



**The Roman Catholic Parish
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Sunday Mass Schedule

(Vigil Mass)
Saturday —5 PM
Sunday
8:30 AM, 10:30AM and 6:00 PM

Confession—Each Monday in Lent
after 7 PM Mass, Saturday at
4—4:45 PM, and at other times
by appointment.

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:30 AM Monday - Saturday
7PM—Monday through Friday
(in Lent)

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

The weekend of March 5th and 6th

Total amount in **243** envelopes: \$ 8,651
 Loose: \$ 3,016
 Online Parish Pay: \$ 3,049

Total offered: \$14,716

Our parish recently received a check from the Diocese for **\$ 45, 764.74** which represents the 3rd rebate returned to us as part of the **Partners in Faith** campaign. With the funds so far we have placed security cameras at the church, updated our phone and internet for the church and school and will use monies from this to repave the church and school parking lots this summer. These funds are only available because of those parishioners who are making ongoing payments to their Partners in Faith pledges. If you have fallen behind in your pledge hopefully you will be able to re-commit soon that the parish may continue to benefit. Thank you to all you are paying their pledge. God bless your generosity.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



Hungering to Grow a New Tomorrow.

This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare of meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from and what role we can play in caring for our environment. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Vaviroa's story

Vaviroa is a smart, hardworking woman – with four children to feed. Though she had been raising her children alone for many years, their family was doing very well. They ate crops grown from Vaviroa's family farm, and they even made money selling extra vegetables in nearby villages.

Then, in 2013, Cyclone Haruna hit, destroying most of northern Tulear, the part of Madagascar where Vaviroa and her children lived. Her fields flooded, and her crops died. With no way to feed her family, Vaviroa needed some help. She was already a great farmer – she just needed extra support to get back on her feet. And that extra support came in the form of seeds.

CRS' seed fair program gives vouchers to farmers and their families so they can buy seeds, farm tools and livestock at local seed fairs. The goods they buy help them replant and rebuild their communities. The fairs also give farmers a chance to sell their crops in a safe place to people who need them. And these seed fairs help the environment by giving farmers the tools they need to care for God's creation.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY
8:30 AM **March 14th**
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Joseph J. LaBella
 John J. Burke

7:00 PM The Mannarino (*Living*)
 Angelo Yannotta

TUESDAY
8:30 AM **March 15th**
 Peter Cipparulo
 Mary Beth Sebold
 Mary Pniewski

7:00 PM Inez and Louis Paganelli

Wednesday
8:30 AM **March 16th**
 John Calabro (*Living*)
 Fr. Arthur Colaiacova
 Michael J. Allocco

7:00 PM Protection of children in the womb (*Living*)
 Fr. Charles Grieco

THURSDAY
8:30 AM **March 17th**
St. Patrick, Bishop
 Kieran and Sallye O'Doherty
 David Bird
 Margaret Giordano

7:00 PM The Camiolo Family (*Living*)
 Anne Gallagher
 Jack McDermott

FRIDAY
8:30 AM **March 18th**
St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 The Petruccelli Family (*Living*)
 John DiDonato
 Maureen Meade

7:00 PM Jessie and Frank Giacumbo
 Mildred Blight Chase

SATURDAY
8:30 AM **March 19th**
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Megan Kenny
 Beverly Guldner
 Teresa Giordano

PALM SUNDAY
5:00 PM
 (*Saturday*)
 People of the Parish
 Frances Brooks
 Edward and Anne King

SUNDAY
8:30 AM:
March 20th
 Elizabeth Infante
 Michael Steger
 Matthew B. Sheridan

10:30 AM
 Kieran and Sallye O'Doherty
 Christopher Giraldo
 The Silva and Orlando Families

6:00 PM
 Emily Cannavo
 Teresa Giordano
 Carmela (Millie) Armenti

PASTORS COLUMN

THE FAST APPROCHING CONCLUSION TO LENT AND THE START OF THE HOLIEST WEEK AND THE SHORTEST LITURGICAL SEASON OF THE YEAR.

