

**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

(Vigil Mass)
Saturday —5:00PM

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

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

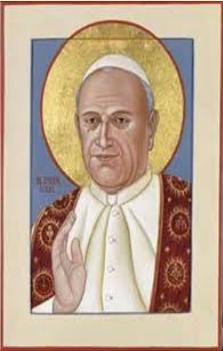
Weekday Mass Schedule

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 Sept. 30th/Oct. 1st	
Total amount in envelopes:	\$9,480
Loose:	\$2,620
Online Parish Pay:	\$2,632 (* 5 weeks)
Total Offered :	\$14, 732

Daily Mass Readings	
Monday Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37	
Tuesday Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42	
Wednesday Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4	
Thursday Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13	
Friday Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26	
Saturday Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28	



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

Thomas Joseph Coslet
son of Jonathan and Jennifer

claimed now for the fullness of eternal life.

Almighty and merciful God, we ask for your grace to support our sisters and brothers who have suffered from the evil attacks and violence in Las Vegas. Welcome to eternal life all who have died in such a tragic and violent way. Bring healing to those who are wounded and comfort to all who mourn and are anxious in concern for loved ones. We pray for the day when the senseless violence and divisions that have plagued our nation for too long end for good. As we pray, so we ask that you make us instruments of your peace. Amen.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS AND CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

On **Friday, October 13th** we will observe the **100th Anniversary of the 6th and final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima**. Join us as we celebrate this occasion beginning with **Mass at 7:00pm** followed by the candlelight procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY 8:30AM	October 9th Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest Rocco LoPiano Vittorio Tripoli Anthony LaRezza
TUESDAY 8:30AM	October 10th David D'Addio Cecilia Klebash Michael Olivera
WEDNESDAY 8:30AM	October 11th Saint John XXIII, Pope Catherine MacDuff (<i>Living</i>) John Calabro (<i>Living</i>) Glenn D. Rossi
THURSDAY 8:30AM	October 12th John J. Meade Robert Lucente, Joseph Maggio
FRIDAY 8:30AM	October 13th Patrick and Mary Kate O'Boyle (<i>Living</i>) Dominic Carton, Kathleen Candela
7:00PM	Mass to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Final Apparition at Fatima followed by the Procession
SATURDAY 8:30AM	October 14th Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr Nunzio Dagostino Louis Anthony Claudio, Jean Marie Douglass
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00PM (Vigil)	Mark Lonergan John Doolin Deceased members of the Parish
SUNDAY 8:30AM	October 15th Maria and Michael Cetola Mildred and John Yanishouk Deceased members of the Turner Family
10:30AM	Lorraine Sebold Robert R. Lucente Raymond Brandes
6:00PM	Brian Gillespie Monica Lawrence Deceased members of the Sheedy Family

INTERESTED IN ALTAR SERVING?

Any student in 3rd grade and beyond who is interested in training to be an Altar Server is encouraged to have a parent contact the parish office to let us know so that training can be set up for you. Serving at the Altar is a great gift to Jesus and this community and will deepen your love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The 100th anniversary of the 6th Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

As on the other occasions, the seers, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, first saw a bright light, and then they saw Our Lady over the holm oak.

Lucia: *What does Your Grace wish of me?*

Our Lady: **I wish to tell you that I want a chapel built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to pray the rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes.**

Lucia: *I have many things to ask you: if you would cure some sick persons, and if you would convert some sinners...*

Our Lady: **Some yes, others no. They must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins. Becoming sadder, she added, "Let them offend Our Lord no more for He is already much offended."** Then, opening her hands, Our Lady shone the light issuing from them onto the sun, and as she rose, her own radiance continued to be cast onto the sun. At that moment, Lucia cried, *"Look at the sun!"*

Once Our Lady had disappeared in the expanse of the firmament, three scenes followed in succession, symbolizing first the joyful mysteries of the rosary, then the sorrowful mysteries, and, finally, the glorious mysteries. Lucia alone saw the three scenes; Francisco and Jacinta saw only the first.

The first scene: Saint Joseph appeared beside the sun with the Child Jesus and Our Lady of the Rosary. It was the Holy Family. The Virgin was dressed in white with a blue mantle. Saint Joseph was also dressed in white, and the Child Jesus in light red. Saint Joseph blessed the crowd, making the Sign of the Cross three times. The Child Jesus did the same.

