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rooted in the Eucharist
and committed to the poor.

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Advent
Israel coming Lord
righteous LORD days safety
David house time Branch
land promise come Yerushalayim
fulfill gracious Behold name Judah
cause righteousness teousness live Righteousness
justice saved dwell

Sunday Mass Schedule

(*Vigil Mass*)
Saturday —5:00PM

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

Confession: Saturday at 4PM
or other days by appointment.

Weekday Mass Schedule

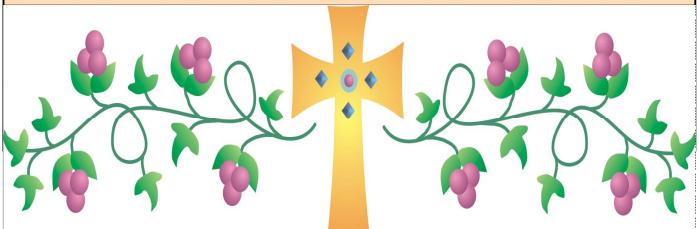
8:30AM Monday -Saturday

"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 November 19th and 20th will be reported next week due to bulletin publishing deadlines.

**Daily Mass Readings****Monday**

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Tens of thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to sharing their faith. Generations of Catholics recall with gratitude their work in Catholic schools, hospitals and social service agencies. Yet years of ministering for little or no pay came at a price and now their religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and elder care.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious will help provide medications, nursing care and other necessities. The second collection next weekend will be for this very important cause. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY
8:30AM**

November 28thWalter MacDuff
Carmel Connolly
Dorothy Huang

**TUESDAY
8:30 AM**

November 29thFrank Kelly
Anthony Cimei
Anna Theresa Petti

WEDNESDAY November 30th

Saint Andrew, Apostle

8:30 AM Msgr. Patrick Brown (*Living*)
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Antoinette D'Alessio Procaccio

**THURSDAY
8:30 AM**

December 1stIrene McGrath (*Living*)
Andy Quaely
Christine Dos Santos

**FRIDAY
8:30 AM**

December 2ndMarilynn Fogarty
Magdalene Thomas
Peggyann Tuma

SATURDAY

December 3rd**Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

8:30 AM Deacon Bill Wagner
Stephen Dragon
Frederick Lee

Second Sunday of Advent

**5:00 PM
(Saturday)**

Adele Mills-WinklerJohn J. Burke
Jerry and Jeanne Hachey

**SUNDAY
8:30 AM**

December 4thPeople of the Parish
Edward Turner
Deceased Members of the
Buziak and McMonagle Families

10:30 AM

John McMonagleTeresa Salerno Giordano
Allegra, Ricci and Ring Families

6:00 PM

David "Duke" DorsiThomas Roth
Joan G. Smith

A VARIETY OF ADVENT EVENTS—SPIRITUAL AND UPLIFTING

We begin the beautiful Season of Advent today. It can however be a Season that is overlooked as we get caught up in all the preparations for Christmas Day. Perhaps each year we vow not to allow so much time and energy to get lost in the approach to Christmas and to make a spiritual effort to make this Season more focused on our spiritual lives and relationship with Christ.

I hope that you plan to attend our **Parish Advent Mission** which will begin on December 4th. We will warmly welcome Father Ronan Murphy who will be preaching at all Masses next weekend and who will present a talk after the 8:30AM Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, which will be repeated each evening after 7PM Mass, which will be offered during the evenings of the Mission. Father Murphy hails from Dublin, Ireland and is a priest of the Camden Diocese here in New Jersey. He was ordained on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 2000. Father has served as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Parish, Gloucester City and St. Peter's in Merchantville. He also served at All Saints, Perth City in Australia for two years and has given missions and conferences in many countries.

On Saturday, December 10th at 7:30PM we will have a **Christmas Concert** by the amazing Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, under the direction of Fr. Alphonse Stephenson. Tickets are \$30 each and are available at the office during the week and will be available at the church on the night of the concert. If the concerts of the past two years are anything to go by it will be a memorable evening in support of a most worthy cause. Fifty percent of this year's money raised, after all expenses have been paid, will assist the Missionary Groups of the Home of the Mother as they seek to rebuild their orphanage, school, convent and church destroyed in the earthquake in Ecuador on May 16th of this year. Our concert here will bring great joy to those who attend, while we will be able to assist the Sisters and Missionaries rebuild and continue their care for our brothers and sisters whose lives are impoverished. The other fifty percent will remain here so that we may continue our outreach and assistance to those in our local area who come to us in time of need.

