

**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

Weekday Mass Schedule

(Vigil Mass)
Saturday —5 PM

8:30 AM Monday - Saturday

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

Confession—Saturday at 4 PM
at other times by appointment.

**“It would be easier for the world
to survive without the sun than to
do so without the Holy Mass.”**
St. Padre Pio

PASTORS COLUMN**Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service**

We celebrate this week Catholic Schools Week which has taken place once a year since it was first introduced by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) in 1974. This year the theme for the National Catholic Schools Week is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” The week long celebration begins with the 10:30 AM Mass today and is followed with an Open House and tours of the school. Throughout the week we will celebrate particular aspects of our own school under the national theme. During the course of the week we will have student appreciation, faculty and staff appreciation, grandparent and special friend of the student appreciation, an academic bowl, lunch with parents, a school spirit rally and a service activity for all students. It is sure to be a fun week.

We have an incredibly dedicated team of professionals on our faculty and staff who go above and beyond on a daily basis to bring the best to their classroom and our school. It is not unusual to find teachers here very early in the morning, still here long after the students have gone home and often here for hours on end over the weekend. Their dedication to the students in the school is an essential component to our mission in calling students to become the best possible versions of themselves to the glory of God. Catholic schools depend on the parents who chose a Catholic school education for their children, on the support the school receives from the parish both spiritually and financially and on the benefactors of our school, especially the contributors to our Catholics for a Solid Future Fund. Our Home School Association is consistently coming up with creative fundraisers to help cover costs which you and members of the broader community support by your presence. Our local businesses and vendors consistently help us through their generous support.

Catholic schools have faced increased challenges in the last number of years. Part of that I believe is that Catholic schools have not been solid in their Catholic identity. When parents come to a Catholic school they do so because they understand that a Catholic school can offer something which will not be found in other schools. Actually, not something but rather someone—that someone of course, is Jesus. Our school affords each student, faculty and staff member, each parent and visitor the opportunity to encounter Jesus through classroom instruction, sacramental encounters of Grace and in service to each other and the broader community. This is what we strive for and must strive for so that Jesus can be the one who causes the mission and work of our school to thrive.

In addressing the Bishops of the United States at their Fall meeting last November the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Vigano, spoke these words: *“Our students should be taught how to pray and how to become familiar with Christ. Educational leaders should regain firm command of the helm of their institutions through the storms of the present times. The course must always be set by Christ and His Church, never allowing influence and wealth to dictate what might be an improper orientation for a Catholic school”*. He added, *“May God give us as teachers and models in the faith, the grace we need to always be faithful to our mission to renew the spirit of evangelization in our midst. As we continue on our journey, we know that we are not alone in our endeavors, that the firm support of God’s people is with us”*. Thank you for that support and for all you do to ensure a Catholic education for the students of our parish school. May our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

MONDAY'S OF MERCY**The Healing Power of Mercy**

Mercy within, Mercy Between, Mercy Among

When Pope Francis announced his intention to call for an Extraordinary Jubilee, he said, "It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy," a time for animating "a new stage in the journey of the Church on its mission to bring to every person the Gospel of Mercy." This Jubilee Year of Mercy can be a time of great grace and conversion. To bring mercy to every person, an important starting point for reflection may begin by asking if I ever thought of showing mercy to myself.

During this session we will "dig deep" into the questions: (1) When have I experienced God's mercy and forgiveness? (2) How willing am I to show mercy to myself and others? (3) How can I become an agent of God's mercy during this Jubilee Year?

The prophetic gospel message of centuries ago still echoes what God wants of us today: "Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." Matthew 9:13

Sister Nadine Fodor, OP is an experienced Licensed Professional Counselor, spiritual director and educator.

Come join us, Monday February 8th—7:30 PM in the Church meeting room.

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES THANK YOU

Those parishioners who have returned baby bottles for Good Counsel Homes will be pleased to know that Chris Bell, Founder and Director, sent a letter thanking you for \$ 2, 873.47 from those bottles. Your donation is allowing Chris and his staff to shelter pregnant women who have no place else to turn in choosing to keep their babies. Consider taking a baby bottle—your loose change is saving life—an act of mercy.

WANT A MEMORABLE LENT?

Dynamic Catholic invites you to join Mathew Kelly, the Dynamic Catholic Team, and thousands of people across the nation for Best Lent Ever. Based on his new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus*, this free email program will take you on a 40 day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way. Each day you will receive an inspirational email. Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent. Want a free copy of *Rediscover Jesus*? Visit DynamicCatholic.com

ROSARY ALTAR GUILD

The Rosary Altar Guild will meet on Monday February 1st at 7:00 PM in the Chapel to pray the Rosary, followed by our monthly meeting and refreshments. All are welcome to join us!

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**

Isaiah recounts the awe he felt the first time he saw the Lord, who was surrounded by angels. He began to feel despair because he was a man of unclean lips, until an angel touched an ember to his lips and pronounced them clean. The Lord asked who he should send forth, to which Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me!"

