walls, 205 Madison Avenue, Madison**

CHURCH MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Nativity of the Lord Vigil - Church

6:00 p.m.: 8:00 p.m. (Spanish); 10:00 p.m. Prelude of Carols; 10:30 p.m.-Solemn Mass of Christmas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 - CHRISTMAS DAY

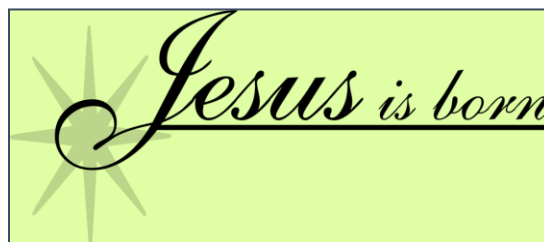
7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and Noon - All Masses in our Church

NEW YEAR'S—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(This year, it is not a holy day of obligation)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.





A Special Christmas Gift for You!

Who am I? Why am I here? We all grapple with these questions from time to time. When you come to Mass this Christmas, you'll receive a special gift from our parish that will help you find the answers so you can start living the amazing life God created you to live.

PRAYER



Interior silence is the perfect seed bed for divine love to take root. In the Gospel the Lord speaks about a mustard seed as a symbol of divine love. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it has an enormous capacity for growth. Divine love has the power to transform us. One of the purposes of a retreat is to facilitate the process of inner transformation. For more information visit the Loyola website at Loyola.org or contact any of the men listed below.

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Adult Confirmation Classes



St. Vincent is now offering an adult Confirmation process for any interested baptized Catholic.

This formation process will involve instruction and faith sharing sessions starting in January and leading up to Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. The instruction process will take place jointly with the RCIA. The focus of the program is to connect the practice of our Catholic Faith to our experiences in our everyday lives. For many who participate in this program, it is an opportunity to see, for the first time, the faith of the Church with an adult understanding. **Classes begin on January 4 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Media Center.** To register please contact Jan at jan.figenshu@svmnj.org or ext. 253.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society meeting will be Monday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. During the winter months we will meet in the Parish Ministry Center.

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed every morning Monday - Saturday at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m. Let us continue this devotion to our Blessed Mother. Remember the Rosary Altar Society meets every 2nd Monday of the month.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

We are hosting a Holy Hour immediately after the Noon Mass each Thursday. During the Holy Hour we will recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and have some quiet time of reflection. All are welcome to share in this holy hour.

EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christian Faith Formation Program upcoming dates and times to note:

Faith Family Sunday: January 7, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Community Room

Hope Family Sunday: January 28, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Gym to begin hospitality for Catholic Schools week then the Community Room for the lesson

Traditional Monday program: January 8 - 3:30 pm

6th grade: January 7 at 1:00 pm

7th grade: January 28 at 1:00 pm

8th grade: January 14 at 5:00 pm for ACRE test

Children's Programs

Moms with Little Ones

We will not meet for playgroup on January 2. Playgroup will resume on January 9.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We invite our little parishioners between the K-2nd grade to join us for the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 am Mass. Lectionary based activity sheets are distributed to each child at the conclusion of the session. No session on December 24 and January 31.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 and 2

Registrations are a must. Please contact the Christian Formation Office for a form for level 1. The preschool Catechesis group will now be meeting in a school classroom at the 9:00 am mass, while Level 2 will meet bi-weekly in the rectory basement (simultaneously during the duration of the 9:00 am Mass). Those registered between grade 1-5 please see your scheduled dates.



God's Rainbow

Kindergarten through 5th graders who have special needs, meet the first Sunday of the month in the school building in Room 113 for the duration of the 9:00 am.



We will be meeting January 7. Registration to participate is required so please contact the CF office for further details.

YOUTH NEWS

- 1.) Antioch registration forms and Eva's Kitchen permission forms were mailed out for the upcoming January Antioch Retreat and service project. Please return as soon as possible to the Youth Office. You can also find the forms on-line.
- 2.) Wantioch retreat team meets on Tuesday, January 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center.
- 3.) Sprantioch team meetings begin this week on Wednesday, January 3, 5:30 p.m. for co-directors and 7:00 p.m. for all team members in the Youth Center.
- 4.) All registered to cook for Eva's Kitchen on January 4 at 3:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. are to bring one pound of **cooked** elbow pasta and a hand-held can opener.
- 5.) All registered to serve at Eva's Kitchen on January 4 are to gather in the Community Room/Cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. Parent drivers are to park behind the Ministry Center.
- 6.) Any high school student needing to register for Youth Ministry can find the necessary materials on the parish website, www.svmnj.org under Youth Ministry or leave a message for Anne Marie at 973-377-4000, ext. 300 or for Jody on Thursdays and Fridays at 973-377-4000, ext. 301.



