

A Roman Catholic Presence in Madison since 1805

ST. VINCENT MARTYR

Welcome!



THIRTY-FIRST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

My Dear Parishioners,

This week throughout our nation, we celebrate **National Vocations Awareness Week**. We will begin a week of prayer for vocations through next weekend. Our Prayers of the Faithful will reflect our need to promote a sacramental life. As we consider vocations, we look at the many holy women and men who have dedicated their lives to God.

The Vocation for Priesthood - Let us pray for and encourage young men to consider priesthood.

The Vocation of Consecrated Life - Let us pray and encourage young women, to consider entering religious life in areas of nursing and teaching. We think, particularly of Sr. Noreen, who has dedicated her life to giving an excellent faith filled education through our Catholic faith centered teachings.

The Vocation of Marriage - Sadly, these days, quite a lot of young people get married civilly, without any awareness of wanting the strength of God in their marriage. For all couples who are married sacramentally, realize that your marriage is blessed by God and married couples, through the grace of God, are given the tools to live a strong holy life and pass on that beautiful life to their children and their children's children.

Thank you all so very much for your generosity to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. I thought the video that Bishop chose this year was particularly insightful. I am particularly grateful to Rich Nolan, who chaired the Appeal and to Tanya and Jan who set up the screen with the assistance of our young people. As soon as I know the outcome, I will be happy to pass it along to you.

Last Sunday was both a busy and eventful day. First of all, thank you for your best wishes on my birthday and as I said at Mass, God has given me this precious gift this year; to shepherd our beloved St. Vincent Martyr Parish. I appreciate all of your love and support and look forward to getting to know more of your names each week.

I am very blessed with the men with whom I share the rectory, Fr. Chris, Fr. Yojan and Carlos and I have fast become brothers. It is both a joy and a pleasure to share our home together. I enjoy our spirited discussions on parish life and brainstorming. Fr. Chris teaches our eighth-grade students on Fridays and last Wednesday, several of his students presented the lives of four saints at the school Mass for All Saints' Day. Well done, Fr. Chris! I had my first teaching session with our 8th grade Faith Formation kids last Sunday at 4:15 pm and found them to be both engaging and respectful. My plan for this year is to help them form their conscience on decision making and help them to better understand the parts of our church building that helps to celebrate various liturgies with dignity and love.

I look forward to celebrating our 7 pm Mass on Thursday for those of our parish who have died this past year and for our family and friends who have passed. This year, I tried something new at St. Vincent Martyr. Parishioners were given a small candle to light and place on a table in front of the altar on behalf of their loved ones. This helped to ease the sadness of parting as they could see our church illuminated by the many candles flickering in a darkened church. This helps us to realize our beloved deceased's bright light of love now shines in another place more glorious than any earthly space we know.

Fr. Nolan

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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,
Carrie Romano, Paul Emposimato, Jr.,
George Kelly

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:30 am David Odell, John & Bianca Colantone,
Vincent Chirico

12:00 pm Rose & George Hundt, Sr., Alice McGuire,
Ann, Frank & Marlene Papa, Joseph Marts

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30 am Toni Chiarolanzio, Bernie Barilla,
Joseph Kitchell

12:00 pm Lucy Santucci, Chong "Gin Jo" Losavio

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30 am Patrick O'Riordan, Arlene Kennedy,
Lucy Santucci, Frank Gendalia

12:00 pm Helen O'Brien, Tim Haylon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:30 am Paul Lamberti, Joe Kitchell

12:00 pm Luigi Ciccarelli, Joseph Flood

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:30 am Deirdre Hatton, Joe Marts

12:00 pm Arlene Kennedy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:30 am PFC John L. Cardarella, Marge O'Kane,
Maria Adelina Ferreira, Jessica Ramos,
Joseph A. Ferrara

5:00 pm Michal Cichon, Bill Eutsler, Judith Chesny,
Antonio, Anna & Ralph Allocca

