



**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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Invite the Holy Spirit
to lead your decisions
and emotions today!

John 14:15-17

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 April 23rd and 24th**

Total amount in **247** envelopes: \$8,687
 Loose: \$1,766
 Online Parish Pay: \$3,041

Total offered: \$13,494

Debt Reduction \$3,136

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Monday**

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11;

Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28,

10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (or where the Ascension is transferred to the following Sunday)

Easter Weekday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

First Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

First Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

ASCENSION THURSDAY

The Feast of the Lord's Ascension is celebrated 40 days after the Solemnity of Easter and is a holyday of obligation for faithful Catholics. This year the Feast will be celebrated on Thursday, May 5th when Mass will be offered at 8:30 AM, Noon and 7 PM.

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY****May 2nd****Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor**

8:30 AM

Msgr. Patrick Brown (*Living*)

Christine Dos Santos

Deacon Bill Wagner

TUESDAY**May 3rd****Saint Philip and James, Apostles**

8:30 AM

Josephine Forte

Richard Joyce

Jean Marconi

WEDNESDAY**May 4th**

8:30 AM Gabrielle and Anthony Vitaliano

(*Living*)

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Lisa Williamson

THURSDAY May 5th**The Ascension of the Lord**

8:30 AM

Helena Rohal (*Living*)

Reggie Pigna

Kieran and Sallye O'Doherty

12:00 PM

For the People of the Parish

7:00 PM

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FRIDAY**May 6th**

8:30 AM

John McMonagle

Jeffrey Scott Mathesius

Richard Joyce

SATURDAY May 7th

8:30 AM

Frank Galdieri

Joseph Tremarco

Beverly Guldner

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM

(*Saturday*)

John and Mary Schiavi

Mary Fitzgerald

Mary M. Woods

SUNDAY**May 8th**

8:30 and 10:30 AM:

For the mothers enrolled in our Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet of Masses, both living and deceased.

**There is no 6:00 PM Mass this evening.
 Also note that the 6 PM Mass will conclude
 on Sunday, May 29th.**

THE CLOSING OF OUR SCHOOL

A number of parishioners have posed questions about the recent announcement of our school. Some of the most frequently asked ones are posted here for the information of all.

Q: Who made the final decision to close the school?

A: The decision is made by the Pastor, from the information at hand, with the counsel of the Finance Committee, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools and with the permission and support of the Bishop.

Q: Does the diocese have a formal process or procedure for school closure?

A: Yes, when the enrollment of a school falls below 100 it is considered educationally and financially critical. Once the projected enrollment for the 2016-17 academic year was known the Pastor spoke to the Superintendent of Schools who informed the Bishop. Once the decision had been made then the process for the closing of a school is now being followed as outlined in the Diocesan School Office Manual of Policies and Procedures for the Closing of a School.

Q: Was it ever a consideration to enable the community to gather resources and perform actions to potentially save the school?

A: Fundraising is a key ingredient in the fiscal wellbeing of any Catholic school. The fundraising efforts of the HSA so far this year have netted \$55, 645 of a \$125,000 goal. The school budget deficit for this year alone is over \$300,000, and no amount of fundraising or appeals to parishioners would have been able to cover that deficit. Next year, with only 69 students enrolled in the school, the deficit would have exponentially increased

Q: Was information about the precarious situation shared with the school parents?

A: Yes. At a meeting with the Pastor and Principal on March 8th, parents in attendance were informed that, "The Finance Committee will meet on April 6th and the school is the major agenda item for that meeting, so your commitment needs to be known as we go into that meeting. We need that commitment so that together we may continue the great good which takes place in our classrooms each day". The parents were also informed at this meeting: "For your comparison and information, the parish subsidized the school \$230,000 in (2013-14) and \$ 170, 000 last year (2014-2015)." This information was also communicated to those parents who did not attend the March 8th meeting in subsequent meetings between the Principal and parents about the school contract.

The following information was shared with the parents on April 20th at the parent meeting: "By April 4th we had contracts for 41 students. After a series of reminder calls, we were given contracts for an additional 11 students. In those calls, we were also informed that 20 students from the current school population would not be returning. This would be in addition to the 20 who would graduate this year. From a student population of 112, K-8, 40 would not be returning. As of today, we have a total of 69 students with contracts for next year."

Q: What will happen with the Endowment Fund?

A: The Endowment Fund was created in order that St. Vincent de Paul School could receive subsidy from the investment income earned each year. The Endowment provides that if and when the parish school closed, the remaining funds from the Endowment will be used for tuition aid for children of St. Vincent de Paul Parish who attend other Catholic grade schools.

Q: What will happen with the school building?

A: The school building is currently used for religious education programs, the Confirmation program, spiritual and various social events. The building will continue to be used for that purpose. Please continue to keep the faculty, students, staff and parents of our school community in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit be a source of comfort and consolation during this time of transition.

