



**The Roman Catholic Parish  
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**Sunday Mass Schedule**

**(Vigil Mass)**  
**Saturday —5 PM**

**Sunday**  
**8:30 AM, 10:30AM and 6:00 PM**

**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 December 5th and 6th**

Total amount in <b>251</b> envelopes:	\$	<b>9,915</b>
Loose	\$	<b>2,760</b>
<u>Parish Pay:</u>	\$	<b>2,533</b>
<b>Total offered:</b>	\$	<b>15,208</b>
Collection for the Retired Religious	\$	3,893

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE****Solemnity of Christmas****Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
4 and 6 PM**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Midnight

8:30 and 10:30 AM

**Feast of the Holy Family****Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**  
5 PM**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 and 10:30 AM **only** (no 6 PM)**Solemnity of Mary,  
the Mother of God****Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
5 PM**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**  
10:30 AM**Confessions:**

Saturday, December 12th, 19th and 26th

**4—4:45PM**

Tuesday, December 15th and 22nd

**7—9 PM**

Other times by appointment.

**PASTORAL VISIT OF THE BISHOP**

Bishop Serratelli will pay a pastoral visit to the parish and preside at the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday, December 20th.

**MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY*****December 14<sup>th</sup>****Saint John of the Cross Priest and  
Doctor of the Church***8:30 AM**Sebastia Choondassery  
Maureen Meade  
Robert Bobrow**TUESDAY*****December 15<sup>th</sup>*****8:30 AM**Kevin Shea (*Living*)  
Bruce Cargill  
Rosina DiPaolo**WEDNESDAY*****December 16<sup>th</sup>*****8:30 AM**John Calabro (*Living*)  
Patsy Filippone  
Semiramis Trillo Ludena**THURSDAY*****December 17<sup>th</sup>*****8:30 AM**Donald Knowles  
Biagio Bernardo  
Reggie Pigna**FRIDAY*****December 18<sup>th</sup>*****8:30 AM**Natalie Delia (*Living*)  
Pasquale Auriemma  
Dominic and Angela Giacumbo**SATURDAY*****December 19<sup>th</sup>*****8:30 AM**Brian and Maureen Meade  
Humberto and Caferina Ludena**FOURTH SUNDAY  
WITHIN ADVENT****5:00 PM** (Saturday) Frances Brooks  
Edward and Anne King  
Barbara Williams**SUNDAY*****December 20<sup>th</sup>*****8:30 AM:**People of the Parish  
Mario J. Lamia  
Allegra, Ricci and Ring Families**10:30 AM**Thomas Chesney  
Antonetta Wozniak  
Virginia Donofrio**6:00 PM**Christopher Giraldo  
Salvatore and Elisa Malanga  
Ramon Padron

## PASTORS COLUMN

On Tuesday we began the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. After the 7 PM Mass of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception that day, about 40 parishioners joined with me in looking over the words of Pope Francis in the document, *Misericordiae Vultus*, which announced the Jubilee Year. I highlighted for them some of the areas of that document for our reflection and offer some of the same here for those of you who could not make it.

- ❖ Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy.
- ❖ We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy.
- ❖ **Mercy:** The word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.
- ❖ **Mercy:** The ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us.
- ❖ **Mercy:** The fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.
- ❖ **Mercy:** The bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.
- ❖ At times we are called to gaze more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives.
- ❖ After the sin of Adam and Eve, God did not wish to leave humanity alone in the throes of evil. And so He turned his gaze to Mary, holy and immaculate in love.
- ❖ When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be greater than sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive.
- ❖ God's mercy, rather than a sign of weakness, is the mark of his omnipotence—St. Thomas Aquinas
- ❖ The mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but rather a concrete reality with which He reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child.
- ❖ Jesus entered upon his passion and death, conscious of the great mystery of love that he would consummate on the Cross.
- ❖ Everything in Jesus speaks of mercy.
- ❖ What moved Jesus in all situations was nothing other than mercy.
- ❖ Jesus reveals God as the Father who never gives up until He has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy.
- ❖ Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who His true children are.
- ❖ Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life.
- ❖ The Church's credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love.
- ❖ The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person.
- ❖ The Lord Jesus shows us the steps of the pilgrimage to attain our goal (see Luke 6:37-38).
- ❖ Human beings, whenever they judge, look no farther than the surface, whereas the Father looks into the very depths of the soul. How much harm words do when they are motivated by feelings of jealousy and envy! To speak ill of others puts them in a bad light, undermines their reputation and leaves them prey to the whims of gossip. To refrain from judgement and condemnation means, in a positive sense, to know how to accept the good in every person and to spare him any suffering that might be caused by our partial judgement, our presumption to know everything about him. But this is still not sufficient to express mercy. Jesus also asks us to forgive and to give.
- ❖ We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged. (see Matthew 25:31-45—the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy)
- ❖ Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the center once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands.
- ❖ This is the opportune time to change our lives! All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice during this special time of mercy offered by the Church.
- ❖ It is easier for God to hold back anger than mercy—St. Augustine
- ❖ Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception.

Peace, Fr. Richard



### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Joseph Conant, a parishioner and Eagle Scout candidate has begun work on his project. Planned over many months Joe has proposed to erect Stations of the Cross along the outside of the Church. The stations made of treated wood with an icon of each station attached will be similar to the one pictured. Each station

may be dedicated to the honor/memory of a person/family and will have a small plaque attached indicating the dedication. This will also allow Joe to cover the costs of the project. The dedications are \$200 each. If you are interested contact Fr. Richard.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Those who serve in the military:

Sean Milde, James Minogue, Greg Scaduto, Frank Fasano, Marcia Fernandes, Richard Lister, Eric Leverone, Jay Donato, Frank Messina, Eileen Murphy, Peter Giovanni, Brian Reynolds, John E. Siedler IV, and Alex Stevens.

