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We are a Catholic community
rooted in the Eucharist
and committed to the poor.

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Pray so big
and so often that
when God
meets you
at Heaven's gate,
he says with a
smile, "Kid,
you kept me
very busy."

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 November 4th and 5th**

Total amount in envelopes:	\$8,953
Loose:	\$4,271
Online Parish Pay:	\$3,250
Total Offered :	\$16,474
Feast of All Saints	\$2,387
Feast of All Souls	\$ 679

Daily Mass Readings**Monday**

Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Wis 2:23—3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Wis 7:22b—8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

**PRAYER SERVICE OF BLESSING**

On **Sunday, November 19th** join Fr. Richard at our parish cemetery to participate in a Prayer Service of Blessing at **Noon** as we pray for those who have been buried there in the hope of the resurrection. Please come to reflect and pray for those who have gone before us.

A **Book of Remembrance** has been placed at the Paschal Candle near the Baptismal Font for you to enter the names of your loved ones, gone before us in faith, to be prayed for at Masses in November.

IN GIVING, WE RECEIVE

After decades of service to our parishes, our diocesan priests have the opportunity to live at Nazareth Village in Chester. A number of our priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support Nazareth Village. Your pledge is a great way to recognize the generous gift of their priestly vocation. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY	November 13th Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
8:30AM	Janice Lohman (<i>Living</i>) Josephine Forte Veronica Rossi
TUESDAY	November 14th
8:30AM	Veronica Wan (<i>Living</i>) Jack Schlegel Frank Ruggiero
WEDNESDAY	November 15th Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:30AM	Robert Yannotta (<i>Living</i>) Frank Ruggiero Frank Vicendese
THURSDAY	November 16th Saint Margaret of Scotland Saint Gertrude, Virgin
8:30AM	Cecilia Schlegel (<i>Living</i>) Felix Pniewski Harriet Sabacinski
FRIDAY	November 17th Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
8:30AM	Paula Williams (<i>Living</i>) Marcella Heffernan Harriet Sabacinski
SATURDAY	November 18th Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
8:30AM	Nunzio Dagostino Anne Galdieri Msgr. Patrick Brown

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM (Vigil)	Vinny Espinosa John and Edna Hardy Deceased members of the Norton Family
SUNDAY	November 19th
8:30AM	Alfred Mills and Patty Mills Deacon Bill Wagner Deceased members of the Turner Family
10:30AM	Frank Candela, Michael John Elia Louis and Mary Esoldi
6:00PM	Dominic Carton, Salvatore Cerami Deceased members of the parish



Students in 3rd grade and beyond who are interested in training to be an **Altar Server** are 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.

Let us love, not just with words but also with deeds

Thank you to all who were able to gather on Monday evening here to pray for the survivors and the victims of the insidious evil unleashed in the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas on Sunday. In such times it is important for us to have something to offer our brothers and sisters in Christ as they mourn their dead, tend to the wounded and emerge from such a nightmare. May our prayers continue to strengthen their faith and hope in Jesus in a time of great tragedy and tribulation. The shock and horror of hearing about innocent people, in their house of prayer, attacked in such a cowardly and malicious way is disconcerting to say the least. It has also been humbling to listen to the members of that community speak about their bond of love and faith. They speak of God, of faith and hope, of caring for one another all of which is part and parcel of the Christian's identity. This is prayer in action. Some voices have scorned prayer in commentary this week—yet it is not prayer that they perhaps scorn but rather that which some believe to be prayer—a false sentiment that changes nothing or seems to have no effect. For those who know the power of prayer this is not how prayer is seen. We cannot come before God in prayer, lay out our complaint, fears, anxieties and so on, expecting God to simply jump at our demands. Prayer is not using God as a divine responder to human expectation but rather a continual placing of ourselves into God's care and providence. In addition, we are called to *put flesh on our prayer*. It is good and a gift to pray for our sisters and brothers in Sutherland Springs and anywhere there is a need. *Putting flesh* on our prayer invites us to bring our prayer to a place of action. As we continue to pray, consider sending a letter or card to the pastor and community allowing them to know that you are praying for them. Cards and letters may be sent to Pastor Frank Pomeroy and Community, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 115, Sutherland Springs, Texas 78161. This is putting flesh on prayer and will certainly be a source of great comfort and strength for a community so rooted in the Lord. As we pray for victims of such atrocities, we should also pray for and contact our elected representatives to make necessary changes. A statement from the US Catholic Bishops reads: *"Violence in our society will not be solved by a single piece of legislation, and many factors contribute to what we see going on all around us. Even so, our leaders must engage in a real debate about needed measures to save lives and make our communities safer."*

