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**We are a Catholic community rooted in the
Eucharist and committed to the poor.**

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PEACE ON EARTH

Sunday Mass Schedule

**(Vigil Mass)
Saturday —5 PM**

**Sunday
8:30 AM, 10:30AM and 6:00 PM**

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

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:30 AM 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 collection amount for the weekend of December 19th and December 20th will be reported next week due to bulletin publishing deadlines.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
(a holyday of obligation)

Thursday, December 31st
5 PM

Friday, January 1st, 2016
10: 30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

As New Year's Day falls on a Friday in 2016 we will not have scheduled Eucharistic Adoration. We will resume the scheduled Adoration on the First Friday in February. We need new adorers especially in the overnight hours. If you can commit please contact Christine Regnault at 908-872-4444.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER



And the winner of the \$5,000 raffle is... due to publishing deadlines, the winner will not be posted until the January 2nd/3rd bulletin. Thank you for your patience.

MARCH FOR LIFE

"MARCH FOR LIFE"...we will have a bus to



Washington for the March for Life on Friday, January 22nd. Please mark your calendars and pick up a flyer in the narthex or at the parish office. Your \$20 and registration form secures your seat. Contact Danielle Dill at (908) 578-2712 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY **December 28th**
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
8:30 AM Marcela P. Videna
Maureen Meade
Deceased members of the Conant Family

TUESDAY **December 29th**
Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:30 AM Msgr. Patrick Brown (Living)
Bernard H. Nowak
Deceased members of the Silva Family

WEDNESDAY **December 30th**
Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:30 AM John DeMarzo (Living)
Maureen Meade
Peter Dellisanti

THURSDAY **December 31st**
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:30 AM Elizabeth Calabro (Living)
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Jack McDermott

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
5:00 PM For the people of the parish

FRIDAY **January 1st**
10:30 AM Matthew J. Sheridan
Nora Coletta
Curtiss Shope

SATURDAY **January 2nd**
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
8:30 AM Eileen Cuddihy
Patrick Dinan
Renato Abad

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 PM (Saturday) Nunzio Dagostino
Virginia Donofrio
John Fernandes

SUNDAY **January 3rd**
8:30 AM: For the People of the Parish
Buziak and McMonagle Families
Frank Giacumbo

10:30 AM Domenico Di Paolo
Eva Fernandes
Rose Lalli

6:00 PM Rose Capite
Joyce Galante
Louise Ippolito

PASTORS COLUMN

THE PARISH FAMILY AND THE HOLY FAMILY

The parish is a community composed of families. In his apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis speaks about the importance of parish life. He says: “The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. He also stated that, “This presumes that [the parish] really is in contact with the homes and lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few”. In this spirit Sr. Elsa, Sr. Nadine and I recently babysat for a family in the parish (who have twin that are 5 months old). Doing so enables us to stay close to the lived experience of our young families while visitations to the homes of parishioners allow us to experience the life of our parishioners. Pope Francis insists that a parish is called to be the presence of the Church in a community, providing a place where people can hear God’s word, grow in discipleship, and extend themselves in love to the poor and needy – a place where they can pray, worship and celebrate. So many of the parishioners here are involved in the life of this parish in exactly those ways – listening and being formed by the Word of God, growing in discipleship and serving the poor and needy.

St. John Paul II described a parish as “the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters” and in a 2005 address, Pope Benedict XVI described the parish as “an extended family that brings together brothers and sisters who have no desire for power or selfish interests but who live in the joy of charity of God who is love.” I like that image of the parish as an extended family. In that way we understand that it is more than just a place we show up at from time to time – we have a commitment to the other members within the family. We also know that the basis of the parish, as the family must be, is love. We may not always agree or see things in the same way but we are called to dialogue, understanding and Christ like respect for one another.

Parishes, like families, experience moments when our numbers increase through the gift of new life and there is also the inevitable moments when we surrender the soul of a loved one to the eternal embrace of God. In the last calendar year fifty four (54) children and two adults were baptized and began their new life in Christ. Fifty one (51) of our children received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Forty eight (48) of our teenagers completed their initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation and four (4) adults were confirmed and received into the full sacramental life of the Church at the Easter Vigil. Sixteen couples (16) were united by Christ in the Sacrament of Matrimony. Thirty six (36) of our brothers and sisters went forth from this world to meet the Lord. They ranged in age from thirty four (34) to one hundred and two (102).

