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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 26th and 27th

Total amount in 218 envelopes:	\$ 7,362
Loose:	\$ 1,770
Online Parish Pay:	\$ 1,626

Total offered: \$ 10,758

The weekend of January 2nd and 3rd

Total amount in 238 envelopes:	\$ 8,061
Loose:	\$ 3,529
Online Parish Pay:	\$ 2,785

Total offered: \$ 14,375

Mary, the Mother of God (Jan. 1st) \$ 3,103

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GOODNESS

Thank you to the many parishioners who sent cards, dropped off baked goodies, fattening foods and other treats to the parish staff Christmas during the Season. expressions of gratitude were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. May God reward and bless your generous spirit. Peace.

Fr. Richard and all who are blessed to minister to you in the parish community.

CALENDAR RAFFLE

Now that our Christmas Calendar Raffle has come to an end, and our ninth and final winner, David Johnson has been awarded his \$5,000.00 prize, we are happy to report that our raffle was once again a success.

Our profit this year is \$23, 514 which will be split equally between school and parish. Over a period of nine weeks we awarded a total of \$20,000 to nine lucky parishioners. CONGRATULATIONS to you all and we hope your winnings added to the joy of your Christmas celebration.

We wish to thank all those who participated in this fund raiser.

YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUED SUPPORT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR SUCCESS.

We look forward to sharing our next Calendar Raffle with you. Until then we wish you God's blessings and a Happy New Year.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	January 11th
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8:30 AM David Bird

Maureen Meade Jacob Ho

January 12th **TUESDAY**

8:30 AM John Calabro (Living)

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Karl Schlegel, Sr.

WEDNESDAY January 13th

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Joseph Schlegel (Living)

Daniel J. O'Shea Gregory Pigna

THURSDAY January 14th

8:30 AM Thomas Fallon

> Eugene D. McMahon Rosemary Quinn Rosalie Bartiromo

FRIDAY January 15th

8:30 AM Cecilia Ng (Living)

Donald Courter Christine Dos Santos

SATURDAY January 16th

8:30 AM Agnes Martino

Monaghan Family **McDermott Family**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGIL MASS

5:00 PM (Saturday) For the People of the Parish

Carmen Rapuano Jean Marconi

SUNDAY January 17th

8:30 AM: Michael Redmond

> Brian Meade Angela Anzalone

Antonio Crincoli 10:30 AM

> Rocco Travisano Michael John Elia

6:00 PM Andrew Giglio

Celedonio Fernandez

Peter J. Smith

PASTORS COLUMN

We conclude today the Christmas Season with the Baptism of the Lord. All four Gospels tell us about the Baptism of Jesus. It may seem strange that Jesus was baptized by his cousin John especially in that we understand that in baptism we are washed clean of original sin and we are incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church. Jesus was without sin and He is the head of the Body, the Church. Yet from the very beginning the church offered clear insight into why that which Jesus underwent in the Jordan was so much different from the baptism that we have undergone. St. Justin Martyr (d. 165), one of the first great apologists, addressed the baptism in his *Dialogue with Trypho*. He emphasized that the Son had no need to be baptized—just as he had no need to be born, to suffer, or die—but did so in order to reveal himself to mankind; the baptism, in other words, was the messianic manifestation, a sign for the Church first, and then the world. When Jesus came to the waters, St. Justin wrote, "He was deemed a carpenter," but the proclamation of the Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove showed Him to be far more than a mere worker of wood". It is also the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus and so a fitting way for us to conclude the Christmas Season.

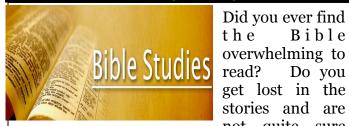
On behalf of the community, I express gratitude to all who volunteered of their time and talent to enhance our worship space and our worship during Advent and Christmas. Each week so many come together to give of themselves in service to the community as Altar Servers, Cantors, Choir members, Musicians, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and Hospitality Ministers. You are an essential part of how we worship and gather to praise God for the faith we have been given and as a community we are enriched by your service and dedication. The Art and Environment team come together for the high holydays and various liturgical seasons to assist our worship in sign, symbol and color. The detail of their work was reflected in the beauty of the church for Christmas. So many commented once more this year about the nativity scene in front of the Altar and the poignant reminder that Jesus comes into our fragile and wounded lives with His love, mercy and healing. Parishioners also mentioned how they so enjoyed the lights on the trees around the property and the outdoor nativity scene right on their way in or out of the Church. My thanks to the Knights of Columbus for putting up the lights and for assembling the outdoor nativity. The collection counters are here week after week sometimes with several collections to count and are most diligent and professional in their responsibilities. As much that happens before your eyes each day there is much more going on behind the scenes in our parish staff who work daily to assist the mission of the parish and those who come to us with a variety of needs. The volunteers for our parish food pantry were also working overtime during this season to assist the many, many families who come in need. It is wonderful to reflect on all the good which takes place here and goes out from here to the broader community.

