



**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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Give, and it will be given to
you. Good measure, pressed
down, shaken together,
running over, will be put into
your lap. For with the measure
you use it will be measured
back to you.

Luke 6:38

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 February 16th and 17th

Total collected at Masses: \$7,099

Online WeShare: \$3,644

Total Offered: \$10,743

Thank you to all who sacrificially support the mission of the parish.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

First Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

First Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16



ENDOWMENT FUND FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The St. Vincent de Paul Endowment Fund for Catholic Education is available to registered, contributing and active parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Parish who have or who intend to enroll their child or children in a local Catholic Grade School. The Fund provides for the out of parish differential for each student and also provides Tuition Assistance to those with demonstrated need.

Application Forms for the Fund may be obtained by contacting Vera at the Parish House. **The completed forms should be returned to the Parish House by March 18th. No applications will be accepted after that time.**

Thank you to all who have contributed to this Fund in the past to assist in providing a Catholic education to children in our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY

8:30AM

February 25th

John Coverdale (*Living*)

Marian Zoll

Ednamae Olson

TUESDAY

8:30AM

February 26th

Sister Krystyna Dziadkowiec (*Living*)

Robert Goss

Bozo and Pera Zeravica

WEDNESDAY

8:30AM

February 27th

Rose Dagostino (*Living*)

Frank Critelli

Frank Montemurno

THURSDAY

8:30AM

February 28th

The Clemente Family (*Living*)

Patricia Knodel

Joseph Galante

FRIDAY

8:30AM

March 1st

Alexandra Williams (*Living*)

Joseph Rota

Andrew Borinski

SATURDAY

8:30AM

March 2nd

Judy Calabro (*Living*)

Helena Rohal

Rosemary Anderson

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM (Vigil)

Stephen Falk

Ethel Hurley

Richard O'Leary

SUNDAY

8:30AM

March 3rd

Kenneth Pringle

Willard and Gretchen Dolman

Deceased members of the Sheedy Family

10:30AM

Michael John Elia

Helena Rohal

Joseph Galante

Deceased members of the parish

6:00PM

Josephine Forte

Anna Moszczynski

William Bartnick

RESPECT LIFE PRESENTATION

Please join the Respect Life Committee as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Humane Vitae with a discussion on **Natural Family Planning**. All are welcome to a presentation on **Saturday, March 2nd at 7pm in the St. John Paul II Center**. Contact Danielle Dill for details 908-578-2712.

A meeting in solidarity, humility, and penitence

"If one member suffers, all the members suffer together." (1 Cor 12:26)

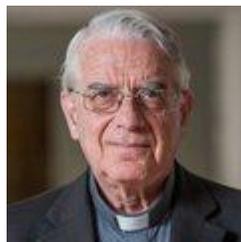
"Faced with widespread and growing discomfort following new reports and revelations of very serious cases of sexual abuse involving members of the clergy, on September 12, 2018, at the end of one of the meetings of the Council of Cardinals it was announced that the Holy Father had decided to call a meeting in the Vatican for February 21-24, 2019. The meeting would be a broad approach to the theme 'The Protection of Minors in the Church.'

This is certainly a first meeting of its kind, yet it is also clearly part of the process of *synodality* that Pope Francis is keen to have at the heart of his plan to reform the Church. Faced with a problem that shows itself more and more present and serious in different geographical areas of the world and of the Catholic Church, the Pope has ordered the highest representatives of the different ecclesial communities to give a united response at the universal level. The entire Church must choose to live in solidarity, above all with the victims, with their families and with the ecclesial communities wounded by the scandals. As the Pope has written, 'If one member suffers, all the members suffer together' (1 Cor 12:26), and the commitment to protect minors has to be taken on clearly and effectively by the entire community, starting with those in the highest positions of responsibility.

Speaking of sexual abuse by members of the clergy is painful and unpleasant. Sometimes, even in Church circles, one hears that it is time to change the subject, that it is not right to give too much weight to this theme, for it is becoming oppressive and overblown. But that would be the wrong road to take. If the problem is not fully confronted in all its aspects, the Church will continue to find itself facing one crisis after another, her credibility and that of all priests will remain seriously wounded, but above all, what will suffer will be the substance of her mission to proclaim the gospel and her educational work for children and young people, which for centuries has been one of the most beautiful and precious aspects of her service for humanity."