Our parish also provides food, shelter, clothing and other essentials to those in need within our parish family and beyond. At Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, in addition to other times when asked and as the need arises we have specific collections to assist those in need. Our parish family has responded with great generosity and a clear sense of solidarity with those who are in need. In the ways of faith we educate both the young and those advanced in years. We respond to what the Lord asks of us and like the Holy Family of Nazareth we entrust our lives and all that we do to God. Thank you to all who make St. Vincent de Paul a family of believers. May Mary and Joseph, in the presence of God, intercede for each of us. May your family and you continue to enjoy this blessed Christmas season.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATED IN MEMORY
FROM THEIR LOVED ONES**



Tony Aiello
 Andrews Family
 Arpaio Family
 Carolyn Bednarski
 David Bird
 Joseph Bocchino
 Bonaccorso Family
 Msgr. George Brembos
 Bruno Family
 Buziak Family
 Ralph Cairo
 Bob and Shirley Caporaso
 Deceased members of the Candela Family
 Arsenia Castillo
 Cherniak Family
 Thomas Chesney
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 Clarke Family
 Deceased Members of the Connolly Family
 Cornejo Family
 Jean Cosentino
 Jack Costanzo
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 Alvin D'Alonzo
 Manfred Dalhausser
 Raymond Diehl
 Living and Deceased members of the DeLuca Family
 Connie DeMarzo
 John Dempsey
 Constance DeMizio
 Emily DeSantis
 Joseph P. Devlin
 Florence and Al Dickhardt
 Dorsi Family
 Baby Luke Dos Santos
 Deceased Members of the Dowling Family
 Alice and Peter Dunigan
 Peter Dunigan
 Deceased members of the Early Family
 Margaret Erobs
 Katie Falzarano
 Tony Falzarano
 Fabian Family
 Carmel and Louis Ferraro
 Anthony Fama
 Celedonio Fernandez
 Deceased members of the Filannino Family
 Patsy Filippone
 Filoramo Family
 John and Mary Fitzgerald
 Josephine Forte
 French Family
 William French
 Gallagher Family
 Bob Gallic
 Frank Gamba
 Steven Geis

Jessie and Frank Giacumbo
 Deceased members
 of the Giacumbo Family
 Giegerich Family
 Charles Gildea
 Cornelius Gildea
 Brian Gillespie
 Adolph and Victoria Glembocki
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 Houck Family
 Archina and Vito Iallonardo
 Giuseppe Iellimo
 Iorillo Family
 Italiano Family
 Dina and Jacob Isleborn
 Jones Family
 Muriel Keller
 Mary Kelly
 Jim and Lou Ann Kennelly
 Anna May Kinevich
 Dennis Kinsella
 Deceased members of the Kober Family
 Mary and Walter Koczela
 Babcia and Dziadziu Konopka
 Rose and Jack Lalli
 Walter L. Lang and Walter W. Lang
 Andrew and Vickie Laura
 Barbara La Rose
 John Lehnert
 Leone Family
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 Lonergan Family
 Josefina Lozada
 Longo Family
 Nina Macari
 Walter MacDuff
 Elisa and Salvatore Malanga
 Joseph McBride
 McCardle Family
 Kenneth, Alice and Delia McDermott
 McDonald Family
 John McDonough
 Eugene McMahan
 McMonagle Family
 McQuillan Family
 Melillo Family
 Meringolo Family

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATED IN MEMORY
FROM THEIR LOVED ONES**



Charles and Lina Metzner
Howie and Rita Meyer
Irma Mikulyak
Mariangelo and Joseph Milazzo
Raymond Molnar
Deceased members of the
Mozer Family

Sabina and Anthony Munley
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Nofrio Family
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Deceased members of the Paganelli Family
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Living and Deceased Members of the Petrezzo Family
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Milio Pollera

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Angie and William Quinton
Carmen Rapuano
Recchia Family