Putting prayer into action falls into other categories of life where Christians have a responsibility. Next Sunday has been designated as World Day of the Poor by Pope Francis. In his letter to the Church, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, wrote: *"We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life. Our prayer and our journey of discipleship and conversion find the confirmation of their evangelic authenticity in precisely such charity and sharing. This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because we touch with our own hands the flesh of Christ. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. We know how hard it is for our contemporary world to see poverty clearly for what it is. Yet in myriad ways poverty challenges us daily, in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration. Poverty has the face of women, men and children exploited by base interests, crushed by the machinations of power and money. What a bitter and endless list we would have to compile were we to add the poverty born of social injustice, moral degeneration, the greed of a chosen few, and generalized indifference!"*

We do pray for an end to hunger and poverty. We are challenged to bring our prayer to action. Next weekend the Knights of Columbus will be collecting Thanksgiving Day food items for the parish of St. Agnes in Paterson. If every family were to bring something to assist it would make such a difference. On November 2nd a fire at the Father English Center destroyed the Food Pantry and Used Clothing Boutique in Paterson affecting the 4,000 clients served there each month. They are in desperate need of winter coats which we will be collecting for the next 2 weekends beginning next weekend. This is how prayer takes the form of action in order to bring a result. Prayer is not simply a matter of words but is also followed by action as we seek to live as Jesus has commanded us to. May our prayer be strong and our action visible for the good of others and the glory of God.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Jack Young, 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:

Anne Moore, John Daglian, Parker Watson, 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
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 **Vincent Scrudato**

If you would like to have a candle lit in remembrance of a loved one before the statue of the Blessed Mother and/or St. Joseph call or visit the parish office to choose a date. This is a beautiful way to memorialize a loved one.

TO OUR PARISHIONERS

We want to communicate more effectively with you. But we also want to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you receive from us and how you are notified when we make them. In order to do this we are using a new, simple service called **FLOCKNOTE**.

This is totally free for you to use and it is also going to make it easier for you to stay connected to the ministries and/or groups that you care about, all by text message or email updates. Your information will be completely safe and secure. **And you can unsubscribe from any updates at any time!**

To join, just text STVDP to 84576 and follow the link or go to flocknote.com/stvdp and join online.

This is a great opportunity for you to stay informed about the many wonderful things we have going on here. If you have trouble please call Teri Kesselmeyer at the parish office.

We are happy to help!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are "children of light."

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION STUDIES

Sr. Elsa's Spiritual Book Club
Mondays 9:15am to 10:45am. The book being studied is *Twelve Little Ways to Transform Your Heart* by Susan Moto based on the spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux.



The Bible and the Sacraments: Journey Through Scripture
Wednesdays 7pm to 8:30pm until November 15th with Fr. Richard. Learn about the life changing power of the sacraments, their meaning and origin as illuminated in Scripture.

Getting Ready For Sunday
Thursdays 1pm to 2:30pm and repeated at 7:30pm to 9:00pm with Fr. Richard. Gain a deeper insight into the Scriptures for Sunday Mass and a deeper understanding of the readings and of the culture and context within which they were written. Discussions are held on Thursday afternoons at 1pm to 2:30pm and repeated in the evening at 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Classes take place in the Pastoral Center Library.



Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.
St. Jerome

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.

ST. AGNES FOOD DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Food Drive to benefit St. Agnes Parish in Paterson next **Sunday, November 19th**. Please see the flyer in this weekend's bulletin for details.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE



Our annual **Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale** is next weekend **November 18th and 19th** after all Masses. We need your help to make this the best sale ever! Just drop off your nicely wrapped "culinary treasures" to the kitchen in the church meeting room by 4pm on Saturday, November 18th or before or after the Mass you attend that weekend. Support the Rosarians by purchasing one or more baked items to add to your Thanksgiving Day dessert table. For questions contact Karen Nyquist at 908-350-8009/Karen.nyquist@gmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO SAVE THE DATES

Bishop Arthur Serratelli will celebrate the annual **Respect Life Mass** on **Saturday, November 18th** at **10:00am** at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson. This Mass is a wonderful way to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children and all stages of life.

The Bishop will also be celebrating Mass at **9:30am** on **Saturday, December 9th** at the Cathedral to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese of Paterson (December 9th, 1937). Breakfast will follow at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11am. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available online at www.rcdop.org/breakfast. All parishioners, families and friends are invited to this day of celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson.

