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rooted in the Eucharist
and committed to the poor.

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Grow Rich in the Eyes of God



Sunday Mass Schedule

(Vigil Mass)
Saturday —5:00PM

Sunday
8:30AM and 10:30AM

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 July 27th and July 28th	
Total collected at Masses:	\$8,134
Online WeShare:	<u>\$3,128</u>
Total Offered:	\$11,262
Mortgage Reduction:	\$2,303

Daily Mass Readings	
Monday Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21	
Tuesday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36	
Wednesday Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28	
Thursday Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23	
Friday Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28	
Saturday 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26	

	READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
	First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9 In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.
	Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram's faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God's promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.
	Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return.

MASS INTENTIONS	
MONDAY	August 5th <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i>
8:30AM	Brother Oisin Martin (<i>Living</i>) Randolph Roa Martha Armenti
TUESDAY	August 6th <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
8:30AM	Stephen Falk Miceal McHugh Susie Matinho Christine Dos Santos
WEDNESDAY	August 7th <i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs</i> <i>Saint Cajetan, Priest</i>
8:30AM	Luis and Sylvia Munoz (<i>Living</i>) Rosalie Pigna Margarida Ho
THURSDAY	August 8th <i>Saint Dominic, Priest</i>
8:30AM	Mark Lonergan Anthony LaRezza Dominic Carton
FRIDAY	August 9th <i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> <i>Virgin and Martyr</i>
8:30AM	Sister Niky Burgos (<i>Living</i>) Edward Vamenta Scott David Newman
SATURDAY	August 10th <i>Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i>
8:30AM	Dan Jamison Carmen Rapuano Angelo Yannotta
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00PM (Vigil)	Beverly Guldner Mary Cunico Marian Zoll Richard Holmes
8:30AM	Frank Bigelis Robert Heim Deceased members of the Buziak/McMonagle Families
10:30AM	Brian Meade Michael John Elia Deceased members of the parish

Where My Heart Is, There Is My Treasure

“Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.’ He replied to him, ‘Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?’ Then he said to the crowd, ‘Take care to guard against all greed, for though a man may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.’”

Without being fully aware, it is easy to fall into the trap of greed or avarice. Like the tiny squirrel, we gather and collect, thinking we are in need, cannot do without, and even forget what we have accumulated. The gospel teaching is a gentle reminder.

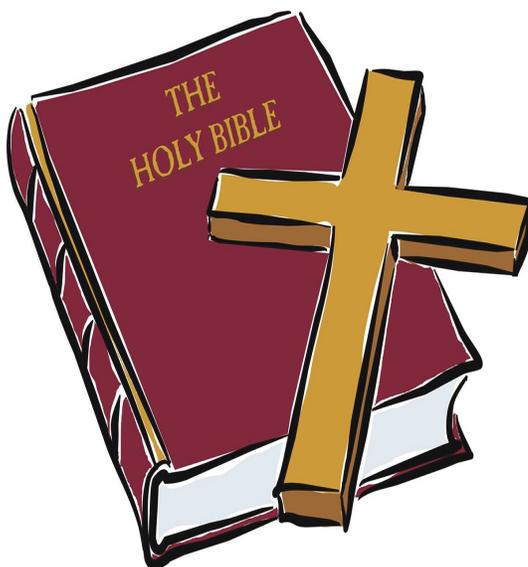
Consider all possessions as gift. I was not born with them and when the Lord calls me, they will be left behind. Our consumer society measures and praises what one possesses.

A good lesson for us is to look at the gift of health, of family, of service, as the riches I have. It is not what I have that counts, but what I do with the gifts I have been given; to see my children and grandchildren, their joy and accomplishments as treasures.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Hayden Schultz, Michael Conant, 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:

Mary Bigelis, Deacon Peter O'Neill, Andrew Balk, John Wharton, Kevin Shea, Pat Bergin, James Castagna, Sharon Baker, Jennifer Pellicchia, Rhoda & Ike Blake, Denise Garcia, Rick and Susan Olkusz, Cecile Fountain Jardim, Rita D'Angelo, Jim Fittin, Sandra Fittin, Jane Moran, John Daglian, Parker Watson, Annette McGrory, Lucy Bustillos, Bill Wallisch, Larry Oster, Nanci Gamba, and Elizabeth Early

Those who have died to this world

Daniel O'Brien, Dorothy Vincent and Deacon Joseph Richardson

Requiescat in Pace

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

How Are We To Understand the Transfiguration?

The story of the Transfiguration is also proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent—a key part of Jesus' journey towards the Cross.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church draws parallels between Jesus' Baptism and the Transfiguration. Jesus is baptized at the start of his public ministry. His baptism proclaims the mystery of our first regeneration—we die and rise again with Christ.

The "Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own Resurrection (St. Thomas Aquinas, STh III, 45, 4, ad 2). From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body (Phil 3:21)" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 556).

During the Prayer after Communion, we pray that God might "transform us into the likeness of your Son, whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest in his glorious Transfiguration." The Collect, or opening prayer, tells us that the mystery of the Transfiguration "prefigures our full adoption to sonship." The Transfiguration, initially revealed to Peter, James, and John, reveals to all of us a taste of what is yet to come.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Thank you to St. Vincent's Parish

When I had the great pleasure of celebrating my first Mass at St. Vincent's on May 12th many people commented how wonderful it was for my mother that it coincided with Mother's Day. And indeed it was! Both my mother and my father have been very supportive during this journey to the priesthood. They have suffered and sacrificed, prayed and wrote notes, reached out and welcomed me home.

In these first weeks of ministry back in New Jersey (after having gone back to classes in May and then exams in June), I have been reflecting that I can say much the same about my St. Vincent's family. Our Mother's Day celebration together also honored St. Vincent's as my mother parish.

