

**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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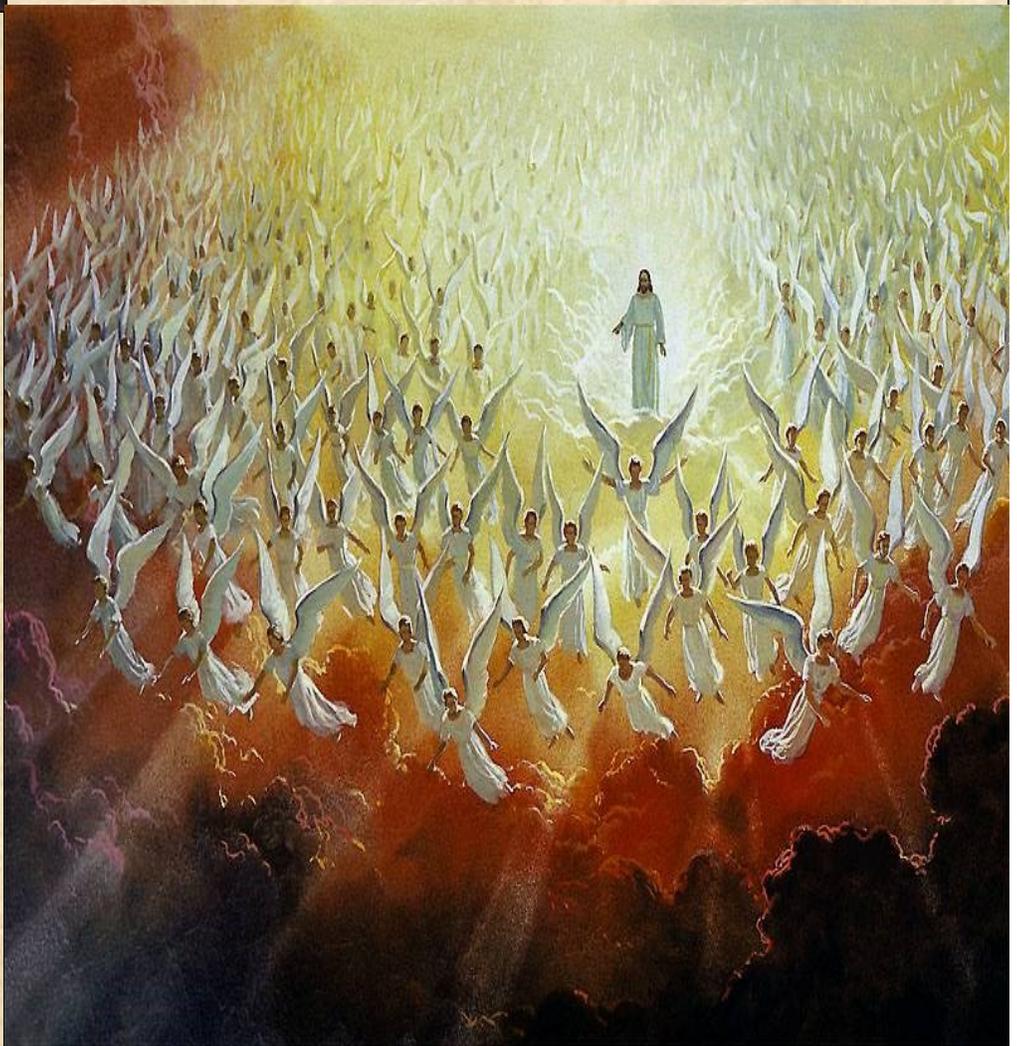
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Sunday Mass Schedule
(Vigil Mass)
Saturday —5 PM

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

Confession—Saturday at 4 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 November 7th and November 8th

Total amount in 273 envelopes:	\$ 9,582
Loose	\$ 3,507
Parish Pay:	\$ 2,533
Total offered:	\$ 15,622

Diocesan Assessment **\$ 3,022**

"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, amusement, 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 giving does not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say it is too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot because our commitment to giving excludes them." **C.S. Lewis**

Prudent Stewardship ...

