

A Roman Catholic Presence in Madison since 1805

ST. VINCENT MARTYR

MADISON, NEW JERSEY

Welcome!



THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday Bishop Manuel Cruz celebrated Mass at The Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Seton Hall. During the Mass he instituted twelve young men to the Order of Acolytes, amongst those young men was our very own seminarian, Carlos Vargas. I was delighted to represent our parish at this beautiful ceremony. I am so proud of Carlos in his new role. The role of Acolyte is similar to that of an Extraordinary Minister, but the role is given directly by a Bishop, and it is a universal role in deference to the role of an extraordinary minister who serves in their own local parish. It also gives the acolyte the honor and responsibility of purifying, "cleaning" the sacred vessels after Holy Communion. Carlos has been mentored by many wonderful priests, Msgr. Jack Carroll, Pastor Emeritus, Our Lady of the Magnificat, Kinnelon, our own beloved Msgr. George and Fr. Steven Prisk, pastor of Holy Spirit Pequannock. It is with great honor; I continue to mentor this young man toward the goal of priesthood. We congratulate Carlos this weekend as he comes to work with MaryBeth in ongoing training sessions with our altar servers.



I enjoyed my first ever Bottle Hill Day on Saturday. Fr. Chris and I ambled around the town for about an hour, and we were delighted to meet many new parishioners. I was happy to see the stands representing our parish and school and the many people who gathered to see who we are. Fr. Chris and I visit Sunrise Care Facility and Pine Acres Care facility here in Madison every Monday. We offer Mass, hear Confessions, and anoint the residents on a regular basis. I made my first visit there last Monday and look forward to getting to know the residents.

This coming Tuesday, I look forward to a fun time as the students at our school celebrate Halloween. Wednesday, the 1st day of November is the Feast day of All Saints, a great day when we remember the known and unknown saints who by their living examples, assist us on the road to heaven. All Saints day is a holy day of obligation. Thursday, November 2nd is All Souls Day, the day when we remember all of those who have died. We pray for their souls and for the souls of those whom we do not know. We remember the mercy of God and ask that all souls through the way they have lived their life, our prayers, Mass intentions and sacrifices, may be lifted into the glory of heaven. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 am and noon. At 7 pm, I will preside at a Mass of Light when we will remember all of those who have died in our parish this past year. During that Mass, the bereaved will be given a small candle to place in front of the altar before my homily; these lights will be lit and placed in front of the altar, the church lights will be dimmed, and we will certainly feel the presence of God. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful Mass.

Fr. Yojan with the assistance of members of the diocese, organized a spirited seminar for Hispanic catechesis ministry. The topics centered on catechesis through scripture and Holy Mass. In the last several years, many parishes have adapted their faith formation to this model. It involves parent and child learning together, followed by a teaching Mass so that together parents and children can learn the dignity of our Mass, the parts of the Mass, sacraments and become familiar with areas of the church such as altar, tabernacle, crucifix, podium. Fr. Yojan was very excited after the session and as Director of Catechesis for the Diocese, he and the staff and I will talk more about this approach in the coming months.

I hope everybody has a wonderful Halloween weekend. It is funny that this weekend, although technically for children, is truly enjoyed by many adults. Let us remember to be safe and have good fun!

Fr. Oron

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00 pm Jim Corlett, Joseph & Peggy Farrell,
Bill Eutsler, Elizabeth O'Connor,
John Considine

7:00 pm Tulio Cesar Botero

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:15 am Tommy Davis, Arlene Kennedy,
Joe Kitchell

9:00 am Pat & Patti Donnelly, Marie Gregorio,
Arlene Kennedy, Lucy Santucci

10:30 am Thomas Horstmann, Sr., Mark Denisiuk,
Frank J. Mazarella, Vincenzo Beneduce,
Felice Bernardo

12:00 pm Anna, Frank & Marlene Papa, Greg Olear,
George Kelly, Joseph Bezzone

5:00 pm C. J. Szotak, Carlos Mauricio Bledt,
Gerardo Bledt

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:30 am Catherine Macri, Arlene Kennedy,
Joe Kitchell

12:00 pm Maria Rodrigues, Joseph Bezzone

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:30 am Arlene Kennedy, Toni Chiarolanzio

12:00 pm Allison Geier, Joseph F. Quinn, Jr.,
Elaine & Anthony Sorrentino

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:30 am For the People of the Parish

8:30 am Charles & Rose Femminella,
Eugene Farner, Jr., Phil Cavano,
Joe Kitchell, Lucy Santucci