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul reminds the Corinthians that Christ died for us to free us from our sins. He encourages them to remember the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. He admits that he initially failed to believe, and therefore was very grateful to be called an apostle and preach in the name of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke tells of Jesus preaching to a crowd, then joining Peter who was about to end a fruitless day of fishing. He told Peter to lower his net back in, and a great number of fish were caught. Upon seeing this, Peter and his companions, James and John, immediately abandoned their nets to follow Jesus.

**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:

Jack and Maria Bickel, Bob Mikulyak, Barbara Engle, Marilyn Fogarty, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Msgr. Patrick Brown, 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, 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 NEEDS

Thank you to all who continually support the food pantry. During January distribution we provided 69 individuals/families with much needed groceries. We are now short of several items: Pancake mix, white Rice, canned and dry black beans, ravioli, spam, spaghetti sauce (traditional or meat sauce). Additional items that are greatly appreciated are: Dry milk, canned pears and pineapple, dry mashed potatoes, coffee, hot chocolate mix, Honey Nut Cheerios, and Frosted Flakes.

**NOTIFICATION OF HOSPITALIZATION
ILLNESS OR IMPENDING SURGERY**

Hospitals are required to observe confidentiality and privacy laws and are not permitted to inform us of admissions of parishioners to their facility. It is now necessary for the patient, a family member, or a health care proxy to notify the parish at the time of hospitalization. Arrangements then can be made for hospital/ health care facility visits once we are notified. Because of privacy laws we do not publish the names of the sick in our bulletin or announce them at Mass unless the patient or a family member gives us permission to do so. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered upon request prior to a scheduled hospital admission or before any elective surgery. Please call the parish office 908-647-0118. All calls are kept confidential.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Have you registered with us yet? If not, please do so by calling the Parish House at 908-647-0118. It is necessary if we are to know how we can better serve your needs while you are with us.

Parishes require certificates of sponsorship for God Parents and Confirmation Sponsors. These will be issued only to those who are confirmed Catholics; Registered in our Parish, regular participants at Mass, and validly married in the Church (if applicable). It is difficult to have to refuse anyone but it has had to be done at times (and never easy to do or accept). You should be registered with the Parish at least 6 months before we can give you a certificate to become a sponsor. We look forward to meeting you!

M.O.M.S GROUP MEETING

MOMS group
monthly meeting
Feb. 2nd 7:30 - 9:00
Church Meeting Room
Please join us for an evening of faith and fellowship.

FAITH FORMATION



1st-8th Grade Families are now invited to sign up for the Lenten Family Faith session, *“THE ANGELS: WHO THEY ARE AND THEIR ROLE IN OUR LIVES”*.

There are 4 Sessions to choose from:
Sunday, March 6 11:45 am - 1:45 pm or 7:00-9:00 PM Lunch/Dinner served

Sunday, March 13 11:45 pm - 1:45 pm or 7:00-9:00 PM Lunch/Dinner served

Please go to www.stvincentschurch.org, click onto the “Religious education” link and then the “Family Faith RSVP” link and sign up your family. For any questions, please contact Deirdre Nemeth dnemeth@stvdpc.org

FLOWER OFFERINGS

The flowers in front of the Altar are in memory of

John Sheedy

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

Anna Buziak



Next TNL
Tues, Feb 9th, 7:30-9pm
NIGHT OF SERVICE



Celebrate Mardi Gras with BOLD as we dedicate the night to service! Open to all in grades 9-12, so bring a friend - even if they aren't Catholic.

Please bring \$10 to donate towards the cost of supplies for the service project.

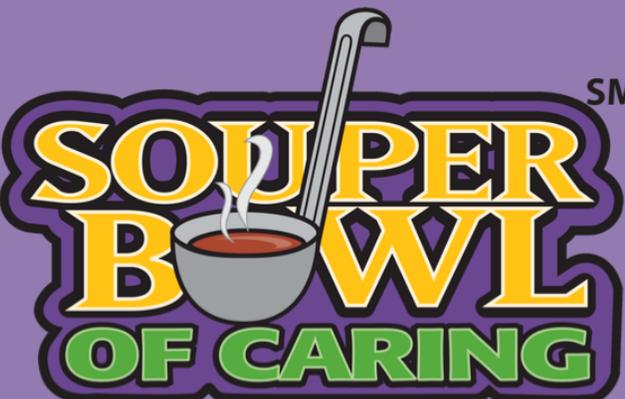
Confirmation students: bring your Works of Mercy sheet - you can earn 1.5 hours of service!

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 2/9: TNL Night of Service
- 2/10: Ash Wednesday
- 2/20: Bridges Run
- 2/23: TNL - 7:30, JP II

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

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARINGSM

NEXT WEEKEND:
Please help support
the Dover Food Kitchen

February 6/7
Super Bowl Weekend



Tackle hunger and poverty in our community!

Teens from BOLD Youth Ministry will be collecting monetary donations at all Masses
on Super Bowl Weekend

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