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**We are a Catholic community rooted in the
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Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and
dignity; she can laugh at the days
to come. She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her
tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



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 weekend of April 30th/May 1st

Total amount in **232** envelopes: \$8,648
 Loose: \$2,760
 Online Parish Pay: \$3,041

Total offered: \$14,449

Diocesan Assessment \$2,228

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Mother's Day Prayer

The most important person... on earth is a Mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral – A dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new souls to heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation... What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?

By Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty [1892-1975]

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
 CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION**



On Friday, May 13th Mass will be offered at 7 PM followed by our annual candlelight procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

An Act of Consecration to the Blessed Mother will take place at the conclusion of the procession. Please contact Sr. Elsa for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY *May 9th*
8:30 AM Frank Galdieri
 Concetta VanDerveer
 Joan D'Addio

TUESDAY *May 10th*
Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest
8:30 AM Protection of babies in the womb (*Living*)
 Mary Fay
 Deacon Bill Wagner

WEDNESDAY *May 11th*
8:30 AM Michelina and Biagio Bernardo
 Adele Capozzoli
 Carmella (Millie) Armenti

THURSDAY *May 12th*
Saints Nereus, Achilles, and Pancras, Martyrs
8:30 AM Charles H. May
 Anna Dente
 Suzanne Dapkins

FRIDAY *May 13th*
Our Lady of Fatima
8:30 AM Helena Rohal (*Living*)
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 John McMonagle
7 PM **Mass and Candlelight Procession**

SATURDAY *May 14th*
8:30 AM Suzanne Dapkins
 Mary Fitzgerald
 John B. Meade

PENTECOST SUNDAY
5:00 PM Frances Brooks
 (*Saturday*) Anne King
 Frances Corcoran

SUNDAY *May 15th*
8:30 AM People of the Parish
 Bette Saalmuller
 Deceased members of the Buziak and McMonagle families

10:30 AM: Giuseppe and Anna Dimichele
 Anna Silva
 Michael John Elia

6:00 PM Deacon Bill Wagner
 Teresa Giordano
 Deceased members of the Meade family

Note that the 6 PM Mass will conclude on Sunday, May 29th.

PASTORS COLUMN

LIFE—THANK YOU MOM (*and Dad and God*)

Have you ever wondered at what moment life begins? I bet you have. When asked about it the President once remarked that that answer was “above my pay grade”. Greater minds like St. Thomas Aquinas taught that ensoulment doesn't occur until several weeks after conception (delayed animation). Of course, St. Thomas did not have available to him what we have in our day to be able to know and see more. If Aquinas had the benefit of this knowledge, his principles would have led him to conclude ensoulment occurs at conception. For the sake of clarity, Aquinas viewed the intentional taking of the life of the child in the womb the mortal sin of murder. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us of the importance of human life in 2258 "*Human life is sacred* because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being." However, many debate as to when life takes place. Different religions have interesting responses. Bryan Cones, a writer from Chicago cites at U.S. Catholic three responses from other religious teachers. Jewish: "The question for Jewish law is not when does life begin, but when is the embryo entitled to the justice and compassion of society?" (Rabbi Yehiel Poupko of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago). Muslim: "[Most Sunni Muslims believe] life begins at the turn of the first trimester." (Abdulaziz Sachedina, professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Virginia). Hindu: "Life cannot begin at conception when our lives have not ended in the first place." (Cromwell Crawford, retired professor, University of Hawaii). Cones goes on to write, "I think the predominant Catholic tradition is that "human life begins at conception" is a principle of natural law rather than revelation, which means that anyone should be able to come to that conclusion regardless of faith. It's clear that convincing even other religious people of that is a challenge in a religiously pluralistic world, much less a secular one."

Recently scientists confirmed the teaching of the Church on the question as to when life begins. In a report in *Live Action News* on April 27th Cassy Fiano cited that, "scientists have been able to capture the moment life begins, with a bright flash of light as a new life is conceived...Human life begins in bright flash of light as a sperm meets an egg, scientists have shown for the first time, after capturing the astonishing 'fireworks' on film. An explosion of tiny sparks erupts from the egg at the exact moment of conception. Scientists had seen the phenomenon occur in...animals but it is the first time it has been also shown to happen in humans". Science proves that which the Church has always taught that life begins at conception. Sadly, Fiano points out that scientists are not necessarily using this information to clarify the need to protect life from the moment of conception. Rather in the process they have discovered that some eggs are less bright at that moment and could have abnormalities (which can self correct during the pregnancy) and so can be eliminated as undesirable eggs. And Jesus wept.

