

**The Roman Catholic Parish  
of St. Vincent de Paul  
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**We are a Catholic community rooted in the  
Eucharist and committed to the poor.**

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Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

#### **Sunday Mass Schedule**

*(Vigil Mass)*

**Saturday —5:00 PM**

**Sunday**

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

**Confession—Saturday at 4:00 PM  
or 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.”**

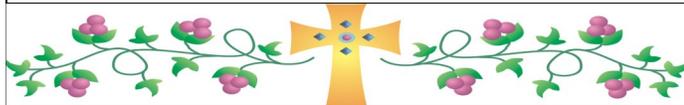
**St. Padre Pio**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT**

**The weekend of Sept. 17th and Sept. 18th**

Total amount in envelopes:	\$ 7,234
Loose:	\$ 2,186
Online Parish Pay:	<u>\$ 2,970</u>
<b>Total offered:</b>	<b>\$12,390</b>

**“It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”**  
**St. Teresa of Calcutta**



**Daily Mass Readings**

**Monday**

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday**

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday**

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

**Friday**

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

**First Saturday**

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

**2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL  
 BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS**



Did you know that, in addition to returning your pledge card with a check, you can make a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal online? Just go to

[www.2016appeal.org](http://www.2016appeal.org) and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today if it is convenient for you.

Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an online donation, your support is most welcome and greatly needed. Please consider participating in this worthy cause!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY** *September 26th*  
*Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

**8:30 AM** Edmund Amari  
 David "Duke" Dorsi  
 Patrick Young

**TUESDAY** *September 27th*  
**PARISH FEAST DAY**

*Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*  
**8:30 AM** Michael Allocco  
 Eugenio and Antonietta Romano

**WEDNESDAY** *September 28th*  
*Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*

**8:30 AM** Adele Cannizzaro  
 Frank and Jessie Giacumbo  
 Stephen Dragon

**THURSDAY** *September 29th*  
*Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels*

**8:30 AM** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 Sam and Angelina Ruggiero  
 John, Lindsay Schlegel and Family (*Living*)

**FRIDAY** *September 30th*  
*Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

**8:30 AM** Mary Fitzgerald  
 John Elia  
 Cecilia Klebush

**SATURDAY** *October 1st*  
*Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

**8:30 AM** Patsy Filippone  
 Joseph DeVincentis  
 Andrew Yacykewych

**27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 PM** People of the Parish  
 (*Saturday*) Ethel Scanlon  
 Patricia and Nicholas Tangreti

**SUNDAY** *October 2nd*  
**8:30 AM** Terry Blanch  
 Kieran Pillion  
 Anthony Delia

**10:30 AM** Angela Anzalone  
 Teresa Giordano  
 Carmela "Millie" Armenti

**6:00 PM** Deacon Bill Wagner  
 Heather Bendel  
 Peggyann Tuma

**THOSE WHO SERVE AND THE ONES WHO BENEFIT**

This weekend we host our parish Volunteer Appreciation Night. It is a time for the volunteers of the parish to gather and to spend time with fellow parishioners and to be recognized for the sharing of their gifts and talents for the good of this faith community. There are so many who, week after week, by their participation in the ministerial life of the parish allow for such great good to take place. To all who use their gifts and talents in service to the mission of the parish—**THANK YOU**.

In that same vein I express gratitude to George Rachmiel (*Finance Committee*) and Tim Wallisch (*Trustee and Finance Committee*) for all the work they have put in recently in the process of what will be a great good for the capital improvement of the parish. The parking lots on our campus have sorely been in need of repaving and repair along with the stone work which curbs the campus. George and Tim have spearheaded the endeavor to address that important issue. Working with an engineer recommended by the Diocese they worked diligently with paving companies and solicited bids for the work. The Diocesan Business Office requires that we have a minimum of 3 bids on such projects. We invited 7 companies to submit bids, 5 did. Some of the companies were recommended by the Diocesan Business Office and parishioners who own businesses and have had the need to repave on a commercial scale. Others were known to us from work carried out in our region. Once the final bids were submitted they were opened and read. Two were chosen. George and Tim met with the contractors to finesse the end product. After that meeting, one was offered the job and accepted. The project will cost \$175,000. The monies will come from rebates from the Diocesan Capital Campaign and money set aside for Capital Improvements. We will not have to borrow, which is a blessing, but we will need to build up our reserves again. This is an important project and so we needed to allocate what was available to cover it. The parish Finance Committee, when presented with all the information, endorsed the project.

