



**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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Forgive others
as quickly as
you expect
God to forgive you.

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 weekend of September 9th and 10th**

Total amount in envelopes: \$8,728

Loose: \$2,891

Online Parish Pay: \$3,729**Total Offered : \$15,348****Daily Mass Readings****Monday**

1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

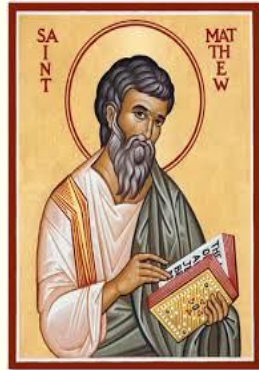
1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

ThursdayEph 4:1-7, 11-13;
Mt 9:9-13**Friday**

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

**MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Come to experience God's love and the gift of healing. All parishioners, especially those who are ill and the elderly, are invited to a **Mass of Healing and receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** on **Saturday, September 23rd at 10am** followed by Brunch prepared by the Knights of Columbus.

RSVP to the parish office 908-647-0118**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
IN GIVING, WE RECEIVE**

For your convenience, you are able to make an on-line gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal by going to www.2017appeal.org and following the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed.

Please participate in the 2017 Appeal.

Every gift counts!

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY
8:30AM****September 18th**Josephine Forte
Kathleen Candela
George Andrews**TUESDAY****September 19th****Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr****8:30AM**David D'Addio
Victor Guidetti III
Margarida Ho**WEDNESDAY****September 20th****Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest
Saint Paul Chong Ha-sang and
Companions, Martyrs****8:30AM**Agnes Schlegel (Living)
Ginger Sweetman
Clara Kolarsiek**THURSDAY****September 21st****Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist****8:30AM**Special Intention (Living)
Kieran O'Doherty, Jack Costanzo, James Hurley, Sr.**FRIDAY****September 22nd****8:30AM**Walter MacDuff
Anne Gallagher, Helen Stolz**SATURDAY****September 23rd****Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest****8:30AM**Emil, David, Ralph
and Joseph Maffucci
Fr. Carmine Fazio**10:00AM****Mass of Healing****with Anointing of the Sick followed by Brunch****Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time****5:00PM (Vigil)**John DeLuca
Eleanor Doris O'Connell
Msgr. Patrick Brown**SUNDAY****8:30AM****September 24th**Willard Dolman
Beverly Guldner
Deceased members of the Parish**10:30AM**Lena and Duke Dorsi
Jack Costanzo, Raymond Brandes**6:00PM**Noel Williams
Edward Cook, Linda Finnegan**LECTORS NEEDED**

The Ministry of Lector is exercised by one who has a love for the Scripture, feels confident in proclaiming the sacred texts at Mass and desires to use their baptismal gifts in service to the Lord and this community. If you are interested in participating in this beautiful ministry please contact the parish office so that training can be arranged to familiarize you with this ministry.

The Triumph of the Love

In the middle of September (14th) we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The Feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. However, the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. Christ transformed this instrument of human torture by his love through the passion and death he endured for all of humanity and so it (*the cross*) has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love. We benefit from this reminder when faced with the trials and tragedies of this world. Christians who live under the cross of Jesus Christ know that in the midst of human suffering, which comes in so many ways, we are charged to transform the circumstances of the trials which are endured by ourselves and others into love, compassion, and mercy. We do this in so many ways as we respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers. First, we are a people of prayer. When we say that we are praying for others we are like the friends of the paralytic man of the Gospel who carry their friend to Jesus. We carry others in prayer to the Lord especially when they may not be in a place to pray for themselves. We have the gift of being able to talk to God every day and at any moment of the day. Our God is always attentive to us, loves to hear us and responds when our prayer is united with His holy will. This is a gift and it is such a joy when we know that our prayer is a means of comfort and strength for others. Second, we are a people of action—I call it putting flesh on our prayer. I may pray that the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Irma find assistance, I may pray that our sisters and brothers who are impoverished may find food and shelter. When I act to assist this makes a tremendous difference.

When we pray, and when we act, we do not do so in isolation. We do it as members of the Body of Christ in union with every member of that sacred body who takes seriously the responsibility to be Christ present for others. The second collection today is not simply a means of providing financial assistance to those in the path of hurricanes it is also a reminder to us that we stand by others in their time of need because this is what Christian discipleship entails. It also comes with the hope that if we were the ones in need that our sisters and brothers in the Body of Christ would come to our aid. In all of this the shadow of the cross looms in the reality that we face trial, destruction and death. However, and more importantly, the shadow of the cross shines as a reminder of the great victory which Christ has won. When we pray and act, when we live our faith as Christ commands, then in the face of trial, destruction and death the bright light of victory shines in and for us. Each of us has a part to play in the bright light of victory because we were given the Spirit of Christ Jesus in Baptism.