One of, and perhaps the most essential component of our Lenten observance, is to prepare for the great Feast of Easter. While this is the 5th Sunday of Lent our attention is turned now to the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On Palm (Passion) Sunday we enter upon the mystery of our crucified, buried, and risen Lord, who, by his entrance into Jerusalem, gave a glimpse of his own majesty. The commemoration on this day, with the blessing of and procession with palms, is not just a historical reenactment of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, but marks the solemn entrance of the Church, the Body of Christ in the world, into the holiest of weeks.

On Monday of Holy Week we are each invited to participate in the Chrism Mass which will be offered by the Bishop and concelebrating priests at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Clifton at 7 PM. *This Mass is a clear expression of the unity of the priesthood and the sacrifice of Christ, which continue to be present in the Church (Ceremonial of Bishops, 274).* On Tuesday of Holy Week several confessors will be here from 7:30 to 9 PM to hear confessions as you prepare for Easter. The Seder meal will be celebrated on Wednesday of Holy Week, tickets are required and there is an insert in the bulletin today with more information.

Lent ends with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. *This Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Eucharist that is of the Lord's Passover, by which under sacramental signs he perpetuated among in the New Law. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the Priesthood, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. In addition, this Mass is the memorial of that love by which the Lord loved us even to death. (Ceremonial of Bishops, 297).* During this Mass the washing of feet takes place and at the conclusion of the Mass the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession through the Church to the Altar of Repose in the Chapel. There the faithful may come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. The Triduum liturgies are a continuous celebration and so there is no formal dismissal. Just so, the Liturgy of Good Friday picks up where we left off from the night before, there is no greeting or welcome to begin. The Good Friday Liturgy which consists of four main parts: 1. The reading of the Sacred texts, especially the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of St. John, 2. The Prayer of the Faithful—solemnly proclaimed, 3. the Veneration of the Cross, and 4. the distribution of Holy Communion, which is consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper the night before. Mass is not offered on Good Friday. We depart in silence and wait until the celebration of the Great Vigil of Easter.

In accord with the ancient tradition, this night of vigil for the Lord, and as the memorial of the holy night of Christ's resurrection, the Vigil celebrated is the 'mother of all holy vigils.' The Church this night awaits the Lord's resurrection. (Ceremonial of Bishops, 332). The Easter Vigil may not begin before nightfall so that the Easter fire and Paschal Candle may pierce the darkness of night. *The order of the Easter Vigil is so arranged that after the service of light and the Easter Proclamation (the Exsultet), Holy Church meditates on the wonderful works of which the Lord God wrought for his people from the earliest times, to the moment when she is called to the table prepared by the Lord for his Church, the commemoration of his death and resurrection, until he comes. (Circular letter on Holy Week, 81).*

These beautiful and sacred days are fast approaching. I pray that many of you will join in the prayers and ancient rituals of the Christian faith as we celebrate the central truth of our faith, "for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16

Be assured of my daily prayer for you and please remember me in your daily prayers, I depend on them.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

**Holy Week, Sacred Triduum and
Easter Sunday Schedule 2016**

Tuesday of Holy Week

Confessions – 7:30 to 9 PM
(Several confessors will be present)

Wednesday of Holy Week

Seder Supper – 7:30 PM
(tickets needed)

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7:30 PM
with adoration following until midnight.

Good Friday

Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross
3PM Stations of the Cross – 7:30 PM

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Food – Noon
(in the school hall)
The Great Vigil of Easter – 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday

Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 AM
(No evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Sunday, March 20th, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations of frozen Turkeys and/or Hams in boxes with a few items to be delivered to St Agnes Parish in Paterson. It’s as simple as placing a frozen Turkey or Ham in a cardboard box, adding a few food items (beans, rice, potatoes, vegetables, etc) and bringing the box to the Clock Tower by STVDP School on Sunday, March 20th by noon. May the Good Lord bless you and your family this Holy Easter season for your loving generosity and goodness to God’s holy people.