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Dolly Reichard

Ida and Charles Renz
Wilson Ribon

George Rohal, Sr.
Martha Rose
Peter Rossi

Domenico and Elisabetta Roussillo
George and Lucille Russo

John and Jeanne Ryan

Deceased Members of the Salvo Family
Sama Family
Maria Sartor
Jack Schlegel

Schubauer Family
Howard Seale

James and Mary Beth Sebold
Senyk Family

Shahade Family
Sinagra Family

Slockbower Family

Deceased Members of the Smith Family
Smith Family
John F. Stack

Steger Family
Jerome Stenger
Patrick and Eileen Sullivan
Rosa Suppa
Syrotiuk Family

Deceased Members of the
Tangreti Family
Tenore Family
Camille and Nick Tonto

John Triano
Giuseppe Tripoli
Vittorio Tripoli
Dennis and Jean Vance

Deceased Members of the
VanCleaf Families

Vicendese Family
Mario Vollero

Lloyd Vreeland
Sheila Weckerle

Weiss Family

Michael and Mary Woods
Mr. and Mrs. John Yanishock



THANK YOU

Christmas is a time of great joy! Once again our parish has shown great affection for those in need.

On behalf of the Social Outreach office, I thank all the parishioners who helped us bring joy to families in need through our annual giving tree. Together we succeeded in donating over 500 toys, clothing and other items to Catholic Charities, St. Agnes Church, Bridges Outreach and Family Promise.

For the third year Ferreira Construction Co, sponsored 25 families within our own parish community and Family Promise by donating gifts (toys and clothing), Shoprite cards, and gift cards.

Many private donations were also made for different needs.

Lastly, our bakers helped us bring cookies to all the home bound families, and all our friends at Lounsbury.

For me personally this was again a very exciting year as the gifts kept on pouring in. May St. Vincent continue to give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor. May he help us to recognize Jesus, in their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness and their misfortune .


Thank you all for your generosity.
Sr. Elsa Jeronimo C.S.JB

“Our faith in Christ, who became poor, and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society’s most neglected members.”

– Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

Next TNL BOLD 8
 Tues, Jan 12th, 7:30-9pm youth ministry by fiat ventures
 JPII ROOM

Ski Trip 2016
 DATE: Fri-Sun, January 29-31
 PLACE: Mount Snow, VT



All high school students are invited to join us for our annual BOLD Ski Trip! Ski and snowboard lessons are available, as well as plenty of other fun winter activities, for those who choose not to ski or snowboard.
 Sign up online: boldym.com/ski16

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 1/12: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII
- 1/26: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII
- 1/22: March for Life Trip to DC
- 1/29-31: BOLD Ski Trip

For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events
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NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Sean Milde, James Minogue, 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:

Barbara Engle, Marilynn Fogarty, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Patricia Herrmann, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Richard Haluska, Mary Keller, Richard, Scherer, Robert Markowski, John Ramella, Dorothy Paul, Givi Trauwaert, Ruth Ann Rahe, Daniel Nastarowicz, Jonathan and John Tantaros, Mary Bigelis, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, John McMonagle, Patricia Caruso-Minicozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran, Carmel Connolly and Eric Binner.

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.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The food pantry is running low on several items. We would appreciate any donation to help those in need.

Below are the items that we are running very low on.

Canned corn, Dry Red, Black and Pinto Beans, Canned Black and Pinto Beans, hot chocolate, canned chicken, rice, canned beets, canned mixed veggies, Cake/Brownie Mixes, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Boxed Mac and Cheese, Pancake Mix, and Grape Jelly.

Thank you for your continued support.

FAITH FORMATION / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1st-8th Grade Faith Formation Schedule after the New Year:

Tuesday, January 5th - 1st-5th Grade classes resume

Sunday, January 10th - 1st-8th Grade Eucharistic Adoration Family Faith session:

9:30-10:15 AM OR 7:00-7:40 PM (Families meet in church)

Tuesday, January 12th - Eucharistic Adoration Family session 4:15-5:00 PM

Adult Faith Programs: All are welcome to come!

Thursday, January 7th - 7:30-9 PM - Bible Timeline resumes.

Sunday, January 17th - 9:30-10:20 AM or 7-7:40 PM - Catholicism Series resumes.

May everyone be blessed this Christmas Season!

SCHOOL NEWS



SVdP students are learning about Ancient Greece and Rome in social studies classes!

Pictured below are students participating in a cultural event. The event, entitled Greek/Roman Day, included foods, customs, and dress from ancient times. Students presented informational reports about gods and goddesses. This fun filled educational day was enjoyed by all!