You may want to consider a simpler, more convenient way to support your parish: electronic giving (Parish Pay). Sign up online at ParishPay.com or call 1-866-727-4741. To learn more, please contact our parish bookkeeper Mary Woods, at 908-647-0118, or via email: mwoods@stvdtp.org

2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Eucharist is the summit and source of the Church's life (Lumen Gentium, 11) At the Last Supper, Jesus not only gave us this great gift, but he instituted the priesthood so that, in every age and in every place, the Eucharist could be celebrated. The Bishop's Annual Appeal helps fund the education of our seminarians. With the blessing of increased vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese, comes the obligation to prepare these men who will one day serve our parishes. Your participation in the Appeal helps to make that happen. Please make a pledge to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2015appeal.org.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

November 11th was the third drawing of our Christmas Calendar Raffle.

Congratulations to Mary Lou Cilli who won \$1,000.00 .

If you haven't sent in your tickets, please do so to be in the next 6 drawings. All proceeds go to the Parish and the School. If you need additional tickets, please call or visit the Parish House.

We encourage you to get your family and friends in on the fun. Remember, you have to be in it, to win it. Our next drawing will be on Wednesday November 18th.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY **November 16th**
Saint Gertrude, Virgin
8:30 AM Felix Pniewski
Megan Kenny
Patsy Filippone

TUESDAY **November 17th**
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
8:30 AM John DeMarzo (*Living*)
Brian Meade
Larry Dellisanti

WEDNESDAY **November 18th**
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul Apostles; Saint Rose Phillippine Duchesne, Virgin
8:30 AM Kevin Shea (*Living*)
Carey Becker
John and Edna Harty

THURSDAY **November 19th**
8:30 AM McDermott Families (*Living and Deceased*)
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Louis and Mary Esoldi

FRIDAY **November 20th**
8:30 AM Frank Buziak
Frank Gamba
Theresa Corcoran

SATURDAY **November 21st**
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM Ann Andrews
Anna Wojtyczko
Terence Bonner

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

VIGIL MASS
5:00 PM Christine Dos Santos
R. Patricia Tangreti
Margaret Mahon

SUNDAY **November 22nd**
8:30 AM: For the People of the Parish
Stephen Morris
Allegra, Ring, and Ricci Families

10:30 AM Tom Fallon
Nunzio Dagostino
Fr. John P. McGovern

6:00 PM Anna Wojtyczko
Madison Torres
Edith Anne Walto

PASTORS COLUMN

THE GREAT JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY DECEMBER 8, 2015 UNTIL NOVEMBER 20, 2016



On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2015, our Holy Father Pope Francis announced a Great Jubilee Year of Mercy for the Church. With these opening words, “Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy”, Pope Francis in the document, *Misericordiae Vultus*, explains why the Year of Mercy will begin on December 8th, “I have chosen the date of 8 December because of its rich meaning in the recent history of the Church. In fact, I will open the Holy Door on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. The Church feels a great need to keep this event alive. With the Council, the Church entered a new phase of her history. The Council Fathers strongly perceived, as a true breath of the Holy Spirit, a need to talk about God to men and women of their time in a more accessible way. The walls which for too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down and the time had come to proclaim the Gospel in a new way.

It was a new phase of the same evangelization that had existed from the beginning. It was a fresh undertaking for all Christians to bear witness to their faith with greater enthusiasm and conviction. The Church sensed a responsibility to be a living sign of the Father’s love in the world.”

On December 8th, a holyday of obligation, as we honor the Immaculate Conception, patroness of our nation, we will also celebrate the beginning of the Great Jubilee Year of Mercy. In particular, I would ask as many as possible to come to the evening Mass that day. While Masses, God willing, will be offered at 8:30 AM and Noon, Mass will also be offered for the Opening of the Year of Mercy at 7 PM that evening. Afterwards, for those who would have the opportunity to stay, I will offer a teaching and insight on the Holy Father's writings in *Misericordiae Vultus*, so that we may understand the focus of the Great Jubilee Year of Mercy. During the course of the Year of Mercy several programs and gatherings have been planned for our parish. I am sure that there will also be diocesan celebrations and events also.

In presenting the opportunities planned for this Year of Mercy I echo the words of the Holy Father who wrote in *Misericordiae Vultus*, “I present, therefore, this Extraordinary Jubilee Year dedicated to living out in our daily lives the mercy which the Father constantly extends to all of us. In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us. The Church feels the urgent need to proclaim God’s mercy. Her life is authentic and credible only when she becomes a convincing herald of mercy. She knows that her primary task, especially at a moment full of great hopes and signs of contradiction, is to introduce everyone to the great mystery of God’s mercy by contemplating the face of Christ. The Church is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ. From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends. The profundity of the mystery surrounding it is as inexhaustible as the richness which springs up from it. In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: “Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old” (*Ps 25:6*).”

