



**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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Sunday Mass Schedule

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

**Confession—Saturday at
4—4:45 PM, and 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**

FINANCIAL REPORT

The weekend of March 19th and 20th

Total amount in **274** envelopes: \$9,772
 Loose: \$2,452
 Online Parish Pay: \$3,049

Total offered: \$15,273

Debt Reduction: \$3,750

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures excludes them.”

C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), English author, scholar and Christian.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Hungering for Celebration

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we’ve changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world!

When we reflect on the story of the Good Samaritan, we may often miss this last line, so caught up are we in the great act of service done on the side of the road. But it’s important to note the Good Samaritan’s closing words: “Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.” He gives freely and wholeheartedly in equal measure to the need of the one whom he serves. No reservations; no disclaimers.

At the beginning of Lent, we reflected on these words of Isaiah: “Is this not, rather, the fasting that I choose...” We learn that God desires that our fasting free the oppressed, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless — our fasting should be a true encounter with and pouring forth of God’s mercy.

Now, as we reflect on what our Lenten journey has meant for us, we connect these pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we strive to live in true global solidarity. We hear the words of Isaiah and we see the example of the Good Samaritan. How can we ensure that what we gave up for Lent will lift up those in most need? As we look back on these 40 days, we commit ourselves to discovering how what we gave up for Lent can change lives.

RICE BOWLS MAY BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OR PARISH OFFICE.

MASS INTENTIONS

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

MONDAY *March 28th*

8:30 AM Eugene McMahon
 Frank Giacumbo
 Mary Alison Levine

TUESDAY *March 29th*

8:30 AM Helena Rohal (*Living*)
 Joseph Tremarco
 John McMonagle

Wednesday *March 30th*

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Stella Nastarowicz
 Esther Harty

THURSDAY *March 31st*

8:30 AM The O’Neill and Lister Families (*Living*)
 Muriel Keller
 Anthony LaRezza

FRIDAY *April 1st*

8:30 AM Gabrielle and Anthony Vitaliano (*Living*)
 Christine Dos Santos
 Michelle Mayer

SATURDAY *April 2nd*

8:30 AM John McMonagle
 Vasilios Porfiris
 Carmela (Millie) Armenti

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

5:00 PM People of the Parish
 (*Saturday*) Nicholas and Patricia Tangreti
 Deacon Bill Wagner

SUNDAY *April 3rd*
8:30 AM: Edith Anne Walto
 Michael Steger
 Catherine Sheridan

10:30 AM Allegra, Ricci and Ring Families
 Megan Kenny
 Janina Jastalska

6:00 PM Monica Struck-Kuechler
 Matthew Kantor
 Emil Pusateri

PASTORS COLUMN

EASTER—A TIME OF GREAT RENEWAL

Each year at the Easter Vigil and Masses for Easter Sunday we renew our baptismal vows. The vows begin with three renunciations and then three affirmations of faith. The renunciations are asked in the following way: Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises? Answering, “I do” to each of these is the easy part. Living out the reality is the challenge. We should know that none of this is possible by our own human efforts, rather we rely on the mercy of God and the grace we receive, especially in the Sacraments. It must be so much more difficult for one who does not receive such grace to be able to resist the mastery and trickery of the evil one.

The affirmations are asked of us in the following questions: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? Again answering “I do” to each question we are reminded of the faith and hope we have as Christians in the promises of God.

The absolute danger is that we can simply go through the motions when renewing these vows. Imagine if on their wedding day the bride or groom simply went through the motions when making their vows to one another. Some have, and it has been a recipe for great disaster. Mindful of the baptismal vows, we renew them not to another human, but to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is our covenant with God and so if we are simply going through the motions we fool no one but ourselves and run the risk of mocking God—a sure recipe for disaster. Saint John Paul II wrote: "It is no exaggeration to say that the entire existence of the lay faithful has as its purpose to lead a person to a knowledge of the radical newness of the Christian life that comes from Baptism" (*Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People*, 10).

Last Sunday, Palm Sunday, we listened to the words of St. Paul to the Philippians. In chapter 2, verses 5 and 6, we read: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped”. This is our challenge as Christians, we must have within us the same attitude of Jesus. In the renewal of our baptismal vows we must be who we profess to be. As Catholics we must act and behave as Catholics, otherwise we are hypocrites. In the public ministry of Jesus he has the harshest criticism for hypocrites. To be a follower of Jesus means some tough decisions have to be made. It means that we must rely on God and the grace and mercy we are blessed with and less on ourselves. Certainly in Christ we see that God has done everything in order for us to come to glory. We must do our part.

