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rooted in the Eucharist
and committed to the poor.

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DO WHAT EVER
HE TELLS YOU

John 2:5



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 January 12th and 13th**

Total collected at Masses: \$9,955

Online WeShare: \$4,048

Total Offered: \$14,003**Diocesan Assessment: \$2,399****Daily Mass Readings****Monday**

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

TuesdayLectionary for Ritual Masses,
vol. IV "Mass for Peace &
Justice", nos. 887-891**Wednesday**

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

FridayActs 22:3-16 or 9:1-22;
Mk 16:15-18**OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION**

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is actively seeking new Protecting God's Children facilitators from around the Diocese. This is an extremely important ministry in our Diocese to assist in creating a safe environment for our Church and to help educate our volunteers and employees in the area of awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse.

The Office will be conducting its next training in the Spring (March/April) at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Anyone interested in becoming a facilitator, or for more information on what is involved, can contact Eric Wilsusen, Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection at ewilsusen@patersondiocese.org.

HERE I AM LORD!

If you have not yet responded to the **2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal**, there is still time to do so as the 2018 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2019.

Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving His people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2018appeal.org

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY****January 21st****Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr****8:30AM**Robert Slyker (*Living*)
Peter Steger**TUESDAY****January 22nd****Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
Of Unborn Children****8:30AM**The Delia Family (*Living*)
Adele Rubey**WEDNESDAY****January 23rd****Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr****Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin****8:30AM**The Harrigan Family (*Living*)
Nancy Pascarella
Carter Falzarano**THURSDAY****January 24th****Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church****8:30AM**Timothy and Cecilia Ng (*Living*)
Leo Delamere**FRIDAY****January 25th****The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle****8:30AM**John Coverdale (*Living*)
Matthew Cuaycong
Patricia Filippone O'Neill**SATURDAY****January 26th****Saint Timothy, Bishop****Saint Titus, Bishop****8:30AM**Bill Verderber
Virginia Campbell
Betty Lent**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time****5:00PM (Vigil)**John J. Meade
Frances Lorfink
Vincent and Virginia Corsentino**SUNDAY****January 27th****8:30AM**Robert Heim
Maryann Covalence

Deceased members of the Buziak/McMonagle Families

10:30AMWillard Dolman
Rose Helfrich
Francis Farrell**6:00PM**Adele Rubey
Deceased members of the parish

The Rosary is prayed **daily** following the 8:30am 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

The proper attitude is Love

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Thousands of Americans will have marched in Washington D.C. on Friday (January 18) to voice their support for the sanctity of all life and peacefully protest the deadly Supreme Court decision *Roe v Wade*. Each of us has the opportunity every day through prayer, fasting, self education and action to make a difference. Surely one who professes Christ to be Lord finds no joy in an industry which intentionally takes the life of an innocent. No one who professes Christ to be Lord would believe that those who are terminally ill or considered to be a burden on society should be simply disposed of with misguided compassion. Surely no one who professes Christ as Lord finds human suffering, be it through poverty, abuse, neglect or the lack of basic needs for living, something to be ignored once it does not directly affect them.

Tuesday of this week, January 22nd, is once more designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Child. *The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22nd as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22nd shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." (from the USCCB)*

That it is human life in the womb science upholds as truth, as does our faith. The American College of Pediatricians is a national medical association of licensed physicians and healthcare professionals who specialize in the care of infants, children, and adolescents. The mission of the College is to enable all children to reach their optimal physical and emotional health and well-being. Relating to the science of life the College states: *As physicians dedicated both to scientific truth and to the Hippocratic tradition, the College values all human lives equally from the moment of conception (fertilization) until natural death. Consistent with its mission to "enable all children to reach their optimal physical and emotional health and well-being," the College, therefore, opposes active measures that would prematurely end the life of any child at any stage of development from conception to natural death.*

Essentially the case for life is clear. It is wrong to intentionally kill innocent human beings. Abortion, the death penalty, physician assisted suicide and any act where the intention is to take a life is wrong. It is never enough for us to be about one issue where life is concerned. We must encompass in our concern and prayer an insistence on the protection of the dignity of each human life from conception through natural death. Each of us has a part to play in promoting the agenda for life—all life. As a parish we have advocated for the protection of life and we also participate daily in the works of mercy to aid those who have needs—spiritual and material—to have a better life. It is never enough to simply talk about the gift of life. We must also put words into action by our respect for the gift of life. St. John Paul II once wrote, *the human person is a good towards which the only proper attitude is love*. Central to our Lord's teaching is the command to love. The child in the womb calls out for love. The poor of our nation and world call out for love. The elderly call out for love. The terminally ill call out for love. Each and every person from conception to natural death calls out for love. As disciples of the Lord our only attitude to life, those born and preborn, is love. There can be no indifference, refusal to recognize or not be involved. Each has the responsibility to love and this is where perhaps we find the greatest and, at the same time, most rewarding aspect of our life in Christ—to love as He loves.

Let us pray for an end to any and all attacks on the sanctity, dignity and gift of human life. Let us pray for healing of those who carry heavy burdens, grief and guilt. May our love in action be the cause of great change from a culture of death to a culture of life, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Peace, Fr. Richard

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

Damian McCoy, 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:

Kevin Shea, Pat Bergin, Carol Richter, James Castagna, Angela Mazzei, Mary Ising, Sharon Baker, Jennifer Pellecchia, Rhoda & Ike Blake, Denise Garcia, Rick and Susan Olkusz, Claudia Jardim, Cecile Fountain Jardim, Eric Garcia, Rita D'Angelo, Jim Fittin, Sandra Fittin, Jane Moran, John Daglian, Parker Watson, Annette McGrory, Lou Aroneo, Lucy Bustillos, Paula Matchen, Bill Wallisch, Larry Oster, Nanci Gamba, and Elizabeth Early

Those who have died to this world

Regina Fodor and Frank Critelli

Requiescat in Pace

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its' own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.