Irrespective, the relationship between the mother and the child in the womb is sacred. Both are made in the image and likeness of God. Today, we celebrate mother's and thank God for their *yes* to life. Let us also remember the women who live with the pain of losing a child, the sacredness of that bond is not lost forever. Those children will certainly greet their moms at the Gate of Paradise. Let us remember those who desire to be mothers and those who carry the gift of sacred human life in their wombs, that God will safeguard both. Let us pray for a deeper respect for the gift of life in the womb and for an end to all attacks on that sacred and precious life. In prayer, at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, let us thank God for the gift of life and for our mother's. Without them, even God in His magnificence, could not have sent us forth into this life to know, love and serve Him, with the promise of eternal glory through Christ in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Peace, 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:

Anne (Mickey) Stack, Larry Hebert, Larry Oster, Michael Knell, Elizabeth Vadon, Tina Passarelli, Saverio Lacopo, Erin Lonergan, Lou Aroneo, 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, Michael Nastarowicz, Jonathan Tantaros, Mary Bigelis, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, Patricia Caruso-Minicuzzi, 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

We are short of several items: Pancake mix, white Rice, 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, Honey Nut Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Canned Corn, Tuna Fish and Tomato Paste, Diced Tomatoes, and Spaghetti Pasta.

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

THE YEAR OF MERCY**Speakers Series: Catholic Social Teaching**

Amilee Bishop, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, will be leading a reflection on Catholic Social Teaching in the Church Meeting Room on Monday, May 9th at 7:30pm. All are invited to join us to learn more about this amazing teaching from the Catholic Church: where it comes from, what the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching are, and how we can live out the practices in our lives every day.

“The Holy Year of Mercy:**A Faith-Sharing Guide with Reflections by Pope Francis.”**

Come and join Sr. Elsa for faith sharing on Wednesdays starting May 11 through June 28, at 9:00 following the 8:30 Mass. We will be using the book *“The Holy Year of Mercy: A Faith-Sharing Guide with Reflections by Pope Francis.”* If you would like to acquire the book, the cost is \$10.76. You can order it on Amazon, or we can order it for you. Email Sr. Elsa at srelsa@stvd.org or call at 908-295-4944

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS**PENTECOST SUNDAY****First Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost together when "tongues of fire appeared which parted, then came to rest on each of them." The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in foreign tongues. Visitors from many different countries were amazed that each guest could hear his or her native language being spoken as the disciples proclaimed God's glory.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Each person has received different manifestations of the same spirit to contribute to the common good of all. All members of the church have been baptized into one body because of our belief in the Holy Spirit, who was sent to us by God.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they had locked the doors in fear. Jesus then showed the disciples his hands and his side; and they rejoiced at his presence.

He breathed on them saying "Receive the Holy Spirit." He then gave the disciples the power to forgive others or hold them accountable for their sins.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
IN PARISH CEMETERY**

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.

RESPECT FOR LIFE NEWS**Our Lady of the Mount Workshop May 16th.**

In New Jersey, a "Death with Dignity" bill is pending which, if passed, would legalize doctor-prescribed suicide in our state. On Monday, May 16th, guest speaker Jennifer Ruggiero, Director of the Diocesan Office of Respect for Life, will present a workshop which will address the following topics: Advance Directives for Health Care, Nutrition and Hydration, Proportionate Care, Palliative Care, and the dangers of Doctor -Prescribed Suicide Legislation. The workshop will take place at Our Lady of the Mount Church, 167 Mount Bethel Road, Warren, in the Father Peter Room at 7 pm and is free of charge. Please join us. We request that you register by emailing your name and contact info to DBGother@optonline.net

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DEDICATION

The beautiful Eagle Scout project of Joseph Conant will be blessed and dedicated after the 10:30 Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th. Please join in this brief prayer service and to offer thanks to Joe for such a beautiful and prayerful addition to our parish campus.

VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD 2016

The recipients of the award this year are **Randa and Tim Wallish**. The award will be presented along with the other diocesan recipients, next Sunday, May 15th at 3:30 PM by Bishop Serratelli at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Clifton. Any parishioner who would like to go and show their support for Tim and Randa are welcomed to do so.