FAMILY ROSARY



Come join us with your whole family to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, November 17th beginning at 7:00pm**.

Potluck dessert and fun activities for families will take place after prayer, Adoration and Benediction. RSVP to Amy Pejman at amypejman@hotmail.com

FAITH FORMATION

On **Tuesday, November 14th** the 6th and 7th grade students and their parents will be attending a **Family Faith Session** on **Theology of the Body**. These are teachings from Blessed Pope John Paul II that shed a beautiful light on what it truly means to be made in the image and likeness of God.

The following ideas will be addressed..."Who am I (my gifts, both spiritual and physical)?...God has a plan for me...Intellect and Free Will...My body expresses my soul...How do I use my body (my gifts) to glorify God and to love and respect others?..." Modesty in dress will also be touched upon as well as the importance of avoiding TV shows and music that are degrading to the human person.

Very importantly, this session will also open up an important dialogue on Catholic morality between a parent and their 6th or 7th grade child. Parents will have a wonderful opportunity to affirm their child in the positive values and God given gifts he/she is developing.



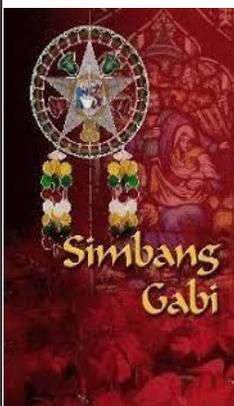
THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Volunteers are needed to help with our tradition of Breakfast With Santa to be held on **Saturday, December 2nd at 10am** in the Pastoral Center Gym. If you can donate your time and talents to help plan this festive event please contact Teri at tkess@stvd.org or by calling the parish office .



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 18th** for Mass at **7:00pm** celebrated by Fr. Richard. The novena is coordinated by the Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries of the Paterson Diocese. Refreshments

to follow in the church meeting room. For more information contact Emma Militante at 908-604-0075 mommilitante@gmail.com.

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 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 January 10th at 4:15pm to 5:00pm** They are held in the Faith Formation Center and conducted by Danielle Gasalberti, a certified school psychologist. For more information please email Danielle at dgasalberti90@gmail.com.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH! PARTICIPATE IN #iGIVECATHOLIC

#iGiveCatholic is the first-ever online giving day for the Catholic community. It is a call to share of our blessings with the Church and those the Church helps and supports in our communities. This year #iGiveCatholic is being celebrated by 17 Catholic dioceses across the country including the Diocese of Paterson. The goal is to inspire our Catholic community to come together with giving in support of organizations that shape our parishes, schools and ministries.

Tuesday, November 28th is designated as a global day of giving. Tax deductible donations will be accepted on iGiveCatholic.org during a 24 hour period. Advanced day giving runs from November 10th through the 26th. Visit iGiveCatholic.org, search for our parish and make your donation. Let's come together to share our gifts lovingly in justice with others and return them with increase to the Lord. Thank you for your participation.

Tis The Season for Giving With

Box of Joy

Help fill Boxes of Joy at the next TNL!
 Tuesday, November 21st
 7:30 - 9pm
 in the JPII Room

Sign-up at
boldym.com/SVDP/signup to bring
 a donation for the Boxes of Joy!

We are taking part of a nation-wide project in making gift boxes for children in third-world countries. These gifts might not fix a leaky roof, but they are a tangible way for children to understand God's love, and God's gift of Jesus to us at Christmas.

Teens and parents: Sign up to bring \$5 to cover the cost of shipment as well as a small gift for the boxes. Check out stores like the Dollar Tree or Five Below for great deals! (Please no toy weapons, or military or police themed toys!)

What Can I Bring for the BOX of JOY?

- Deflated ball, pump & needle	- Notebooks/Journal	- Hair Combs
- Toy Animals	- Playing Cards	- Hair ties/clips
- Soft Balls (Tennis, Neft, Foam)	- Small Puzzles	- Lip-balm
- Stuffed Animals	- Small Crafts	- Hand-wipes
- Coloring Books	- Socks	- Flip-flops
- Colored Pencils	- T-shirts	- Hats
- Crayons	- Toothbrushes	- Drawstring bag
- Jump Ropes	- Bars of Soap	- Solar powered flashlight

Questions?
 Contact Maria Allen at
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 908-295-8104

What to learn more about the mission of Cross Catholic Outreach?
 Check out <https://www.crosscatholic.org> for more information and ways to help.