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PEACE ON EARTH

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 collection amount for the weekend of December 19th and December 20th will be reported next week due to bulletin publishing deadlines.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (a holyday of obligation)

> Thursday, December 31st 5 PM

> Friday, January 1st, 2016 10: 30 AM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

As New Year's Day falls on a Friday in 2016 we will not have scheduled Eucharistic Adoration. We will resume the scheduled Adoration on the First Friday in February. We need new adorers especially in the overnight hours. If you can commit please contact Christine Regnault at 908-872-4444.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER



And the winner of the \$5,000 raffle is... due to publishing deadlines, the winner will not be posted until the January 2nd/3rd bulletin. Thank you for your patience.

MARCH FOR LIFE

"MARCH FOR LIFE"...we will have a bus to



Washington the March for Life on Friday, January 22nd. Please mark vour 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY December 28th

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30 AM Marcela P. Videna

Maureen Meade

Deceased members of the Conant Family

TUESDAY December 29th

Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM Msgr. Patrick Brown (Living)

Bernard H. Nowak

Deceased members of the Silva Family

WEDNESDAY December 30th

Sixth Day within the Octave of

the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM John DeMarzo (Living)

Maureen Meade Peter Dellisanti

December 31st THURSDAY

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM Elizabeth Calabro (Living)

Holy Souls in Purgatory Jack McDermott

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

5:00 PM For the people of the parish

FRIDAY January 1st

10:30 AM Matthew J. Sheridan

> Nora Coletta **Curtiss Shope**

SATURDAY January 2nd

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:30 AM Eileen Cuddihy

Patrick Dinan Renato Abad

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 PM (Saturday) Nunzio Dagostino

Virginia Donofrio John Fernandes

SUNDAY January 3rd

For the People of the Parish 8:30 AM:

Buziak and McMonagle Families

Frank Giacumbo

10:30 AM Domenico Di Paolo

Eva Fernandes

Rose Lalli

6:00 PM Rose Capite

Jovce Galante Louise Ippolito

PASTORS COLUMN

THE PARISH FAMILY AND THE HOLY FAMILY

The parish is a community composed of families. In his apostolic exhortation The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis speaks about the importance of parish life. He says: "The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. He also stated that, "This presumes that [the parish] really is in contact with the homes and lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few". In this spirit Sr. Elsa, Sr. Nadine and I recently babysat for a family in the parish (who have twin that are 5 months old). Doing so enables us to stay close to the lived experience of our young families while visitations to the homes of parishioners allow us to experience the life of our parishioners. Pope Francis insists that a parish is called to be the presence of the Church in a community, providing a place where people can hear God's word, grow in discipleship, and extend themselves in love to the poor and needy - a place where they can pray, worship and celebrate. So many of the parishioners here are involved in the life of this parish in exactly those ways – listening and being formed by the Word of God, growing in discipleship and serving the poor and needy.

St. John Paul II described a parish as "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters" and in a 2005 address, Pope Benedict XVI described the parish as "an extended family that brings together brothers and sisters who have no desire for power or selfish interests but who live in the joy of charity of God who is love." I like that image of the parish as an extended family. In that way we understand that it is more than just a place we show up at from time to time – we have a commitment to the other members within the family. We also know that the basis of the parish, as the family must be, is love. We may not always agree or see things in the same way but we are called to dialogue, understanding and Christ like respect for one another.

Parishes, like families, experience moments when our numbers increase through the gift of new life and there is also the inevitable moments when we surrender the soul of a loved one to the eternal embrace of God. In the last calendar year fifty four (54) children and two adults were baptized and began their new life in Christ. Fifty one (51) of our children received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Forty eight (48) of our teenagers completed their initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation and four (4) adults were confirmed and received into the full sacramental life of the Church at the Easter Vigil. Sixteen couples (16) were united by Christ in the Sacrament of Matrimony. Thirty six (36) of our brothers and sisters went forth from this world to meet the Lord. They ranged in age from thirty four (34) to one hundred and two (102).