7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:15 am Muriel & Bud Rafter, Joan Sodano

9:00 am Joseph Boschi, Joseph Strelec, Louis Vitale,
Lucy Santucci, Mary Jo Kindzierski

10:30 am Luisa & Orlando Serino, Anthony Cavazza,
Rose Lo Bosco, Gerardo Bledt,
Arlene Kennedy

12:00 pm Sam & Margaret Passarella,
Ronnie & Bill Liggett, George Kelly,
Ferdinandina Masiello,
Colleen & Brendan O'Reilly

5:00 pm Joe Kitchell, Nancy Esposito

Sacraments

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND

A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE

... A TIME TO BE BORN

Anthony Kellner Lombardo,
Jack Alfred Thomas Sloane and
William Timothy Sloane
baptized on October 29, 2023



...A TIME TO HEAL

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

...A TIME OF GREAT JOY

Brendan James Herbert and
Gabriella Isabella Ciccone
married on October 26, 2023
Patrick Noreika McMahon and
Erica Anne Rasquinha
married on October 28, 2023



... A TIME TO DIE

Nancy Esposito



The Altar Bread & Wine is in Memory of
Virginia & Carmen Vitale
for the Week of November 5-11

MASS PRESIDER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

5:00 pm—Fr. Chris
7:00 pm—Fr. Yojan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:15 am—Fr. Chris
9:00 am—Fr. Chris
10:30 am—Fr. Yojan
12:00 pm—Fr. Owen
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, 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm (Spanish Mass)



Eucharistic Encounter Night

Nov. 19 at 6 PM.

In Scripture, personal encounters with the Lord led to profound transformation. Encounter nights offer you the chance to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord and taste the goodness that he has in store for your life.

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

NATIONAL Vocation AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 5 - 11, 2023



CONSECRATED
LIFE



PRIESTHOOD



HOLY MARRIAGE



DEDICATED
SINGLE LIFE



"Each of you has a personal vocation which He has given you for your own joy and sanctity. When a person is conquered by the fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him and give Him the best of ourselves. This is what the saints have always done, spreading the light of the Lord ... and transforming the world into a welcoming home for everyone."

Pope Benedict XVI

ST. VINCENT MARTYR PARISH
MADISON, NJ

A Prayer for New Vocations

Father, in the fullness of time, you sent your Son, born of the Virgin Mary to be our Savior. He preached the good news of our salvation, healed the sick and cast out evil. Now as crucified and risen Lord, he pours out on us the Holy Spirit of adoption, making us your sons and daughters. Through the Church, he calls us to accept the gospel and to share in your own divine life. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life for all people.

In your mercy, you do not abandon us. In every age, you raise up men and women to offer their lives for the sake of the gospel and the work of the Church. We beg you, therefore, grant to this local Church of Paterson an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Give us courageous and faithful men to serve as worthy priests. Bless us with generous and zealous men and women willing to seek holiness in consecrated life. May we rejoice in an abundance of vocations from our families so that we may yield a rich harvest of good works for your honor and glory.

We ask this in the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

+Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop Emeritus of Diocese Paterson

As we begin National
Vocations Awareness Week
join our parish

Bilingual Holy Hour for Vocations

Monday
November 6
7:00 pm
in Church

Let us pray this special
Holy Hour for an increase
in vocations to the
priesthood,
consecrated life,
and marriage.

All most welcome!



Holy Hour for New Vocations

*"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers
into his harvest field." Mt. 9:38*

Friends, as we lack vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our country, we want to follow Jesus' commandment and celebrating the National Vocation Awareness Week, we want to gather in the presence of the Lord to ask Him for the new people who will follow God's ways of life. Therefore, we invite you to please join us in praying holy hour for new vocations on November 6th, at 7 pm in our church.

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>



Rosary Altar Society Meeting

Monday, November 13

in the Community Room

6:45 pm Social

7:00 pm Rosary

7:20 pm Activity: Help us pack Breakfast

Bags to support Nourish NJ

All are most welcome!