Pope Francis reminds us, "As disciples of the Crucified one, we are called to be "trees of life" that absorb the contamination of indifference and restore the pure air of love to the world." Responding to the needs of others we restore that pure air of love. If we focus only on self, that can lead to self absorption and a cruel indifference to the plight of others. I am often reminded of the quote of George Washington Carver, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these" and the words of St. John of the Cross, "At the evening of our life, we shall be judged on our love". May the Lord who calls us his friends cause our hearts to expand in loving prayer and action especially for those who suffer greatly and who find the journey of life a most difficult trial. May we each take seriously our vocation in Christ to be his presence in word and action that, in and through us, others may witness the Triumph of the Cross, the Triumph of love. Be assured of my prayers for you and yours, especially at Mass, the joy and privilege of my life.

Peace,

Fr. Richard

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**Those who serve in the military:**

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

Those who are ill:

John Daglian, Parker Watson, Michael Principe, Annette McGrory, Mary Bigelis, Marian Zoll, Lou Aroneo, Patrick Bergin, Joseph Rota, Nelson Vitorino, Lynne Coombs, Lucy Bustillos, Paula Matchen, May Hill, Caitlin Shea, Bill Wallisch, Larry and Aileen Oster, Nanci Gamba, Elizabeth Early, Serenity Rose Apuzzo, Helen Munro, Mary Keller, and Eric Binner.

Those who have died to this world

Gina Mack and Patricia Guidetti

Requiescat in Pace

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



The Votive candles before the statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph are in memory of
Patricia "Pat" Moran



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

Aurora Maria Merrill

daughter of Michael and Lauren

claimed now for the fullness of eternal life.

LIFE MINISTRIES

40 Days for Life begins September 27th and ends on November 5th. Prayer vigils will be outside Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown. Your prayer and sacrifice matter in the fight for LIFE.

Further information can be found at www.40daysforlife.com/Morristown

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process through which adults may become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. The RCIA is immersed in revealing the treasures of our faith to those who seek and yearn for a deeper life in Jesus. If you or someone you know is not baptized or is baptized in another Christian tradition and is being called to enter the Roman Catholic Church, the RCIA process is for you. If you are a baptized Catholic adult but have not received Confirmation this is also for you. For more information please contact Fr. Richard.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9**

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes "to be freed from this life and to be with Christ," but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day's wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, "I am free to do as I please, am I not?"

Jesus reminds us through this parable that "the last shall be first and the first shall be last."

**Our first Bridges Run to New York City is Friday, September 22nd.**

The link to donate needed food and supplies is www.perfectpotluck.com

Coordinator: Bridges

Password: 2323

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you in advance for your generosity to the homeless.

**Our annual St. Vincent de Paul Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

will be held on **Saturday, September 30th after the 5pm Mass** in the Pastoral Center. Come and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship in appreciation of the many who use their gifts and talents in service to

this faith community. Please rsvp to Sr. Elsa 908-647-0118 srelsa@stvd.org by Friday, September 22nd. See flyer for further details.

SILVER AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples who were married in 1967 and 1992 are warmly invited to celebrate their **25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary** with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main

celebrant at Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson on **Sunday, November 5th at 4:00pm**. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office at 908-647-0118.

Registrations will be accepted through Tuesday, October 17th. Information from the Office of Family Life will be sent to you once your registration is processed.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION STUDIES

St. Vincent de Paul Pastoral Center Library

All interested persons are invited to participate in our Adult Faith Formation Studies being offered here.

Fr. Richard has resumed the **"Getting Ready For Sunday"** Sessions. This is an opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the Scriptures, a clearer understanding of the culture and context within which they were written, and a better understanding of the Mass itself. Discussions will be held on Thursday afternoons at 1pm to 2:30pm and repeated on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

On Wednesday evenings beginning October 18th through November 15th from 7pm to 8:30pm join us for **The Bible and the Sacraments: Journey Through Scripture**. Renowned theologian and author Scott Hahn has produced a recently released Scripture Study that is unlike any other. Come to learn about the **life-changing power of the seven Sacraments**, their meaning and origin as illuminated in Scripture. The format includes a DVD presentation and guided group discussions which Fr. Richard will lead. Light refreshments will be available. **Registration information** is available on the parish website.

Sr. Elsa will resume her **Scriptural Book Club** and will meet each Monday beginning October 2nd from 9:15am to 10:45am in the Pastoral Center Library. The focus will be on *Twelve Little Ways to Transform Your Heart* by Susan Muto. This book explores the twelve facets of St. Therese of Lisieux's simple spiritual path as a way to personal holiness and the secret to being a powerful witness to Christ in the world today.

Join Sr. Krystyna on Wednesdays beginning October 22nd through November 15th and January 10th through January 31st at 9:15am to 10:45am for **A Quick Journey Through the Bible**. This is an excellent introduction and overview of the fascinating events of the Bible from Adam and Eve to Jesus. **Registration information** available on the parish website.