Stay tuned for more information.

Peace,

Fr. Richard

GOOD COUNSEL DONATIONS

Baby bottles are available in the narthex for parishioners to take at their convenience as an ongoing outreach ministry to assist the good works of Good Counsel.

Return the bottles with your change/financial support to be distributed to Good Counsel Homes. Know that you are assisting mothers and their children to have a better opportunity in life when others may have turned away from them.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



The new children's choir debuted last weekend at the 5PM Mass. The choir practices each Thursday evening from 6-7PM in the church and any parish children 3rd grade and up

are welcome to come along. Send an email to Jenny Goodbody and Megan Fitch at jennynsteveg@msn.com for more details. The children's choir will sing next at the 8.30 AM Mass on December 6th.

SAVE THE DATE



Breakfast with Santa!

Sunday, December 6th, 9:30 and 11:30 AM seatings. \$10 per person. Under 2 years old free! Join us for breakfast, a visit from the elves, craft room, bakery, ornament room, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus and more! See stvd.org for more information.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reborn through the waters of Baptism and the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, we embrace,

Declan James Rogoff
son of Justin and Aimee

claimed now by Christ for the
fullness of Eternal Life.

ROASRY ALTAR GUILD

The Rosary Altar Guild will be having their annual fundraising **bake sale** next weekend after the 5 PM , 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Please come and purchase some homemade baked goods for your family before Thanksgiving!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Sean Milde, James Minogue, Greg Scaduto, Joseph Bozell, 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:

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.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Gertrude Feast Day – November 16

Gertrude was born on the feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 1256, in Eisleben, Germany. At the age of four, she entered the monastery of St. Mary at Helfta under the direction of its abbess, Gertrude of Hackeborn.

Gertrude joined the monastic community in 1266. It is clear from her own writings that she received a comprehensive education in a range of subjects. She was thoroughly familiar with scripture as well as the writings of the Fathers of the Church such as Augustine and Gregory the Great.

In 1281, at the age of twenty-five, she experienced the first of a series of sacred visions that continued throughout her life, and which changed its course. Her priorities shifted away from secular knowledge and toward the study of Scripture and theology. Gertrude devoted herself strongly to personal prayer and meditation, and began writing spiritual treatises for the benefit of her monastic sisters. She became one of the great mystics of the 13th century.

Gertrude produced numerous writings, though only some, including parts of *The Herald of Divine Love* and her collection of *Spiritual Exercises*, survive today. One of the most esteemed woman saints, she was a notable early devotee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her *Herald* is distinguished within the history of Christian devotion because its vivid descriptions of Gertrude's visions show a considerable insight into the veneration of the Sacred Heart. Philip Neri and Francis de Sales both used her prayers and recommended them to others.

Pope Benedict XIV gave her the title "the Great" to distinguish her from Abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn and to recognize the depth of her spiritual and theological insight. Gertrude showed "tender sympathy towards the souls in purgatory" and urged prayers for them. She is therefore invoked for the suffering souls in purgatory.

Gertrude died at Helfta, near her birthplace around 1302. Her feast day is celebrated on November 16. She is the Patroness of the West Indies.

AWAY FROM HOME

We are blessed that John Calabro was chosen to continue his studies for the Priesthood in Rome. John is working and praying hard in his new surroundings. Unlike many college students John will not be home for Thanksgiving or Christmas so perhaps you would like to send him a card. If so the address is:

**John Calabro,
Pontifical North American College
00120 Vatican City State, Europe.**

Go ahead, make his day.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

**COME, AND SEE....
A Journey of Faith
AN INVITATION**

Who might consider the RCIA Process?

- * Adults who have never been baptized;
- * Adults who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to profess their faith as a Catholic Christian;
- * Adults who were baptized Catholic as infants but who have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you know someone who is interested, please call Parish office at 908-647-0118.

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel describes the one who will appear on the clouds of heaven and receive glory. People of every language will serve this one, and his leadership and community will be his forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is so powerful, he is the ruler of kings. He loved us enough to free us from sin, and so he will be glorified forever. He will appear again and be seen by all the people of the earth. God calls himself the first and last, "the One who is and who was and who is to come," reminding all people that God will remain with us always.