As many of you know, I was educated at our school, attended our youth group, and then volunteered as an adult leader. Through these experiences, through attending Mass, many discussions with Fr. Richard, Sr. Elsa, and others, St. Vincent's really became a mother to me – the mother of my life of faith. And so it seems only right to offer my humble thanks to the parish for everything you have done for me over these many years.

But I cannot offer adequate words of thanks to all of you for everything you have done. I know that the parish as a whole made many sacrifices, offered many prayers, and spoke words of encouragement over my six and a half years in seminary formation which I cannot repay. But what I can do is to offer the perfect sacrifice of Our Lord in the holy Mass for all of you and for your intentions. Please know that I will do so often over this next (and last!) year of study in Rome. As I have in the past, I entrust myself to your continued prayers.

Many, many thanks in Christ Jesus,
Fr. John Calabro

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



Our parish Food Pantry is in need of the following items: rice, coffee, pasta, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce with meat, honey nut cheerios, jelly, syrup, peanut butter, peas, corn, refried beans,

beets, spam, and chicken noodle soup.

Please no oversized or bulk items.

Thank you for your generosity to those in need.



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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Respect Life Committee is hosting an **End of Life** discussion on **Saturday, October 26th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.**

More details to come.

Please mark your calendar for this important topic!



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 the parish office to choose a date. This is a beautiful way to memorialize a loved one.



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

FIRST THROUGH NINTH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

St. Vincent de Paul's 1st through 9th grade Faith Formation program offers a combination of grade level classroom sessions and Family Faith events all centered around the Mass. Family Faith is designed to help foster a deeper understanding, love and sharing of the Catholic faith for the whole family and parish community. This format promotes the family as being the most important influence in a child's faith life.

Registration for Faith Formation for grades 1 through 9 is available on the parish website. An email has been sent out to all Faith Formation families with a link to register.

First Communion preparation is a two year process beginning in 1st grade. This year both 8th and 9th grade students will prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If your child will be new to the program please contact Deirdre Nemeth at 908-647-0421 or dnemeth@stvincentschurch.org for additional information.

SAVE THE DATES



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a trip to the Somerset Patriots baseball game on **Friday, September 6th.** Game time is 7:00pm. The Council has 30 tickets available at \$5.00 per ticket.

If you are interested contact Ed Pniewski by email polkajig@verizon.net or phone 908-251-1681 for tickets.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The **Knights of Columbus** will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on **Monday, August 26th** from **3:30pm to 8:00pm in the gym.** Donor registration will take place in the vestibule of the church after Masses the weekends of August 10th/11th and August 17th/18th. Please consider being a blood donor. Donating blood saves lives! For further information please contact Ken Schaefer at 732-356-6148.



LIFE MINISTRIES AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH: THE MISSION

The Bible, Natural Law written on every person's heart (Romans 1:19-20), Science, Logic & Reason, and even United States Founding Documents all affirm the Right to Life of every human being.

As Catholics, we believe that each person is made unique and unrepeatable, in the image of God, who created us out of love, and who has a purpose for every human life. As Catholics we affirm and pray for the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

In New Jersey innocent pre-born babies may be legally aborted (killed) throughout all 9 months of pregnancy.

In New Jersey the Assisted Suicide bill, euphemistically named "Aid in Dying for the Terminally III Act" was passed into law and has gone into effect as of August 1, 2019.

Pope Francis often speaks sadly of this current "throw away culture." In this "culture of death" life is cheap and the inconvenient can be legally eliminated. **We can make a difference.**

In New Jersey, post-abortion programs help those who have participated in abortion to find healing, forgiveness, and hope.

At St Vincent de Paul Parish, Life Ministries is committed to advancing the recognition and care for the dignity of every human person at every stage of life. Through prayer, study, education and action, we address life-related moral issues and clarify and support the teachings of the Catholic Church. We encourage parishioners to participate as responsible Catholic citizens in private and public life, to support works which defend human life and help to rebuild a Culture of Life.

In the coming months, we will participate in the following:

- ❖ 40 Days for Life (prayer & vigils at a local abortion clinic) September 25th to November 3rd.
- ❖ Baby Bottles for Good Counsel Homes (care for pregnant mothers and babies in difficult circumstances).
- ❖ Annual Baby Shower for mothers and babies at Good Counsel.
- ❖ Meals for Moms offers to provide meals to families who are welcoming a precious new life.
- ❖ The March for Life in Washington DC (January 24, 2020) and the Trenton Rally for Life.
- ❖ On October 26th a program entitled "An Honest Discussion of End of Life" will be held here in our parish, addressing some of the complicated end of life issues and decisions (theological, spiritual, medical and practical) which often must be made on an emergent basis, unprepared and under great stress as the end of life approaches. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and consider the issues in a stress free environment. Watch for flyers soon. Mark your calendar & invite others to join us.
- ❖ In our Catholic Diocese, the St. Joseph Apostolate to the Dying was formed to minister to the gravely ill. A group of our parishioners will attend a diocesan learning session to likely bring this ministry to our parish.

You are invited to participate in one or more of the **Life Ministries** in our St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Our first meeting in the Fall will be held on **Monday, September 16 at 7:30PM in the Church Meeting Room**. The issues are real and immediate at every stage of life. The consequences are truly "life changing." Are you ready to deal intelligently with them?

Come and see!

Helen O'Mullan

Memorial Bricks are available for purchase for the patio in the **Our Lady of Fatima Garden**. Please consider buying a brick that will be engraved with your name or the name of a family member, friend or loved one to ensure a remembrance of them. Each brick is \$100. Forms are available at the parish office.

The Rosary is prayed **daily** following the 8:30am Mass Monday through Friday and on First Saturdays.

"The Rosary is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family rosary." St. Louis de Montefort