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

SERVING OTHERS

In today's Gospel it states: "The greatest among you must be your servant." As good stewards, do you practice what you preach? Do you help others and assist them in carrying their burdens? We must remember what Christ said: "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles themselves will be exalted." This Gospel totally goes against the grain of the way our sinful hearts are wired. We tend to believe that the greatest among us shall show him or herself superior, in this way or that way. However, Jesus declares that the greatest among you is the one who is serving and putting others' interests above their own. If we want to be great in heaven, then we must be one who is laying down our lives to help others, to care for others, and to build others up. This week, try to spend some time putting others' needs above your own. And your rewards will be great in heaven!

2023 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

"I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME"

One of the important programs that receives funding from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal is Nazareth Village, our diocesan home for retired priests. The priests who live at Nazareth Village have faithfully served our diocese for many years, and many continue to celebrate Mass at local parishes. In addition, the Appeal helps fund the formation of our seminarians as they prepare for a lifetime of service to our parishioners now and for generations to come. Please join us in gratitude by recognizing those priests who have dedicated years of service to our families and those who will begin their service to the Lord and His Church.

Please consider a donation to the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code or visit www.2023appeal.org to make a gift today.



SEMINARIAN BAG—THANK YOU!

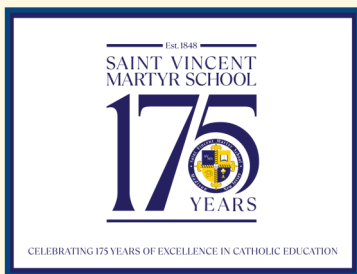


SVM Parishioners, Youth Ministry and School, your generosity shows up again and again! This is truly the work of the entire parish family. SVMS filled a bag from each and every classroom, the Youth Ministry generously supplied many gift cards, and the parishioners filled many, many bags! Thanks to all for showing this appreciation to our Seminarians that will soon serve us as priests! We delivered 128 overflowing bags to the Immaculate Conception Seminary, St. Andrews, Paterson Diocese, and St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers who all were excited to get these goodie bags and gift cards and are most appreciative for your continuing prayers.

As you see in the picture, they glow with thanks and happiness. It is heartwarming to see your generosity year after year. You are amazing stewards! This annual event for our parish always has our future priests jumping for joy - thanks to you all!
Christine, Julia, Ronnie, Joseph

Eva's Kitchen Collection

We will be collecting and delivering warm socks, winter gloves, hats and scarves for the homeless at Eva's Kitchen. Anyone interested in donating new items should place them in the bin located in the church vestibule the weekends of November 11th and 18th. Thank you, Diane & John Primavera



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!

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: svm-bereavement@gmail.com or call 973-520-7221 to sign up and for more information.

ORGANIST POSITION

St. Vincent Martyr Parish is actively seeking applicants for the position of church organist. Interested applicants should visit <https://files.ecatholic.com/11416/documents/2023/10/SVM%20Organist%20Job%20Description%202023-1.pdf?t=1698419919000> for details and how to apply.

SVMS FAMILY SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

Registration is open for the SVMS Ski & Snowboard Club. Families not enrolled in SVMS or SVM are welcome to join. The 5-week club, for all ability levels and ages, meets on Sunday afternoons at 3pm at Shawnee Mountain in the Poconos beginning January 21st. Members are responsible for their own transportation to and from Shawnee Mountain, which is approximately a 1-hour ride from Madison. There are no buses. Registration deadline is December 1st, so please don't delay. Contact Sean Van Slyke at SEAN.VANSLYKE@GMAIL.COM for more information.

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 beginning at 9:30 a.m. to help assemble and prepare baskets for distribution. There is a particular need for men to help unload the many heavy items that are donated beginning at 6:30 a.m. Those volunteers will work in two shifts—6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m .
- 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 unload donations from parishioners' vehicles on Monday, Nov. 20 for either the first or second shift. Please designate which shift by circling the word “first” or “second”.

