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**We are a Catholic community rooted in the
Eucharist and committed to the poor.**

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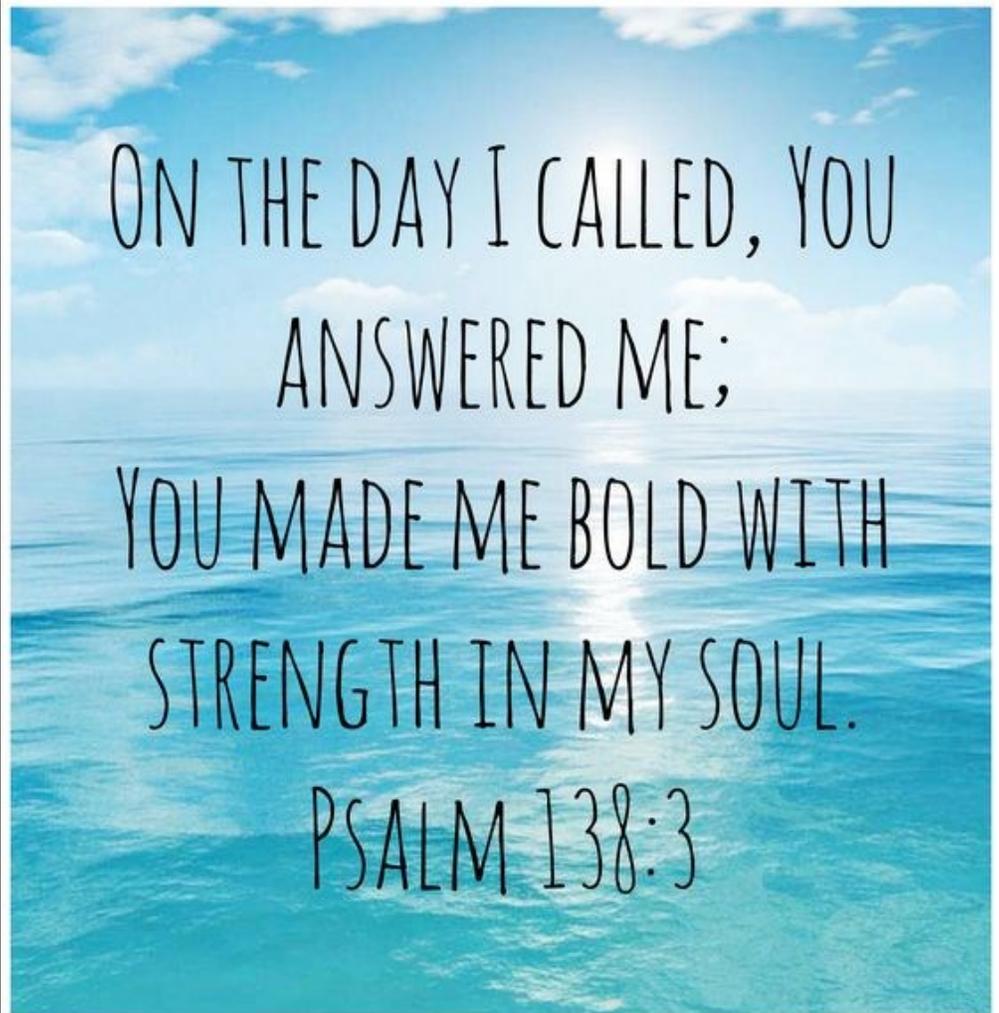
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**The school office will
close in July.**



Sunday Mass Schedule

**(Vigil Mass)
Saturday — 5 PM**

**Sunday
8:30 and 10:30AM**

**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**

PASTORS COLUMN**Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God.**

One of the things I enjoy each summer is the opportunity to read more. Some weeks ago I picked up a book titled, *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*. It was written by Francis Chan, who is the founding pastor of Cornerstone Church in Simi Valley, California. It was actually the back cover of the book which drew me to the contents. On the back cover the author wrote the following: Have you ever wondered if we are missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you've verbalized it or not...we all know something's wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts—it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, it will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.