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 Sleevens.

Those who are ill:

Larry Hebert, Larry Oster, Michael Knell, Elizabeth Vadon, Tina Passarelli, Saverio Lacopo, Erin Loneragan, Lou Aroneo, Rosa Benitez, Jack and Maria Bickel, Bob Mikulyak, Marilyn Fogarty, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Mary Keller, Richard Scherer, Dorothy Paul, Givi Trauwaert, Ruth Ann Rahe, Daniel Nastarowicz, Jonathan Tantaros, Mary Bigelis, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, Patricia Caruso-Miniccozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran, Carmel Connolly and Eric Binner.

Those who have died to this world

John Wizeman, Ann Porzio, Eugene Fucci,
And Grace Ruggerio

Requiescat in Pace

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Bryn Aileen McGowan

daughter of Brian and Erin

and

Abigail Felicia Cherry

daughter of Steven and Rachel

claimed now by Christ for the
fullness of Eternal Life.

THE YEAR OF MERCY**Speakers Series: Catholic Social Teaching**

Amilee Bishop, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, will be leading a reflection on Catholic Social Teaching in the Church Meeting Room on Monday, May 9th at 7:30pm. All are invited to join us to learn more about this amazing teaching from the Catholic Church: where it comes from, what the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching are, and how we can live out the practices in our lives every day.

“The Holy Year of Mercy:**A Faith-Sharing Guide with Reflections by Pope Francis.”**

Come and join Sr. Elsa for faith sharing on Wednesdays starting May 11 through June 28, at 9:00 following the 8:30 Mass. We will be using the book *“The Holy Year of Mercy: A Faith-Sharing Guide with Reflections by Pope Francis.”* If you would like to acquire the book, the cost is \$10.76. You can order it on Amazon, or we can order it for you. Email Sr. Elsa at srelsa@stvdop.org or call at 908-295-4944

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****First Reading: Acts 7:55-60**

Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit, and described seeing Jesus standing at God's right hand. Then he was dragged away and stoned to death before many witnesses who did not believe his words. Before dying he cried, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John hears a voice saying, "Remember I am coming soon!" This messenger for Jesus says that he will come to reward those who are deserving. Those who hear the call of the Spirit are encouraged to answer by accepting Jesus.

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for all the people who will believe in him through the words of his disciples. His prayer is that the world will live in unity, with Jesus living in us as he lives in God. Although we have not known God, we know Jesus was sent by God because of his love for us. He prays that this love will live on in all people.

**ROSARY ALTAR GUILD**

The Rosary Altar Guild will meet in the Chapel at 7pm on Monday May 2nd to pray the Rosary, Mass will immediately follow. We will honor Mary in the month of May by crowning our Beautiful Mother with a wreath of flowers to show our devotion. All are invited to join us for our prayer meeting followed by fellowship and coffee.

M.O.M.S GROUP MEETING

MOMS group monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd, 7:30PM -9:00PM Church Meeting room. Please join us for a mothers night out! Treat yourself to samples of healthy snacks and juice bar drinks. Jessica Guarnieri, Shop Rite dietician, will be talking with us about healthy eating for busy moms. Hope to see you then. Bring a friend! Contact Danielle at dgrieco7@verizon.net with any questions.

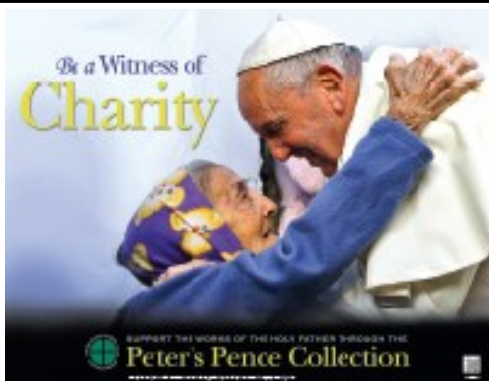
FOOD PANTRY NEWS

We are short of several items: Pancake mix, white Rice, 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, Honey Nut Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Canned Corn, Tuna Fish and Tomato Paste, Diced Tomatoes, and Spaghetti Pasta.

Responding to the needs of the poor is a Corporal Work of Mercy.

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES EVENT

Good Counsel Homes Annual Ball for Life will take place on Friday, May 6, 2016 at The Racquet and Tennis Club in New York. Guest Speaker will be Matt Birk of the Baltimore Ravens. Please call 201-795-0637 to purchase tickets or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org. All proceeds support Good Counsel's mission of love, support, and guidance for mothers and their babies.