_____ 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: _____

Thanksgiving Basket Guidelines



For those who are planning to prepare a basket of food to donate to those in need, there are a few guidelines to follow when putting it together.

1. Please bring the basket to St. Vincent's school gym on Monday, November 20th between 6:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
2. Choose a turkey or roasting chicken appropriate for the family you wish to feed.
 - 1-2 people: a chicken, turkey breast or small turkey
 - 3-4 people: a 12 to 15 lb. turkey
 - 5-6 people: a 16 to 18 lb. turkey
 - 7 or more people: a 19+ lb. turkey
3. **Make sure the bird is frozen and wrapped securely in newspaper and a brown bag. This will keep the bird cold and prevent thawing. Since paper bags are in short supply these days, please double wrap the bird in newspaper. Important: Please write the turkey size on the outside of the newspaper or brown bag.**
4. Include the "fixings" for a Thanksgiving dinner—rolls, stuffing, cranberry sauce, yams, vegetables, gravy, nuts, pies (not frozen) and some festive candies.
5. **No frozen food except the turkey should be included in the box. No milk, butter or other dairy products that would spoil without refrigeration for several hours.**
6. No alcoholic beverages please.
7. Place heavier foods on the bottom and crushable items (desserts, fruit, rolls, etc.) on the top.
8. Fresh fruits and vegetables are always welcome and appreciated.
9. Mark the outside of the box/basket indicating the number of people it is designed to feed.
A list of the contents of the box taped to the outside would also be appreciated.

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.



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 contact Denise.Stefanelli@svmnj.org or 973-377-4000 ext. 251 for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY



1. This Sunday, Nov. 5th, is the 10th grade teen youth gathering in the gym...teens 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.

2. Alpha Fall team day is Sunday, Nov. 5th. We will begin at the 10:30 AM liturgy ending at 5:00 PM.

3. The Fall Antioch team meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 8th, at 7:00 pm in the youth center.

4. The link is available on the parish website to register for the upcoming Alpha retreat www.svmnj.org click on learn, retreats and 9th grade Nov. alpha to register...this is the only retreat link that is open.

5. Thanksgiving scavenger hunt is on Sunday, Nov. 19th from 1-3 PM. Please see the website for the information and permission slip. Parents are needed to participate as well.





St. Vincent Martyr School

PK - 8th Grade

Open House & Tours

November 9, 2023
7:00 p.m.

November 10, 2023
9:30 a.m.

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friendly community
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Register for the event

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San Vicente Mártir

Hora Santa por las Nuevas Vocaciones



"Pided al Señor de la mies que envíe trabajadores a su campo de mies". Monte 9,38

Amigos, como en nuestro país carecemos de vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa, queremos seguir el mandamiento de Jesús y celebrando la Semana Nacional de Concientización Vocacional, queremos reunirnos en la presencia del Señor y pedirle por las nuevas personas que seguir los caminos de vida de Dios. Por eso, te invitamos a unirte a nosotros en la oración de la hora santa por las nuevas vocaciones el 6 de noviembre a las 7 pm en nuestra iglesia.

"Te he llamado por tu nombre"

Uno de los programas importantes que recibe fondos de la Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos es Nazareth Village, nuestra Casa de retiro sacerdotal. Los sacerdotes que viven en Nazareth Village han servido fielmente a nuestra diócesis por muchos años, y muchos continúan celebrando misa en parroquias locales. Además, la Campaña ayuda a financiar la formación de nuestros seminaristas mientras se preparan para una vida entera de servicio a nuestros parroquianos ahora y por las generaciones venideras. Por favor únete a nosotros en gratitud reconociendo a aquellos sacerdotes que han dedicado años de servicio a nuestras familias y a aquellos que empezaran su servicio ministerial del Señor y de su Iglesia. Por favor considera dar una donación a la Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos 2023. Escanea el siguiente código QR o visita www.2023appeal.org para hacer un donativo hoy.