12:00 pm Joe DeMarzo, Vecchione Family, Bill Eutsler,
Cappelluccio Family, Deceased Members of
the Maria Grace & Luigi DeAngelis Family

7:00 pm Arlene Kennedy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2-ALL SOULS DAY

8:30 am In Memory of all our Deceased

12:00 pm Relatives & Friends

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:30 am Alfonse Figarelli, Marion Connors,
Rosemarie Snarski

12:00 pm Michael DeAngelis,
Marie Grace & Luigi DeAngelis

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 am Maria Adelina Ferreira, John F. Haggerty,
Jerry Maher

5:00 pm Anthony Toto, Bill Eutsler,
Michael Cremin, Arlene Kennedy,
Lucy Ann Santucci

7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:15 am Liz Carlson, Joe Kitchell

9:00 am Carol Rotella, Vincenzo Lo Sapio,
Maria Antonietta Simonetti, Felice Piccolo,
Archis Piccolo, Pat Donnelly

10:30 am Eva & William Dangler, Sr., Susan Seger,
Jules Spada, Lucy Santucci,
Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

12:00 pm Joe DeMarzo, Kelly Esposito, George Kelly,
Carrie Romano, Paul Emposimato, Jr.

5:00 pm Julia & Roland Romano, Gerardo Bledt,
Lucy Santucci

Sacraments

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND

A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE

... A TIME TO BE BORN

Frank Adragna IV
baptized on October 21, 2023



...A TIME TO HEAL

Ira Vosper, Andrew Vaccaro, Kevin Conroy, Tom Farley,
Jackie Kruger, Gloria Thomas, Aida Corvelli, Jake Mocko,
Carol Jarmen, John Barilla, Bonnie Riley, George Bozzi,
Alice Giordano, Lucyena Vermont, Lucia Vacchiano,
Nicholas DePierro, Sr., Patricia DeRiggi, Tom Dwyer,
Richard Galterio, Dante Gianfortune, Nancy Esposito,
Peggy Dellanno, Sadie Lynn Harrigan, Cheryl Dodds,
Bobbie Murphy, Carmela & Hal Moeller, Debra Kollasch,
Bob Richton, Marilyn Rand, Barbara Armenti,
Andrea Picillo, Joan Graziano

...A TIME OF GREAT JOY

John Joseph Kearns IV and
Sarah Josephine Kraska
married on October 21, 2023
Shane George Sunny and Jeslin Pazhempally Thomas
married on October 22, 2023



... A TIME TO DIE

Vernon Bremberg, Chung IM (Ginjo) Losavio,
Joan Serrani



The Altar Bread & Wine is in Memory of
Jerry Williams
for the Week of October 29-November 4

MASS PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

5:00 pm—Fr. Chris

7:00 pm—Fr. Yojan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:15 am—Fr. Chris

9:00 am—Fr. Yojan

10:30 am—Fr. Owen

12:00 pm—Fr. Chris

5:00 pm—Fr. Owen

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Parish Vision Statement

Our Vision: St. Vincent Martyr, a Roman Catholic community where all are welcome and belong, is growing our faith in Jesus Christ, and personally moved by the Spirit, is bringing love, mercy, compassion, and justice into the world.

Mass Schedule

Saturday—5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday—7:15 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

12:00 pm, 5:00 pm

Reconciliation Saturday

4:00-4:30 pm, 6:00-6:45 pm (Spanish)

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30 am, 8:30 am

12:00 pm, 1:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm (Spanish Mass)



SENIOR FEST 2023



All SVM Senior Parishioners are invited for an afternoon of Fun ... Food ... Entertainment ... Beverages ... and celebration of Veterans Day with our SVM Senior Veterans.

Saturday, November 11, 2023

SVMS GYM 1—4 PM

\$15 per person

Register by November 3, 2023 on-line at www.svmnj.org or fill out the registration form located at the doors of the church. Please return to the Parish Office Attention: Senior Fest.

NOVEMBER—THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Into your hands, O Lord we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away; welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and forever. Amen. In prayer, we remember those who have gone home to heaven from Saint Vincent Martyr Church since last All Souls Day.