NEXT WEEKS COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to

carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

LIFE MINISTRIES

Annual Life Ministries BABY SHOWER is taking place from now to May 8th. Bring your unwrapped baby and Mom items to the Church meeting room. For a list of suggested items, please see the bulletin board or Kiosk or the Parish website. Your generous donation will benefit homeless, unwed pregnant women of Good Counsel Home and Birth Haven Homes. If you have any questions, please contact



Stacey Beer 908-755-8901 or sab@vfproperties.com. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generous support.

New items only please.

Surprise Mom for Mother's Day and give a Shower Gift in her honor!

GOODCOUNSELHOMES.ORG or BIRTHHAVEN.ORG to learn more.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT IN PARISH CEMETERY

Boy Scout and parishioner, Sean Theoclitus, is building a wall that will curve around the back of the cross in the parish's cemetery. Which will provide a nice space for prayer and reflection. On the wall there will be names of people's loved ones, (deceased or living,) engraved onto individual name plates, to be put on the wall. If you are interested in having your loved one's name put on the wall please visit www.troop59.com/seaneagleproject. The project is limited to 100 names. The wall will stand for many generations to come. You may also contact the parish office for more information if you do not have access to a computer.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

On Friday, May 13th Mass will be offered at 7 PM followed by our annual candlelight procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

An Act of Consecration to the Blessed Mother will take place at the conclusion of the procession.

Please call Sr. Elsa for more information at 908-295-4944.

Next TNL
Tues, May 3rd, 7:30-9pm
JPII ROOM

BOLD
youth ministry by **fiar** Ventures

Appalachia Mission Trip

Register now!

The trip is open to all current high schoolers and older.

boldym.com/appalachia

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 5/3: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII
- 5/15: Six Flags Trip
- 5/17: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII
- 6/4: End of Year Pool Party

NJ Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags

DATE: Sunday, May 15th

TIME: 9am-9pm

DEADLINE: MAY 6!

All Catholic Youth across New Jersey are invited to Six Flags! Join us for a great day with a full buffet lunch and Mass in the arena; and of course, lots of time to enjoy the rides!

Flyer and permission form can be found online:

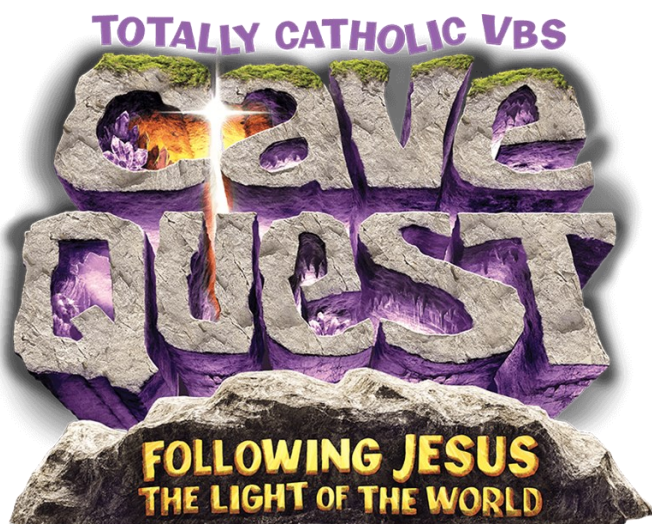
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For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events

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FAITH FORMATION / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When: MONDAY, JUNE 27 to Thursday, June 30
Time: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Join us for crafts, MUSIC, GAMES AND
 LOTS OF FUN
 as we learn to follow Jesus!**

Who: Children entering Kindergarten thru Grade 6



Registrations are available at:
www.stvincentschurch.org
 email: dnemeth@stvd.org (Deirdre Nemeth)
 parish office 908-647-0118 Maria DeLuca or Deirdre Nemeth

Volunteers are also needed!! Please call or email us.
 Registration: \$25 per child or \$75 per family

MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET



THE PERFECT GIFT FOR MOM

Soon it will be Mother's Day. Choosing that perfect gift to show appreciation is essential. We have the best and most perfect gift for you to honor your Mom. On the weekend of May 8th, the Masses will be offered for the intentions of Mother's living and deceased. If you would like your mother enrolled contact the parish office or fill out the form below and send it in. For mother's who have gone before us in faith their names may be included with the intentions (*the list will be placed on the Altar*) and for mother's who are here with us a card will be provided for you to give to your mom for Mother's Day informing them that their intentions are being offered at all Masses that weekend. The suggested offering is \$10, however, it is an offering not a fee and cards will be given even if the offering is not a possibility. We do have a limited number of beautiful cards for your use and your Mom will be delighted that you have included her in the most perfect gift of all. For more information or if you have questions please contact Tonianne at the parish office.

Mass Offering For: _____

In **Memory** of or **Honor** of, please circle.

Gifted by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please have all requests in by Tuesday May 3rd.