San Vicente Mártir

5 de noviembre de 2023

Experiencia Hispana

Mis queridos feligreses,

Esta semana en toda nuestra nación celebramos la Semana Nacional de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones. Comenzaremos una semana de oración por las vocaciones hasta el próximo fin de semana. Nuestras Oraciones de los Fieles reflejarán nuestra necesidad de promover una vida sacramental. Al considerar las vocaciones, miramos a las muchas mujeres y hombres santos que han dedicado sus vidas a Dios.

La Vocación al Sacerdocio - Oremos y animemos a los jóvenes a considerar el sacerdocio.

La Vocación de la Vida Consagrada - Oremos y animemos a las mujeres jóvenes a considerar ingresar a la vida religiosa en áreas de enfermería y enseñanza. Pensamos, particularmente en la Hna. Noreen, quien ha dedicado su vida a brindar una excelente educación llena de fe a través de nuestras enseñanzas católicas centradas en la fe.

La vocación del matrimonio - Lamentablemente, hoy en día, muchos jóvenes se casan por lo civil, sin ninguna conciencia de querer la fuerza de Dios en su matrimonio. Para todas las parejas que están casadas sacramentalmente, comprendan que su matrimonio es bendecido por Dios y que las parejas casadas, a través de la gracia de Dios, reciben las herramientas para vivir una vida santa y fuerte y transmitir esa hermosa vida a sus hijos y a los hijos de sus hijos.

Muchas gracias a todos por su generosidad con la Campaña de Ministerios Diocesanos. Pensé que el vídeo que Bishop eligió este año fue particularmente revelador. Estoy particularmente agradecido a Rich Nolan, quien presidió la Campaña y a Tanya y Jan quienes instalaron la pantalla con la ayuda de nuestros jóvenes. Tan pronto como sepa el resultado, estaré encantado de comunicárselo.

El domingo pasado fue un día ajetreado y lleno de acontecimientos. Primero que nada gracias por tus mejores deseos en mi cumpleaños y como dije en Misa, Dios me ha dado este precioso regalo este año; para pastorear nuestra querida Parroquia San Vicente Mártir. Aprecio todo su amor y apoyo y espero conocer más de sus nombres cada semana.

Estoy muy bendecido con los hombres con quienes comparto la rectoría, el P. Chris, P. Yojan, Carlos y yo rápidamente nos hemos convertido en hermanos. Es a la vez una alegría y un placer compartir nuestro hogar juntos. Disfruto de nuestras animadas discusiones sobre la vida parroquial y la lluvia de ideas. P. Chris enseña a nuestros estudiantes de octavo grado los viernes y el miércoles pasado, varios de sus estudiantes presentaron la vida de cuatro santos en la Misa de la escuela por el Día de Todos los Santos. Bien hecho, P. ¡Cris! Tuve mi primera sesión de enseñanza con nuestros niños de Formación de Fe de octavo grado el domingo pasado a las 4:15 pm y los encontré interesantes y respetuosos. Mi plan para este año es ayudarlos a formar su conciencia sobre la toma de decisiones y ayudarlos a comprender mejor las partes del edificio de nuestra iglesia que ayudan a celebrar diversas liturgias con dignidad y amor.

Espero celebrar nuestra Misa de las 7 pm el jueves por aquellos de nuestra parroquia que murieron el año pasado y por nuestros familiares y amigos que fallecieron. Este año probé algo nuevo en St. Vincent Martyr. A los feligreses se les entregó una pequeña vela para que la encendieran y la colocaran en una mesa frente al altar en nombre de sus seres queridos. Esto ayudó a aliviar la tristeza de la despedida, ya que pudieron ver nuestra iglesia iluminada por las muchas velas parpadeando en una iglesia a oscuras. Esto nos ayuda a darnos cuenta de que la brillante luz del amor de nuestro amado difunto ahora brilla en otro lugar más glorioso que cualquier espacio terrenal que conozcamos.



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