



**The Roman Catholic Parish
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rooted in the Eucharist
and committed to the poor.

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**The most powerful weapon to conquer
the devil is humility.**
**For, as he does not know at all how to employ it,
neither does he know how to defend
himself from it.**

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Weekend of September 15th and 16th

Total collected at Masses: \$8,990

Online We Share: \$2,716

Total Offered: \$11,706

Our Sister Parish in Haiti \$6,157

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for our sister parish in Haiti.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday

Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

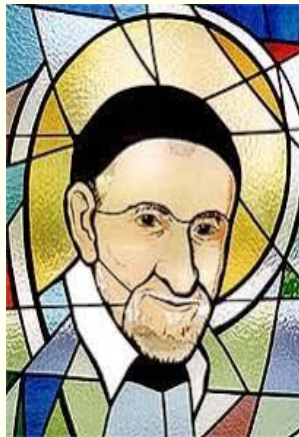
Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51



2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL HERE I AM LORD!



While there are many ways to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is a particularly beneficial opportunity if you are 70 1/2 or over and have an IRA. If you are in this category, the IRS requires you to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA each year. As a result, this distribution is added to your taxable income and

increases the amount of taxes owed to the government. However, instead of taking your required minimum distribution, you can instruct your IRA investment manager to donate this distribution to a charity such as the Bishop's Annual Appeal and this automatically omits this amount from your adjusted gross income. This tax benefit can be realized by all qualifying individuals, whether you take the standard deduction or itemize your deductions. This can be a significant benefit to you and a great way to support the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

If you are considering making a charitable donation using your IRA required minimum distribution, please be sure to first discuss this with your financial or tax advisor to make sure it is right for you.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY
8:30AM

September 24th
Marcia Seher (*Living*)
Joseph Mastrianni
Stanley Westenberger

TUESDAY
8:30AM

September 25th
Sr. Krystyna Dziadkowiec (*Living*)
Steve Falk
Zachary Bunsu

WEDNESDAY

September 26th
Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian, Martyrs
8:30AM
Karl and Cecilia Schlegel (*Living*)
Medford Penk
Irene Diane Gerdau

THURSDAY

September 27th
Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE PARISH
8:30AM
Deacon John Calabro (*Living*)
Joseph Galante
Virginia and Vincent Corsentino

FRIDAY

September 28th
Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
8:30AM
Cathy Hechtman (*Living*)
Steve Falk
Zachary Bunsu

SATURDAY

September 29th
Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel
and Saint Raphael, Archangels
8:30AM
Steve Falk
Rafael Ramirez
Sister Ann Marie Damiani

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM (Vigil)

Ethel Scanlon
Sam and Angelina Ruggiero
Deceased members of the parish

SUNDAY
8:30AM

September 30th
Nelson Vitorino
June Cuddihy
Susie Matinho

10:30AM

John Elia
Cecilia Klebash
Patricia and Nicholas Tangreti

6:00PM

Nancy Fallon
Marie LaMorte
Alfred Murasso



The votive candle before the statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph are in Thanksgiving for the Ordination to the Order of Deacon of John Calabro.

There is always light in the darkness

The Feast Day of a parish is a day of particular joy as we praise God for the intercession of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul. Our Feast Day on Thursday of this week will be celebrated with Mass at 8:30AM. If you are able, please go to Mass that day to offer thanks for the graces and benefits St. Vincent has obtained for us from the Throne of God's grace. This year is the first time in my 7 years as pastor that I will not be here for the Feast Day. The reason, as I have mentioned before, is one of great joy. God willing, I will be praying at and witnessing the ordination to the Order of Deacon of one of our two parish seminarians studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. John Calabro, son of Judy and John, will be ordained with 39 of his classmates representing many dioceses around the United States. I find it to be a double joy that the ordination is going to take place on the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul. A priest known to me, who has gone a number of years now to be with the Lord whom he loved and served so beautifully, would often say "Blessed are they who see the signs of God's activity for they are all around us." I see this as one of those signs in a time when we need, or at least I know that I need, to be reminded of God's providence. It is such a gift that we have two men from the parish studying for the Priesthood—in addition to John we are blessed to have Stephen Delia also studying at the North American College in Rome. The Mass and Rite of Ordination will take place at the Altar of the Chair, in the Basilica of St. Peter's, Rome with Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston presiding. A number of John's family and friends will be there for the ordination and our parish will be well represented. Please keep John in your prayers. By the time you come to Mass on Thursday he will have been ordained a Deacon. Thanks be to God.

