



**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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Sunday Mass Schedule

(Vigil Mass)
Saturday —5 PM

Sunday
8:30 AM and 10:30AM

Confession—Saturday at 4 PM
at other times 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 June 20th and June 21st**

Total amount in 207 envelopes:	\$ 7,980
Loose	\$ 1,305
*Online Parish Pay:	\$ 2,650

Total offered: \$11,935

Collection for Education of Seminarians \$ 2,351

As the summer months roll in and we have one less Mass each week our collections typically decline. Bills, however do not. Please remember to continue your support of the parish during the summer months—it is depended upon. Thank you.

Prudent Stewardship ...

You may also want to consider a simpler, more convenient way to support your parish: electronic giving (Parish Pay). It takes literally minutes to enroll, is totally flexible, saves you time and effort, and is cost-effective for the parish. To learn more, please contact our parish bookkeeper Mary Woods, at 908-647-0118, or via email: mwoods@stvd.org

Make online donations using credit card,
debit card or ECheck.

There are two ways to enroll:

Online Phone

ParishPay.com 1-866-727-4741

* Support the parish even when you cannot attend Mass.

*Printable donation slips to drop into the collection basket.

* Offers ability to review your monthly donations.

* Receive annual documentation for tax filing purposes.

BON VOAYGE TO JOHN CALABRO

John has completed the first phase of his studies for the Priesthood at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg and now will continue his studies in Rome. He will leave for the Eternal City on July 12th. Please join in a coffee and... at the conclusion of the **10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, July 5th** to wish John God speed and assure him of our prayerful support as he goes forth. A seminarian studying in Rome would not usually come back for a visit until he has completed two years there. Once we have an address it will be listed so that John may know of our continued prayers while away from home. We are very proud of him and his desire to discern God's will for him.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	June 29th <i>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>
8:30 AM	Jack and Rose Lalli Tina dePolis Lucy deFabio
TUESDAY	June 30th
8:30 AM	Christopher Giraldo Millie Galdieri Yolanda Bonanni
WEDNESDAY	July 1st <i>Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest</i>
8:30 AM	Christine Dos Santos Edward Turner Tom Cascella
THURSDAY	July 2nd
8:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory John DeMarzo (<i>Living</i>) Vincent Galdieri
FRIDAY	July 3rd <i>Saint Thomas the Apostle</i>
8:30 AM	Richard Rooney Thomas Murray Bob Gallucci
SATURDAY	July 4th <i>Votive of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
8:30 AM	David (Duke) Dorsi (<i>Living</i>) Richard Holmes Willard Dolman

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME****VIGIL MASS**

5:00 PM	Holy Souls in Purgatory Michael Steger
SUNDAY	July 5th
8:30 AM:	Mario J. Lamia Joseph Romano Robert Heim
10:30 AM	For the People of the Parish Michael John Elia John Silva

PASTORS COLUMN

America, America, God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

Mary Ann Glendon is the Learned Hand Professor of Law at Harvard University and Former Ambassador of the United States to the Holy See. Recently, she gave a lecture on the topic of **Religious Freedom: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**. In that lecture, and speaking about the state of religious freedom in the U.S today, she shared the following observations:

I have to say how thankful I am every time I return from a USCIRF trip (*United States Commission on International Religious Freedom*) to a country where religious minorities live in daily fear of violent persecution. My renewed appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy here at home, however, comes with increasing concern that we are letting something precious slip away. To put it starkly: I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that religious freedom is well on its way to becoming a second class right—in the sense that it is being demoted from the status of a fundamental right to just one of many competing interests—one that can all too easily be trumped by other rights, claims, and interests. It pains me to say this, because I am old enough to remember the vital role that religion played in our public life. When I became a young lawyer in the 1960's, the downgrading of religious freedom was a development I could not have imagined. But with the passage of time, many have forgotten how much of the energy that fueled the drive to put an end to the shame of segregation in this country—and how much of the determination that sustained it—sprang directly from religious conviction. The public ministry of Martin Luther King galvanized people who had never given much thought to how many opportunities were denied many of our fellow Americans on the basis of race. Yet how many people today know that during his Birmingham campaign, Rev. King required every participant to sign a pledge promising to “meditate daily on the teachings and life of Jesus”? How many Catholics know that the courageous Archbishop of New Orleans, Joseph Rummel, stood up to four powerful Louisiana political leaders and excommunicated them for opposing integration in schools?

The positive role of religion in public life at that time was so evident, so palpable, that I would have been astonished if anyone had told me that someday expanded definitions of civil rights would come into sharp conflict with religious freedoms. Yet that day is here. A telling sign is that Rev. King is now commonly referred to as Dr. King. And the religious freedoms that America once took for granted are now under severe challenge from a variety of directions.” **2015 Magnificat Foundation, The 2015 Cardinal Egan Lecture.**

As we celebrate Independence Day this week it is essential to reflect on the many events taking place in our nation and in the world. History has taught us that any culture or people who intentionally remove Godly ways from the fabric of their society eventually falls into decay. We cannot both call on God to bestow blessings and at that same time behave as if God does not matter. We can take down as many flags and monuments as we want but that is no proven formula to remove hatred from human hearts. The only one who can do that is God. God must be at the center of our individual lives and the life of this nation if there is to be an end to hatred, violence and evil.