St. Vincent Martyr School



Preschool - Grade 8 Madison, NJ

Learn about our co-ed school, offering education to students in Preschool - Grade 8.
Contact us about **rolling admissions**.

www.svmnj.org
admissions@svmnmj.org
(973) 377-1104, ext. 203

Ministry

A Family Perspective

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve-year-old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: **HOLY!** Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS FOR WEEKLY AND ONE TIME GIFTS



I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's Giving program will give you one less thing to remember each week -- no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ740

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

STAY CONNECTED WITH ST. VINCENT'S

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message from various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. Visit our church at: www.flocknote.com/StVincentMartyr or text SVMNJ to 84576; and visit our website at www.svmnj.org

Eastern Europe Tour - 13 Days



Poland/Prague/Vienna

**St. Vincent Martyr Church and
Good Shepherd Church, Andover**

**led by Fr. Przemyslaw Gawlik and Fr. Michal Szwarc
September 17 - 29, 2018**

**Included: round trip airfare, taxes & surcharges, first
class hotels, breakfast & dinner daily, daily Mass, price
based on double occupancy and much more.**

Pilgrimage cost per person - \$3,495.00

Depart Newark Airport

In the Community

Tutoring, Sister Ann Lavelle currently works with children who have dyslexia; about 1 in 5 students suffer from reading difficulties so the need is great. Your child will gain the skills and confidence they need to succeed in school. Call Sister Ann Lavelle at 973-750-4311 or go to the website www.keystosuccessforyou.com for more information.

New Bridges, a Senior assistance for independent living program provides free case management that can refer you to organizations that provide: home health aides, shopping assistance, legal counseling, form completion, home repairs and much more. To learn more, call 888-746-9333 and ask to speak with a case manager or check their website at www.newbridge.org.

Visiting Nurse Association Juniors Helping Seniors provides high school students with a flexible, rewarding volunteer opportunity and senior citizens with a break from the social isolation that often comes from living alone or being homebound. Volunteers visit on a regular basis and participate in activities such as playing board games, arts and crafts projects and reading.

For more information on this outreach contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer coordinator at 973-451-4128 or renderle@vnannj.org.

Madison Community House, will host a lecture by Jane Mackesy on Thursday, January 4 at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Mackesy is a past president of the Hudson County Genealogical & Historical Society and chair of the Women's Club EDM of Arlington. She will discuss tried-and-true means of researching family members and discovering details of your family's past. The lecture is free.

YMCA Staff Needed, Infant teachers to work with kids at the F.M. Kirby Children's Center. Applicants must be reliable, dependable and love working with children. Great benefits, bi-lingual a plus. Must be CPR/AED certified. Contact Bella Dapilma at 973-3677-4945, ext. 3236 for more information.



To those of you who are new - Welcome! We would like you to join our parish family. To do so please fill out the following and submit to the Parish office or place in the collection basket so we may send you a registration form to fill out to join our parish.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Zip Code: _____

Also, if you are moving please notify the office so that we may keep our records up-to-date. Thank you for your time.

Diciembre 23, 2017

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**La colecta del Pasado 16 de
Diciembre fue de 466 dólares.**

**Dios multiplique su
generosidad.**

Lecturas para esta semana- Domingo 24-Sábado 30

Domingo:

2Samuel 7, 1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16
Salmo: 89, 2-3, 4-5, 27.29
Romanos 16, 25-27
Lucas 1, 26-38

Lunes: Navidad

Isaías 9, 1-6
Salmo: 96, 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
Lucas 2, 1-14

Martes: fiesta de San Estiven, protomártir

Hechos de los Apóstoles 6, 8-10, 7,
54-59
Salmo: 31, 3CD-4, y 8AB, 16BC y 17
Mateo 19, 17-22

Miércoles: fiesta san Juan, apóstol y evangelista

1Juan 1, 1-4
Salmo: 97, 1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Juan 10, 1A y 2-8

Jueves: fiesta de los santos Inocentes

1Juan 1, 5-2,1
Salmo: 124, 2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8
Mateo 2, 13-18

Viernes:

1Juan 2, 3-11
Salmo: 96, 1-2ª, 2B-3, 5B-6
Lucas 2, 22-35

Sábado:

1Juan 2, 12-17
Salmo: 96, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10
Lucas 2, 36-40

Adviento: La Figura de María

Nos aproximamos a la Navidad y crece la importancia de la figura de la Virgen María en la preparación a la gran fiesta de la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios.