Louis Alise	Joseph Fennelly	Paul Mantone
Donald Baduini	Paul Fisher	Linda Massaro
Bernadine Barilla	Nuffie Fornaro	Robert McCormack
Frank Barlow	Anna Fuschetti	Alice McGuire
Michelle Berninger	Elizabeth Gaffney	Anthony Montagna
Peter Blanchard	Gerard Gannon	Kathleen Moran
Gerardo Bledt	Patricia Geier	Kenneth Neville
John Brown	Richard Genovese	Margaret O'Kane
Catherine Capen	Joseph Gero	Gregory Olear
Giovanna Carcione	Renee Godlewski	Brendan O'Reilly
Carmen Castaldo	Marie Gregorio	Kazuo Otai
Colleen Castellano	Nancy Guerriero	Lucy Paoella
John Cerutti	Donald Gulbicki	Asimina Papathomas
Judith Chesney	Beatrice Guzzi	Raymond Paske
Phyllis Chiappa	George Haggerty	Felice Piccolo
Esther Chiarolanzio	Genevieve Hyder	Kathryn Quinn
Mary Chipoletti	Sylvia Ianaro	Phyllis Randazzo
Helen Ciriello	George Kelly	Nicholas Rello
Brian Cullen	Arlene Kennedy	Steven Romeo
John Curtis	Joseph Kitchell	Anthony Salerno
Pasquale Cutaneo	Dolores Kremins	Lucy Santucci
Ethna D'Addarso	Richard Kremins	Judy Spencer
Marjolaino De Angelis	Sebastiano LaRosa	Alexander Stetkevych
William De Luca	Emma Lepore	Joseph Strelec
Margaret DeBiasse	William Liggett	Frank Stricchiola
Barbara Dunleavy	Joseph Livreri	Iris Sweeney
Maximiliano Erazo	Barbara Macarthy	James Tino
Bill Eutsler	John Mack	Helen Vanderzee
Samuel Faiello	Pasquale Maiello	Bruce Zahn

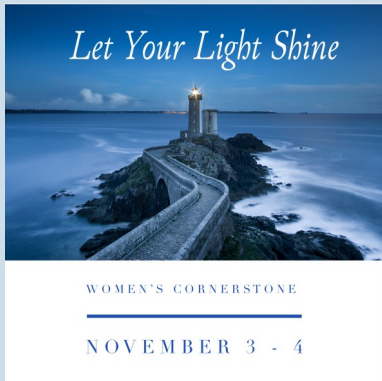


MASS OF LIGHT

November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Please bring a small, framed photo of the deceased (4x6 or smaller) to share for the celebration. (Please put your name on the back of the photo.) During the Liturgy, there will be an opportunity for you to remember all of your loved ones who are deceased.



Registration is Open for Women's Cornerstone!

Cornerstone is a 26-hour parish-sponsored experience for women. Experience a spiritual renewal which brings women together to grow in their knowledge and love of God.

Details at <https://www.svmnj.org/womens-cornerstone>

Register soon! **Space is limited.**
All women are most welcomed.

MOMS WITH LITTLE ONES

Calling all moms (and caretakers) with babies and toddlers to join our Moms with Little Ones group for a fun bi-weekly get together.

This group is a great way to make new friends within our SVM and Madison community. The group meets currently on Tuesday mornings below the Parish offices.

Please text Christine at 908-752-3416 for further information and to be included on the email list of when and where the gatherings take place. We have so many kid friendly activities planned! We welcome you to join us.

Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Our study has begun!

During the Parish phase of the Eucharistic Revival over 100 members of our parish are participating in English and Spanish in this enlightening study.

Classes are held each week in the Gym at 6:45.

Registration is necessary and limited! <https://www.svmnj.org/eucharistic-revival>



Join the Journey of Faith!

Begins Nov. 9 at 7:30 pm

Want to awaken to where you are in faith?
Looking to recognize the Lord in your life?
Need to complete the sacraments of Initiation?

Join us for this opportunity:

- **To deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith.**
 - **Reconnect with other parishioners**
 - **Get answers to your questions.**
 - **Learn dogma; Understand traditions!**

St. Vincent Martyr RCIA is here for you!

All parishioners are invited to make the journey this year!

Contact Jan Figenshu at 973-377-4000 ext 253 or Jan.Figenshu@svmnj.org to learn more!
<https://www.svmnj.org/become-catholic>

MINISTRY

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgy is the work of the people. We are always happy to prepare new ministers to serve at our weekend and weekday liturgies. To learn more about Reading at Mass, Serving at the Altar and becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Contact Jan at jan.figenshu@svmnj.org or phone at ext 253.