As we celebrate this beautiful Easter Season we will observe **Divine Mercy Sunday** next week. This year we have a double gift in the Year of Mercy and Divine Mercy Sunday. Both offer the opportunity for a Plenary Indulgence. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated with devotions beginning at 2 PM, the Divine Mercy 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).

May this Easter Season be a time of renewal for all Christians. In prayer may we continue to be mindful of our brothers and sisters in the world who are paying the highest price for their faith in Jesus, the Lord of Glory, raised forever and who desires that we also share that glory.

Happy Easter,
Fr. Richard

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:

Saverio Lacopo, Erin Lonergan, Lou Aroneo, Mary Jane Postal, Rosa Benitez, Jack and Maria Bickel, Bob Mikulyak, 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

Richard Joyce

Requiescat in Pace

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

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESAN SCHOOLS OFFICE

The Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Paterson, is seeking applicants for the 2016-2017 school year for the following positions:

Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School, Chatham, NJ. Information and application materials can be found at <http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings>.

Mary Baier
Superintendent of Schools

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Vincent de Paul Parish and St. Mary's Church in Watchung are combining their Bereavement Support Groups this Spring. The Bereavement sessions will begin on Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. in St. Mary's Center located at 225 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, N.J., 07069.

We will meet for 6 consecutive Thursday evenings. We will end on May 12th. This group is open to all whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one, sibling or friend. To register, please call our Bereavement Coordinator, Barbara Carlson at

CANTICLES FOR LIFE

Please join the Triad Arts Ensemble for the 2016 Canticles for Life AIDS Benefit Concert. A musical journey and celebration of the human spirit through song. On Saturday, April 9, 2016, we are pleased to present *Canticles For Life* at the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton, NJ. The facility is accessible to people in wheelchairs, with the wheelchair accessible entrance on Church Street. Performers include the Triad Vocal Ensemble, the Dan Crisci Jazz Trio, and the Sean Altman Trio. On Sunday, April 10, 2016, we are pleased to present *Canticles For Life* at the Parsippany United Methodist Church. Performers include the Triad Vocal Ensemble, the Dan Crisci Jazz Trio, and the Sean Altman Trio. General admission tickets are \$15. Contributor tickets are \$25 (\$10 is tax deductible). Senior/Student tickets are \$12. To Purchase tickets or donate securely online, an for more information please visit www.CanticlesForLife.org.

The main goal of these concerts is to serve as reminders that there are still so many people in the New Jersey community impacted by HIV/AIDS, and that there is still a stigma attached to this disease. We look forward to the time when these concerts will not be necessary.

All concert proceeds to benefit NJ AIDS Services, NAMES Project of Northern New Jersey, and AIDS Resource Foundation for Children, Inc.

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins



or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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.

We remember and pray for the following souls who have gone to the Lord before us.
Thank you to their families for remembering them with Easter flowers for the church.

Deceased members of the Andrews Family
Nancy Alfano
Millie Armenti
Deceased members of the Arpaio Family
Deceased members of the Bernardo Family
Deceased members of the Bonaccorso Family
John Bruns
Deceased members of the Buziak Family
Bob and Shirley Caporaso
Deceased members of the Cerulo Family
Tom Chesney
Nora Coletta
Deceased members of the Connolly Family
Jean Cosentino
Jack Costanzo
Deceased members of the Critelli Family
Generoso Cicchetti
George DeFabio
Larry Delli Santi
Connie DeMarzo
John Dempsey
Emily G. DeSantis
Florence and Albert Dickhardt
Raymond Diehl
Gretchen Dolman
Willard J. Dolman
Baby Luke Dos Santos
Christine Dos Santos
Deceased members of the Dowling Family
Alice and Peter Dunigan
Peter Dunigan
Deceased members of the Early Family
Mary Ebeling
Deceased members of the Engemann Family
Deceased members of the Fabian Family
Raymond Faiola
Thomas and Nancy Fallon
Tony Falzarano
Anthony Fama
Deceased members of the Flatley Family
Carmel and Louis Ferraro
Deceased members of the Filannino Family
Patsy Filippone
Joseph and Muriel Filoramo
Johan and Mary Fitzgerald
Josephine Forte
Deceased members of the French Family
William French
Deceased members of the Gallagher Family
Frank Gamba
Steven Geis
Jessie and Frank Giacumbo

