

**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 —5:00 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. 10th and Sept. 11th**

Total amount in envelopes: \$ 8,050  
 Loose: \$ 2,332  
 Online Parish Pay: \$ 2,970  
**Total offered: \$13,352**

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



**Daily Mass Readings**

**Monday**

Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday**

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

**Thursday**

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday**

Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

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

As you consider your pledge to this year's Appeal, it is important to know that the Partners in Faith campaign conducted in 2013 and the Bishop's Annual Appeal are different drives serving different needs. The Partners in Faith campaign raised funds for ministries outside the Diocese's general operating funds and included some endowments with an eye toward future needs. The Bishop's Annual Appeal, on the other hand, helps fund immediate, day to day operations of four important ministries and programs: Catholic Charities, seminarian education, our diocesan priests' retirement residence and our inner-city schools. With this in mind, please be as generous as possible to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have received the Bishop's letter, please prayerfully respond today.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY**

**September 19th**

*Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

**8:30 AM**

Angela A. Anzalone  
 Brian Bergkamp  
 William Carr

**TUESDAY**

**September 20th**

*Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs*

**8:30 AM**

Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 Larry Scala  
 Estre Militante Mamba

**WEDNESDAY**

**September 21st**

*Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

**8:30 AM**

Jack Costanzo  
 James Hurley, Sr.  
 Thomas Kieran O'Doherty

**THURSDAY**

**September 22nd**

**8:30 AM**

Walter MacDuff  
 Willard Dolman  
 Anne Gallagher

**FRIDAY**

**September 23rd**

*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

**8:30 AM**

Fr. Carmine Fazio  
 John Koenig  
 Bette Althaimer

**SATURDAY**

**September 24th**

**8:30 AM**

David "Duke" Dorsi  
 Stephen Dragon  
 George Yacykewych

**26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 PM**  
*(Saturday)*

Evelyn LaRose  
 John Ramella  
 Jerry and Jeanne Hachey

**SUNDAY**  
**8:30 AM**

**September 25th**

John McMonagle  
 Catherine Silva  
 Josephine Lozado

**10:30 AM**

Jack Costanzo  
 Laura Capozzoli  
 Angela Anzalone

**6:00 PM**

Deacon Bill Wagner  
 Marjory Smith  
 Peggyann Tuma

## BEING CATHOLIC

A recent one page advertisement in a local newspaper depicted a woman who identified herself as a Catholic. The advertisement contained the following quote attributed to the woman pictured, "As a Catholic, I respect and support those who, in good conscience, have made a decision to end a pregnancy as much as I support those who have made a decision to stay pregnant." Now this may be confusing to Catholics who are guided by the teachings of the Church. Our Catechism clearly states that, 2258 "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever 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." 2270. "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.* 2271. Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law: *You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.* God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes. 2272. Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. "A person who procures a completed abortion incurs excommunication *latae sententiae*," "by the very commission of the offense," and subject to the conditions provided by Canon Law. The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society."

The confusion here may also be about the role of conscience, and the difference between opinion and an informed conscience. Fr. Stephen Torraco, Ph.D., in his publication *A Brief Catechism For Catholic Voters*, teaches that "Conscience is NOT the same as your opinion or feelings. Conscience cannot be identical with your feelings because conscience is the activity of your *intellect* in judging the rightness or wrongness of your actions or omissions, past, present, or future, while your feelings should be governed by your intellect and will. Conscience is not identical with your opinions because your intellect bases its judgement upon the *natural moral law*, which is inherent in your human nature and is identical with the Ten Commandments. Unlike the civil laws made by legislators, or the *opinions* that you hold, the natural law is not anything that you *invent*, but rather *discover* within yourself and is the governing norm of your conscience. In short, conscience is the **voice of truth** within you, and your *opinions* need to be in harmony with that truth. That is the goal of correctly informing and properly forming conscience."

Every Catholic has the responsibility of ensuring that they are correctly formed in conscience through the Word of God and the teachings of the Catholic Church. As Catholics we cannot simply claim to have a properly informed conscience if we are ignorant of, misunderstand, or reject outright God's law and thus commit acts that the Church considers gravely disordered. The Second Vatican Council taught in *Dignitatis Humanae*, "In forming their consciences the faithful must pay careful attention to the sacred and certain teaching of the Church. For the Catholic Church is, by the will of Christ, the teacher of truth. It is her duty to proclaim and teach with authority the truth which is Christ and, at the same time, to declare and confirm by her authority the principles of the moral order which spring from human nature itself." A professed and practicing Catholic, with the grace of God and in union with Christ, by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is called to bear witness to the truth. To do otherwise is to lead others away from Christ and truth. The consequences are eternal. May we be faithful to our mission.