Save the date! The St. Damien Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Night at the Irish Pub on Saturday, April 23rd, from 7-11 p.m. in the school gym. Please join us for an evening of Traditional Irish Music and a Folk Music Seisún featuring Irish pub fare, bar games, drinks, and dancing (and craic!). You can even sing or bring an instrument too. Entertainment provided by Burns and Cashman. Price is \$25 per person. Contact Sean Kane for more information and tickets at kane_s@hotmail.com or (908) 508-1114.

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS



**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE
PASSION OF
THE LORD**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14–23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are short of several items: Pancake mix, white Rice, canned and dry black beans, ravioli, spam, spaghetti sauce (traditional or meat sauce). Additional items that are greatly appreciated are: Dry milk, canned pears and pineapple, dry mashed potatoes, coffee, hot chocolate mix, Honey Nut Cheerios, and Frosted Flakes.

Responding to the needs of the poor is a Corporal Work of Mercy.

SPIRITUALITY CONVOCATION

The College of St. Elizabeth cordially invites you to the annual Spirituality Convocation. It will take place on Saturday, April 9th from 9:45 to 4:30 PM. It will include two keynotes (Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid and Father Anthony Ciorra) and a choice of 5 workshops. (Fr. Ricardo Benitez (in Spanish), Laura Curcione, Fr. Paul Manning, Sr. Mary Canavan SC, and Sr. Alice Swartz RSM) on the theme: *Hope: The Spirit Ventures Forth*) It will include snacks, lunch and Saturday evening Mass. The cost of the day is \$35.00 by March 31 and \$40.00 (check or cash) at the door. Please register by mail or online. For online registrations please go to csr.edu homepage, click on the link 2016 Spirituality Convocation and follow the prompts. You may pay via credit card through “Pay Pal” For Phone Registration, please call 973-290-4337.

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 Slevens.

Those who are ill:

Erin Lonergan, Lou Aroneo, Mary Jane Postal, Rosa Benitez, Jack and Maria Bickel, Bob Mikulyak, Barbara Engle, Marilynn Fogarty, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Mary Keller, Richard, Scherer, Dorothy Paul, Givi Trauwaert, Ruth Ann Rahe, Daniel Nastarowicz, Jonathan and John Tantaros, Mary Bigelis, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, 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.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
IN PARISH CEMETERY**

EAGLE SCOUT LEGACY WALL

Boy Scout and parishioner, Sean Theoclitus, is building a wall that will curve around the back of the cross in the parish's cemetery. Which will provide a nice space for prayer and reflection. On the wall there will be names of people's loved ones, (deceased or living,) engraved onto individual name plates, to be put on the wall. If you are interested in having your loved one's name put on the wall please visit www.troop59.com/seaneagleproject. The project is limited to 100 names. The wall will stand for many generations to come. You may also contact the parish office for more information if you do not have access to a computer.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

BRIDGES

" It's a real party when you guys come!"
" Hot food and games for the kids! The residents really look forward to your parties!"

Thank you to all who made those words possible. From the teens who gave their time to serve those less fortunate, to the adult chaperones who made transportation for the food and volunteers possible. For the people who donated their culinary skills and love in preparation of the food, to the people that donated funds in support of the Bridges ministry. It takes many people to make these parties A success. We couldn't do without you!

Blessings,
Pat Garcia

" The fruit of service is peace"
Mother Theresa

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

If you would like to offer Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones, please use the envelope that was provided in your monthly packet or the form below. If you have any questions please contact Tonianne VanDerveer in the parish office for assistance. 908-647-0118 or at tvanderveer@stvdop.org

In memory of: _____

Gifted by: : _____

Address: _____

Donation: _____

Thank you .



SCHOOL NEWS

I have been attending St. Vincent de Paul School for eleven years. As I've grown older, I have come to realize how special this school means to me. Sadly, I will be graduating this year, but this school will always be important to me. I am very blessed to attend this school. St. Vincent de Paul will always leave an impact on me. No matter where I will go, this school will forever be a home to me.

What is so great about Catholic schools? There are many reasons why Catholic schools are great. One of the reasons it is great to be a part of a Catholic school is because you are at a place filled with faith, excellence, service, and friendship. These four things represent why Catholic schools are great.

