



**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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## *Feast of the* **Guardian Angels**

FOR HE WILL ORDER HIS ANGELS  
TO PROTECT YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

PSALM 91:11



### **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

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Parish Expense Budget 2019-2020 — \$1,275,000  
includes Diocesan Assessment of \$105,000

Less other projected income — (\$340,000.00)

Annual amount needed from collections  
**\$935,000**

Amount needed from the weekly collections  
**\$17,980**

**Collection for the weekend of Sept. 21st and 22nd**

Total collected at Masses \$6,927

Online WeShare Amount \$2,614

**Total \$9,541**

**Deficit for this week \$8,439**

**Deficit to Date \$79,507**

**Collection for Mortgage Reduction \$2,192**

**2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

*"For I Was Hungry..."*

While there are many ways to donate to the Annual Appeal, there is one option unique to people who 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. For more information call the Bishop's Annual Appeal office at 973-777-8818 ext. 218.

*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.*



**40 Days For Life** continues until November 3rd. Prayer vigils will be held outside Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Ave., Morristown and Options for Women, 1024 Park Ave., Plainfield 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week. Volunteers usually pray an hour (or more) a week. To sign up for either visit <https://40daysforlife.com/Morristown> (or Plainfield) or call 973-627-1654. Come pray with us for the Unborn Children who are being lost through abortion. We also peacefully pray for all those harmed by the loss of these precious gifts-our children.

**MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY**

**September 30th**  
**Saint Jerome, Priest and**  
**Doctor of the Church**

**8:30AM**

John Elia  
Cecilia Klebash  
Nelson Vitorino

**TUESDAY**

**October 1st**  
**Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin**  
**and Doctor of the Church**

**8:30AM**

Patsy Filippone  
Helena Rohal  
Joseph and Theresa Galante

**WEDNESDAY**

**October 2nd**  
**The Holy Guardian Angels**

**8:30AM**

Karl and Theresa Schlegel and Family (*Living*)  
Geri Cacciato  
Louis Aroneo  
Frank Bonaccorso

**THURSDAY**

**October 3rd**

**8:30AM**

Christina Wan (*Living*)  
Lena Dorsi  
Timothy Kirkham

**FRIDAY**

**October 4th**  
**Saint Francis of Assisi**

**8:30AM**

Anthony LaRezza  
Rosalie Pigna  
Angelo Borreggine

**SATURDAY**

**October 5th**  
**Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**

**8:30AM**

Thomas Chesney  
Louis Aroneo  
Joann Heffern

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00PM (Vigil)**

Victor Joseph Tagliaferro  
Grace and Jean Nostrome  
Deceased members of the Sheedy Family

**8:30AM**

Edward Turner  
Willard and Gretchen Dolman  
William and Marian Hosford

**10:30AM**

Michael John Elia  
Peter Murray  
Gloria Shope

**6:00PM**

Warren Bristow  
Glenn Grieco  
Deceased members of the parish

**First Friday is October 4th.**

**Eucharistic Adoration will begin in the chapel after the 8:30am Mass and continue until 8:00am on First Saturday. There will be a Holy Hour for Life in the Chapel on Friday evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.**

## PARISH LIFE.....

Enclosed with the bulletin you will find the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year which ended on June 30, 2019. I ask that you take time to look over this condensed report and if you have any questions to make them known to me or to a member of the Finance Committee. Apart from fees charged for the materials for Religious Education and other Faith Formation programs we do not charge for the services provided here. We depend on the generosity of those who contribute primarily through the Sunday collections. Each year there are parishioners who go above and beyond those collections and make donations to the parish to help meet our operating costs. In the eight-plus years that I have been pastor here we have been pretty stable in the number of registered parishioners, the donations received and even though there have been difficult decisions, the closing of the school for example leading to the departure of several families, there has been little fluctuation in the increase of offerings. Meanwhile, costs continue to rise. You know that as well as I do. Our buildings age and are in constant need of maintenance. It is said that people tend to give more when they see how their money is at work. That is not always an easy thing to demonstrate in a parish setting. The donations given here provide staff, heating, air conditioning, lighting, all the amenities and goods necessary to provide a place for us. Maintenance costs are staggering and our facilities large. If we did not have your financial support we would need to reduce staff, programs and services offered. The day to day, week to week costs of operating are real and our challenge is to meet them while not surrendering the good that is offered in and through this parish. Each of us benefits from this parish and each of us has a contribution to make. The formula that 20% make contributions that enable the 100% to enjoy the benefits of the place is so true when we see the level of contributions each week in the offerings.