The award is given in recognition of their service to the parish in so many ways (*too many to list in the space available here—they also warned us not to list their service*) in imitation of Christ.

Congratulations to Tim and Randa on this well deserved recognition and for all you do in service for Christ.

DIOCESAN FOOD COLLECTION



Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities food pantries and in order to fulfill our obligations to the poor, Bishop Serratelli has authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Saturday/Sunday, May 28th / 29th, 2016. Our Parish has been asked to provide both regular and decaffeinated coffee and cold cereal. Please mark Saturday and Sunday, May 28th / 29th as the food collection day in order to help those in need in our Diocesan community of Morris, Passaic and Sussex

BRIDGES THANK YOU

On Friday April 29, we held our last Bridges Run for this school year. We were able to serve over 300 sandwiches, fruit, snacks and water bottles, because of the generosity and support of our parishioners and for that WE THANK YOU.

This past year our parish committed our support for 6 runs which was possible through the support of parishioners, school parents and students (who supplied all the items for 2 runs), and the youth of our parish. With your generosity we were able to help Bridges Outreach feed homeless men and women in New York and Newark who otherwise would go hungry those nights. I thank Pat Garcia for her leadership in coordinating these runs and all those who made it possible.
Sr. Elsa

SCHOOL NEWS



First Holy Communion

We are very excited for our second graders as they prepare to celebrate First Holy Communion! They have been practicing and preparing for their very special sacrament. They have witnessed the joy of communion by attending mass for some time now but are finally able to take an active part in celebrating with our Lord Jesus. The second graders' prayer partners, the seventh grade students, have worked on a surprise to commemorate the special day. The third graders have also been able to share their support in the class.

Mrs. Reilly and Ms. Joyce have been preparing the children so that they understand the great gift they will receive this weekend. Mrs. Reilly created a special bulletin board across from her classroom so that our children can all wish the second graders a message of congratulations. Messages have come from students across all grades and teachers as well. I know that God will bless each of them this Saturday as they receive the Eucharist for the first time!

Next TNL

Tues, May 17th, 7:30-9pm

JPII ROOM

BOLD 8

youth ministry by **fiar** Ventures

Join us for the annual NJ Catholic Youth Rally!

Who: 8-12th Graders
Where: Six Flags, Jackson, NJ
When: May 15th
Time: 9am-9pm
Price: \$65

Price Includes:
 transportation, admission ticket, buffet lunch, mass in the Arena, *free return ticket* (good thru Oct), and free return parking ticket

Permission Form Online: boldym.com/svdp/forms

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

• 5/15: Six Flags Trip	• 5/22: Senior Dinner
• 5/17: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII	• 5/24: Holy Doors Pilgrimage

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

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Mother's Day Mass Offering

In honor of

Suzanne Bradley
Rita Cahill
Janine Calabro
Judy Calabro
Kim Calabro
Barbara Costanzo
Josephine Costanzo
Patricia DeLuca
Jane DeVincentis
Patricia DiSarno
Lena Dorsí
Megan Fitch
Anne E. Galdieri
Kathy Garcia
Ellen Gibson
Monica Jeronimo
Sara Jeronimo
Rita Joyce
Jessica Lavorerio
Liz Lavorerio
Mary Lavorerio
Susan Mannarino
Leslie McGinn
Tonya Randolph
Nina Rapuano
Arlene Rizzo
Elissa Ryan
Sarah Scrudato
Anne R. Stack
Kristina Tangreti
Gloria Temple
Mary Woods

In memory of

Purificacion Abellar
Melva Beherns
Josephine A. Bruno
Margaret Bruns
Catherine Calabro
Cory Cannon
Rose Capite
Shirley Caporaso
Mary Clarke
Elizabeth Cooney
Patricia Daly
Angelina DeLuca
Connie Dorio
Margaret Duder
Mary Fitzgerald
Lillian Gale
Jessie Giacumbo
Angela Giusti
Elizabeth Mary Heeney
Cecilia Klebash
Lena Laferrera
Mary Pniewski
Virginia Mannarino
Giuseppina Mariani
Mary McCardle
Catherine F. McNally
Catherine Monaghan
Rosemary Quinn
Angelina Ruggiero
Susan Rusin
R. Patricia Tangreti
Najeebe Shahade
Clara Smith
Concetta VanDerveer
Angelina Viola
Eleanor Willwerth
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