The votive candle before the statue of the Blessed Mother is in memory of **John McMonagle**.

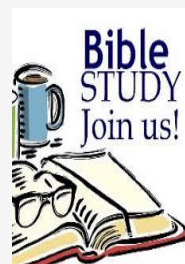
The votive candle before the statue of Saint Joseph is for **Damian McCoy**

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

When weather conditions cause closures and make conditions for travel difficult or hazardous, please call ahead to the parish office (908-647-0118) to check that Mass and parish events are able to take place as scheduled. In some cases it may be more prudent to offer Mass at 12 noon on a day when weather patterns may have changed for the better.

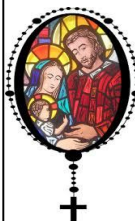
When schools are closed due to weather conditions parish events, with the exception of Mass, will also be cancelled.

***Check before you go
so that you can be in the know.***

ADULT FAITH FORMATION STUDIES**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 take place 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 Library. All are welcome to attend one or more sessions. Previous attendance not required.

FAMILY ROSARY

Join us with your whole family to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, February 15th 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 if you and your family are able to attend the activities afterwards.



This **Sunday, January 20th** there will be no First through Tenth Grade classes after Mass. Instead there will be a Second Grade Retreat.

Second Graders and Parents: This **Sunday, January 20th**, St. Vincent's will host the annual, and very special, **Blessing Cup Retreat** led by presenter and potter Ray Boswell.

This Second Grade Retreat begins with the 10:30AM Mass followed by lunch and the Retreat in the parish gym.

The normal class schedule resumes on January 27th.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE WHICH INCLUDES MASS

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

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY



The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will take place on **Monday, February 4th**. The Rosary will be prayed in the Chapel at 7:00 pm followed by our meeting and refreshments at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



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. What a wonderful choice to begin the new year serving at holy Mass! Serving at the Altar is a great gift to Jesus and this community and will deepen your love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

St. Vincent de Paul Youth Ministry Presents Winter 2019



Starting on Saturday January 26 at 5 pm &
Closing with the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday
January 27, 2018



A Youth Festival with Live-feed from the World
Youth Day 2019 & Reflections from the theme: *I am
the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me
according to your word.* (Lk 1:38)

- Stations of the Cross & Candlelight Procession
- Catechetical Sessions - Prayer,
- Reconciliation Opportunities
- Games, Cultural Food & Entertainment and more

All are welcome!

Turn in your registration & permission form by January 22, 2019

For any questions please contact Sr. Niky:

srniky@stvincentschurch.org or 718-687-6741



TRIVIA NIGHT

The Knights are hosting
**Trivia Night on Friday,
February 8th at 7:30pm in
the gym.** It is guaranteed to be a
fun night with family and friends.
Food and drinks are included and
it is all FREE! To rsvp contact Tim
Wallisch at timwallisch@aol.com
or call 908-524-7311.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES



Technology class will resume on
**Tuesday, February 5th and will
meet every Tuesday** following the
8:30am Mass in the Church Meeting
Room. Bring your phone and/or tablet
in order to learn about texting,
emailing, pictures and more. For
questions contact Teri at the parish office or at
tkess@stvincentschurch.org



On Epiphany Sunday, Faith Formation began the new year with a family session on Eucharistic Adoration. At the conclusion of Mass, Father Richard invited all students to join him at the altar. He asked the children to kneel before the Monstrance and spoke to them of the gift of Jesus' Real Presence.

After leading them in a song of adoration, he processed with the Monstrance before the students and explained that they are receiving a blessing directly from Jesus. One student proclaimed, as the Monstrance passed by, "it is Jesus – it really is Jesus!"

"I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic Adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His presence? Saint Pope John Paul II

Did You Know?

Every 34 seconds an unborn child is killed by abortion in the United States. That computes to 2,534 babies every day or 925,056 yearly. Of the 900,000+ abortions performed annually in the United States, Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion chain, commits over 300,000 abortions.

Spiritual Adoption Prayer

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby I've spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Jesus, protect the unborn.

Support Group for Family and Friends of those affected by Substance Use Disorder are offered at **Trinity House, Stirling**. These meetings are held the **last Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm**. The next meeting will be **January 30th**. The evening features discussions, speakers, spiritual consolation and light refreshments.

If you or someone you know is suffering and would benefit from an evening of sharing and community support please consider attending one or more of these sessions. For more details contact Keaton Douglas at 973-370-3784 or shrinerecovery@gmail.com.

The **Rally for Life** sponsored by NJ Right to Life will take place in Trenton on **Tuesday, January 22nd from 11:00am to 1:00pm** at the State House Annex Courtyard.

For information and directions visit www.njrfl.org or contact Helen O'Mullan 908-647-6521.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The following items are needed to replenish our Food Pantry: Peas, Carrots, Corn, Peaches, Mixed Fruit, Canned Pink and Navy Beans, Spam, Honey Nut Cheerios, Spaghetti Noodles, Mixed Vegetables and Canned Chicken. **Please bring all items to the basket in the church set aside for food pantry items.** Thank you for your generosity.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL, CHATHAM

St. Patrick School is one of only four Catholic elementary schools in the nation to be nationally STEM certified. We invite families with children currently enrolled in non-Catholic schools to consider the benefits of a parish school environment where Gospel values are combined with National Blue Ribbon and STEM certified academics each day. Learn more at **Walk In Wednesdays**. Drop by any Wednesday between 9:00am and 11:00am for a personal tour. Email admissions@st-pats.org or call 973-635-4623 to learn more or to schedule a more convenient time.