Once all that was done, all the bids we received, along with a request to spend money to repair, were sent to the Diocese. Diocesan Financial Guidelines state that when a proposed project is estimated to cost *between \$100,000 but less than \$571,000 approval must come from the Diocesan College of Consultors after agreement between the Pastor and the Parish Finance Council*. The information was shared with the Diocesan Business Office who approved the project, as well as the Diocesan Business and Facilities Project Manager, Dennis Rodano. On Monday the information was sent to the Diocesan College of Consultors for their approval. The College of Consultors is a diocesan body of priests who are appointed to five-year, rotating, renewable terms. Canon law requires the Bishop to consult with his College of Consultors before making certain decisions. Approval was given today (Tuesday) for the repaving of our parking lots to take place. Preliminary work should begin on Monday of this week. I expect that there will not be too much interruption to our daily schedule here while the work is taking place.

I am truly indebted to George and Tim for all their work and guidance in this big project. I am also most thankful to those who contributed to the Diocesan Capital Campaign and who continue to keep their pledge as you have enabled your parish, through rebate, to take on this most essential task of maintenance. I am also grateful to each of you who sacrificially contribute to the collection which, while allowing us to continue the mission and programs we offer here, also allows for projects like this to be undertaken. This is a most necessary project as we strive to keep our facilities up to date, safe and accessible.

As we celebrate those who volunteer I am reminded that our gratitude and prayer should be offered to those who are so good and generous with their time and talent in the parish. Their service is a true commitment of love to Christ and to the mission of this parish. Really only God is capable of rewarding such love. I am often reminded of the words of St. John of the Cross: "In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone." May those who give so much to this parish receive from the most merciful of judgments for all the love they live in action and service. Once again, prayerful thanks to all our amazing volunteers.

Peace,  
Fr. Richard

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Those who serve in the military:**

Stephen J. Campbell, 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 Slevens.

**Those who are ill:**

Dominic Carton, Carol Sedita, George Thoms, Richard Sherer, Anne Moore, Maple Young, Kevin Shea, Helen Murray, Larry Hebert, Larry Oster, 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**

Tina Passarelli and John DeRosa

**Requiescat in Pace**

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Reborn through the waters of Baptism and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we embrace



**John Patrick Miller**  
son of John and Natasha

claimed now by Christ for the fullness of Eternal Life.

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER ?**

If you would like to register, you can do so by calling the Parish House at 908-647-0118 or by visiting our website at stvincentschurch.org. Parishes require certificates of sponsorship for Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors. These will be issued only to those who are confirmed Catholics, registered in our parish, regular participants at Mass, and are validly married in the Church (if applicable). It is difficult to have to refuse anyone but it has had to be done at times (and never easy to do or accept). You should be registered with the Parish at least 6 months before we can give you a certificate to become a sponsor. We look forward to meeting you!

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4** The prophet Habakkuk cries out despairingly to God because of the state Jerusalem has fallen into. He asks why God does nothing to stop the violence and misery. God assures him that a time will come when only the just and faithful will live.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14** Paul writes to Timothy from prison and urges him to continue to spread the gospel without fear or shame. He also tells Timothy to draw upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to help him face the hardships he will encounter while preaching.

**Gospel: Luke 17:5-10** The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies that "faith the size of a mustard seed could transplant a sycamore," indicating that a person either has faith, strong and complete, or none at all. Jesus also explains that a servant will not receive gratitude for simply following his master's orders. In the same way, we are all God's servants doing no more than our duty when we obey God's commands.



**CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE ON END OF LIFE ISSUES**

Sunday, October 2nd at 7pm, Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights will present a free program on church teaching about health care at end of life and Death with true Dignity. Jennifer Ruggiero, from the Office of Respect Life in the Metuchen Diocese will give the presentation in the cafeteria. All are welcome to come and hear an explanation of church teaching regarding end of life decisions and the pending NJ Physician Assisted Suicide Bill.

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

The annual blessing of animals will take place on Sunday, October 2nd at 3pm at the clock tower. Animals of every variety are asked to bring the ones trained to feed and care for them for the annual blessing. Some may be better off in a crate for their protection or on a leash for the protection of others—animals that is.



**MINISTRY AND SERVICE**

Serving the community of faith is the responsibility of all by virtue of our baptism and the teaching of Jesus to serve. Prayerfully consider serving your community with the gifts and talents God has given you as:

**Lector**—proclaiming the sacred texts at Mass.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**—distributing the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus at Mass.

**Usher**—assisting with the collection and other needs at Mass.

**Greeter/Hospitality**—greeting and assisting those who come to Mass, especially visitors to our community.

**Music (Choir/Instrumentalist)**-assist in raising hearts and minds as we glorify God in prayer.

For more information about these ministries see our parish website to be connected with the person responsible for training in these various ministries.

Please call the parish office for this information also.

**FOOD AND WINE TASTING VOLUNTEER MEETING**

There will be a meeting on Monday, September 26 at 7:30pm in the Church Meeting Room to discuss and plan for our upcoming Food and Wine Tasting Fall Festival on November 5. There are numerous volunteer opportunities so come join the fun! For questions, please contact Nancy Lucente 908-229-5354. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.