Stewardship

In attempting to test Jesus, the Pharisees ask which commandment in the law is the greatest. But Jesus does not fall prey to their challenge. Instead His response is a call to action for every one of us. He couldn't be any clearer. Especially in today's world, if only we all lived these first 2 commandments. Truly actions speak louder than words in showing our fidelity to God and to our neighbor.

So how are we doing? Do we focus on these commandments every day when we are challenged? Let us be mindful of loving "the Lord...with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" as we go forth as disciples and good stewards setting an example. And loving God in this way is closely tied to how we treat others. Avoid being full of oneself! Do not be quick to judge! Measure how much we focus on others in all we say and do as we show our love for God.

Stop to assess how well we do and heed this call to do better.



Did you know that our parish has a Ministry to those who are homebound and wish to receive Communion? If you would like to serve as a Minister of Holy Communion, or if you know of a person who is homebound and wishes to receive Communion weekly on Fridays, please call Jody Costello at 973-377-4000 ext. 301.

SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATE

All SVM's Social Outreach Ministry efforts are informed by Catholic social teaching (CST), a rich treasure of wisdom that helps us live lives of holiness amidst everyday challenges. CST is built around seven "themes," and all the principles of CST flow from the first theme, Life and Dignity of the Human Person.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

We believe that every person is precious; people are more important than things; and the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Outreach volunteers at St Vincent's support the life and dignity of the human person in all our efforts. Here are some examples:

- advocating against the death penalty, euthanasia, and abortion and offering practical support for women facing unplanned pregnancies (Respect Life Ministry)
- hosting Family Promise families (Homeless Host Weeks)
- serving our brothers and sisters in West Virginia whose lives are affected by rural poverty (Appalachia Help Weeks)

To find out more about SVM Outreach and CST, visit svmnj.org/outreach.

CAR RAFFLE TO BENEFIT NJ RIGHT TO LIFE

This weekend, October 28 & 29, NJ Right to Life raffle tickets will be sold at all Masses. The prizes are: 1st Prize – 2024 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$43,000. 2nd Prize - \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card 3rd Prize - \$750 ShopRite Gift Card 4th Prize - \$500 ShopRite Gift Card. Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket!

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

Preparations are underway for our parish community's Thanksgiving Outreach. As many of you know, our parish assembles and distributes baskets of food for those in need here in Madison. We also provide baskets to the Vocationist Sisters who distribute them to the needy families they serve. Grocery store gift cards are sent to St. Agnes parish in Paterson and families assisted by Catholic Charities in Paterson. You can help in several ways.

- Prepare a basket (a sturdy box or laundry basket makes a great basket) consisting of a frozen turkey, potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, fresh fruits and vegetables, condiments and desserts—all the “fixins” for a Thanksgiving dinner. **Please pledge a basket by taking a tag from one of the baskets around the altar.** Each tag represents a specific family or individual. Detailed instructions for the preparation of the basket will be printed in a future bulletin and may be found on the SVM website.
- Volunteer on Sunday, November 19th from 12 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the school gym to help construct boxes and prep for Monday.
- Volunteer on Monday, November 20th to help assemble and prepare baskets for distribution.
- Volunteer to deliver baskets – locally – on Monday, November 20th between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. We can really use the assistance of the men of the parish for this. Please bring a flashlight!

Make a financial donation that will be applied toward the purchase of food for the baskets or a Shop-Rite gift card.

If you wish to help, please call or text Barbara Eutsler at 973-229-8365, send an email to bbeutsler@aol.com or fill out the form below and return it to the parish office, attn. Thanksgiving Outreach Coordinator.

I/We would like to help with the Thanksgiving Outreach.

_____ I/We will help prep from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 19.

_____ I/We will help assemble baskets during the day on Monday, November 20.

_____ I/We will help deliver baskets between 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. on Monday, November 20.

_____ I/We would like to make a donation of \$_____ toward the purchase of food for a basket.

Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Martyr-Thanksgiving Baskets. Enclose this form with your check and return it to the parish office in care of the Thanksgiving Outreach Coordinator or place it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____



THANK YOU

We took mother nature's best shot but, as usual, Bottle Hill day at SVM was a tremendous success. From set up at 7 AM to take down at 5 PM, you, the volunteers were amazing. Thank you all for your dedication, love of SVM and Madison and for sharing your time and talent. To our Parish Staff thank you, Jan, for your usual steady hand, guidance, and support and Tanya for the financial backing. Sharon for your tireless contributions and for being Laurie's wing person, you two are a wonderful team! Special thanks to Tom Kenny, who does so much for all of us. I am proud to call you a friend.