Isn't that the truth—when you are wildly in love with someone it changes everything. The book is easy to read but not always comforting in the sense that the author challenges the reader to actually think about the nature of our relationships with God. He insists, and I get it, that many Christians live a comfortable relationship with Jesus but that it is not necessarily a passionate love affair on both sides. In the 4th chapter of the book, *Profile of the Lukewarm*, Francis Chan takes a quote from the Book of Revelation (3:14-16), “The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God's creation, says this: “I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.” Reflecting on this he suggests what a lukewarm Christian might look like. I found his reflections to be both interesting and challenging. He writes: **LUKEWARM PEOPLE** attend church fairly regularly. It is what is expected of them, what they believe “good Christians” do, so they go. The Lord says: “The Lord said: Since this people draws near with words only and honors me with their lips alone, though their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me has become mere precept of human teaching” Is. 29:13. **LUKEWARM PEOPLE** give money to charity and to the church ...as long as it doesn't impinge on their standard of living. If they have a little extra and it is easy and safe to give, they do so. After all, God loves a cheerful giver, right? “When he looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, “I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.” “Luke 21: 1-4. **LUKEWARM PEOPLE** tend to choose what is popular over what is right when they are in conflict. They desire to fit in both at church and outside of the church; they care more about what people think of their Actions (like church attendance and giving) than what God thinks of their hearts and lives. “I know your works, that you have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.” Revelation 3:1

The book continues with a few more reflections on the same theme. I found the book to be insightful and challenging. I may even use it for a discussion/study group in the fall. The summer months can be a good time for such thought and reflection. One thing is certain, as Christians, we should never be content to be simply floating along. Our life in Christ is too important for such complacency. Hope and pray you are getting some fun and memorable moments into these summer days.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

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 Stevens.

Those who are ill:

Helen Murray, Larry Hebert, Larry Oster, Elizabeth Vadon, Tina Passarelli, Saverio Lacopo, Erin Lonergan, Lou Aroneo, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Jack and Maria Bickel, 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-Minicozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran and Eric Binner.

Those who have died to this world

Judge Reginald Stanton, Carmel Connolly

Requiescat in Pace

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

CORNERSTONE FAMILY PROGRAMS



Do you have a veteran in your life? If you do, you know that no one is quicker to respond to a call to serve. At Cornerstone Family Programs, we are

committed to supporting those who have served us all. With mental health services, education and advocacy, we ensure veterans (regardless of age) are “armed” with what they need to thrive in their communities. So that they can live the same happy, healthy and productive lives that their service guarantees us. For more information, please call: [973-538-5260](tel:973-538-5260) X. 117.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



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

Jaxson Donald Maxwell
son of Donald and Ashley

William Lariviere Neri
son of Mark and Mary

claimed now by Christ for the fullness of Eternal Life.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

"Vanity of vanities." Sometimes we may work for wealth, wisdom and knowledge only to discover that it has been left for some one who did not toil for it. The offering of our work, fatigue and pain, if not for God, can also be a kind of vanity.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Paul urges us to seek what is good and from God, encouraging us to put our minds on the spiritual. He reminds us that, as Christians, we have died with Christ and are hidden with Christ until his glory is once again revealed. We are all one in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

On being requested to settle a question of inheritance, Jesus heeds us to beware of all covetousness because our life does not consist on the wealth of possessions. Through the lesson of a parable Jesus reinforces this teaching, explaining that those who store up the treasures of wealth and possessions are not the richest in God's eyes.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS



Grocery gift cards, will continue to be sold as a fundraiser. If you would like to purchase cards, please call the parish office at 908-647-0118 and ask for Tonianne. You can reserve the amount of Grocery Gift Cards and an envelope with your name will be available for you to pick up after Mass on the weekend. Or you can visit the Parish House during the week and purchase them directly. Thank you for your continued support.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Have you registered with us yet? If not, please do so by calling the Parish House at 908-647-0118. It is necessary if we are to know how we can better serve your needs while you are with us.

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!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CEMETERY

The following are not permitted on cemetery grounds: artificial flowers, plastic or ceramic statues, vigil lights, trees, shrubs, ivy grave coverings and stands, metal legs or hooks for potted plants. Flowerbeds are permitted, running the width of a headstone and extending one foot off the monument base. Modest fencing of flowerbeds is allowed. Masonry or any other fencing around flower beds considered obtrusive or hazardous is not permitted. Maintenance of permitted plantings is the sole responsibility of the family. Any decorations, plantings or borders not permitted may be removed at any time. All rules subject to change upon consideration for the safety for those who visit and for aesthetic or religious reasons.

The rules above are posted in the cemetery and given to those who purchase plots. There are a number of situations in which the rules have been ignored. Trees and shrubs which have been planted will compromise foundations and eventually cause monuments to topple. As stated above masonry borders and fencing is prohibited. Both these infractions are potential safety hazards. In addition these violations interfere with the upkeep of the cemetery.

Therefore, beginning **October 1, 2016** we will be removing trees and shrubs from the cemetery and removing any permanent masonry flower bed borders. For those with plots in the cemetery you have the option of removing or transplanting trees and shrubs yourself prior to **October 1**. You also have the option of removing any permanent borders and replacing them in accordance with the rules stated. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated as we strive to maintain our parish cemetery.