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks again if Jesus is a king, to which he replies, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC IS COMING TO
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



Once again, the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, along with their exceptional vocalists, and conducted by Fr. Alphonse Stephenson, will perform their Christmas concert here, in the church, on Saturday, December 12, 2015, at 7:30 PM.

Tickets are \$30 each and will be available after all masses beginning or by contacting Karen Nyquist at 908-612-5971 or karen.nyquist@gmail.com, or by using the form below.

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Christmas Concert Ticket Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

No. of Tickets _____ x \$30 = _____

Please drop off payment in the form of a check or money order made payable to *St. Vincent de Paul Church* with this order form to the Parish House or mail to:

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Bebout Avenue
Stirling, NJ 07980
ATTN: KAREN NYQUIST

Tickets will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment.

RIGHT TO LIFE - FIRST PLACE WINNING ESSAY



God's work is beyond, especially the creation of a baby in the womb. Life is a gift from God. Humans are created in God's heart. Every creature in the womb has value in existence and in the beauty of the world. We should always defend the life in the womb because it has value in the world. Just because it's unborn yet that shouldn't mean we shouldn't take away its value. We are all necessary because we are his creation that is meant to be a part of this world.

Every child is a special creation of God. God didn't create just our physical selves, but our inmost being. Human beings are much more than chemistry and biology. We are humans created in God's image. We have personality; we have value; we have futures and it all came from God. It isn't just some baby. It's God's image and is a gift that can change the future.

Our response to God is awe and fear. Fear means to respect God and look up to him in reverence. As for human life, we should do the same thing. We should marvel at the fact that there is God's amazing creation in the womb. Each individual human is special and distinguished from others. God knit us in the womb. You have been created in God's image and is unique. Human life is sacred, so it should be treated with awe and respect.

God has a plan for that baby in the womb. He has our plan set out before we are even born. We guarantee the future of humanity because God always have a plan for us. A child who suffers abortion will never get to live what God plans for them. We don't have the right to away another person's life, and the right to interfere with God's plans for the child in the womb. Every baby in the womb carries the promise that there will be a tomorrow.

Kimberly Limbo

Correction: Please note that Kimberly Limbo's essay was actually designated first place by the Right to Life Essay Review Committee. We apologize for any confusion.

BRIDGES



There were no tricks just lots of treats! Thanks to the generosity of our

parishioners even the children received play-doh as a treat! We would like to show how grateful we are for our own blessings by asking you to "pay it forward." This is our last run before Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are hosting an Italian feast for families in a homeless shelter in Newark. Please make your holiday more meaningful by helping our friends to be more joyful! Consider preparing some food or making a donation to help serve those less fortunate. Food item donations may be made online at perfectpotluck.com type in Garcia as coordinator and password 2323. Thank you for your continued

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, hot chocolate, canned chicken, dry black beans, dry red beans, rice, canned beets, canned yams, canned mixed veggies, oatmeal, tomato products, sardines, chunky peanut butter, chicken and beef broth, stuffing, and gravy.

Thank you for your continued support.



Next TNL
Tues, Nov 17th, 7:30-9pm
JPII ROOM

TNL THIS TUESDAY!

Join us for a night of service! We will be making Thanksgiving care packages, in addition to all the great things that happen at TNLs!



Who: All 6-8 graders
What: Soap 4 Hope
When: Friday, Nov 20th
7 - 8:30pm

Where: JPII Room
RSVP required:
boldym.com/svdp/signup

Our next Bridges Run is Saturday, Nov 21st, 9am-2:30pm. Join us for a day of service!
Sign up:
boldym.com/svdp/signup

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 11/17: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII
- 11/21: Bridges Run
- 11/20: BOLD Middle - 8pm
- 11/26: Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Jeff Beer and Amilee Bishop • (908) 295-8104
StVincent@boldym.com • www.boldym.com/svdp

HOSTING THE HOMELESS AT TRINITY HOUSE IN STIRLING

On November 19th, we will once again have an opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters and their families with a delicious meal as part of the FAMILY PROMISE being hosted at the Trinity House in Stirling.

To sign up to bring food or to serve, please visit perfectpotluck.com with **BEER** as the coordinator's name and **11915** as the password. Or call Stacey Beer at 908-755-8901 (food) or Laurie Demspey (908) 580-9098 (to serve). Thank you for your willingness to serve this ministry with such love and generosity.