Thank you to Lisa Ellis, for having the courage not to punt on fourth down and go for it. To our great Madison Police Department, and the tireless borough staff, who always make us feel safe and protected.

To Laurie who worked countless hours since August and was not able to participate on the actual date. We could not have done it without you, and we missed you terribly.

Finally, to Father Owen, we were so glad to spend time with you at our table and for you to see just how special this day is to our parish, school, and town. Hopefully, this was the first of many more wonderful Bottle Hill days that we will share with you as our pastor.

Love, Laurie & Steve

By the way, does anyone know where our parish tablecloth is?

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

Open to parish members over the age of 18 who are interested in sharing prayer, music and fellowship. The group meets monthly in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted. The upcoming meeting dates are Mon., Nov. 6, Sun. Dec. 3** at 5 pm Mass, Mon. Jan. 8, Mon. Feb. 5, Tues., Mar. 5, Tues., Apr. 9, Mon. May 6 and Mon. June 3** at 6 pm (**meeting in Church). Interested participants can email: svmbereavement@gmail.com or call 973-520-7221 to sign up and for more information.



Please consider joining the Sunday Night Bible Study Group this Fall for 'Exodus: God to the Rescue' on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 PM at various SVM parishioners homes for six evenings October 29; November 5, 12, 19. Books will be provided once you register with Christine Farner: christinefarner@yahoo.com with any questions.



St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

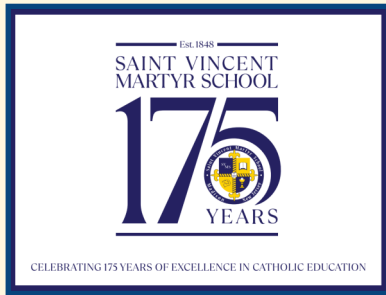
As announced last July 13th, the Little Sisters of the Poor are leaving Northern New Jersey per the reasons stated in the letter sent to your Pastor. After 148 years of unfailing assistance from the communities in the area, especially from you, the Parishioners of St. Vincent Martyr Parish, we cannot fail to express our deep gratitude. Your friendship and aid have kept us afloat for these many years. Be confident that the grateful prayers of the Little Sisters will always present your needs and intentions before our Almighty God.

Signed, Sr. Cecilia & Sr. Lorraine,
Collecting Little Sisters

Further information may be found on our website:
www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org

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PHOTOS AND MEMORABILIA WANTED FOR THE SVMS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

The SVMS 175th Anniversary Committee is in search of historic photos, textbooks, academic awards and other school memorabilia for display at our anniversary events. If your family has any of these items that you would like to share with the school during this anniversary year, please send an email with a brief description of the items and the approximate date (attach a photo if possible). Emails may be directed to Jen Nolan at mussi@fordham.edu. We may ask to display some items or photograph them for inclusion in print media. Many thanks for your help with this 175th archival project!

YOUTH MINISTRY

1. Today, Oct. 29th is the 9th grade teen youth gathering in the gym...teens arriving at 9:15 am...and concluding with parents joining their teens at the 10:30 am mass where the Rite of Entrance will take place. We ask parents to arrive at the parking lot entrance at 10:15 am to meet their teens to sit together as you are a part of the ritual that takes place during the 10:30 am mass. See you then.



2. Alpha team meeting Sunday, Oct. 29th at 7:00 pm for the entire fall and winter talk teams in the youth center.

3. The Fall Antioch team is meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 1st, at 7:00 pm in the youth center.

4. Next Sunday, Nov. 5th, is the 10th grade teen youth gathering in the gym...teen arriving between 9:15-9:30 am...and concluding with parents joining their teens at the 10:30 am mass. We ask parents to arrive at the parking lot entrance at 10:15 am to meet their teens to sit together as a family.

5. The best way to keep your faith alive is by working with our teens in youth ministry — contact Anne Marie to get involved. AnneMarie.gisoldi@svmnj.org for details!





St. Vincent Martyr School

PK - 8th Grade

Open House & Tours

November 9, 2023
7:00 p.m.

November 10, 2023
9:30 a.m.

faith-based education
strong academics
educating the whole child
nurturing environment
friendly community
dedicated faculty & staff
modern facilities & technology

Register for the event

www.svmnj.org
(973) 377-1104
info@svmnj.org







Special needs coordinator and catechist are needed to assist the formation of children in religious education. If you or someone you know has had proper training and experience, please reach out to Denise Stefanelli at Deise.Stefanelli@svmnj.org or 973-377-4000 ext. 251 for more information.

