



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

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**Be vigilant at all times
and pray that you may
have the strength to stand
before the Son of Man.**

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 November 11th and 12th**

Total collected at Masses: \$8,530

Online We Share: \$3,507**Total Offered: \$12,037****Diocesan Assessment \$2,732***Thank you for generously supporting our parish.***Daily Mass Readings****Monday**

Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

ThursdayLk 19:11-28; Rv 5:1-10;
Lk 19:41-44**Friday**

Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

**HERE I AM LORD!**

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Bishop's Annual Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts!

Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary health care needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals—with a total of over \$700,000 being returned to parishes last year alone! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org.



The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd in celebration of Thanksgiving. In the case of an emergency and the need for a priest please call 973-222-0720.

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY
8:30AM**

November 19th
Anne Alley
Virginia Corsentino
Louis and Mary Esoldi

**TUESDAY
8:30AM**

November 20th
Dominic Carton
Frank Gamba
Janja Fantulin

WEDNESDAY

November 21st
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30AM

Ann Andrews
Givi Trauwaert
Robert "Bob" Cohan

THURSDAY

November 22nd
Thanksgiving Day
9:00AM Parishioners, Living and Deceased

FRIDAY

November 23rd
Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr
Saint Columban, Abbot
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
8:30AM

Mary Knell (*Living*)
Bridget Schlegel
Frank and Jessie Giacumbo

SATURDAY

November 24th
Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs
8:30AM Lindsay Schlegel (*Living*)
Russell Alber
Gabriel Petrucci

Solemnity of Christ the King**5:00PM (Vigil)**

Louis Tangreti
Christopher Giraldo
Deceased members of the parish

**SUNDAY
8:30AM**

November 25th
Susie Matinho
Vito Anzalone
Deacon Bill Wagner

10:30AM

Joseph Connolly
Corsino and Anita Mendes
Deceased members of the Syrotiuk family

6:00PM

Shirley Caporaso
Teresa Giordano
Zaida Canessa

Listening is essential... responding is crucial.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse spoke to the Bishops at their meeting this week. This is the account of one speaker. To listen to other accounts visit the USCCB website at usccb.org.

My name is Teresa. I am a daughter of the Most High God. I am also a survivor of child sexual abuse from when I was very young, over a number of years, by more than one priest. My story is only one story and my healing is just one healing and it's hard to stand in front of you and know all of the survivors that I know in the story of grief and the story of grief in their families and to feel worthy to speak to you. I know resilience, courage, beauty. I know people in relationship with their God who are full of life and love and yet still carrying very, very heavy crosses, who still remain pariah in their own church communities, in their dioceses and, most breaking my heart, alienated from a faith that has brought healing to me. Not always in alignment or in harmony with the church which has often over the years judged me and judges me now. My story can't cover all of the suicides and the addictions. It can't cover all of the mental wounds, the acute mental illness, the chronic mental illness that people will courageously manage and never really hear the comment of how that mental illness brings beauty to the world, which our Lord knows. All of the medical illnesses, the autoimmune diseases born of the heightened cortisol that happens when you live constantly in fear; the loneliness and the isolation and the fear; all of the rejection. We are the damaged goods of our age, when the survivors I know and their family members who have suffered so are these people of light in the middle of darkness, or at least my darkness. We are the ones who were too afraid to be alone in a room with an adult or an authority figure and our career suffered because we couldn't ever trust anybody to help us or that we didn't have mentors in college because we were too busy running away if we even could stay in college because of the many things in the post traumatic stress responses to the pressure of achieving or the ones who have overachieved more to flee, never to feel the accomplishment God has given or the peace in knowing accomplishment as His gift. We are the ones who can seem aloof because our stories wound the people we love to share with my sisters that this happened and to see their sorrow. Even as I do ministry over the past 15 years, I know that they grieve from time to time. I know that part of their story has to integrate my memory of a family. They were older. They escaped what I went through, but now they have to integrate what failed and what fell apart, again another heartbreak. And I'm one of the lucky ones because my family embraces me. Many survivors are alienated and rejected from their own families just for speaking the truth about what happened to them. And even survivors I am blessed to know, who have been abused by other authority figures, I rejoice that they find healing in the Lord. They can come back to the church without fright. Or the survivors who have found abuse within the church can maybe, like I did for years, find only solace sitting in the back of a church during Adoration. Our Lord is smiling at me because He knows, and I would just sit so nobody would be around me, no movement, nobody could get to me and hurt me and I could still be with the Eucharist. I even have to remember my parents being groomed and I had to move through my anger at them for not being there for me and feeling in my heart what they also went through. But none of this comes close to the horror and the pain suffered by a child who we know statistically is going to be abused today and the horror is not the abuse as much as the dread between points of hell. It's the in-between when you live and dread, I know it well; where St. Theresa can be a picture on a wall but a presence; where a church bell far away can break the time that God is somewhere, maybe not where you are right then and for that I thank you because it's very unlikely that that child is in a Catholic school or Catholic church or any Catholic institution. I'm not saying that there's not enormous improvements but I am saying you have permitted me to come back to the church because it would not have been moral for me to come back if I didn't know that children were safer and, from the bottom of my heart, I can't thank you enough for that peace because survivors are haunted by knowing in this world that it does continue. Now my story— if I look at the most common denominator with those beautiful survivors and families that I know this is what happened and here is my story. Long ago, five decades ago, where the innocence of childhood was entrusted to the holiness of priests, evil struck and that wounded relationship, that ruptured relationship, has yet to heal. And what has happened in my life as a child is that my family was wounded and my parents were wounded and their marriage was wounded and our family was bruised. We are a loving family and we still remain a loving family that was bruised. My sisters have spent their whole life dealing with me falling apart every few years. And beyond them the parishes and beyond that the communities that aren't Catholic that rely on us to serve them and the child somewhere being abused, can the bell tell them about God? Many have been entrusted to your care and they are noisy and they are angry and I understand. When needs are not met by our parents, by those in authority, the needs get bigger and louder. I know that. I've been in therapy a long time. I've learned that. And I hear that you want to meet those needs. As ministry becomes more trauma-informed, what we have to offer the world is formidable because the healing where evil strikes is partly psychological. Therapy is so important and it's somewhat practical in a sense that settlements make some difference but there's something deeper, more whole, there is a person Jesus Christ, who represents what we've been born to be, and what abuse by a priest and an indifferent church for a very long time has placed at arm's length and in some ways made some of us feel homeless in the city of God. But there's no need to worry for me. My heart is full of forgiveness because not because I can judge you, but because I don't have room in my heart. My Lord has been my Savior. After all the therapy, after the self-help books and the wellness articles and the workshops, and they were all important, all the 12-step programs all important, I still needed a Savior to save me again and again and again. And I have that and I don't want anything in my heart taking up room for Him and I want to help others to have that. And the world is full of the awareness. The judge is the Lord. The Lord is the Victor over this evil among us, over the evil that ruptured this relationship that it is up to you to help heal. But our Lord has won that battle already. He is the Victor, evil lost, it is dead and survivors again and again in therapy when we think of killing ourselves we are faced with the question life-or-death what do you choose?