Our financial situation is of great concern. Note the deficit between budgeted need and collections in the bulletin each week. I have shared information from time to time relating to the upkeep and necessary projects we undertake. A friend in advertising tells me that a message needs to be repeated 1,000 times before the majority of people hear and understand it. I guess that is why we see the same advertisements over and over again. Take for example the roof of the school leaking all over; so in order to lease the building the project of replacing had to be undertaken. Whether we were leasing or not this was an essential project as we use the building for parish programs also. The cost is \$333,000. Not a penny of that came from the Sunday collections. Rather it is being paid from the bequest of \$201,310 from the estate of Bill Hosford, a generous parishioner who named this parish in his will. The additional monies come from the leasing of the building to Hudson Way Immersion School. If we had to carry this by ourselves it would have meant borrowing—we already have a mortgage on the church extension. The lighting system in the Church was redesigned and replaced all through the generosity of a family who are not even members here who asked to remain anonymous. If we cannot meet our week to week costs of operating, how will we face the necessary projects that come with wear and tear? We cannot simply presume that the leasing of the school will cover that—a tenant can decide to move out once a contract is due to expire. This parish depends on the commitment of her parishioners. This is why, as your pastor, I turn to each of you.

It is imperative that each of us ask if we are truly doing our part to ensure that the mission of this parish not only remains strong but has a stable future. Individuals may become indignant when money is spoken of but it has to be addressed. As I preached last week at Mass in light of the Gospel parable—all that is good, seen and unseen, belongs to God. We are stewards and have been entrusted with many blessings to bring growth to the Kingdom of God. The steward asks: how can I free up more time for the most important things of life – God, the Church, and family? How can I develop my talents so as to bring God glory? When it comes to money, good stewards ask: how can I make better use of the money I already have to further the work of God? It is essential that we each ask these questions and where necessary make changes that will be of benefit to this community of faith. God bless all those who sacrifice for the good of this parish.

On a separate note, I am thrilled by the response to That Man is You!, our program for Catholic men which began last Saturday here. Over 70 men signed up and I know that great good will come from this. For any man considering joining there is still time. If you want more information visit our parish website or contact Matt Zolnick, coordinator of the core team, at 973.307.7789 or me. The sessions meet on Saturday from 7-8:30AM. There are few other places where men can come together to grow in faith, share their faith and encourage each other in faith. My thanks to Matt, Greg Allen, Shawn Gallic, Dr. Don DeFabio and Tom Welsh for their efforts as core team members.

Next weekend Fr. Theo from our sister parish in Haiti will be visiting with us. I look forward to seeing him again and learning about all that is happening in our sister parish. These last months have been perilous and difficult for the people of Haiti. Let us pray for stability and peace for them. Our partnership with them is a blessing and surely brings glory to God as we respond to the plight of those in need who are so strong in faith. May God bless our efforts, your families and each one of you for all you do to serve the Lord.

Peace,

Fr. Richard



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

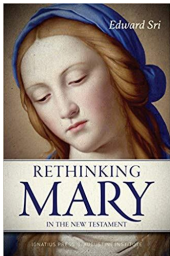
R.J. Hainey, Hayden Schultz, Michael Conant, Tyler Nelson, Damian McCoy, Calla Ann Armenti, Dylan T. Jones, James Minogue, Stephen J. Campbell, Frank Fasano, Richard Lister, Eric Leverone, Jay Donato, Frank Messina, Eileen Murphy, Peter Giovanni

**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, 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  
Requiescat in Pace**

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



**Sr. Elsa's Spiritual Book Club** will resume on **Monday, October 21st** at 9:15am in the Church Meeting Room.

The book we will be discussing is entitled ***Rethinking Mary in the New Testament*** by Edward Sri.

