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rooted in the Eucharist
and committed to the poor.

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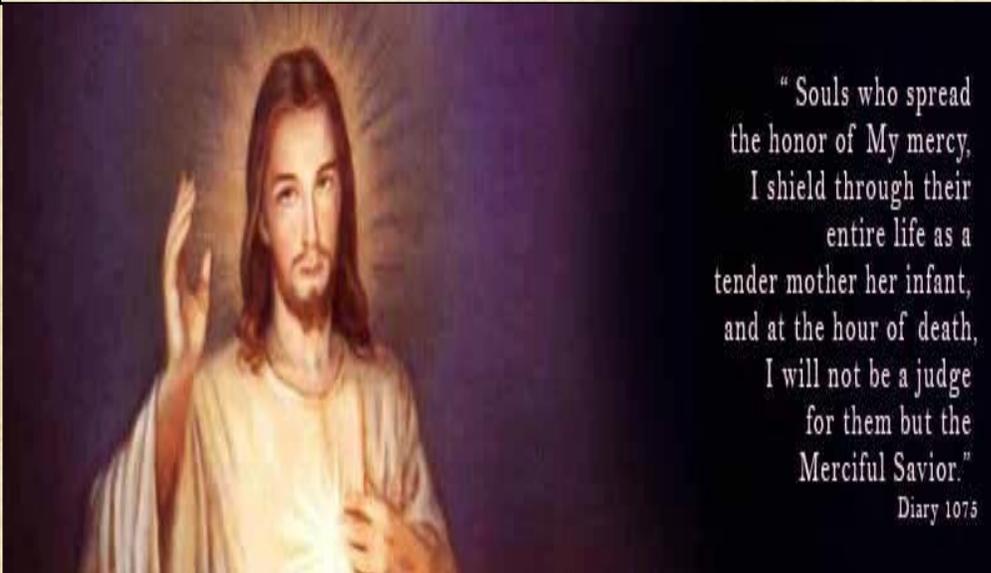
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“Souls who spread
the honor of My mercy,
I shield through their
entire life as a
tender mother her infant,
and at the hour of death,
I will not be a judge
for them but the
Merciful Savior.”
Diary 1075

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS
from 2—3:15 PM (*today*)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— 2 PM
Chaplet of Divine Mercy—3 PM followed by Benediction

Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be
granted **complete** forgiveness of sins and punishment.
As revealed to St. Faustina by Jesus

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 **Easter Sunday** collection will be reported next week.

The **Good Friday** collection for the **Holy Land \$3,346**

Please place **Rice Bowls** in the collection basket in the church vestibule. The **Rice Bowl envelopes** may be placed in the collection at Mass. Thank you for your generosity to the poor.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21



OUR NEW PROCESSIONAL CROSS

You may have noticed that we have a new Processional Cross. The one we had was literally falling apart and efforts to keep it intact were limited. It was also heavy and some of our younger servers found it a daunting challenge to carry. On several occasions the metal corpus fell off. Thank God no server was hurt as it did happen while the cross was being carried in procession. One of our beloved parishioners, Lena Dorsi, went home to the Lord not too long after her husband Duke. Lena and Duke were so dedicated to our parish over many, many years in a variety of ways. When Duke passed, Lena and Lisa his daughter honored Duke by purchasing an Altar Cloth. When Lena passed, Lisa knowing of the need for a new Processional Cross offered to dedicate one to the memory of her Mom. The Processional Cross we have now is therefore dedicated to the memory of Lena Dorsi who served Jesus so beautifully and who we pray now shares in His glory forever. It is a beautiful cross and we are most grateful to Lisa. Please keep Duke, Lena and Lisa in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

- MONDAY** *April 24th*
Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
 8:30AM Maureen Palamaro
 Givi Trauwaert
 Deceased members of the Ochrymowych Family
- TUESDAY** *April 25th*
Saint Mark, Evangelist
 8:30AM Colleen Del Re Eppel (*Living*)
 Vincent Corsentino
 Linda Finnegan
- WEDNESDAY** *April 26th*
 8:30AM John Doolin
 Betty Lou Hromoko
 Esther Michalowicz
 Nicola and Pasqualina Guarneri
- THURSDAY** *April 27th*
 8:30AM Dominic Carton
 Anthony Delia
 Stephen Delia, Jr.
- FRIDAY** *April 28th*
Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
 8:30AM Faculty and Students of
 Villa Walsh Academy (*Living*)
 Alice Capria, Anna Silva, Carmel Connolly
- SATURDAY** *April 29th*
Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 8:30 AM Walter Smolinsky
 Mark Lonergan
 Deceased members of the Senyk Family
- Third Sunday of Easter**
 5:00PM (Vigil) Colin Reilly
 Mickey Stack
 Deceased members of the Norton Family
- SUNDAY** *April 30th*
 8:30AM People of the Parish
 Edward DeFabio
 Valerie Maffucci
- 10:30AM Richard C. Garno
 Carmel Connolly
 Lena and Duke Dorsi
- 6:00PM Dominic Carton
 Oliver Howarth
 Linda Finnegan

HAPPY EASTER AND THANK YOU.

