

**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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EVERYONE
who belongs to
Christ
will be given
NEW LIFE

1 Corinthians 15:22

Sunday Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass Schedule

(Vigil Mass)
Saturday —5 PM

8:30 AM Monday - Saturday

Sunday
8:30 and 10:30AM

**Confession—Saturday at 4 PM
at other times by appointment.**

**“It would be easier for the world
to survive without the sun than to
do so without the Holy Mass.”
St. Padre Pio**

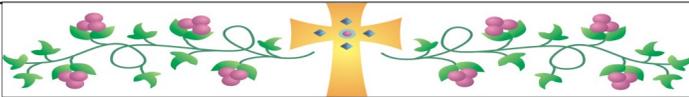
SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

The weekend of July 23rd and July 24th

Total amount in envelopes:	\$5,829
Loose:	\$1,932
Online Parish Pay:	\$2,498

Total offered: \$10,259

Thank you to those who support the mission of the parish and the sacrifices you make in doing so. Your generosity allows the services offered through the parish to continue, while the day to day costs of operating the parish are covered. May God bless your generosity and reward your faithfulness.



Daily Mass Readings

Monday

Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

First Friday

Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

First Saturday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

The parish office will be closed on Friday in August. Summer office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Thank you and enjoy your Summer.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	August 1st <i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
8:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory Vincent and Mary Esoldi Christine Dos Santos
TUESDAY	August 2nd <i>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i>
8:30 AM	John McMonagle Mario J. Lamia Reverend Charles Marini
WEDNESDAY	August 3rd
8:30 AM	Helena Rohal <i>(Living)</i> Adele Cannizzaro George J. DeFabio
THURSDAY	August 4th <i>Saint John Vianney, Priest</i>
8:30 AM	John Silva Patsy Filippone Mallory Kilcoyne
FRIDAY	August 5th <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i>
8:30 AM	Anthony Delia David "Duke" Dorsi Marilynn Fogarty
SATURDAY	August 6th <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
8:30 AM	Deacon Bill Wagner Anna Theresa Petti Peggyann Tuma
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:00 PM <i>(Saturday)</i>	People of the Parish Frank Paul Frances Brooks
SUNDAY	August 7th
8:30 AM	Edith Anne Walto Edward Turner Deceased members of the Buziak and McMonagle Families
10:30 AM	Michelina Montenegro Jerry Hachey Gladys Stenger

PASTORS COLUMN**The Only Thing That Is Constant Is Change**

According to Joshua J. Mark, a freelance writer, scholar, part-time philosophy professor and writing tutor at Marist College, “Heraclitus of Ephesus (c. 500 BCE) was known to his contemporaries as the 'dark' philosopher, so-called because his writings were so difficult to understand. Seeming to hold the common understanding of the nature of life and the purpose of human life in contempt (as, in fact, he seemed to hold most, if not all, the human beings he came in contact with) Heraclitus compared most people’s understanding to that of those asleep”. To Heraclitus, only the philosopher, the one who pursued Truth, was fully awake and fully alive, and he seemed to consider himself the only philosopher of his time. If one understands that change is the only constant in life then one will more easily recognize what Heraclitus is saying in his 'obscure' writings when he claims such things as, “The way up and the way down are one and the same. Living and dead, waking and sleeping, young and old, are the same.” The quote, “The Only Thing That Is Constant Is Change -” is credited to Heraclitus.

This is something that each of us has known in the journey of our living. Changes affect us on different levels. It is not unusual that changes take place within the life of a parish. With the closing of the school, changes in staffing for the parish were also impacted. The school office formally closed on Thursday of this past week and Vera, who had been secretary there for the past two years, will return to the parish office on Monday, August 1st, resuming the position she had previously held as parish secretary. She has been a tremendous asset to the principal and school community these past two years. Tonianne VanDerveer who began her tenure at St. Vincent’s 6 years ago and held the positions school secretary and parish secretary will be leaving us. In personnel matters of employment the diocesan policy/recommendation is based on seniority and so where there is a reduction in staff the person with seniority is first offered the opportunity to remain and this is the procedure which was followed for parish secretary. Tonianne has been a wonderful addition to our parish and school community. She used her gifts and talents well in order to serve the members of this faith community. We know that she will continue to do so in her new place of employment and wish her every blessing.