Our parish also provides food, shelter, clothing and other essentials to those in need within our parish family and beyond. At Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, in addition to other times when asked and as the need arises we have specific collections to assist those in need. Our parish family has responded with great generosity and a clear sense of solidarity with those who are in need. In the ways of faith we educate both the young and those advanced in years. We respond to what the Lord asks of us and like the Holy Family of Nazareth we entrust our lives and all that we do to God. Thank you to all who make St. Vincent de Paul a family of believers. May Mary and Joseph, in the presence of God, intercede for each of us. May your family and you continue to enjoy this blessed Christmas season.

Peace, Fr. Richard

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATED IN MEMORY FROM THEIR LOVED ONES



Tony Aiello **Andrews Family Arpaio Family** Carolyn Bednarski David Bird Joseph Bocchino Bonaccorso Family

Msgr. George Brembos

Bruno Family Buziak Family Ralph Cairo

Bob and Shirley Caporaso

Deceased members of the Candela Family

Arsenia Castillo Cherniak Family Thomas Chesney Cicalese Family Clarke Family

Deceased Members of the Connolly Family

Cornejo Family Jean Cosentino Jack Costanzo Critelli Family Alvin D'Alonzo

Manfred Dalhausser

Raymond Diehl

Living and Deceased members of the DeLuca Family Connie DeMarzo

> John Dempsey Constance DeMizio **Emily DeSantis** Joseph P. Devlin Florence and Al Dickhardt

Dorsi Family **Baby Luke Dos Santos**

Deceased Members of the Dowling Family

Alice and Peter Dunigan Peter Dunigan

Deceased members of the Early Family

Margaret Erobs Katie Falzarano Tony Falzarano **Fabian Family**

Carmel and Louis Ferraro

Anthony Fama Celedonio Fernandez

Deceased members of the Filannino Family

Patsy Filippone Filoramo Family John and Mary Fitzgerald Josephine Forte French Family William French Gallagher Family **Bob Gallic** Frank Gamba Steven Geis

Jessie and Frank Giacumbo Deceased members

> of the Giacumbo Family Giegerich Family Charles Gildea Cornelius Gildea

> > Brian Gillespie

Adolph and Victoria Glembocki

Gobel Family

Albina Godlewski

Ann, Eugene and Michael Gould Camilo, Elias, Flavio, and Maria Granados

> Thomas A. Hall, Sr. Lorraine Hall

James Hamilton

Harry and Ann Harkin **Higgins Family**

Robert and Nancy Hogan

Panfilo and Adela Homilda

Houck Family

Archina and Vito Iallonardo

Giuseppe Iellimo Iorillo Family

Italiano Family

Dina and Jacob Isleborn

Jones Family Muriel Keller Mary Kelly

Jim and Lou Ann Kennelly

Anna May Kinevich Dennis Kinsella

Deceased members of the Kober Family

Mary and Walter Koczela Babcia and Dziadziu Konopka

Rose and Jack Lalli

Walter L. Lang and Walter W. Lang

Andrew and Vickie Laura

Barbara La Rose John Lehnert

Leone Family

Anthony and Rosina Long

Lonergan Family Josefina Lozada

Longo Family

Nina Macari

Walter MacDuff

Elisa and Salvatore Malanga

Joseph McBride McCardle Family

Kenneth, Alice and Delia McDermott

McDonald Family John McDonough **Eugene McMahon** McMonagle Family McQuillan Family Melillo Family Meringolo Family

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATED IN MEMORY FROM THEIR LOVED ONES



Charles and Lina Metzner
Howie and Rita Meyer
Irma Mikulyak
Mariangelo and Joseph Milazzo
Raymond Molnar
Deceased members of the
Mozer Family

Sabina and Anthony Munley

Frank M. Nagle

Antoni and Stella Nastarowicz

Joseph Nastarowicz

Nofrio Family

Charles Nyquist

Kathleen O'Brien

Lillian O'Brien

Ochrymowych Family

Madeline and Edward O'Connor

Patricia Filippone O'Neill

Paul Orlando

Sally and Mario Ortolani

Oster Family

Deceased members of the Paganelli Family

Ben and Mark Palumbo

Michael and Rita Pavlo

Anthony Perrella

Living and Deceased Members of the Petrezzo Family

Kieran Pillion

Mary and Andrew Pisanky

Milio Pollera

Deceased Members of the Poust Family

Angie and William Quinton

Carmen Rapuano

Recchia Family

Jenny and Henry Rehbein

Dolly Reichard

Ida and Charles Renz

Wilson Ribon

George Rohal, Sr.