Dear brothers and sisters, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. This prayer, from the Roman Missal, led each Christian at Mass for Easter to the renewal of our baptismal promises. The season of Lent prepared us for that renewal so that we could recommit our lives to Jesus Christ.

The days of our Lenten journey were filled with graced moments and the number of parishioners who came to daily Mass during Lent was so encouraging. It was a blessing to be able to offer Mass twice daily during the weekdays of Lent. Additionally, many made good use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday evenings during Lent and the Stations of the Cross which were prayed each Friday during Lent. Thank you to all who participated.

Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum were also very graced experiences. It was such a joy and a gift to have so many come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Tuesday of Holy Week. Four priests heard confessions from 7:30 until 10:15 PM that evening. It was wonderful to see people lined up throughout the church and into the vestibule as they waited to experience this moment of deep mercy and love. Thank God. On Wednesday evening over 100 participated in the Seder Supper. The Hardy Family were the 'family' who led the prayers of the supper and were most enthusiastic in their role. Specific thanks to the Knights of Columbus and their lovely wives who cooked and served the meal. Also, thank you to Sr. Elsa and her team of helpers for heading the entire program and for providing such a wonderful experience. It was a rich lesson in connecting the Seder with the Last Supper.

The celebrations of Holy Thursday and Good Friday were rich in their celebration. As you might imagine, so much planning, time and preparation go into each Mass and Liturgy celebrated here. For weeks the musicians prepared for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Sincere thanks to Elena Bird, the Director of Sacred Music; Vincent Clarke, organist (accompanist); the members of the choir who, with Elena and Vincent, led our sung prayer on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday (and most Sundays throughout the year); Theresa Guido and the musicians/vocalists of the 6 PM Mass who led our worship in song on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. It was clear that much preparation went into the exercise of their ministry. God is praised and we are most thankful to each of them.

Like a back stage crew, the Art and Environment Committee work behind the scenes to make much happen. Preparing the sanctuary for Palm Sunday the committee then switches it all over to prepare for Holy Thursday. In addition to the sanctuary, the committee decorates and prepares the chapel as the Altar of Repose for adoration on Holy Thursday. Then it is back again on Holy Saturday morning to transform our worship space to Easter beauty. While there is always so much activity when the community is gathered in prayer there is also a hive of activity in those *'in between'* times when the Art and Environment committee are working hard to create that which is beautiful to the glory of God. Thank you to each of them who worked so hard to make our worship space beautiful.

Our liturgical ministers faithfully serve day after day, week after week. Thank you to our ushers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, Stephen Delia, our seminarian, who was such a help during the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter, Sr. Krystyna our sacristan and our parish staff who always take on the "extras" that are needed at special times of the year. We are so blessed with disciples who love and serve the Lord so wonderfully. May this glorious Easter season be a time of great grace for all of you and may the risen Lord empower each disciple to know the love of the Father who we seek to glorify in all we do and say.

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Come, join in prayers at 3PM on Sunday for the Mercy which Christ has promised to show all who come to Him in faith and trust. Jesus, I trust You.

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 Slevens.

Those who are ill:

Anthony Gagliostro, Patrick Bergin, Joseph Rota, Joan Miller, Nelson Vitorino, Stephanie Toth, Lynne Coombs, Erin and Abby Delaney, Ron Panigrosso, Lucy Bustillos, Paula Matchen, May Hill, Caitlin and Kevin Shea, Bill Wallisch, Helen Marie Kravitz, Linda Russell, Larry and Aileen Oster, Nanci Gamba, Elizabeth Early, Serenity Rose Apuzzo, George Thoms, Richard Sherer, Maple Young, Helen Munro, Lou Aroneo, Mary Keller, George Armenti III, Anne Galdieri, Patricia Caruso-Minicozzi, 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



Reborn through the waters of Baptism and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we embrace:

Charlie Michael Cherami

son of Nicholas and Christine

claimed now for the fullness of eternal life.



The votive candle before the statue of the Blessed Mother is in memory of

Virginia Mannarino

The votive candle before the statue of St. Joseph is offered for

John Cannon



The Knights of Columbus Palm Sunday/Easter Food Drive in support of St. Agnes Parish, Paterson was a great success. A record of over 100 turkeys and hams were donated by the members of our community. Other food items donated filled our trailer to capacity. Without your generosity none of this would be possible.

The Knights and the parishioners of St. Agnes thank all who donated and helped in sharing the spirit of this Easter season.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

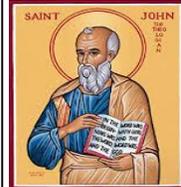
After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ "took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them." Then they recognized Christ and their "hearts burned within them."



Join Fr. Richard for a deeper insight into the **Scriptures for Sunday Mass.**

Discussions are on-going every Thursday at 2pm to 3:30 pm and repeated at 7:30pm to 9pm in the Pastoral Center Library.