In addition, Sr. Nadine who is a Licensed Counselor for Marriage and Family Life offered much hope, comfort and strength to those in need. She also coordinated the RCIA program and prepared parents for the baptism of their children. Sister has been given permission by her community to take a well deserved sabbatical. She will conclude her ministry at St. Vincent's on August 11th. Sister assures me that she will still be in the local area for a few months and then she will be heading to San Antonio for a formal sabbatical program. This is such an important time for Sr. Nadine and she asks the favor of your continued prayers while she enjoys this time of renewal, education and formation. Sister will observe 50 years in religious life next year (*obviously she entered when she was 7 years old*) and so the sabbatical is providentially timed. She too has been a tremendous gift to many in our parish and I am so blessed to have such a good friend and role model in her.

The faith formation/religious education office will be moving to the former school building this month. The building will be known as the St. Vincent de Paul Faith Formation and Pastoral Center. The only thing that is constant is indeed change, yet we are strengthened and upheld by the only One who changes not. In all that we do may we continue to love and serve the One who continues to guide us along the path of salvation to the fullness of life in the Kingdom.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Sean Milde, Greg Scaduto, Frank Fasano, Marcia Fernandes, Richard Lister, Eric Leverone, Jay Donato, Frank Messina, Eileen Murphy, Peter Giovanni, Brian Reynolds, John E. Siedler IV, and Alex Stevens.

Those who are ill:

Helen Murray, Larry Hebert, Larry Oster, Saverio Lacopo, Lou Aroneo, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Jack and Maria Bickel, Mary Keller, Dorothy Paul, Givi Trauwaert, Ruth Ann Rahe, Mary Bigelis, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, Patricia Caruso-Minicozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran and Eric Binner.

Those who have died to this world

Fr. Jacques Hamel
Requiescat in Pace

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY PROGRAMS



Do you have a veteran in your life? If you do, you know that no one is quicker to respond to a call to serve.

At Cornerstone Family Programs, we are committed to supporting those who have served us all. With mental health services, education and advocacy, we ensure veterans (regardless of age) are “armed” with what they need to thrive in their communities. So that they can live the same happy, healthy and productive lives that their service guarantees us. For more information, please call: [973-538-5260](tel:973-538-5260) X, 117.

DIOCESAN MEN’S CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Paterson Men’s Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Join us from 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. for the opportunity to enhance men’s spirituality and encourage them to be more involved with their parishes. Former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz; Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal Ministries; and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries will make presentations. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. Visit insidethewalls.org for more information. Madison, Saturday, October 15 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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.

SAVE THE DATE



Mark your calendars for the
14th Annual Woman's Retreat
September 30th to October 2nd
Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Washington, NJ

Led by Fr. Richard
More information to follow.

FLOWER OFFERING

The flowers in front of the Holy Family are in memory of
Joseph and Ronnie Milana

The flowers in front of Our Lady of Fatima are in memory of
Mildred MacDonald

GROCERY GIFT CARDS



Grocery gift cards, will continue to be sold as a fundraiser. If you would like to purchase cards, please call the parish office at 908-647-0118 and ask for Vera. You can reserve the amount of Grocery Gift Cards and an envelope with your name will be available for you to pick up after Mass on the weekend. Or you can visit the Parish House during the week and purchase them directly. Thank you for your continued support.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CEMETERY

The following are not permitted on cemetery grounds: artificial flowers, plastic or ceramic statues, vigil lights, trees, shrubs, ivy grave coverings and stands, metal legs or hooks for potted plants. Flowerbeds are permitted, running the width of a headstone and extending one foot off the monument base. Modest fencing of flowerbeds is allowed. Masonry or any other fencing around flower beds considered obtrusive or hazardous is not permitted. Maintenance of permitted plantings is the sole responsibility of the family. Any decorations, plantings or borders not permitted may be removed at any time. All rules subject to change upon consideration for the safety for those who visit and for aesthetic or religious reasons.

The rules above are posted in the cemetery and given to those who purchase plots. There are a number of situations in which the rules have been ignored. Trees and shrubs which have been planted will compromise foundations and eventually cause monuments to topple. As stated above masonry borders and fencing is prohibited. Both these infractions are potential safety hazards. In addition these violations interfere with the upkeep of the cemetery.

Therefore, beginning **October 1, 2016** we will be removing trees and shrubs from the cemetery and removing any permanent masonry flower bed borders. For those with plots in the cemetery you have the option of removing or transplanting trees and shrubs yourself prior to **October 1**. You also have the option of removing any permanent borders and replacing them in accordance with the rules stated. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated as we strive to maintain our parish cemetery.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

This past month we were able to assist 45 families.