In consciousness of the facts, the meeting sees itself as a step on a long path of reappraisal, healing and transformation of the Church, which must always be a transformation towards a deeper, more wholehearted following of Jesus Christ.

This homepage <http://www.pbc2019.org/home> was established to be able to transparently and authentically follow the process of change and development, both during the meeting and thereafter. Thus, beyond February 2019, it should be traceable what stimulus has come from within and outside of the meeting for the protection of minors, and how this has been implemented and/or developed further. All participants are aware of the fact that it must not remain mere words and announcements. Specific action must follow. Everyone can use this homepage to form their own opinion on whether and how this will succeed in the future.



Federico Lombardi, S.J.

Moderator of the Meeting "The Protection of Minors in the Church"
Quotes from the article "Preparing the Meeting of Bishops on the Protection of Minors"
on iaciviltacattolica.com (19 Dec, 2018)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Tyler Nelson, 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, James Castagna, Angela Mazzei, Mary Ising, Sharon Baker, Jennifer Pellecchia, Rhoda & Ike Blake, Denise Garcia, Rick and Susan Olkusz, Claudia Jardim, Cecile Fountain Jardim, 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

Nicholas Houghton and John Tansey

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 Saint Joseph is in memory of The Buziak/McMonagle Families

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE



Come pray with us for the unborn children who are being lost through abortion. We also pray for all those harmed by the loss of these precious gifts, our children.

A **peaceful prayer vigil** at Planned Parenthood, Morristown will take place beginning **March 6th through April 13th from 7am to 7pm**. Volunteers usually pray an hour or more a week. The location is 196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown. You can volunteer by sending an email to 44lifeus@gmail.com or go to the website 40daysforlife.com. For questions call Frances Spilman at 973-627-1654. Your presence may save a life.



WANT TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.

PALM FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



Palm which was blessed last Palm Sunday may be brought to the vestibule of the church by **Monday, March 4th** and placed in the basket there. It will be burned and prepared for use as ash on **Ash Wednesday, March 6th**.

After that time blessed palm from last year may be buried or burned in order to be disposed of properly. Please do not return last year's palm to the church after March 4th.

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.

LENT 2019—Please save these dates and engage the opportunities for this season.

Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church

On **Monday, March 11th at 7PM** beginning with a talk in the church on the **Treasures of the Church** which will be followed by the exposition of sacred relics of the saints to be held in the gym.

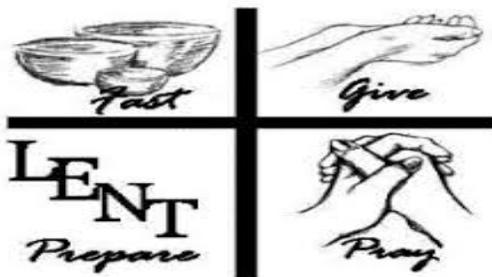
Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with a very special collection of **over 150 relics**, some almost 2,000 years old. Those who attend will be able to examine and venerate each relic.

In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics and many have been healed through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be a portion of the veil of Our Lady as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

Parish Lenten Mission March 23 – 27

Come join us for an exciting Parish Mission, presented by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. Our speaker will be Fr. David Gunter, MIC. Fr. David W. Gunter, MIC is a member of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception located at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was ordained in 2009 for the Archdiocese of Boston. Prior to entering the priesthood, he studied at Northeastern University receiving a BA in Economics and Geology in 1981. He went on to obtain an MBA from Babson College in 1984. He entered the Marian Fathers in July 2014, and completed his novitiate in August 2015, when he professed first vows. Over the last few years, Fr. David has been researching Marian apparitions, Marian teachings by saints and popes, and has compiled an exciting program based on a book he has written called *The Triumph*. The Mission will be on the ***The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart!*** Fr. Gunter will preach at weekend Masses on the 23rd and 24th, offering mission talks after the morning and evening Masses, Monday through Wednesday. Admission is free, materials will be made available on Divine Mercy and Mary. More details will follow—for now mark the dates in your calendar.