We will resume on Thursday, April 27th.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you are a Catholic adult who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, which completes your initiation into the Church, please contact Fr. Richard for information on how to receive the Sacrament.

Confirmation establishes us more deeply in our relationship with God as his children, unites us more closely to Jesus Christ, pours out the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit into our soul, strengthens our bond with the Catholic Church and gives us the power we need to be true witnesses of Christ through living, sharing and defending our faith.



The **Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring their **Blood Drive** on **Monday, April 24th** from **3:30pm to 8:30pm** in the gym.

Donor registration will take place in the vestibule of the church after Masses this weekend. Please consider being a blood donor. For further information please contact Ken Schaefer at 732-356-6148.

2017 Calendar Raffle

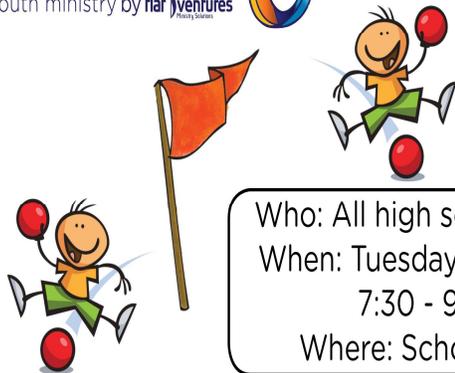
The winner of our eighth drawing was **Beth Shahade**.

The winner of our ninth and final drawing was **Linda Olmsted**

Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you to all who participated in our Calendar Raffle to make it a success!

BOLD youth ministry by **fiat** Ventures **Don't miss the Game Night TNL!**



Who: All high school teens
When: Tuesday, April 25th
7:30 - 9pm
Where: School Gym

Please pray for us

This Saturday is a retreat day for the 10th graders preparing for Confirmation. Please pray that we have a fun and spiritually uplifting day as we take time to reflect on our faith. Please continue to pray for the Confirmandi as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on May 10th.



For more info, please contact: Amilee Beer • (908) 295-8104
StVincent@boldym.com • www.boldym.com/svdp

FAMILY SUPPORT SESSIONS

Monthly support sessions are offered at **Trinity House, Stirling** for family and friends of those effected by addiction. These meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be **April 26th**. The evening features discussions, speakers, spiritual consolation and light refreshments. If you or someone you know is suffering and would benefit from an evening of sharing and community support please consider attending one or more of these sessions.

KARAOKE-Sing-Along Night
Friday, April 28th 7:30pm
Pastoral Center Gym



Advance tickets are \$25 per person (\$30 at the door) and include beer, wine, soft drinks and dinner. Purchase tickets on-line at www.stvincentschurch.org
For additional information or to reserve a full table, call or text Kevin Dempsey at 917-940-7899 or email KofC6575@gmail.com

VOCATION DISCERNMENT
QUO VADIS DAYS

Young men ages 15 to 25 are invited to participate in a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and discussion to help them explore the Lord's call in their life with priests and seminarians of the Paterson Diocese.

"Quo Vadis—Where are you going?" is a time for vocations discernment. It is a time to share your faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held **June 27th thru 29th** at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center, Newton, NJ. There is no cost.

For more information and/or registration contact the coordinators, Fr. Edgar Rivera and Fr. Luis Hernandez in the Vocations Office at 973-777-8818 ext. 711 or by email to fredgar@patersondiocese.org

Just Us Kids Learning Center Pre K thru First Grade Summer School Program

A summer school program is being offered for children ages toddler through first grade. The Learning Center, to be held in the Pastoral Center, is directed by Maryann Pratola, a former St. Vincent de Paul School Early Childhood teacher and administrator. The Center is an excellent way to prepare and bridge the academic gap that summer often creates. The program begins Monday, June 26th and ends on Friday, August 18th. The hours being offered are 7am till 6pm and are flexible depending on individual needs. For information contact Maryann Pratola at 908-834-8205

A Special Thank You to All

Thank you to each of the women who volunteered to help set up for the Seder Meal. A heartfelt thank you also to the Knights of Columbus and their wives who prepared a delicious supper for all those who shared in this prayerful experience on the eve of Holy Thursday.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child

invites you to attend a special Open House event for girls currently in grades 4 and 5 and their parents on **Monday, April 24th.**

Tours and classes begin at **8:45am.**

For questions email Mrs. Pat Barry at patricia.barry@oakknoll.org or visit www.oakknoll.org/callingallgirls to register.

Academy of St. Elizabeth

will host an Open House for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their families **Sunday, May 7th at 1pm.**

Registration is not necessary.

The Academy also invites any 7th and 8th grade girls to spend the day at the Academy Thursday, May 11th from 8am to 12:30pm. For more information call 973-290-5225 or 973-290-5200 or visit online at aosenj.org

Morris Catholic High School

invites you to its Spring Open House on

Sunday, May 7th from 2pm to 4pm.

Tours will be given and questions will be answered. To register, please visit www.morriscatholic.org or email Mrs. Faith Sanson at fsanson@morriscatholic.org. This event is open to students of all ages, not just potential Freshman and transfers.