Martha Rose

Peter Rossi

Domenico and Elisabetta Roussillo

George and Lucille Russo

John and Jeanne Ryan

Deceased Members of the Salvo Family

Sama Family

Maria Sartor

Jack Schlegel

Schubauer Family

Howard Seale

James and Mary Beth Sebold

Senvk Family

Shahade Family

Sinagra Family

Slockbower Family

Deceased Members of the Smith Family

Smith Family

John F. Stack

Steger Family
Jerome Stenger
Patrick and Eileen Sullivan
Rosa Suppa
Syrotiuk Family

Deceased Members of the

Tangreti Family

Tenore Family

Camille and Nick Tonto

John Triano

Giuseppe Tripoli

Vittorio Tripoli

Dennis and Jean Vance

Deceased Members of the

VanCleef Families

Vicendese Family

Mario Vollero

Lloyd Vreeland

Sheila Weckerle

Weiss Family

Michael and Mary Woods Mr. and Mrs. John Yanishock

THANK YOU

Christmas is a time of great joy! Once again our parish has shown great affection for those in need.

On behalf of the Social Outreach office, I thank all the parishioners who helped us bring joy to families in need through our annual giving tree. Together we succeeded in donating over 500 toys, clothing and other items to Catholic Charities, St. Agnes Church, Bridges Outreach and Family Promise.

For the third year Ferreira Construction Co, sponsored 25 families within our own parish community and Family Promise by donating gifts (toys and clothing), Shoprite cards, and gift cards.

Many private donations were also made for different needs.

Lastly, our bakers helped us bring cookies to all the home bound families, and all our friends at Lounsbery.

For me personally this was again a very exciting year as the gifts kept on pouring in. May St. Vincent continue to give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor. May he help us to recognize Jesus, in their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness and their misfortune.

Thank you all for your generosity. Sr. Elsa Jeronimo C.S.JB

"Our faith in Christ, who became poor, and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society's most neglected members."

- Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy



Ski Trip 2016

DATE: Fri-Sun, January 29-31 PLACE: Mount Snow, VT



All high school students are invited to join us for our annual BOLD Ski Trip! Ski and snowboard lessons are available, as well as plenty of other fun winter activities, for those who choose not to ski or snowboard.

Sign up online: boldym.com/ski16

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events Jeff Beer and Amilee Bishop • (908) 295-8104 StVincent@boldym.com • www.boldym.com/svdp

FAITH FORMATION / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1st-8th Grade Faith Formation Schedule after the New Year:

Tuesday, January 5th - 1st-5th Grade classes resume **Sunday.** January 10th – 1st-8th Grade Eucharistic Adoration Family Faith session:

9:30-10:15 AM OR 7:00-7:40 PM (Families meet in church)

Tuesday, January 12th - Eucharistic Adoration Family session 4:15-5:00 PM

Adult Faith Programs: All are welcome to come! *Thursday*, January 7th – 7:30-9 PM – Bible Timeline

Sunday, January 17th – 9:30-10:20 AM or 7-7:40 PM - Catholicism Series resumes.

May everyone be blessed this Christmas Season!

SCHOOL NEWS



SVdP students are learning about Ancient Greece and Rome in social studies classes!

Pictured below are students participating in a cultural event. The event, entitled Greek/Roman Day, included foods, customs, and dress from ancient times. Students presented informational reports about gods and goddesses. This fun filled educational day was enjoyed by all!

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn We observed the Slar king of the Jews, which



greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

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 Slevens.

Those who are ill:

Barbara Engle, Marilynn 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.

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.