Within Holy Orders there is a distinction between the Order of Deacon, transitional and permanent. A transitional Deacon is, as the word suggests, in a process of transition. John is to be ordained a Deacon in the process of preparing to be ordained a priest. Every priest was first ordained a Deacon. I was ordained a Deacon 25 years ago—6 months before I was ordained a priest. John will be ordained a Deacon on Thursday and then, God willing, a priest at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson on Saturday, May 11th at 10:30AM. This parish is blessed with the ministry of Deacon Peter O' Neill. Deacon Peter was ordained a permanent Deacon 15 years ago. He is known as a permanent Deacon as he remains in the place of Holy Orders without the intention of seeking ordination to the Priesthood. As Deacons, both Peter and John assist at Mass, can be given the faculty to preach, preside at Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral Rites outside of Mass, and assist in a variety of non liturgical roles. I share all this with you for your edification so that you will pray for John and also just to share good news in the hope I find in men, like John, who seek Christ and His will. I pray for those men like John, Stephen and others in our midst who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood and hope that the present scandals will not prevent them from seeking Christ and following His will for their lives.

The life of faith we are called to, invited to, that which is proposed to us comes from Jesus and so we must be firmly rooted in our relationship with Him. As I mentioned in my homily last Sunday, you and I have only one life to live. Jesus proposes Eternal Life to us and faith is the doorway by which we accept that proposal. Upon entering, however, we live in God's presence by love. Love seeks the good of the other and never seeks to harm in word or deed. Those who harm in word and deed deny themselves the opportunity of abiding in God's love. If we are true, and if we are seeking to be faith filled, the words and deeds of our living must reflect love for all. It is imperative that when we violate the command to love we must turn back to Jesus for forgiveness, grace and mercy through the confession of our sins. We must continue to pray and act for renewal and reform within the Church. It is a truth that such conversion and renewal must begin first within ourselves. The challenge for each of us is to give ourselves **completely** to Jesus. This is the consistent desire of a true disciple—to die to self and live in and for Jesus. In our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, we see such an example. Known for his zeal and love for Jesus, he ministered with great love to the poor and needy. He also knew the trials of a life of faith in a world focused on self and a Church in need of reform. Among many other words he wrote, "While we dilly-dally with our plans, God raises up others to do what he had first asked of us" and "All ships are exposed to storms but are not thereby doomed to perish." His intercession for this parish is a tremendous gift and as a community we see the influence of this Apostle of Charity in the many ways we seek to serve Christ in others, especially those in need. May he pray for each of us in God's presence. Let us continue to pray for one another as we journey.

Peace, Fr. Richard

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

Calla Ann Armenti, Dylan T. Jones, James Minogue, Stephen J. Campbell, Sean Milde, Frank Fasano, Richard Lister, Eric Leverone, Jay Donato, Frank Messina, Eileen Murphy, Peter Giovanni

Those who are ill:

Rick and Susan Olkusz, Claudia Jardim, Cecile Fountain Jardim, Eric Garcia, Rita D'Angelo, Judy Quaely, Jim Fittin, Sandra Fittin, Jane Moran, Frank Critelli, Cathy Bogner, John Daglian, Parker Watson, Annette McGrory, Lou Aroneo, Lucy Bustillos, Paula Matchen, May Hill, Caitlin Shea, Bill Wallisch, Larry Oster, Nanci Gamba, Elizabeth Early and Helen Munro

**Those who have died to this world
Requiescat in Pace**

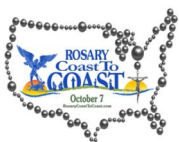
May all the faithful who have departed this world rest in your eternal peace. Amen

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We invite you to honor the **25th Anniversary of Fr. Richard's ordination** to the Priesthood when he offers a **Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30am on Sunday, November 25th**. A reception will follow the Mass in the Pastoral Center. All are welcome as we honor Fr. Richard's dedication to the Church and to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, especially his seven years as our spiritual shepherd.