On Christmas Eve, the 4 PM Mass was standing room only. A beautiful touch to that Mass was the proclamation of the readings. The first was read by Jacob Schlegel who is only 5 years old and the second by Erin McAteer who is a 5th grade student in our school. They read so beautifully and even though there was a lot of *activity* during the Mass they proclaimed the Word of God with great conviction and love. My favorite Mass is the Midnight Mass and again this year it was a beautiful and prayerful action of worship before God. How fortunate and blessed we are to have such a beautiful worship space and a rich liturgical tradition which allows us to enter into the Mystery of God's love and presence in our lives.

In addition to the volunteers who give of their time and talent, the mission of the parish also depends on your monetary support. The collection at Christmas is the largest one of the year and we depend heavily on it for the operation of the parish and school. At the beginning of this fiscal year, the Finance Committee put an anticipated amount for the Christmas collection in the budget of \$115,000. To date the Christmas collection for 2015 is \$93,146. Even though it is less than budgeted it is a very generous offering. Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas collection, be assured that as benefactors of the parish community you have a special place in my prayers. Without your commitment and generosity we could never achieve all that we do to the greater glory of God. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Peace, Fr. Richard.

FAITH FORMATION



Did vou ever find t h e Bible overwhelming to get lost in the stories and are not quite sure

how it applies to 21st century living? Or if you just want to get to know the Bible better. We have the perfect Bible Study for you. We invite you to a 24 week Jeff Cavins Bible Study. Meetings are Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 pm in the JPII room from January 7th through February 11th. All are welcome to join at anytime. Please contact Deirdre Nemeth at dnemeth@stvdp.org for more information or to sign-up.

EVENTS AT SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

Reasons to Believe: Why the Catholic Faith Makes Sense

Come hear what Catholics believe, why Catholics believe it, the personal difference it makes, and how it makes sense in today's world. Fr. Derek Anderson, presenter.

Madison, Saturday, January 16 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Catholicism from Scratch: Adam's Apple (Humanity, Sin, and Grace)

A course in basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fr. Paul Manning,

Madison, Saturday, January 23 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Third Annual Catholic Trivia Super Bowl

Build your own five-person team and tackle multiplechoice questions on the Catholic Faith! Rules: Only one priest, religious brother/sister, or theologian allowed per team. Cost: \$25.00 per team in advance, \$30.00 at the door.

> Madison, Saturday, January 30 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please go to www.insidethewalls.org for more information and to register.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATED IN **MEMORY OF**

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NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them



BASKETBALL CLINIC



ASA BASKETBALL **CLINIC SUNDAYS STARTING** JANUARY 2016

GRADES 1ST - 3rd

(Open to all parishioners in those grades)

COST: \$50 When: Sundays

January 10th 1:00pm-3:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm January 17th January 24th 1:00pm-3:00pm February 14th 1:00pm-3:00pm February 21th 1:00pm-3:00pm February 28nd 1:00pm-3:00pm

For details email Greg Aroneo garoneo@verizon.net or call (908) 647-0421.

MARCH FOR LIFE



"MARCH FOR LIFE"...we 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The food pantry is running low on several items. We would appreciate any donation to help those in need.

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.

THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE

On Friday, January 22nd some of our parishioners will join thousands of others for the National Right to Life March in Washington, DC. Here at the parish we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 AM Mass until 6:30 PM at which time Benediction will be celebrated. After Benediction, at 7 PM Mass will be celebrated under the Votive Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. Please come and join in prayer before the Lord for a deepened respect for the dignity of every human life from conception through natural death.

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the World. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II,

Evangelium Vitae.

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, 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

Jerry Hachey, John J. Burke, John McMonagle **Requiescat in Pace**

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

Next TNL

Tues, Jan 12th, 7:30-9pm

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POLD OR SOLUTION

TNL THIS TUESDAY!

Don't miss the fun! Come out for a great night of games, music, friends, faith, and PIZZA. Open to all in grades 9-12, so bring a friend!



BOLD SPECIAL EVENTS

1) BOLD Middle goes Ice Skating

- Friday, January 15
- Open to all in grades 6-8
- Bus from St. Vincents to the Bridgewater Sports Arena
- Permission Form online: boldym.com/svdp/forms

2) Bridges Run to Newark, NJ

- Saturday, January 16
- Sign up online: boldym.com/svdp/signup

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

•1/22: March for Life in DC •1/29-31: BOLD Ski Trip •1/26: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII •2/9: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII

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

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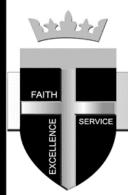


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Sunday, January 31, 2016

Family Mass & Tours - 10:30am



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