The Rev. Billy Graham penned this prayer for our nation. May we use it as we ask God to come to our aid.

Our Father and Our God, we praise You for Your goodness to our nation, giving us blessings far beyond what we deserve. Yet we know all is not right with America. We deeply need a moral and spiritual renewal to help us meet the many problems we face. Convict us of sin. Help us to turn to You in repentance and faith. Set our feet on the path of Your righteousness and peace. We pray today for our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it. You have said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." May this be a new era for America, as we humble ourselves and acknowledge You alone as our Savior and Lord. This we pray in Your holy name, Amen.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Faith Formation Registration Forms were mailed to families with students in the 1st-10th grades. It will be **greatly appreciated if you return the forms by July 15th** for Administrative and volunteer purposes. Faith Formation will begin the week of October 4th. For any parishioner who will be entering their child into the program for the first time, the upcoming schedule, informational letter and registration form are available at: 1. www.stvincentschurch.org 2. Email: dnemeth@stvd.org 3. Parish Office 4. Phone 908-647-0118. Ask for Deirdre Nemeth or Maria DeLuca.

Faith Formation times

Sundays: 9:30 – 10:20 AM (1st thru 8th Grades)
Sundays: 5:45 – 7:40 pm (6 PM Mass included) (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
Tuesdays: 4:15 - 5:30 PM (1st thru 5th Grades).
Confirmation (9th & 10th) Sunday evenings.

Volunteers are needed!

Please consider the important ministry of being a Catechist, Classroom Aide or Office Assistant during Religious Education sessions. For more information, please contact Deirdre Nemeth at the number or email above.

SCHOOL NEWS

As our school year has officially wrapped up, I would like to thank everyone that supported our mission in developing our children to the greater glory of God. A true partnership is necessary to provide the education experience that we are known for. Many people play different roles on the front lines, behind the scenes or even at a distance. All are required to make the impact necessary to truly transform the gifted boys and girls in our school.

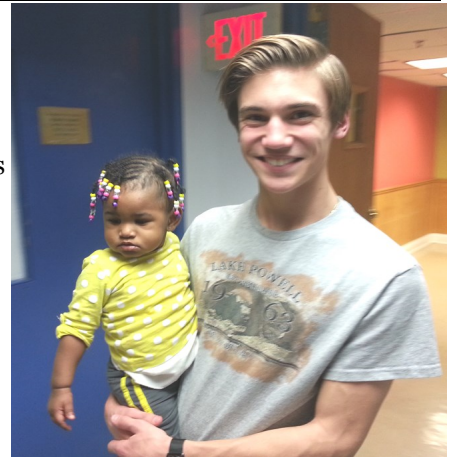
I have exciting news about next year's program that I would like to share with you. Next year, I am pleased to announce that we will be partnering with St. John's University to feature several new multi-age classrooms that align with our standards-based report cards. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to continue the success of our multi-age Pre K program into early elementary grades.

Multi age classes create an environment for an excellent faith-based education that is developmentally appropriate. Our newly appointed superintendent, Mary Baier, was recently quoted in The Beacon highlighting her thoughts on how multi age classes "are centered on the understanding of child development and research on how children learn, their learning rate and learning styles." Mrs. Baier is thrilled about what we are offering at St. Vincent's next year.

I would love to speak with families of children in Pre K through third grade that are interested in this environment for next year. To find out more about this exciting addition to our program, please call the school at (908) 647-0421 or email me at jprescenzio@stvd.org.

BRIDGES

Now that school has ended, so also does the year of Bridges runs. This year alone we have positively affected the lives of approximately 1,000 homeless men, women and children. This could not have been possible without the support of SVDP parish members and families. Whether you donated food, prepared meals, went on runs, made a monetary donation or simply prayed for us, it created the success of the ministry and exemplifies what Saint Vincent de Paul was known for. Serving the poor and disadvantaged.



With great admiration and appreciation I say "THANK YOU". May God bless you with a safe, relaxing summer and I look forward to serving with you again in October.

Pat Garcia

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve us:

Christopher Caamano, Greg Scaduto, Joseph Bozell, Frank Fasano, Marcia Fernandes, Richard Lister, Eric Leverone, Jay Donato, Frank Messina, Eileen Murphy, Peter Giovanni, Justin Marshall, Brian Reynolds, John E. Siedler IV, and Alex Stevens.

Those who are ill:

Isabelle Alsteens, Givi Trauwaert, Reagan MacDonald, Ruth Ann Rahe, Terence Bonner, Daniel Nastarowicz, Jonathan Pantaros, Joan Rizzo, Mary Bigelis, Guido Mannarino, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, John McMonagle, Brian Meade, Patricia Caruso-Minicozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran, Carmel Connolly and Eric Binner.

