



**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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*My
grace is
sufficient for
you, for my
power is made
perfect in your
weakness.*
2 Cor 12:9

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 27th and June 28th**

Total amount in **151** envelopes: **\$ 7,901**
 Loose **\$ 1,406**
 *Online Parish Pay: **\$ 2,650**

Total offered: \$11,957

Debt Reduction \$2,754

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio and print media. Half of all the proceeds remain in our diocese and help support local needs.

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY****July 6th***Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr***8:30 AM**

Anthony Perrella
Elizabeth Parety
Anna Ditzig

TUESDAY**July 7th****8:30 AM**

Holy Souls in Purgatory
F. Newton Wells III
John Robbins

WEDNESDAY**July 8th****8:30 AM**

Karl Schlegel (*Living*)
Walter McDuff
Christine Dos Santos

THURSDAY**July 9th***Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyr***8:30 AM**

Anthony and Josephine Elia
Margaret Sheedy

FRIDAY**July 10th****8:30 AM**

Joseph Shea (*Living*)
John Robbins
Carolina Giusti

SATURDAY**July 11th****8:30 AM***Saint Benedict, Abbot*

Gertrude Mihal
Cathy Schmidinger
Vera Bendinelli

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**VIGIL MASS****5:00 PM**

For the People of the Parish
Frances Brooks
Richard O'Connell
Rosse Soriano

SUNDAY**July 12th****8:30 AM:**

Mary McMonagle
Stanley Buziak
Carmine Crincoli

10:30 AM

Nora Coletta
Nicholas Angelos
Muriel Filoramo

PASTORS COLUMN**THE IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD BOOK**

Recently, I was at a wedding reception and had a conversation with one of the guests there. He told me that he had been raised in a strict Christian home and that his parents had spent many years as missionaries in Latin America where he had spent much of his childhood and teenage years. He returned to the US for college. He mentioned how while he was growing up he presumed and was told certain things about Catholic belief and faith that indicated to him that Catholics were not really Christians. He mentioned to me that it was only when he came into contact and began to spend time with Catholics who were fellow students that he saw a different side to what he had come to know and it was refreshing to know that his experience was a positive one. Living the faith is not always easy and sometimes it can seem that even among fellow Catholics we walk as if in a minefield on certain issues. The teachings of our faith are not presented to us in a vacuum but came from the Revelation of God in Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church which guides us as disciples of the Lord in past and in our current age. St. Paul says that we “are ambassadors for Christ”. *2 Corinthians 5:20* An ambassador is an authorized messenger or representative. Our authority to be ambassadors for Christ comes by virtue of our baptism and the communion of our life united in Christ by grace. However, to be an effective ambassador we must know the One who sends us as His representative.

We come to know Christ through the Scripture. In October of 1965 the document of the Second Vatican Council on Divine Revelation stated: “This sacred Synod earnestly and specifically urges all the Christian faithful...to learn by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures the excelling knowledge of Jesus Christ. For ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ...And let them remember that prayer should accompany the reading of sacred Scripture, so that God and man talk together.” *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Section 25.*

For some the task of reading and praying over the Scripture may seem a daunting task. In truth it is for all who approach the sacred texts. Some are well trained and versed while most of us are not experts but certainly seekers. The Holy Spirit is our guide in coming to know the word which God reveals to us. Before any reading of the sacred texts we should ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide us as we read and pray over the Good News of our Salvation. A sample prayer could be: *Heavenly Father, thank you for your Holy Word which tells me of your great love and your great Salvation for me in Jesus, your Son. Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me eternal life. Holy Spirit, come and reveal more of Jesus to me day by day; come now and enlighten me as I read these Sacred Scriptures. Amen.*

In choosing or buying a Bible be sure to look for the *Nihil Obstat* and *Imprimatur* so that you know the text you are using is the Canon of Sacred Scripture from our Catholic tradition. The New American Bible is an excellent translation and the Midwest Theological Forum just released a translation on May 1st which includes commentaries based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is called the Didache Bible and contains much insight and background into each book of the Bible.

We also live in an age when complete Bible translations can be downloaded to our phones and computers. Truly we can always have the Word of God with us wherever we are. While they typically do not take place in the summer months it would be great to see more parishioners in our Bible Study programs which are offered throughout the school year. May the Word of God be in our hearts and on our lips that we may be worthy ambassadors of Jesus Christ and His truth.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER....****1st-10th GRADE FAITH FORMATION:****Faith formation will be offered at the following times beginning in October:**

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) will be on Sunday evenings

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

For: K-6th Graders

When: Monday, July 27 to Friday, July 31

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration forms and additional information for the above programs are available at:

1. www.stvincentschurch.org
2. Email: dnemeth@stvd.org
3. Parish Office 908-647-0118.