Our **Giving Tree** stands in the narthex of the Church. You are invited to select an Advent Angel from the tree, purchase the requested gift and return it to the church meeting room no later than December 12. Please attach the Angel securely to the unwrapped gift. There will also be a box available to collect gift certificates. The gifts collected from the tree will be distributed to Catholic Charities, Paterson, St. Agnes Church, Paterson, St. Mary Church, Plainfield, Family Promise, Morristown and Bridges Outreach. Our ability to enjoy these Advent days while tending to our spiritual lives and keeping the needs of others in mind will make this Season so much richer.

Perhaps during the Season of Advent you can come to daily Mass, pray the Rosary, go to Confession, carry out an additional act of mercy each day thereby preparing your heart for Jesus to make His home in us, which is part of the journey to Christmas each year.

The season of Advent restores ... a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! Let us think about and feel this beauty. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by [Mary this Advent], she who is mother, a mamma and knows how to guide us. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her during this season of active waiting and watchfulness (Pope Francis).

Peace,
Fr. Richard

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Nick Ragazzo, Stephen J. Campbell, Sean Milde, Frank Fasano, Marcia Fernandes, Richard Lister, Eric Leverone, Jay Donato, Frank Messina, Eileen Murphy, Peter Giovanni, John E. Siedler IV, and Alex Stevens.

Those who are ill:

Aileen Oster, Nanci Gamba, Elizabeth Early, Mark Lonergan, Serenity Rose Apuzzo, Dominic Carton, Carol Sedita, George Thoms, Richard Sherer, Maple Young, Kevin Shea, Helen Munro, Larry Hebert, Larry Oster, Lou Aroneo, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Jack and Maria Bickel, Mary Keller, Dorothy Paul, Givi Trauwaert, Ruth Ann Rahe, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, Patricia Caruso-Minicozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran 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

ADVENT MISSION

Our **Parish Advent Mission** will begin on Sunday December 4 and conclude on Wednesday, December 7. The theme of the Mission will be **Advent Season, Mercy the Reason**. The Advent Mission will be led by Fr. Ronan Murphy. Read Fr. Richard's article for details.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Our Faith Formation students will be presenting their annual Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 4 at 1:30pm** in the Church. The students

are very excited! All parishioners and friends are invited.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children of the parish in grades 3 and up are invited to join the Children's Choir. The choir will sing at the 8:30 am Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Practices are Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 6:45pm. For further details contact Jenny Goodbody at jennynsteveg@msn.com.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9 Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

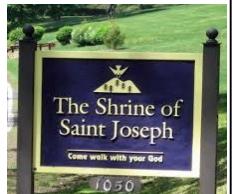
BOOK CLUB SERIES WITH SR. ELSA



Mondays from 9:15am to 10:45am join Sr. Elsa's **Book Club** series in the Pastoral Center Library. Come and participate with Sr. Elsa as she leads the discussion from **Praying with Women of the Bible** featuring women from the Old and New Testament. Every Monday a different woman from the Bible will be discussed utilizing scripture, prayer and raising questions from our own lives. For more information feel free to call or email Sr. Elsa at 908-295-4944 or srelsa@stvdp.org.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY DISPLAY

The Shrine of St. Joseph invites us to a wonderful Christmas event on **Saturday, December 10** from **10am to 5pm** in their auditorium. This amazing "**Christmas Nativity Spectacular**" will include an exhibition of Christmas Nativity and Angel collections from all over the world. There will also be live musicians and delicious Christmas cookies, pies and jams baked by the Sister Servants of Jesus and other Shrine bakers. Hot cocoa and other beverages will be provided. In addition there will be a Live Nativity procession at 3pm across the Shrine grounds accompanied by Christmas Carols. The Shrine Gift Shop will be open to provide an opportunity to find that perfect Christmas gift! All proceeds from the day will benefit the Shrine of St. Joseph. Visit their website www.stshrine.org for more information



Serving the community of faith is the responsibility of all by virtue of our baptism and the teaching of Jesus to serve. Prayerfully consider serving your community with the gifts and talents God has given you as:

Lector—proclaiming the sacred texts at Mass.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion—distributing the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus at Mass.