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. Please prayerfully consider participating in this beautiful ministry and contact Steve Delia at steve@littleway.us or the parish office so that training can be arranged to familiarize you with the Ministry of Lector.

**ROSARY COAST TO COAST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018**

The time is now to call upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness. On October 7th, Americans across the country will be praying the Rosary. **All parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary in the Church at 2:00pm.** Let us pray together to defend the "dignity of the human person: life, marriage, and family, as well as Religious Liberty."

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29**

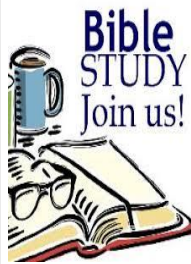
Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

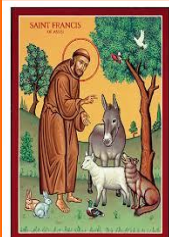
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

Join Fr. Richard for a deeper insight into the Scripture Readings for Sunday Mass. By gaining an understanding of the context and culture within which they were written, the upcoming Sunday Readings will take on a more profound and richer meaning for you.

Weekly discussions are on-going and will begin on Thursday, October 11th from 1:30pm to 2:30pm in the Church Meeting Room and repeated on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Pastoral Center Library. Registration is not required.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Fr. Richard will celebrate our annual **blessing of the animals** on **Sunday, October 7th at 1:00pm** at the clock tower. Animals of every variety are asked to bring the ones trained to feed and care for them for the animal blessing. Some may be better off in a crate for their protection or on a leash for the protection of others—animals that is.

DISCOVER THE FUN OF SCOUTING

A new Scout Pack is in the process of being organized. Fishing, hiking, camping, swimming—Scouts do it all! Make new friends and create new memories.

For Parents: What is Scouting?

Scouting is fun with a purpose. Youth build physical fitness, character and good citizenship, all while having a great time with family and friends. Most importantly, Scouting encourages them to do their best—a lesson that will help them achieve success throughout their lives.

Scouting is an age-appropriate program. Depending on your child's age, they will be a member of a pack. As Cub Scouts advance through the program, they are recognized for their achievements. A leader (usually a parent) is in charge of the activities, which include games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, field trips and tons of fun! An **information meeting** is scheduled for interested **parents and kids on Wednesday, September 26th in the Church Meeting Room at 7:00pm**. For more information contact Joseph Allegra at jallegra@optonline.net or 908-295-2311.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Our parishioner, David Vreeland, is a Boy Scout with Troop 59. David's Eagle Scout Project is to help homeless Veterans. His plan is to build shelving units for the Stirling Elks Club as they provide veterans with basic amenities such as clothing, microwaves, bedding and pantry items.

David is requesting your help in the form of a donation towards the lumber to construct the shelving. Any donation will be a great help in giving back to those who devoted their lives to defending our freedom. All checks should be made payable to David Vreeland. In the memo please put "Eagle Project." Checks can be mailed to 397 Elm St., Stirling, NJ 07980.

The deadline for donations is October 13, 2018. Thank you in advance for your help in enabling David to help and care for our Veterans.



40 Days For Life begins September 26th and ends on November 4th. Prayer vigils will be held outside Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown 7am to 7pm 7 days a week. Your prayers, sacrifices and witness matters in the fight for the defense of Life. To participate, email 44lifeus@gmail.com or call 973-627-1654.

THE HOLY RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY



The Franciscan Friars invite you to join them in welcoming Saint Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony will be visiting our parish in the form of two precious relics from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relics will be accompanied by Friar Mario Conte, editor of the *Messenger of St. Anthony*. You are invited to come to venerate these relics on **Saturday, October 13th beginning at 3:00pm and concluding at 7:00pm in the Church. Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm.**

Prayer petitions and holy cards will be distributed by Friar Mario which he will then bring back to the Pontifical Basilica in Padua and place them at the tomb of St. Anthony. Once there, the Friars will gather to pray for the Saint's intercession upon our intentions and petitions.