The second scene: A vision of Our Lady of Sorrows, without the sword in her breast, and of Our Lord overwhelmed with sorrow on the way to Calvary. Our Lord made the Sign of the Cross to bless the people. Lucia could only see the upper part of Our Lord's body.

The third scene: Finally, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, crowned queen of heaven and earth, appeared in a glorious vision holding the Child Jesus near her heart.

While these scenes took place, the great throng of 70,000 spectators witnessed the miracle of the sun. It had rained all during the apparition. At the end of the conversation between Our Lady and Lucia – when the Blessed Virgin rose and Lucia shouted, "Look at the sun!" – the clouds parted, revealing the sun as an immense silver disk shining with an intensity never before seen – though not blinding. This lasted only an instant. Then the immense disk began to "dance." The sun spun rapidly like a gigantic circle of fire. Then it stopped momentarily, only to begin spinning vertiginously again. Its rim became scarlet; whirling, it scattered red flames across the sky. Their light was reflected on the ground, on the trees, on the bushes, and on the faces and clothing of the people, which took on brilliant hues and changing colors. After performing this bizarre pattern three times, the globe of fire seemed to tremble, shake, and then plunge in a zigzag toward the terrified crowd. All this lasted about ten minutes. Finally, the sun zigzagged back to its original place and once again became still and brilliant, shining with its normal brightness. The cycle of the apparitions had ended. Many people noticed that their clothes, soaking wet from the rain, had suddenly dried. **The miracle of the sun** was also seen by numerous witnesses up to twenty-five miles away from the place of the apparition.

There are many eye witness accounts of this event which you may read at americaneedsfatima.org. The Holy Father, Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence for these occasions. 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.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

James Minogue, 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, 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

Nelson Vitorino and Lucy McDonough

Requiescat in Pace

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

This passage describes the new Jerusalem as a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

In simple, direct words, Paul thanks the Philippians for alleviating his hardships. He stresses, though, that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more speaking to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus relates the parable of the wedding banquet. A King, preparing a wedding banquet for his son, summons all the invited guests. When, after several invitations, no guests arrive, the King commands his servants to "go out into the byroads and invite anyone you come upon." Again, Jesus warns the elders, "the invited are many, the elect are few."



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.

**Saturday, November 11th
7pm to 11pm**

Faith Formation and Pastoral Center

\$40.00 per person advanced ticket sales

\$50.00 per person at the door

Tickets can be purchased on our website or at the Parish House.

Please consider donating a bottle of wine. All bottles should have a minimum value of \$20 and should be brought to the parish office by Friday, November 10th. If you prefer, please consider a cash or check donation and bottles will be purchased and donated to the Wine Pull in your name.

Please visit the Sign Up Genius on our website for volunteer opportunities to assist with this fundraiser. We need volunteers to help make this fun-filled evening a success! Please see the enclosed flyer for more information and to rsvp.

COFFEE AND...

Join us on **Sunday, October 15th following the 8:30am Mass** for coffee and a light breakfast hosted by Sr. Elsa in the Church Meeting Room. Spend some time in fellowship with other parishioners over a cup of coffee and take advantage of the opportunity to meet others in our faith community.



KNIGHTS/BOLD SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Saturday, October 14th 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Pastoral Center Gym**

BOLD Youth Ministry and the Knights of Columbus are teaming up to prepare a delicious Spaghetti Dinner with salad, choice of sauces, garlic bread, drinks and dessert. Proceeds will support BOLD Youth Ministry here at the parish. The cost is \$8 per person & \$20 per family online or \$10 per person & \$25 per family at the door. Tickets can be purchased on our website. Dinner is BYOB. Questions? Contact Amilee at stvincent@boldym or 908-295-8104



The parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 9th** in observance of Columbus Day. In the case of an emergency please call 973-222-0720.

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 has resumed her **Spiritual Book Club** meeting each Monday from 9:15am to 10:45am in the Pastoral Center Library. The focus is 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** is available on the parish website.



Our **Parish Playgroup** will meet on **Wednesday, October 11th** 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! Email Josephine Costanzo for questions and information at j_gro4@hotmail.com.

OUR PARISH HAITI PROJECT

Fr. Theo certainly enjoyed his visit to our parish and the welcome extended to him. Particular thanks to the Vreeland, O’ Mullan and Pejman families who invited Fr. Theo to their homes for dinner and allowed him to experience in an up close and personal way the goodness of our parishioners. You may read Fr. Theo’s words of appreciation, which he delivered at Masses last weekend, by visiting the parish website under Haiti Parish Twinning Project.