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. 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.

**New Addition to the Parish Staff:**

We are excited to welcome Amilee Bishop from Fiat Ventures who joins the parish staff. Amilee will be working as the Coordinator of BOLD Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation. Amilee is a recent graduate of the University of Delaware. While pursuing her BS in Cognitive Science, she became involved in campus ministry, and felt compelled to continue serving Christ and his Church. Answering God's call has led her here to us. In her free time, Amilee enjoys singing, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. She is excited to begin serving in the parish and to meet the community. There will be ample opportunities to meet Amilee in the coming weeks, including on the Appalachia Mission Trip, but if you see her around the parish, be sure to say hello!

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:

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

Margaret Nolan, Isabelle Alsteens and Elaine Martin

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

Elizabeth Norton

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

Ignatius Buziak

for floral offerings and votive light offerings.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Maya Nora Alaan

daughter of Harold and Jessica Alaan

claimed now by Christ for the fullness of Eternal Life.

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 lm Dempsey@verizon.net or 908-580-9098. Please consider being a part of this wonderful and rewarding ministry.

To sign up to cook for Family Promise Hosting on July 9/10, please use the website perfectpotluck.com with Event Name and password either **Shrine hosting 07092015** with a password of **07092015** for Thursday or **Shrine Hosting 07102015** with a password of **07102015** for Friday. Please call Stacey Beer 908-755-8901 or sabeer8901@gmail.com with any questions.

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Amos 7:12-15**

Amaziah (priest of Bethel) ordered Amos to leave Bethel and never prophesy there again. Amos replied that he had not been a prophet, but was a shepherd until he was called by God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Paul exults God's immeasurable generosity as he recounts all the blessings that have been bestowed upon all God's people. We all became adopted children of God when we heard the message of truth Christ brought to us, and because of it, believed in him.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus gave the twelve disciples authority over unclean spirits and sent them out to preach and heal the sick. He advised them to bring nothing with them and to shake the dust from their feet of any town where they had not been welcomed. Jesus wanted them to understand what they would need to do in his place after his death.

**IT MAKES YOU THINK**

A Christian wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time ... and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor.

It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall what the menu was for a single one of those meals. I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me strength. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be dead today."

That pretty much ended the discussion.



DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CATHOLIC HUMANITARIAN SERVICES

USCCB Fact Sheet

2015

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY UNDER ATTACK A Concrete Example

For decades, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) has carried out the commitment of the U.S. Bishops to serve and advocate for refugees, asylees, and other forced migrants, immigrants, and other people on the move. **Special concern is given to the most vulnerable among these populations, such as the victims of human trafficking.** This commitment is rooted in the Gospel mandate that every person is to be welcomed by the disciple as if he or she were Christ Himself, and in the right of every human being to pursue, without constraint, the call to holiness.

MRS developed years of expertise in actively working to end human trafficking and protect those adults and children who have been exploited through trafficking. In 2006, MRS's Anti-Trafficking Services Program (ATSP) began administering a federal program to provide intensive case management to foreign national victims of human trafficking identified in the U.S. and its territories. In 2010, through its network of subcontracting agencies, ATSP helped survivors of human trafficking from 64 countries, with the largest number of survivors from India, Mexico, Thailand, the Philippines, and Haiti. Survivors had been trafficked on farms, in hotels and casinos, in private homes, in spas, and in other industries for the purposes of forced labor and/or sex trafficking.

However, despite many years of excellent performance by MRS in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, in 2011, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer

for contraceptive and abortion "services" in violation of Catholic teaching. The federal government refused to award a grant to MRS despite MRS's earning a far higher objective score from the government's independent grant evaluators than two other organizations that were awarded grants. And those two scored so low that they were deemed unqualified.

Religious institutions should not be disqualified from a government contract based on religious belief, and they do not somehow lose their religious identity or liberty upon entering such contracts. Yet, a federal court in Massachusetts, turning religious liberty on its head, declared that the First Amendment *requires* such a disqualification—that the government somehow *violates* religious liberty by allowing Catholic organizations to participate in contracts in a manner consistent with their beliefs on contraception and abortion. Fortunately, in 2013, an appeals court vacated this terrible decision. But the possibility of similar suits in the future remains.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat?

Among many current challenges, the federal government has discriminated against Catholic humanitarian services based on their religious beliefs, even when those beliefs had no impact on performance. Religious liberty is more than freedom of worship; it includes our ability to make our contribution to the common good of all Americans without having to compromise our faith. Without religious liberty properly understood, all of us suffer, especially victims of human trafficking in need of important humanitarian services.

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!