Deceased members of the Giacumbo Family
Deceased members of the Giegerich Family
Cornelius Gildea
Charles Gildea
Brian Gillespie
Deceased members of the Giusti Family
Deceased members of the Gobel Family
Great Grammy
Thomas A. Hall, Sr.
Lindsey Marie Haluska
Deceased members of the Higgins Family
Richard Holmes
Panfilo and Adela Homilda
Deceased members of the Houck Family
Deceased members of the Huesch Family
Giuseppe Iellimo
Dina and Jacob Iselborn
Jim and Helen Kallas
Muriel Keller
Patricia Kelly
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Kennelly, Jr.
Deceased members of the Kilroy Family
Dennis Kinsella
Deceased members of the Kober Family
Mary and Walter Koczela
Rose and Jack Lalli
Vickie and Andrew Laura
Helen, Marty, Victoria and Joe Lawler
Thomas Lee
John Lehnert
Anthony and Rosina Long
Walter MacDuff
Edward Masaitis, Jr.
Rocco and Filomena Marchetto
Deceased members of the McCardle Family
Deceased members of the McDonald Family
Eugene McMahan
Deceased members of the McMonagle Family
Deceased members of the McQuillan Family
Patty and Alfred Mills
Melillo Family
Raymond Molnar
Mary Montemurro
Deceased members of the Morris Family
Deceased members of the Mosca Family
Deceased members of the Nyquist Family
Kathy O'Brien
Deceased members of the Ochrymowych Family
Richard P. O'Connell
Sr. Kathleen Margaret O'Connell
Patricia Filippone O'Neill
Ben and Mark Palumbo
Orlando Family
Paul Orlando
Deceased members of the Oster Family
Deceased members of the Paganelli Family
Rita and Michael Pavlo
Kieran Pillion

For God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son, that whoever
believes in him shall not perish but have eternal
life. John 3:16

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Mary and Andrew Pisansky
 Deceased members of the Pniewski Family
 Deceased members of the Poust Family
 Deceased members of the Quinn Family
 Angie and William Quinton
 Jenny and Henry Rehbein
 George Rohal, Sr.
 Martha Rose
 Peter Rossi
 Margaret Rugolo
 George and Lucille Russo
 Jean and John Ryan
 John and Katherine Ryan
 Deceased members of the Sama Family
 Maria Sartor
 Paul Scanlon
 H. John Schank, II
 Jack Schlegel
 Deceased members of the Schubauer Family
 Vincent Scudato
 Howard F. Seale
 Deceased members of the Seale Family
 Mary Beth and Jim Sebold
 Deceased members of the Semler Family
 Deceased members of the Senyk Family
 Catherine Silva
 Deceased members of the Silva Family
 Deceased members of the Slockbower Family
 Deceased members of the Smith Family

John F. Stack, Sr.
 Deceased members of the Steger Family
 Jerry and Gladdie Stenger
 Pat and Eileen Sullivan
 Rosa Suppa
 Deceased members of the Syrotiuk Family
 Allan and Cecile Swann
 Deceased members of the Tangreti Family
 Frank and Mickey Taylor
 Deceased members of the Tenore Family
 Giuseppe and Vittorio Tripoli
 Jean and Dennis Vance
 Nicola A. Vernese, Jr., MD
 Deceased members of the Vicendese Family
 Mario Vollero
 Llyod Vreeland
 Janet A. and Robert H. Waldele
 Edith Anne Walto
 Sheila Weckerle
 Deceased members of the Weiss Family
 Michael and Mary Woods
 Andrew Yacykewych
 Deceased members of the Zill Family

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in the peace of Christ and live in the dwelling place of the Eternal Father in company with all the Saints forever. Amen.

A Prayer for the return of Lapsed Catholics to the Sacraments.

Almighty Father, you desire not the death of the sinner, but that they may be converted and live. Pour out upon us your mercy and hear the prayers of your servants. Soften the hearts of your children who have strayed from the true path which you established for their salvation. They are now forgetful of their duties as Catholics, and pursue the pleasures of the world. Grant that they may return to the practice of every Christian virtue, so that their lives may shine with the integrity of faith, the fervor of piety, and the ardor of charity. Restore them all to your sacraments and the life of your grace, through the merits of the most precious blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Friday, April 1st, the St. Vincent de Paul Knights of Columbus council is hosting a trivia night in the school gym. It starts at 7:00 PM and runs about two hours. For those who have never been to a trivia night, it is a casual night with friends competing against other groups trying to answer themed trivia questions.

This night is completely FREE! That's right guys, you can wow the wife with a date that won't cost you a nickel. Food, beer, soda, and dessert are all included in the cover price, which is FREE!

Last time we had about eight tables competing for the legendary (and imaginary) trivia trophy. We are hoping to exceed that number this time.

If you are interested, or have any questions, please reach out to me at 908-647-1977. In order to have adequate food, we need to have a rough head count by March 30th.

We hope to see you there for a fun night out on the town.

Tim Wallisch