SILVER AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY MASS



Couples who were married in 1968 and 1993 are warmly invited to celebrate their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will celebrate the Anniversary Mass at the **Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson on Sunday, November 4th at 3:30pm.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **Registrations will be accepted through Tuesday, October 16th.**

Information from the Office of Family Life will be sent to you once your registration is processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

BRIDGES OUTREACH



Our first Bridges Run will be **Saturday, October 13th.**

Please consider donating the needed supplies to make sandwiches and fill goody bags for the homeless by visiting: **www.perfectpotluck.com**

**Coordinator: bridges
Password: 2323**

Please bring donated items to the Church Meeting Room. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS FOR LIFE

The **Faith and Life Society** invites you to a **Mass for Life** at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit on **Wednesday, October 3rd** at 6pm followed by a **"Dinner for Life"** at 7pm at the Grand Summit Hotel. The guest speaker is Dr. Anne Nolte, MD, Director of St. Peter's Gianna Center for Women, New York City and the honoree is Fr. Lawrence Fama, former Director of the Respect Life Commission, Archdiocese of Newark. For reservations and details contact Louise Biunno at lgbiunno@verizon.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The **Knights** are hosting a **50's & 60's Doo Wop Dinner Dance Party** with live music. The dance party will be held on **Saturday, October 6th** in the gym. The evening begins at **7:00pm**. Tickets are \$35 per person and includes appetizers, pizza, burgers, hot dogs, beer and wine.

Bring your family and friends for a night of old fashioned fun and camaraderie! Tickets are being sold after all Masses this weekend.

SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS

All are invited to the **2nd Annual Latin Mass Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 13th at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson**. Bishop Serratelli will celebrate a pontifical solemn High Mass in the extraordinary form at **9:30am**. A reception with the Bishop will follow Mass in the Rodimer Center.

Free parking is available in the garage on Grand St. For questions contact Dr. Joseph Daly at 973-464-2954.

Immaculate Conception School of Theology invites you to **Humanae Vitae: 50 Years of Prophetic Witness**. Join us for a day of theological presentations and discussions led by renowned speakers from across the nation as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of this milestone document. The presentations will take place on **Saturday, October 27th** beginning at 9:00am and concluding at 6:30pm in Bethany Hall at Seton Hall University, South Orange. Breakfast and lunch will be provided and Mass will be celebrated. Registration information and to R.S.V.P. (by October 8th) visit www.shu.edu/humanaevitae or email theology@shu.edu.

RCIA and the Blessing of Marriages

Adults who desire to be baptized, those who are members of other Christian communities, or those who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to be initiated or complete their initiation into the Sacramental life of the Roman Catholic Church are invited to consider doing so. Any adult who has the desire are asked to contact Fr. Richard so that they may be given more information and direction.

If any couple in the parish are married but have not had their marriage blessed by the Church, and for whom there is no impediment in doing so, they are invited to contact Fr. Richard for information on having their marriage blessed.

You can contact Fr. Richard in person, by phone 908-647-0118 or by email fr-richard@stvincentschurch.org.

BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA DEMJANOVICH



You are cordially invited to celebrate the blessing and dedication of the **History Wall and Legacy Room of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich** with Bishop Arthur Serratelli presiding. The dedication will take place at **Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station on October 7th at 3:00pm**. Light refreshments to follow.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Oratory Prep School, Summit is hosting an **Open House on Sunday, September 30th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm**. No appointment is necessary. For further information call 908-273-5771 ext. 1 or visit www.oratoryprep.org.

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The Academy of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station is hosting an **Open House on Sunday, September 30th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls**. Visit www.aosenj.org to register or to apply online.

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Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains is a faith based environment where students are inspired to reach their greatest potential and where they will be introduced to the latest technology. An **Open House** will take place on **Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00pm**. **"Early Bird Tours"** will begin at **6:15pm**. For more information contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600 ext. 302 or bthornton@unioncatholic.org.