This book examines every key New Testament reference to Mary, addressing common questions along the way:

- ❖ What was Mary's life like before the Annunciation?
- ❖ Is there biblical support for Mary's Immaculate Conception and perpetual virginity?
- ❖ Does Scripture reveal Mary as our spiritual mother?
- ❖ What does it mean for Mary to be "full of grace"?
- ❖ How is Mary the "New Eve," Ark of the Covenant," and "Queen Mother"?
- ❖ Can Mary be identified with the "woman" in Revelation 12?

To purchase the book, email Sr Elsa at [srelsacsjb@aol.com](mailto:srelsacsjb@aol.com) or call the parish office.

**REMINDER...**

Please remember that **NO literature of any kind is to be left in the Church** for distribution (on tables, literature racks, bulletin boards, etc.) without prior approval of our pastor. This includes unsolicited religious "junk mail" that you receive at home.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY****First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**

The prophet Habakkuk cries out despairingly to God because of the state Jerusalem has fallen into. He asks why God does nothing to stop the violence and misery. God assures him that a time will come when only the just and faithful will live.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**

Paul writes to Timothy from prison and urges him to continue to spread the gospel without fear or shame. He also tells Timothy to draw upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to help him face the hardships he will encounter while preaching.

**Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies that "faith the size of a mustard seed could transplant a sycamore," indicating that a person either has faith, strong and complete, or none at all. Jesus also explains that a servant will not receive gratitude for simply following his master's orders. In the same way, we are all God's servants doing no more than our duty when we obey God's commands.

**Prayer For Vocations**

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest."

Offer up a Holy Hour and Rosary once a week for Vocations.

**For Men Discerning the Priesthood**

Please join the Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Paterson, Fr. Edward Rama, the first Saturday of the month beginning at 9:00am till 12:00pm at the Domus Bartimaeus House of Discernment, 913 Birch St., Boonton for Mass, Adoration, Discussion and Lunch.

Email: [vocations@patersondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@patersondiocese.org) or call 973-777-8818 ext. 715

**Getting Ready For Sunday**

Fr. Richard has resumed his weekly Bible Study on **Thursdays**.

If you are in search of a deeper insight into the Scripture Readings for Sunday Mass prayerfully consider joining Fr. Richard on

**Thursdays 1:00pm to 2:00pm in the church meeting room and repeated in the evening from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Library.** By

gaining an understanding of the context and culture within which they were written, the upcoming Sunday Readings will surely take on a more profound and richer meaning for you. Previous attendance and registration is not required.

### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday

Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

#### Tuesday

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

#### Wednesday

Neh 2:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

#### Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12;  
Lk 10:1-12

#### First Friday

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

#### First Saturday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24



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

**Jamie Roisin Crimmel**

daughter of Brian and Mairead  
claimed now for the fullness of eternal life.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Fr. Richard will celebrate the annual blessing of the animals on **Saturday, October 5th at 1pm in the front of the church.**

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.

### THE CELEBRATION OF FILIPINO SAINTS



San Lorenzo Ruiz

San Pedro Calungsod

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries invites you to the annual celebration honoring their two Filipino saints: San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro

Calungsod on **Friday, October 4th at 5:00pm.** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Arthur Serratelli at the **Cathedral of St. John the Baptist**, 381 Grand St., Paterson.

Immediately after Mass there will be a "merienda cena," a welcoming Filipino light snack reception and fellowship at the Bishop Rodimer Center. Free parking is available at the County Garage across from the Rodimer Center. Call Emma Militante at 908-604-0075 for more information.

### MEALS FOR MOMS MINISTRY

Would you like to support a family who just welcomed a new baby by providing a meal or two? Please contact Jackie Krenak at [jbkrenak@gmail.com](mailto:jbkrenak@gmail.com) for more information. *"Give your hands to serve and your heart to love."* St. Teresa of Calcutta

**Technology class** will resume on **Tuesday, October 1st and will meet every Tuesday** from 9:30am to 10:30am in the church meeting room. Bring your laptop, phone and/or tablet in order to learn about texting, emailing, pictures and more. For questions contact Teri at the parish office or at [tkesselmeyer@stvincentschurch.org](mailto:tkesselmeyer@stvincentschurch.org)



### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Tuna, pancake mix, syrup, Honey Nut Cheerios, canned salmon, coffee, pasta, chicken noodle soup, canned green beans, canned black beans, Mandarin oranges, peaches and tomato paste. Please no oversized or bulk items. Thank you in advance for your help!