In the Community

MADISON AMBULANCE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY RAFFLE

The Madison Ambulance Women's Auxiliary will be at all Masses on Saturday, November 4th and Sunday, November 5th selling tickets to benefit the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps. First prize is a gift card in the amount of \$500, second prize is \$300 and third prize is \$200. Drawing is November 20th at 29 Prospect Street at 7:30 pm. Winner need not be present.

San Vicente Mártir

29 de octubre de 2023

Experiencia Hispana

Queridos feligreses,

El domingo pasado, el obispo Manuel Cruz celebró misa en la Capilla del Buen Pastor, Seton Hall. Durante la Misa instituyó a doce jóvenes en la Orden de Acólitos, entre esos jóvenes se encontraba nuestro propio seminarista, Carlos Vargas. Tuve el placer de representar a nuestra parroquia en esta hermosa ceremonia. Estoy muy orgulloso de Carlos en su nuevo rol. El rol de Acólito es similar al de un Ministro Extraordinario, pero el rol lo asigna directamente un Obispo, y es un rol universal en deferencia al rol de un ministro extraordinario que sirve en su propia parroquia local. También le da al acólito el honor y la responsabilidad de purificar, "limpiar" los vasos sagrados después de la Sagrada Comunión. Carlos ha sido asesorado por muchos sacerdotes maravillosos, Mons. Jack Carroll, Pastor Emérito, Nuestra Señora del Magnificat, Kinnelon, nuestro querido Mons. Jorge y el P. Steven Prisk, pastor de Holy Spirit Pequannock. Es un gran honor seguir guiando a este joven hacia la meta del sacerdocio. Felicítamos a Carlos este fin de semana porque viene a trabajar con MaryBeth en sesiones de capacitación continua con nuestros monaguillos.

Disfruté de mi primer Día de Bottle Hill el sábado. P. Chris y yo deambulamos por la ciudad durante aproximadamente una hora y estuvimos encantados de conocer a muchos nuevos feligreses. Me alegré de ver los puestos que representan nuestra parroquia y escuela y la gran cantidad de personas que se reunieron para ver quiénes somos. P. Chris y yo visitamos las instalaciones de Sunrise Care y Pine Acres Care aquí en Madison todos los lunes. Ofrecemos misa, escuchamos confesiones y ungimos al residente con regularidad. Hice mi primera visita allí el lunes pasado y espero conocer a los residentes.

El próximo viernes, espero pasar un momento divertido mientras los estudiantes de nuestra escuela celebran Halloween. El miércoles 1 de noviembre es la fiesta de Todos los Santos, un gran día en el que recordamos a los santos conocidos y desconocidos que, con sus ejemplos de vida, nos ayudan en el camino al cielo. El día de Todos los Santos es un día santo de obligación. El Jueves 2 de Noviembre es el Día de los Difuntos, el día en el que recordamos a todos los que han fallecido. Oramos por sus almas y por las almas de aquellos que no conocemos. Recordamos la misericordia de Dios y pedimos que todas las almas a través de la forma en que han vivido su vida, nuestras oraciones, intenciones de Misa y sacrificios, puedan ser elevadas a la gloria del cielo. Las misas se celebrarán a las 8:30 am y al mediodía. A las 7 pm, presidiré una Misa de Luz en la que recordaremos a todos los que murieron en nuestra parroquia el año pasado. Durante esa Misa, a los deudos se les entregará una pequeña vela para que la coloquen frente al altar antes de mi homilía; estas luces se encenderán y se colocarán frente al altar, las luces de la iglesia se atenuarán y ciertamente sentiremos la presencia de Dios. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros en esta hermosa Misa.

P. Yojan, con la ayuda de miembros de la diócesis, organizó un animado seminario para el ministerio de catequesis hispano. Los temas se centraron en la catequesis a través de las Escrituras y la Santa Misa. En los últimos años, muchas parroquias han adaptado su formación en la fe a este modelo. Implica que padres e hijos aprendan juntos, seguido de una Misa de enseñanza para que juntos padres e hijos puedan aprender la dignidad de nuestra Misa, las partes de la Misa, los sacramentos y familiarizarse con áreas de la iglesia como el altar, el tabernáculo, el crucifijo, podio. P. Yojan estaba muy emocionado después de la sesión y, como Director de Catequesis de la diócesis, él, el personal y yo hablaremos más sobre este enfoque en los próximos meses.



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