#### Those who are ill:

Barbara Engle, Marilyn Fogarty, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Patricia Herrmann, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Richard Haluska, Mary Keller, Richard Scherer, Robert Markowski, John Ramella, Dorothy Paul, Givi Trauwaert, Ruth Ann Rahe, Daniel Nastarowicz, Jonathan and John Tantaros, Mary Bigelis, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, John McMonagle, Patricia Caruso-Minicozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran, Carmel Connolly and Eric Binner.

#### Those who have died to this world

#### Requiescat in Pace

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

### FAITH FORMATION / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



*The Christmas Pageant was a beautiful event reflecting the true meaning of Christmas! Thank you to all the wonderful parents and children who made this possible!*

*On behalf of the Faith Formation department, we wish you all a blessed Christmas.*

**SCHOOL NEWS / BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 2015**

Thank you to those who worked and who came to make Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus a great time.

**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. Canned corn, Dry Red, Black and Pinto Beans, Canned Black and Pinto Beans, hot chocolate, canned chicken, rice, canned beets, canned mixed veggies, Cake/Brownie Mixes, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Boxed Mac and Cheese, Pancake Mix, and Grape Jelly.

Thank you for your continued support.

**ADVENT ANGELS**

Our Giving Tree gift items are due in this Sunday, December 12th. Attach the Angel securely to the non-wrapped gift. There will also be a marked box to collect gift certificates.

This year we will be sponsoring Catholic Charities Christmas Sled, Family Promise in Morristown, St. Agnes in Clifton and Eva's village in Paterson

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Elsa at 908-295-4944 and or [srelsa@stvd.org](mailto:srelsa@stvd.org)

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**

If you would like to participate in our Christmas Flower offering, please use your envelope that was provided in your monthly packet or use the form below. If you have any questions please contact Tonianne in the Parish house for assistance. 908-647-0118 or at [tvanderveer@stvd.org](mailto:tvanderveer@stvd.org). **Please have all offerings in by December 16th for it to be published.**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifted by: : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you .





December 12th / December 13th

## CONFESSIONS AT THE SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH

Monday—Friday: 10 AM—Noon and 1:30-5,  
Saturday 3-5 and Sunday 1-3.

Give Jesus the gift he most wants for  
Christmas— **YOU**.

## CHRISTMAS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER



December 9th was the 7th drawing of our Christmas Calendar Raffle. The winner of that drawing is Nancy Higgins

If you haven't sent in your tickets, please do so to be in the next 2 drawings.

All proceeds go to the Parish and the School. If you need additional tickets, please call or visit the parish house.

We encourage you to get your family and friends in on the fun. Remember, a \$20 ticket could win you from \$3,000 to \$5,000. You have to be in it, to win it.

Our next drawing will be on Wednesday December



**Next TNL**  
Tues, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>: 7:30-9pm  
JPPI ROOM

Join us this Tuesday  
from 7-9pm for our  
**BOLD Christmas Party!!**

Bring a friend and  
wear your ugliest  
Christmas sweater.  
We will have a great  
night of fun, games,  
prizes, and plenty of  
food!



### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 12/15: Christmas Party
- 1/22: March for Life in DC
- 1/13: First TNL after Christmas
- 1/29-31: BOLD Ski Trip

For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events

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## SAVE THE DATE



Join us for an Advent  
Evening with St. Nicholas

As we prepare the way for Jesus' birth, please join us in celebrating the life of St. Nicholas, an Advent Saint. Please join us for story, craft, movie, cookies and candy. Pizza and cider will be served to all attendees around 6:30 pm.

When: December 19th, after 5:00 pm mass.

Where: St. Vincent de Paul Church Meeting Room/JPPI Room, Time: 6:00- 8:30 pm, Age Group: 3-10 year olds. You can sign up by emailing [helenarohal@gmail.com](mailto:helenarohal@gmail.com). RSVP by December 12th. We look forward to seeing you there.

## NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.



#### Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

## ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS

A wonderful tradition for close to 20 years at St. Vincent's, we are happy to once again conduct our Christmas Cookie Project for the homebound in our Parish. We are looking for bakers to drop off cookies on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Church Meeting Room. Any type of homemade cookie would be great. Please contact Ellie Alber at 908-204-8988 or [Elliealber@gmail.com](mailto:Elliealber@gmail.com); or Ann Ryan at [ALR222@me.com](mailto:ALR222@me.com) or 908-580-9740 if you are able to contribute. Thanks for your kindness.

## MARCH FOR LIFE

"MARCH FOR LIFE"...St Vincent's will have a bus to Washington again for the March for Life on Friday, January 22nd. Please mark your calendars and pick up a flyer in the narthex or at the parish office. Your \$20 and registration form secures your seat. Contact Danielle Dill at (908) 578-2712 for more information.

## SIMBANG GABI

You are cordially invited to join our Diocesan and parish-sponsored Simbang Gabi. A Filipino tradition of a nine day novena of Masses during Advent in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Please join us on December 16th for Mass at 7:00 PM offered by Fr. Richard.

The nine-day novena is coordinated by the Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) of the Diocese of Paterson.

Refreshments immediately to follow Mass. For more information of if you wish to help, please contact Emma Militante at 908-604-0075 or [mommilitante@gmail.com](mailto:mommilitante@gmail.com)