The **Rosary Altar Society Collection** of wearable, usable clothing for the needy throughout the world is the weekend of **October 19th and 20th from 9:00am to 6:00pm.** Needed items are men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, belts, and handbags. We are also accepting linens, bedding, curtains, towels, stuffed animals, soft toys, bikes and strollers.

Please put all items in standard kitchen garbage bags (except the bikes and strollers) and tie the bag closed.

Each bag should not exceed 20 pounds. Please bag shoes separately. **Please do not bring your items to the church meeting room before the collection dates.** Call Wendy at 908-647-6345 or [wdisarno@verizon.net](mailto:wdisarno@verizon.net) with questions or to volunteer to help.



## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 7th**. We will meet in the Chapel at 7:00pm to pray the Rosary and our meeting will follow at 7:30pm in the Church Meeting Room. New members are welcome. For questions contact Mary Knell or Sandi Schaffer.

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**The Rosary Altar Society** is hosting their annual **Women's Communion Brunch** on **Sunday, October 13th following the 10:30am Mass** in the Pastoral Center Gym.

All women from the parish are invited along with family members and friends. The cost is \$20. Checks are to be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Rosary Altar Society and sent to the parish office to the attention of Mary Knell.



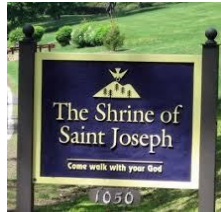
### *Pathway through the Pentateuch*

Bishop Serratelli will lead a five part exploration of the Pentateuch at St. Paul Inside the Walls on **Tuesdays, October 8th, 15th, 22nd and November 5th and 12th** from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. For information and to register please visit [insidethewalls.org/ptp](http://insidethewalls.org/ptp)

### **The Catholic Church: A Power for Good An International Seminar**

How is the Church a power for good? How can we be part of that power for good?

The Shrine of St. Joseph invites all people of good will to be part of The Catholic Church: A Power for Good. The seminar will be held on **Saturday, October 19th from 9:00am to 6:00pm**. Some of the featured speakers include Fr. Dennis Berry, Director of the Shrine and Allan Wright, author and principal of Koinonia Academy.



Register online at [www.shrineofsaintjoseph.com](http://www.shrineofsaintjoseph.com). Refreshments, lunch and dinner will be provided. The seminar ends with the celebration of Mass at 6:00pm.

### **SILVER AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY MASS**



The Diocese of Paterson invites couples who were married in 1969 or 1994 to celebrate their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass offered by Bishop Serratelli at the **Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson** on **Sunday, November 3rd at 3:30pm**. If interested contact our parish office. **The deadline to register is Tuesday, October 15th**. Once your registration is submitted and processed you will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life.

### **DIAPER DRIVE TO BENEFIT STRAIGHT AND NARROW**



Life Ministries will be collecting diapers (all sizes) to assist Catholic Charities' Straight and Narrow facility which experienced a devastating fire this past August. Please consider supporting this very needy cause. The Diaper Drive will run from **Saturday, October 5th until Sunday, October 13th**. Diapers can be dropped off in the church meeting room. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

**Morris Catholic High School, Denville** is hosting an **Open House** on **Sunday, October 6th** from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and **Wednesday, October 23rd** from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Please register to attend at [www.morriscatholic.org/OpenHouse/](http://www.morriscatholic.org/OpenHouse/)

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**Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains** is hosting an **Open House** on **Wednesday, October 9th**.

"Early Bird Tours" will begin at 6:15pm. For more information contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600 ext. 302 or email [bthornton@unioncatholic.org](mailto:bthornton@unioncatholic.org)

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**Oratory Prep School** is hosting an **Open House** on **Thursday, October 24th** from 6:45pm to 8:15pm. Oratory is located at 425 Morris Avenue, Summit. No rsvp is necessary. For further information call 908-273-1084 ext. 1 or visit [www.oratoryprep.org](http://www.oratoryprep.org).

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**Immaculata High School, Somerville** is hosting an **Open House** on **Sunday, October 27th** from 12:00pm until 4:00pm. For further information call 908-722-0200 ext. 218 or visit [www.ImmaculataHighSchool.org/OpenHome](http://www.ImmaculataHighSchool.org/OpenHome)