PARISH PLAYGROUP



Mark your calendars!
Our Parish Playgroup will meet on **Wednesday, September 27th** from **9:15am to 10:30am** and the following **2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month**. We will meet in Room 5 in the Faith Formation Center.

All Moms and young children are welcome!
We will need help setting up our new room.
Email Josephine Costanzo for questions and information at j_gro4@hotmail.com.

KNIGHTS CYO BASKETBALL



Tryouts for CYO Basketball will be held on the following dates: for 5th/6th grade boys-Sept. 18th and 20th from 6:00pm to 7:25pm; for 7th/8th grade boys-Sept. 18th and 20th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm; for 5th/6th grade girls-Sept. 19th and 21st from 6:00pm to 7:25pm and for 7th/8th grade girls-Sept. 19th and 21st from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. The initial commitment will be for Fall and Winter. The league games will mostly take place on Sunday with occasional games on other days. If interested contact Mike Wizeman at michaelwizeman@yahoo.com or Joe.dicesare@proforma.com.



SAVE THE DATE

Our 4th Annual
Food & Wine Tasting will take place on
Saturday, November 11th
7pm to 11pm

featuring the band "Silent Q."
Tickets will be available at the Parish House and on-line at stvincentschurch.org

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS SUNDAY OCT.1st

1st through 10th grade families are to come to one of the following two sessions:

10:15-12noon (includes 10:30am Mass) **or** 5:45pm-7:30pm (includes 6:00pm Mass).

Please arrive fifteen minutes before Mass for a welcome and the first Mass teaching in the Church. After Mass, there will be a brief talk and then we will pray the Rosary together. Parishioners are encouraged to stay after Mass and join us in the Rosary. If you are not registered, you must do so asap at : <https://stvincentschurch.org/sites/ecatholic.com/registration> or contact Deirdre Nemeth at dnemeth@stvd.org or call 908-647-0421.



THE SOCIAL SKILLS CONNECTION

This is a program focused on helping children to better interact with the world around them!

It offers social skills lessons for children with mild special needs and priority will be given to elementary age students in grades Kindergarten through fifth. The lessons are fun and interactive.

Classes run for **six consecutive Wednesdays starting October 4th at 4:00pm to 5:00pm** and will be held in the parish Faith Formation and Pastoral Center. The sessions are conducted by Danielle Gasalberti, a certified school psychologist.

For more information please email Danielle at dgasalberti90@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT November 4 & 5, 2017 St. Vincent de Paul Parish



Come renew the fire of your first love for your spouse. Experience the power of the Gospel that sets us free, the power of the Sacrament and the power of the Holy Spirit that ignites our heart and renews our love.

Talks include: The Christian Ideal of Love; Communication Awareness; God's Plan for Marriage;

The Release of the Holy Spirit in Marriage

Cost is \$175 per couple ~ meals included.

(Overnight accommodations are **not** included in this price.)

For more information, contact Frank Guido at f.guido2@gmail.com

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Parish and The People of Hope, a Lay Association of the Faithful in the Archdiocese of Newark.

"The important thing is to keep alive the link with God, which is at the basis of the matrimonial bond ... Married life is beautiful." ~ Pope Francis

GOLF AND TENNIS CLASSIC

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the School of St. Elizabeth in Bernardsville invite you to their annual Golf and Tennis Classic scheduled for **Monday, October 2nd** at Roxiticus Golf Club, Mendham. This is the biggest fundraiser for the School of St. Elizabeth.

Register to play or just for the dinner reception at www.steschool.org/olph-golf-classic/

Any questions contact Sharon Lynch at lynchs@steschool.org

CATHOLIC FILIPINO MINISTRY

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries invites you to the annual celebration honoring their two Filipino saints: San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod on **Sunday September 24th**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Arthur Serratelli at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 381 Grand St., Paterson.

There will be a "salo-salo," a welcoming Filipino reception and fellowship at the Bishop Rodimer Center immediately following the Mass.

Please email DCCFM at dccfmevents@gmail.com for more information.



San Lorenzo Ruiz

San Pedro Calungsod

OUR PARISH HAITI PROJECT

A meeting has been scheduled in the Library of the Pastoral Center for **Tuesday, September 19th at 7:30pm** for the members of the Haiti Parish Twinning Committee **and** any parishioners interested in finding out more about this project. At the meeting a report will be given on the visit to the parish of St. Paul by those who were there, an update on the progress of the project, discussion pertaining to the visit of Fr. Theo, the pastor of St. Paul, which will take place from September 22nd to October 2nd, and fundraising plans for the support of the project. For more information and to see pictures of our recent visit to Haiti please see the parish website.

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid." Pope Francis

OUR LADY OF FATIMA—OCTOBER 13th

On Friday, October 13th we will observe the 100th Anniversary of the 6th and final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Mass will be offered at 8:30am and at 7pm. After the 7pm Mass we will have a candlelight procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as we honor the Blessed Mother in thanksgiving for the love she has for each of us.