Those who have died to this world

Michael Steger and George Schneider

Requiescat in Pace

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

Amen.

FLORAL and VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS

The flowers placed in front of the Altar are in memory of
Jean Buziak

The flowers placed in front of the Holy Family are in memory of
Patrick McMonagle

Please contact Tonianne VanDerveer at the Parish Office (908) 647-0118 to make arrangements for dates for floral offerings and votive light offerings.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The food pantry is running low on several items. We would appreciate any donation to help those in need. Below are the items that we are running very low on.

Pancake mix, syrup, jelly, coffee, hot chocolate, chicken noodle soup, chicken rice soup, tuna, black beans (canned and dry), spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles (only), Cheerios, Honey Nut Cheerios and 2 or 5 lb bags of white rice, canned corn and canned fruit.

Also we are looking for people who would like to help volunteer to on the third Wednesday of each month from 9am to 12pm. Anyone interested can call Randa Wallisch at (908) 647-1977.

Thank you for your continued support.

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

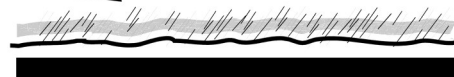
Ezekiel is moved to respond to the call of God and to accentuate his teaching with a direct reference to the Word of God.

Second Reading: II Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul had questioned the value of his suffering, and God replied, "My grace is enough for you, for strength is made perfect in weakness." Paul then realized that although he was weak against persecution, he was strong in faith.



My grace is enough for you



Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a

Jesus could do little for those in his own part of the country, for their lack of faith in him was so great. Therefore, he spent much of his time teaching in neighboring villages instead.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish will be hosting the homeless at the Shrine of St. Joseph on July 9th and 10th. What can you do to help? We need people to prepare dinner, serve our guests and stay overnight at the Trinity House Retreat Center in Stirling.

If you would like to prepare a meal, please contact Stacey Beer at sabeer8901@gmail.com or 908-755-8901. If you can either host dinner or stay the night, contact Laurie Dempsey at imdempsey@verizon.net or 908-580-9098. Please consider being a part of this wonderful and rewarding ministry.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reborn through the waters of Baptism and the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, we embrace,

Charlotte Alice Mulligan

daughter of Christopher and Alison Mulligan

Emilia Marie Dias

daughter of Daniel and Yuri Dias

Christopher Theoden Ohbayashi

son of Burk ad Catherine Ohbayashi

Isabella Escaleira

daughter of Jose and Francesca Escaleira

claimed now by Christ for the fullness of Eternal Life.



Redefining Marriage and the Threat to Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church teaches: “Marriage and the family are institutions that must be promoted and defended from every possible misrepresentation of their true nature, since whatever is injurious to them is injurious to society itself” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 29). The following examples illustrate that efforts to redefine marriage are harming the religious freedom of believers in the true definition of marriage.

Idaho – In 2014, two Protestant ministers (a husband and a wife) who operate a wedding chapel in Coeur d’Alene said they would not officiate at a same-sex “wedding.” City officials informed the ministers that their refusal to officiate violated the city’s ordinance outlawing discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of “sexual orientation.” The city eventually declined to prosecute the ministers.

New Mexico – The owners of a photography studio would not take the pictures of a same-sex “commitment ceremony” because they did not want to participate in behavior contrary to their religious beliefs. In 2013, the New Mexico Supreme Court ruled against the owners of the studio. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

Washington – A florist who declined to provide flowers for a same-sex “wedding” was sued by the state Attorney General. In February 2015, a state judge ruled against the florist and found that she “cannot comply with both the law and her faith if she continues to provide flowers for weddings as part of her duly-licensed business, Arlene’s Flowers.”

Colorado – Two men “married” in Massachusetts requested a Denver bakery make a “wedding” cake for their wedding

reception in Denver. For religious reasons, the owners of the bakery declined to make the cake. The two men filed a complaint with the Colorado Division of Civil Rights, which found that the bakery violated the law. Then the Attorney General’s office filed a complaint against the bakery, resulting in further court rulings against the bakery.

Vermont – For allegedly not hosting a “wedding” reception for a same-sex “couple,” Catholic owners of a bed and breakfast settled a discrimination lawsuit, requiring them to (1) pay a \$10,000 civil penalty, (2) pay \$20,000 to a charitable trust, and (3) not host wedding receptions of any kind. Upon settling the lawsuit, the owners of the bed and breakfast said, “But no one can force us to abandon our deeply held beliefs about marriage.”

New Jersey – The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights found that a Methodist organization violated a public accommodations law by not allowing a same-sex civil union ceremony at its boardwalk pavilion.

Catholic Charities – Catholic Charities of Boston (2006), Catholic Charities San Francisco (2006), Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. (2010), and Catholic Charities affiliates in Illinois (2011) had to cease adoption services or face civil liability for not placing children in the homes of same-sex couples.

Legislation called the **Marriage and Religious Freedom Act** has recently been introduced in the U.S. Congress to try to remedy some of these problems and ensure that people can live out their beliefs on marriage.

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?

The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4, 2015. Please visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education, and action in support of religious freedom!