The following items are in short supply : Canned corn, green beans and mixed vegetables, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, dry milk, tuna, mac n' cheese, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, sardines, spaghetti, noodles, honey nut cheerios, Raison bran corn flakes. Dry small red beans, canned pinto beans, navy beans, pink beans and refried beans, tomato sauce and instant potatoes.

Thank you for your continued support.

SNOW REMOVAL AND LANDSCAPING BIDS

We are looking for proposals for snow removal and landscaping on our campus. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the parish house, 908 647 0118 and ask for Mary Woods or email her at mwoods@stvdpc.org. Thank you.



Appalachia
Today's the day!

After the 8:30AM Mass, 32 high school students, 13 college students, and 13 adults will pack up the trucks and make their way to Preston County, West Virginia for our annual Appalachia Mission Trip.

It is only through God's grace and will that we are given the opportunity to serve in His name. Please pray for all of us on the trip, and especially for all who we will serve.



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FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



*1st-10th Grade
Faith Formation*

Registration forms are still available and due as soon as possible. If your child will be attending for the first time, please contact Deirdre Nemeth (1st-8th) or Amilee Bishop (9th and 10th) in the Faith Formation office for information and registration forms at 908-647-6772.

You can also visit www.stvincentschurch.org for the 2016-17 schedule, program description and registration form.

Family Faith Overview

St. Vincent de Paul's 1st-8th Grade Faith Formation offers a unique combination of classroom sessions and Family Faith events. Family Faith, described in detail below, 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. Next week's bulletin will contain the classroom curriculum portion of the program.

Part I: Spiritual Family Faith
The following spiritual pillars of the Catholic faith are incorporated and experienced as a family in this program:

Spiritual Pillars	Description
1. Mass	Mass will be at the center of the Faith Formation. Because of the importance of Mass as the source and summit of our faith and to encourage greater Mass participation, classes will now be offered in connection with <i>each</i> of the three Sunday Masses.
2. Rosary	The Faith Formation year begins in October with the entire community coming together to pray the Rosary. Thereafter, faith formation families will pray one decade of the Rosary just before Mass on Sunday. Our Blessed Mother explained that the great Miracle of the Sun at Fatima happened so that all would believe her messages. She has directed us that the Rosary must be prayed every day. Through the Rosary, hearts and minds will be opened to listen to truth and act in truth so that peace will be obtained in our homes and in the world.
3. Eucharistic Adoration	In January, families will begin the New Year with a Eucharistic Adoration session. Father Richard will provide a catechesis on Eucharist Adoration and lead us all in adoring Jesus through prayer, song and quiet meditation. This is an important opportunity to contemplate the amazing gift Jesus gives of himself in the Eucharist to each one of us.
4. Confession	It is a Church precept to come to Confession at least once a year and anytime one is aware of being in a state of Mortal Sin. As part of the Faith Formation program, families are invited to come to Confession during Lent.
5. Stations of the Cross	Families are asked to participate in one Lenten Friday evening Stations of the Cross. This year, we are excited to add an opportunity for 1 st through 5 th graders to participate in a re-enactment of Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday.
6. Divine Mercy Sunday	Saint Pope John Paul II instituted this important feast day in the year 2000. Jesus told Saint Faustina, <i>"The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of my mercy"</i>

Part II: Learning & Fellowship Family Faith
Parents are asked to accompany their child(ren) along with other families in the parish community, and enjoy lunch and fellowship while engaging in an all ages faith learning experience. Families are asked to participate in approximately two sessions each year:

Family Grades	2016-17 Description
1 st -5 th Grade Families	Advent Session: "The Miracle of the Eucharist and the Effects on our Souls"
1 st -8 th Grade Families	Lent Session: "Divine Mercy: The Power to Transform Our Lives" (Based on the Diary of Saint Faustina).
8 th Grade Families	Theology of the Body: As a follow-up to the 6 th /7 th Grade Family Faith session on Theology of the Body, "Made in God's Image", this year, 8th Graders and their parents will attend a session that presents a deeper level of Theology of the Body. In light of Saint Pope John Paul II's writings, the "whys" behind the Church's beautiful teachings on chastity and the importance of "waiting" until marriage will be explained and discussed as a family and community.