CHECK OUT MASS TIMES WHILE ON VACATION

It's vacation time for some parishioners. Please visit www.masstimes.org to know Mass times at your favorite vacation spot.

DURING THE WARM DAYS OF SUMMER...

The warm days of summer are here. Please dress in an appropriate manner for Mass. The Church temperature is regulated for your comfort and modest attire.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

This past month we were able to assist 45 families.

The following items are in short supply : Canned corn, green beans and mixed vegetables, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, dry milk, tuna, mac n' cheese, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, sardines, spaghetti, noodles, honey nut cheerios, Raison bran corn flakes. Dry small red beans, canned pinto beans, navy beans, pink beans and refried beans, tomato sauce and instant potatoes.

Thank you for your continued support.

MEMORY PAGE

If you have a fond memory or something fun to share about your time at St. Vincent de Paul School, send it to tkess@stvdpc.org to be published on the school website.

SAVE THE DATE



Mark your calendars for the
14th Annual
Woman's Retreat
**September 30th to
October 2nd, 2016**
Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Washington, NJ

Led by Fr. Richard
More information to follow.

CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

A Catholic Renewal Weekend Experience

The Holy Trinity Prayer Group and the Saint Joseph Prayer Group along with Fr. Dennis Berry, S.T., the Director of the Shrine of Saint Joseph cordially invite everyone to attend the Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar.

July 30th and July 31st

Starts at 8:00 AM with Registration and Breakfast at the Shrine of St. Joseph's
1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling,
908-647-0208

For more information please email
SJLSS2016@GMAIL.COM

FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



*1st-10th Grade
Faith Formation*

Registration forms were mailed out in June. Please return them as soon as possible. If your child will be attending for the first time, please contact Deirdre Nemeth (1st-8th) or Amilee Bishop (9th and 10th) in the Faith Formation office for information and registration forms at 908-647-6772.

You can also visit www.stvincentschurch.org for the 2016-17 schedule, program description and registration form.

SAINT OF THE MONTH



**St. Anne
Feast Day – July 26**

Saint Anne (also known as *Ann* or *Anna*) of David's house and line, was the mother of the Virgin Mary and grandmother of Jesus Christ, according to "Apocryphal" (*writings by early Christians that give accounts about the nature of God, Jesus' life and teachings and those of his apostles*) Christian tradition. Mary's mother is not named in the Gospels, and her name and that of her husband Joachim come only from the "Protoevangelium" writings of James, written perhaps around 150, which seem to provide the earliest mention of them.

In James' writings, we are told that Anne, wife of Joachim, was advanced in years and that her prayers for a child had not been answered. Once, as she prayed beneath a laurel tree near her home in Galilee, an angel appeared and said to her, "Anne, the Lord hath heard thy prayer and thou shalt conceive and bring forth, and thy seed shall be spoken of in all the world." Thus Anne became the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The devotion of St. Anne was known in the East in the fifth century, but did not spread in the West until the thirteenth. A shrine at Douai, in northern France, was one of the early centers of the devotion. In 1382 her feast was extended to the whole Western Church, and she became very popular, especially in France. Her two most famous shrines are at St. Anne d'Auray in Brittany and at St. Anne-de Beupre in the province of Quebec.

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NEW!



**Middle School
Service Camp**

August 15 - 18
9:15 - 3 pm

For all incoming
6th-9th graders!

Join us for St. Vincent's first ever uServe Summer Camp! Camp days are split with service in the morning, and a variety of fun and faith-based activities in the afternoon. Take the opportunity to grow in faith, service, and fellowship!

Price: \$150

Online registrations are open now! boldym.com/svdp/forms

For more information, contact:
Amilee Bishop
(908) 295-8104
StVincent@boldym.com



M.O.M.S.



This month, the Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) group attended a painting class at Bottle and Bottega in Berkeley Heights. Fifteen women created their own versions of a landscape design to bring home. Adding beauty to the "domestic monastery" of our vocation is an important way of ministering to our families, and doing it in fellowship made it even more fun. It was an evening of rejuvenating creativity! MOMS meets at church the first Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 9pm. Join us! Contact Lindsay Schlegel (908) 370-1446 with questions.

Meals for Moms Ministry

Are you expecting a baby or do know someone that is? Meals for Moms would love to help by offering meals to the family after baby's arrival. This is our way of showing support during what can be an exciting, yet busy time for families. Please email Danielle Grieco at dgrieco7@verizon.net for more info.