**FOOD AND WINE TASTING FALL FESTIVAL**

Saturday, November 5 ... 7pm to 11pm  
 \$40.00 per person advanced ticket sale  
 \$50.00 per person at the door  
 Please visit our website for online purchase.

**PARISH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

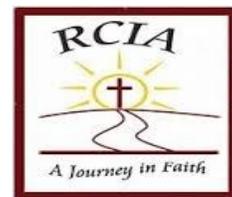
The need is continuous and the following items are in short supply : Canned corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, dry milk, tuna, mac n' cheese, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, sardines, spaghetti, noodles, honey nut cheerios, raisin bran, corn flakes, small dry red beans, canned pinto beans, navy beans, pink beans, refried beans, tomato sauce and instant potatoes. Thank you for your continued support.

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

For adults who have never been baptized, adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who believe that God is calling them to full membership in the Roman Catholic Church, adults who were baptized Catholic but have had no instruction in the faith or have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Through study, faith formation and discernment adults engage the process which will bring them into fuller sacramental membership within the Church.

Please contact Fr. Richard if you or someone you know would be interested or if would like to have more information.  
**Sessions begin in October.**



**GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY**

Join Fr. Richard for a deeper insight into the Scriptures for Sunday Mass and a better understanding of the Mass itself. Let the Readings come alive for you by gaining an understanding of their context and the culture within which they were written. Presentations will be every Thursday at 2-3:30 pm and 7:30– 9 pm in the Faith Formation and Pastoral Center.

**1st-8th Grade Faith Formation  
begins October 2 with  
Mass and the Rosary!  
10:15am- 12:00pm OR 5:45pm-7:30pm  
(Mass included)**

**All Parishioners** are invited to join the Faith Formation families in church *after* the 10:30am or 6:00pm Mass as we pray the Rosary as a faith community.

1st-8th grade students and parents should come to the Church Meeting Room at either 10:15am or 5:45pm, pick up your family folder and then enter the church. Parents should sit with their children.

After Mass, from 11:30am-12:00 noon and 7:00pm-7:30pm, families will hear a brief lesson on Mary and the Rosary and then pray this powerful prayer together. Through the Rosary, our Blessed Mother will lead all of us to a deeper union with her Son, Jesus, which is a beautiful way to begin the new Faith Formation year.

**THE ORCHESTRA OF  
ST. PETER BY THE SEA**

conducted by Fr. Alphonse Stephenson will present their third annual **Christmas Concert** on **Saturday, December 10, 2016** at **7:30pm**.  
Ticket information available online or at the Parish House!

**CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR  
RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL**

Wednesday, December 14, 2016  
\$100 per person  
Checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul Parish or pay online at [stvincentschurch.org](http://stvincentschurch.org) by November 1.  
4 PM dinner at St. Vincent's  
5PM bus departs from Church parking lot  
Bus returns at 11pm  
Cost includes: dinner, transportation, visit to Rockefeller Center and 8pm show  
**Questions??**  
Teri Kesselmeyer – 908-647-0118  
or [tkess@stvdp.org](mailto:tkess@stvdp.org)

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish and St. Mary's Stony Hill, Watchung will be hosting a joint Bereavement Support Group starting Thursday, October 27 at 7pm. The group will meet every Thursday except their last session on Wed. Dec. 7. Grief is a journey. Consider sharing your loss of a loved one, a sibling or a friend with others who have faced similar circumstances.  
Contact our Bereavement Coordinator, Barbara Carlson 908-647-0407 or the Parish House 908-647-0118 to register.

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

**Oratory Prep**

**For prospective 7th–12th grade boys**  
Sunday, October 2 from 1pm to 3pm  
Thursday, October 20 from 6:45pm to 8:15pm  
for further information call 908-273-5771 ext.1  
or visit their website at [www.oratoryprep.org](http://www.oratoryprep.org)

**Academy of St. Elizabeth**

**For prospective 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls**  
Sunday, October 2 at 1pm  
Thursday, October 13th at 7pm  
Thursday, November 10th at 7pm  
for further information call 973-290-5225  
or visit their website at [aosenj.org](http://aosenj.org)

**Union Catholic High School**

Wednesday, October 5th at 7pm  
Early Bird Tours at 6:15pm  
for further information call 908-889-1600 ext302  
or visit their website at [www.unioncatholic.org](http://www.unioncatholic.org)

**Morris Catholic High School**

Wednesday, October 12 at 7pm  
Sunday, October 23 at 2pm  
for further information contact the Admissions Office at [mcostello@morriscatholic.org](mailto:mcostello@morriscatholic.org)  
or visit their website at [www.morriscatholic.org](http://www.morriscatholic.org)

**LECTORS NEEDED**

The Ministry of Lector is for those who feel comfortable and competent in proclaiming the Word of God at Mass. Training for new lectors will take place on **Tuesday, October 11th**. Those interested should contact the parish office to sign up for the training.