Being a part of a Catholic school gives you a chance to expand your faith and relationship with God. Since I was young, every class had to attend church at least once a week. We learned to pray together, and prepare for sacraments. The school encourages me to read more of the bible. The school encourages me to spread my knowledge about Christ to other places and people. Catholic schools is a vital part of the Church. Catholic education is important to the futures of the youth, nation, and Church.

My Catholic school has excellence. St. Vincent de Paul has the quality excellence because of the knowledge of the people within the community. I would like to thank those who have helped in school- teachers and students. Everyday I walk into the school gym feeling important because my teachers and classmates. I am surrounded by people who care for me and I care for them. What's so great about Catholic schools is that the teacher's aren't there just because it's their job. It is because they want to see you succeed. They genuinely care about what we learn. They always want us to do our absolute best. The teachers are really important to Catholic schools because they want to see us accomplish our goals.

Being a part of a Catholic school has taught me that I should give back. The school has taught me that I should help those in need. I have learned about respect, kindness, and sportsmanship. Doing services at school makes me feel a better person for helping people who need help. The school has taught me values that I will take with me.

Throughout my years here I have realized that St. Vincent de Paul is more than just a school. The school isn't just filled with teachers and students. All of the people who are a part of this school are family. Catholic schools have helped me build friendships. I have been with my classmates ever since I was young and we have grown up together. People come and go, but in Catholic schools people come and they stay even though they have graduated many years ago. I realized that even though students who have graduated years ago still come back to see old classmates and teachers. I had a sister who graduated here in 2008. To this day, she talks to some old classmates from her class and teachers. Even her eighth grade teacher still asks about how my sister is doing because she still cares. Catholic schools care about your education. Catholic schools have given me friendships that I will never forget.

Catholic schools are important because it is where my life has started. It is the beginning of my foundation that continues to grow because of it. St. Vincent de Paul has helped me grow. It has helped me become a better person. It has helped me expand my relationship with God. This school is like a second home to me. It is one of the best things that has happened to me and I know it's one of the best decisions my parents have made as well. I will always be grateful for being a part of this community. This school will always have a special place in my life because it has made me the person I am today and the person I will be tomorrow.

Kimberly Grade 8

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This year we have a double gift in the Year of Mercy and Divine Mercy Sunday. Both offer the opportunity for a Plenary Indulgence (*explained in the bulletin 2 weeks ago, for a refresher access the bulletin online*). Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on March 3rd with devotions beginning at 2 PM, the Chaplet sung at 3 PM and the opportunity for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the image of Divine Mercy.

Please make every effort to attend and celebrate this once in a lifetime opportunity with the combination of Divine Mercy Sunday and the Year of Mercy.

“Look into my heart and see there the love and mercy which I have for humankind, and especially for sinners. Look, and enter into my Passion”

Jesus to St. Faustina (Diary, 1663)

M.O.M.S GROUP

Meals For Moms. Are you expecting a baby? Or do you know someone that is? Meals For Moms would like to show our support by providing meals. Please email Danielle Grieco at dgrieco7@verizon.net for more info.



SAVE THE DATE!

Appalachia Summer Mission Trip

- July 31 - August 6
- Open to all current 9th graders and older
- Registration opens soon!
- Parent volunteers welcome to join us!

BOLD Middle: Brown Bag Blast!

- Fri, April 8, 7 - 8:30pm
- 6-8 Grade
- JPII Room

Parish Seder Dinner

Wed, March 23, 7:30pm

Next week, instead of having TNL, all teens are invited to join us at the Parish-wide Seder Dinner at 7:30pm on Wednesday, March 23. We will have a few tables reserved for BOLD! Come join us, or stop by to say hi!

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 3/18: Bridges Run, NYC
- 3/27: Happy Easter!
- 3/23: Seder Dinner
- 3/29: No TNL - Easter Week

For more info such as calendar, contacts, sign ups & events

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LIFE MINISTRIES

Monday, March 14th at 7:30 in Church meeting room. New members welcome.