On November 11th our Food and Wine Tasting Event will be our first fundraiser for our sister parish. For anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with this fundraiser sign up opportunities are available on our 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

Technology 101 will resume on **Tuesdays** beginning **October 17th** from **9:30am to 10:30am** in the Pastoral Center Library. If you want to learn more about your mobile device this is the time! Bring your phone and/or tablet. Together we will learn to text, send and view pictures, email and much more, For questions contact Teri Kesselmeier at the Parish House or by email tkess@stvd.org



PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Thank you to all who came together to celebrate the giftedness and goodness of this faith community and the many ways in which parishioners use their gifts and talents in service. Lynne Vreeland did a fabulous job with the decorations and the parish staff worked diligently in setting the gym up so that the dinner could take place. Special thanks to Sr. Elsa for planning the event and for bringing the various aspects together for the dinner to be such a wonderful experience. The food, catered by Biagio’s, was delicious and the generous size of portions enabled food to be brought to the Market Street Mission in Morristown on Sunday to be shared with clients of the Mission. The DJ and Karaoke experience provided for fun and memorable moments. All in all it was a wonderful evening and those in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to meet parishioners new to them while renewing previous acquaintances. We have a wonderful group of volunteers and it was good to be able to show appreciation for that. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

FAMILY ROSARY



Come join us with your whole family to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, October 20th beginning at 7:00pm.** Potluck dessert and fun activities for families will take place after prayer, Adoration and Benediction. Please rsvp to Amy Pejman at amypejman@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.

PONTIFICAL MASS

The Liturgy of the Church is rich in its diversity and its history. To afford the opportunity to experience this, a Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form will be celebrated by the Bishop on **Saturday, October 14th at 9:30am** at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson.

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. **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. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

MARRIAGE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT



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. This Couples Retreat will take place here on the weekend of **November 4th and 5th.** All married couples are invited to strengthen, renew and refresh in the Holy Spirit. To register visit www.peopleofhope/retreats. For more information contact Frank Guido at f.guido2@gmail.com or 908-403-3350. See flyer in next weekend's bulletin.

BOLD Youth Ministry at St. Vincent's

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First TNL on October 10th 7:30 - 9pm, JP11 Room



TNL (Teen Night Live) is our regular youth ministry night, open to all in grades 9-12.

Bring a friend and join us for fun, food, and faith!

TRUE NORTH

YOU HAVE CIRCLED LONG ENOUGH: NOW TURN NORTH. 01 2:3 | BOLD YM

EMBOLDEN Fall Retreat: November 10-12

A fun, action-packed weekend for all in grades 9-12 at beautiful Camp Tecumseh in Pittstown, NJ. Registrations are open! boldym.com/embolden

BOLD MIDDLE

BYOP: Friday, October 27th 7-8:30pm in the JP11 Room

RSVP: boldym.com/svdp/signup

Bring a pumpkin and a friend and compete in our annual pumpkin carving competition! Open to all in grades 6-8.

For more information, please contact Amilee Beer at StVincent@boldym.com or (908) 295-8104

RESPECT LIFE SPEAKER

Cheryl Riley, Associate Director of the Respect Life Office of the Newark Archdiocese will give a powerful presentation to 9th and 10th grade students and parents (required as a Family Faith Session) on **Tuesday, October 17th from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Church.** All parishioners are invited. Cheryl works to reach young people and adults with the truth about the tragedy of abortion and offers post abortion healing to women and men who have experienced it.



Next weekend our parish will hold the annual NJ Right to Life Raffle. Tickets are \$10 (cash or check) and will be sold after all Masses by our Life Ministries members. Please support the important Right to Life work in our State.

CURSILLO WEEKEND FALL 2017

The Metuchen Cursillo Movement will be holding their next Cursillo Weekend at the Blue Army Shrine in Asbury, NJ. The Women's Weekend is scheduled for October 26-29. Weekends start on Thursday evening and end on Sunday afternoon.

A Cursillo Weekend is an "Encounter with Christ". It is something which will strengthen your faith and bring you closer to Jesus.

If you are interested in making a Cursillo Weekend you may obtain an application from their website www.metcursillo.org or contact the Pre-Cursillo Chairperson, Lorri DeNoyelles at 1denoyelles@yahoo.com or 732-738-1796. Space is limited. Registrations are still being accepted.