Monday, April 8th (after 7PM Mass) — A presentation on the Shroud of Turin - more detailed information to follow.

Daily Mass—Monday through Friday 8:30AM and 7PM.

Confession—Each Monday during Lent after 7PM Mass.

Mondays—Sr. Elsa will begin a new book for reading and discussion on **Monday, February 25th**. The book is entitled

Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ by Edward Sri, a Catholic theologian and author of several Catholic best selling books. Dr. Sri provides an in-depth exploration of how to live as a disciple and experience the transformation Jesus wants to work in our lives. This book will help you to follow those initial promptings of the Holy Spirit so you may more intentionally encounter Jesus anew each day and be more disposed to His grace. New members are welcome to join. The Book Club meets following the 8:30am Mass on Mondays in the Church Meeting Room. New members are always welcome.

Thursdays—Bible Study: Getting Ready For Sunday Fr. Richard examines the context and culture within which each upcoming Sunday's Readings were written and their meaning. Following these discussions one cannot help but have a more profound and richer understanding of Sunday's Scripture readings. 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.

Fridays—Stations of the Cross after the 7PM Mass.

RICE BOWL LENTEN PROGRAM

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our faith calls us to build a culture of encounter. We hear this call clearly throughout the Gospel and we see it reflected in Pope Francis' daily example. As we prepare for Lent, we are invited to reflect on how we—as people of faith—might contribute to this culture of encounter. To serve as a guide for your community's reflection, I invite you to use Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowls this Lent.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

Seventy-five percent of our gifts go to Catholic Relief Services to support projects for our neighbors in need around the world. Twenty-five percent of our gifts remain here in the diocese to support our Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Services programs.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to an enriched Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together we will do our part to responding to Christ's call to build a culture of encounter

+ Arthur J. Serratelli
 Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
 Bishop of Paterson

LOYOLA RETREAT CENTER

A silent, co-ed retreat for adults will be offered at the **Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown**. The theme of the weekend retreat is "Rejoice and Be Glad" and will begin with dinner on **Friday, March 29th and conclude after lunch on Sunday, March 31st**.

Since 1927 retreatants have visited Loyola to encounter God, illuminate the heart and enjoy peace. A silent retreat creates a sacred, meditative opportunity for reflecting on God's presence in our lives and for realizing more deeply how blessed we are.

Details about the Center may be found at www.loyola.org as well as weekend retreat registration information.

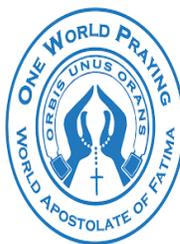
FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The following items are **greatly needed** to replenish our Food Pantry: White Rice (2lb bag), Honey Nut Cheerios, Jelly, Hot Chocolate, Spaghetti Noodles and Corn. **Please bring all items to the basket in the church set aside for food pantry items.**

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

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd



The National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima invites you to a free Retreat entitled "**Heart of Mary-Hope for the World, Unpacking the Fatima Message.**" Fr. Hugh Gillespie SMM will present the final two talks in the Fatima series- Reparation for sinners and the

Charism of St. Jacinta, and Consecration to Mary as lived by Servant of God Sr. Lucia at 11:30am The day includes Rosary, Confession, and Mass at 12:30pm followed by Adoration. Light refreshments will be served.

Please rsvp to: dorothy@bluearmy.com or 908-689-1700 ext. 224. The Shrine is located at 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES



Technology class and is held on **Tuesdays** at 9:30am in the **Church Meeting Room**. Bring your laptop, phone and/or tablet in order to learn more about texting, emailing, pictures, etc. For questions contact Teri at the Parish office or at kesselmeyer@stvincentschurch.org

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE



Our "Sunday Before Fat Tuesday Bake Sale" will take place **next weekend** after all Masses. We need your support to make this the best sale ever! Please drop off your nicely wrapped "culinary treasures" to the kitchen in the church meeting room by 4:00pm on Saturday, March 2nd or before the Mass you attend that weekend. Support the Rosarians by purchasing one or more baked items to enjoy before Lent begins. For questions, contact Karen Nyquist at 908-350-8009 or by email to Karen.nyquist@gmail.com.