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, Tina Passarelli, 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**

**Requiescat in Pace**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**



**Eucharistic Adoration** will resume on the First Friday of October. Parishioners are needed to cover the following hours:

**First Friday** 10:00am to 11:00am and 9:00pm to 10:00pm

**First Saturday** 2:00am to 3:00am.

Please contact Christine Regnault to be placed on the schedule 908-872-4444.

**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: Amos 6:1a,4-7** Amos denounces the selfish attitude of those who surround themselves with luxuries with no concern for others. He goes on to warn that because these people lacked interest in the state of their society, they would be the first to be exiled.

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16** Paul tells Timothy to seek integrity, faith and love. Paul urges him to attain everlasting life by maintaining strong faith in Jesus and in God until Jesus returns.



**Gospel: Luke 16:19-31** Jesus tells of a rich man who feasted daily, while a beggar named Lazarus went hungry outside his gates. When both men died, Lazarus was taken to Abraham, but the rich man was in torment. When he begged for mercy, Abraham reminded him that Lazarus had lived in torment, while the rich man lived in selfish luxury. The man then asked if Lazarus could be sent to his brothers to warn them. But Abraham said if they had not heeded Moses or the prophets, they would ignore even the warning of one risen from the dead.

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

The Rosary Altar Society is hosting a Women's Communion Brunch on Sunday, October 23, 2016 following the 10:30AM Mass in the Pastoral and Faith Formation Center gymnasium. We will be honoring the past, present and future generations of women with Fr. Richard as our guest speaker. All women of the parish are invited. Ticket information to follow in the bulletin and on the parish website.



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**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!

**GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

Grocery gift cards are available to be sold as a fundraiser. To purchase cards, please call the parish office at 908-647-0118. You can reserve the amount of 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.

**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 of 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.

**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**

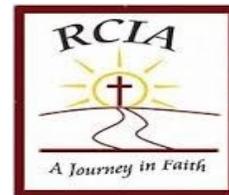
The need is continuous and the following items are in short supply : Canned corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, dry milk, tuna, mac n' cheese, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, sardines, spaghetti, noodles, honey nut cheerios, raisin bran, corn flakes, small dry red beans, 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 will 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.

## The Shrine of St. Joseph Recovery Ministry

The Shrine of St. Joseph has asked if our parish would help them with their Recovery Ministry. This ministry helps those whose lives have been impacted by addiction to build a life in recovery through a deeper relationship with God. They embrace the 12 Step Spirituality as the foundation of a deeper relationship with God, the community and others by offering retreats, workshops, reflection days, meditation, nature and the creative arts.

How can you help?  
 By donating food or drinks;  
 donating paper goods and laundry detergents;  
 donating office/art supplies;  
 preparing a meal;  
 sponsoring a person or program;  
 sponsoring a weekend retreat;  
 be a prayer partner;  
 help with transportation.

The Shrine will be holding two retreats a month, one for women and one for men. We encourage you to be generous and consider helping these brothers and sisters who are fighting a disease that continues to devastate the lives of many families. Your help today will impact their lives tomorrow as they journey towards their recovery. **On Friday, September 23**, St. Vincent de Paul Parish will be sponsoring our first breakfast and dinner. Please go to [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://www.perfectpotluck.com) to sign up. Locate the schedule by coordinator last name (Beer) and password (062316).

**As a parish we would like to support this ministry by providing meals for the retreats and donating paper goods and laundry detergent.**

For more information please call Sr. Elsa at 908-295-4944 or email [srelsa@stvdop.org](mailto:srelsa@stvdop.org).

### 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

Includes: dinner, transportation, visit to Rockefeller Center and 8pm show  
**Questions??**

Teri Kesselmeyer – 908-647-0118  
 or [tkess@stvdop.org](mailto:tkess@stvdop.org)

### THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS

Our Blood Drive was a great success thanks to the 49 donors including numerous volunteers and helpers. The Yankee jersey was won by Kathleen Balzarotti. Congratulations and remember that giving blood is giving life!

### 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation begins October 2 with Mass and the Rosary!

**10:15 am- 12:00 pm OR 5:45-7:30 PM  
 (Mass included)**

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

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

After Mass, from 11:30-12:00 noon and 7:00-7:30 pm, 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.