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Continued from page 3...It seems to me that's a good question that you are answering constantly too. So what I will say is our Lord is the Victor and He will judge which side we are on. I personally live under His wing and a certain feather and I feel very safe, but the world will know that the Lord is the judge, yet it will, and seek justice in the ways it does. But the thing I know and why my heart breaks for you is the Lord has cried more tears on His cross because of some of the decisions that some of you have made. I don't know how you bear it. My heart breaks and I just will continue to pray for you. And I would like to close by praising the Lord. He is truly my Savior. There's really nothing more for me to be afraid of and I commit my life to helping to use this very strange expertise He has chosen to permit into my world. May God be praised.

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:

Sharon Baker, Jennifer Pellicchia, Rhoda and Ike Blake, Denise Garcia, Rick and Susan Olkusz, Claudia Jardim, Cecile Fountain Jardim, Eric Garcia, Rita D'Angelo, Jim and Sandra Fittin, Jane Moran, Frank Critelli, Cathy Bognar, Parker Watson, Annette McGrory, Lou Aroneo, Lucy Bustillos, Paula Matchen, May Hill, Caitlin Shea, Bill Wallisch, Larry Oster, Nanci Gamba, and Elizabeth Early

Those who have died to this world

Nora Dolan

Requiescat in Pace

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



The votive candle before the statue of St. Joseph is in memory of Vincent Scrudato.

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

Jack Michael Provinsal
son of John and Allison

claimed now for the fullness of eternal life.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

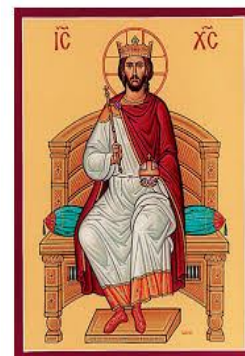
Daniel describes the one who will appear on the clouds of heaven and receive glory. People of every language will serve this one, and his leadership and community will be his forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

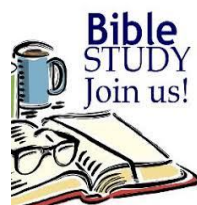
Jesus is so powerful, he is the ruler of kings. He loved us enough to free us from sin, and so he will be glorified forever. He will appear again and be seen by all the people of the earth. God calls himself the first and last, "the One who is and who was and who is to come," reminding all people that God will remain with us always.

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks again if Jesus is a king, to which he replies, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."



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 continue on **Thursdays from 1:00pm to 2:00pm in the Church Meeting Room and repeated on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Pastoral Center Library.** All are welcome to attend one or more sessions. Previous attendance not required.