Usher—assisting with the collection and other needs at Mass.

Greeter/Hospitality—greeting and assisting those who come to Mass, especially visitors to our community.

Music (Choir/Instrumentalist)-assist in raising hearts and minds as we glorify God in prayer.

For more information about these ministries see our parish website to be connected with the person responsible for training ministers or you may call the parish office 908-647-0118 for this and more information also.

SIMBANG GABI

Parishioners are invited to join our Diocesan and parish sponsored Simbang Gabi, a Filipino tradition of a nine day novena of Masses during Advent. Please come on **Monday, December 19 for Mass at 7pm** celebrated by Fr. Richard. The novena is coordinated by the Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries of the Paterson Diocese. Refreshments to follow. For more information contact Emma Militante at 908-604-0075/mommilitante@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT'S ADULT CHOIR



Help our Music Ministry grow! Right now is the best time to join the choir for a long or short term commitment. We are looking for singers and musicians to fill our ranks for Advent and Christmas. Come join in the holiday spirit and sing some of your favorite Christmas and Advent songs with the choir! It is a wonderful way to give of your time and talent to God's people. Please contact Elena for more details at 907-953-0128 or elenatbird@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

We are happy to continue with what has been a parish tradition for almost 20 years, our Christmas Cookie Project to benefit the homebound in our parish. Bakers are needed to drop off their cookies to the church narthex on Monday, December 12. All types of homemade cookies are appreciated. Please contact Ellie Alber at 908-204-8988/elliealber@gmail.com or Ann Ryan at 908-580-9740/alr222@me.com if you can contribute. Thank you for furthering the mission of St. Vincent de Paul Parish.



GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

Join Fr. Richard for a deeper insight into the Scriptures for Sunday Mass and a better understanding of the Mass itself. Let the Readings come alive for you by gaining an understanding of their context and the culture within which they were written. Discussions are Thursdays at 2pm to 3:30 pm and 7:30pm to 9pm in the Pastoral Center Library.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

If you would like to participate in our Christmas Flower offering, please use the envelope that was provided in your monthly packet or use the form below and return to the parish office. If you have any questions please contact Vera at the Parish House 908-647-0118/vcastagna@stvdp.org.

Offerings are due no later than December 16

In Memory of: _____

Gifted by: _____

Address: _____

Amount: _____



BOLD MIDDLE

The **Elves** are on **Strike!**



It's up to us to pick up their slack and make goody bags for children in need!

Who: 6, 7, & 8 graders
When: Dec. 2, 7 - 8:30pm
Where: JPII Room

Sign up: boldym.com/svdp/signup to bring Christmas goodies for the children at the Early Learning Center in Phillipsburg, NJ.

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

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BOLD

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Don't miss the next TNL!

Who: All high schoolers
When: Dec. 6, 7:30 - 9pm
Where: JPII Room

Last weekend, 25 teens and young adults from St. Vincent's joined over 100 teens from other BOLD parishes for our annual Fall Retreat. It was a weekend full of fun, friendship, music, and love for the Lord! Our theme was Faces of Change, and we all recognize the need to be the change in our world.

Hope you can join us next year!

Do-Not-Miss Events!

- 12/6: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII
- 12/20: TNL Christmas Party!
- 2/10-12: BOLD Ski Trip
- 7/30-8/5: Appalachia Trip

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RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Tickets are still available for the **Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular**

\$100 per person which includes dinner at St. Vincent's, transportation and a visit to Rockefeller Center prior to the 8pm show. Visit our website or call the parish office to purchase tickets.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Parishioners and friends are invited to come and enjoy the fun and festivities at our annual **Breakfast with Santa** next **Saturday, December 3 at 10am in the Parish Pastoral Center**. If you wish to purchase tickets and/or volunteer your time to help out please visit our website at www.stvincentschurch.org or contact Teri at tkess@stvdp.org.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: coffee, hot chocolate, canned corn, peas, carrots, beets, mixed vegetables, black beans (dry or canned), pinto beans, navy beans, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, chicken and rice soup, peanut butter and especially rice. Thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need. Items can be dropped off at the church narthex.

Coat and Blanket Drive

Girl Scout Troop #870 is collecting gently used or new coats and blankets for the homeless for an upcoming **Bridges Run**.

Donations will be collected in the narthex until November 30. Thank you from the girl scouts!