Es interesante recordar las enseñanzas de Pablo VI en la exhortación apostólica *Marialis Cultus* del dos de febrero de 1974. Allí nos decía el Papa Pablo VI:

"Durante el tiempo de Adviento la Liturgia recuerda frecuentemente a la Santísima Virgen —aparte la solemnidad del día 8 de diciembre, en que se celebran conjuntamente la Inmaculada Concepción de María, la preparación radical (cf. Is 11, 1.10) a la venida del Salvador y el feliz exordio de la Iglesia sin mancha ni arruga—, sobre todos los días feriales del 17 al 24 de diciembre y, más concretamente, el domingo anterior a la Navidad, en que hace resonar antiguas voces proféticas sobre la Virgen Madre y el Mesías, y se leen episodios evangélicos relativos al nacimiento inminente de Cristo y del Precursor.

De este modo, los fieles que viven con la Liturgia el espíritu del Adviento, al considerar el inefable amor con que la Virgen Madre esperó al Hijo, se sentirán animados a tomarla como modelos y a prepararse, "vigilantes en la oración y... jubilosos en la alabanza", para salir al encuentro del Salvador que viene. Queremos, además, observar cómo en la Liturgia de Adviento, uniendo la espera mesiánica y la espera del glorioso retorno de Cristo al admirable recuerdo de la Madre, presenta un feliz equilibrio cultural, que puede ser tomado como norma para impedir toda tendencia a separar, como ha ocurrido a veces en algunas formas de piedad popular el culto a la Virgen de su necesario punto de referencia: Cristo. Resulta así que este periodo, como han observado los especialistas en liturgia, debe ser considerado como un tiempo particularmente apto para el culto de la Madre del Señor: orientación que confirmamos y deseamos ver acogida y seguida en todas partes".

Los Sacramentos

Reconciliación (Confesiones): Todos los Sábados a las 4:00pm o haciendo una cita con uno de los sacerdotes, ya sea llamando a la oficina o hablando con ellos directamente o antes de la Misa en Español.

Unción de los Enfermos:

Para las personas que están gravemente enfermas, hospitalizadas o preparándose para una cirugía, al igual que las personas de edad avanzada un asilo para la tercera edad. Para administrar este Sacramento; Favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia para que uno de los sacerdotes administre la Unción de los enfermos.

Cursillo Pre-Bautismal en español: Llamando a la oficina y planear una cita con el sacerdote.

PARA TENER EN CUENTA...

AÑO DE LA SAGRADA ESCRITURA

A partir del otro mes de Septiembre 2017 hasta agosto del próximo año 2018 estaremos celebrando como comunidad hispana el Año de la Sagrada Escrituras. A partir de Septiembre hasta Agosto una vez por mes tendremos un encuentro donde aprenderemos mucho de la palabra de Dios. Si usted está interesado por favor puede hablar con el padre Darwin Lastra al comienzo al final de la Misa. Cada persona que asista a las charlas se le entregara una Biblia.

Talentos...

Dios nos ha dado a cada uno de nosotros muchos talentos. Por lo tanto, hay que ponerlos al servicio, si usted es bueno en lectura puede unirse al grupo de lectores de nuestra parroquia; tendríamos una práctica; si está interesado por favor llamar al Padre Darwin al 973-377-4000 ext. 102 o ver antes o después de la Eucaristía.

Faith Direct

Con la llegada del Otoño, me gustaría invitarlos a unirse con Faith Direct, el programa de donaciones electrónicas de nuestra parroquia. Nuestras listas de que hacer pueden ser largas durante esta temporada, pero el programa de donaciones electrónicas les dará una cosa menos para recordar cada semana –no mas sobres para encontrar antes de ir a misa.

Visite nuestra pagina web: www.faithdirect.net y use nuestro código de iglesia: NJ740.

Gracias por su apoyo continuado de nuestra familia parroquial!

Dios los bendiga,

Fr. George Hundt

Clases de Inglés

Las clases de Inglés se han cancelado por la no asistencia de estudiantes. Con la ayuda de Dios, retornaremos en verano.