NOTE TO ENVELOPE USERS

Unfortunately, the last packet of weekly envelopes sent to you had the envelope for November 22nd wrongly worded. Please discard that incorrect Thanksgiving envelope. Please use the Thanksgiving envelope that was mailed to you last week designating the Thanksgiving Day collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Cathedral Corporation apologizes for the inconvenience.

1st-10th Faith Formation Sunday Schedule includes Mass.

8:15-10:00 am	1st, 2 nd , 3 rd 4 th , 6 th , 8 th Grades
10:15 am – 12 pm	1st-8 th Grades
5:45-7:30 pm	1st-10 th Grades

"A Holy Hour before the most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect of God's graces."

Saint Faustina



While St. Vincent de Paul's students are in Faith Formation classes for thirty minutes (immediately following each Sunday Mass), please consider spending this time in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Please pray for your own family as well as for the grace that all Faith Formation families and all parishioners come closer to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. Please sign up online at www.stvincentschurch.org/1st-8th-faith-formation-overview



The Meals for Moms Ministry seeks to support families who have just welcomed a new baby. We are happy to provide several meals to the family during this special time. Please contact Danielle Grieco at dgrieco7@verizon.net for more information.

If you would like to help by cooking one meal please email Danielle.

"Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love." St. Teresa of Calcutta



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Volunteers are needed to help with our tradition of Breakfast With Santa to be held on **Saturday, December 1st at 10am** in the Pastoral Center Gym. If you can donate your time to help at this festive event please contact Teri at the parish

office or by email to tkesselmeyer@stvincentschurch.org.

Tickets are available for purchase on our parish website or see the enclosed flyer.

SAINT AGNES FOOD DRIVE



The St. Damien Council of the Knights of Columbus will be accepting Thanksgiving Day Dinner food donations this **Sunday morning, November 18th**. Donations may be frozen turkeys and/or hams along with a few items such as beans, rice, canned vegetables and gravies.

Please place items in a cardboard box and bring to the clock tower by 12 noon. Donations cannot be accepted after 12:00 since the truck will be leaving for Paterson.

Thank you for your continued support and may you and your family be blessed for your loving generosity and goodness to God's holy people.



Our **Advent Giving Tree** will be available on **Monday, November 26th**. You are invited to select an **Advent Angel** from the tree, purchase the requested gift and return it to the church meeting room **no later than December 10th**.

Please attach the Angel securely to the unwrapped gift. There will also be a box available to collect gift certificates. The gifts collected will be distributed to Catholic Charities, Paterson, St. Agnes Church, Paterson, and Bridges Outreach. For questions please contact Sr. Elsa at 908-295-4944/ srelsacsb@aol.com.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The following items are **greatly needed** to replenish our Food Pantry: Green Beans, Canned Beans **only** (black, navy, pinto), Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, Coffee, Corn, Chicken Noodle Soup, and Vegetable Soup. **Please bring all items to the basket in the church set aside for food pantry items.**

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

The Rosary is prayed daily following the 8:30 Mass, on First Saturdays, and at 7:00pm on the evening of the third Friday of each month.

"The power of the Rosary is beyond description."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



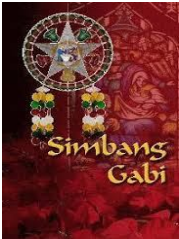


Calling All The H.S. Youth!

Come and Celebrate
Thanksgiving the TNL Way:
Prayers, Games, Dessert and
Fellowship



SIMBANG GABI



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 17th** 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 information contact Emma Militante at mommilitante@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



A **Christmas Concert** will be presented by the **musicians of St. Vincent de Paul Parish**. The concert will take place in the church on **Saturday, December 15th at 7:00pm**.

The concert will feature a guest choral group, *Magnificat*, as well as different ensembles and soloists from our parish. A suggested donation for tickets is \$20 and will be collected at the door.

Proceeds will benefit the music ministry and music scholarship program, which encourages and fosters high school musicians from the community.

Come and enter into the Christmas spirit by singing along to some of your favorite carols and enjoy a concert of festive Christmas music! Contact the parish office or Elena Zolnick at elenatbird@gmail.com for questions.

ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS, MADISON One Way

Adults (18+) are invited to join an interactive, small group experience which aims to bring each participant to a new understanding of Jesus and His Church on **Tuesday, November 20th and 27th** from **7:30pm to 9:00pm**. For information visit inside.thewalls.org/one-way-18plus.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL, CHATHAM

Are you considering a change for your child's educational experience? We invite families with children currently enrolled in non-Catholic schools to consider the benefits of our Parish school environment where Gospel values are combined with National Blue Ribbon and STEM certified academics each day. Email admissions@st-pats.org or call 973-635-4623 to learn more or to schedule a tour.

**Please complete the tear off below with your petitions and place in basket in the narthex.
At the Mass on Thanksgiving the petitions will be brought to the altar during the Offertory.**

On this day of thanksgiving, I give thanks to God for
