



**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 —5:00PM

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

Confession: Saturday at 4PM
or other days by appointment.

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:30AM 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

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION REPORT

The Christmas collection will be published at the end of the Christmas Season. Thank you to all who sacrificially support the mission of the parish.

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Daily Mass Readings**Monday**

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:1-28

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

First Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
or 3:28, 31-34, 36, 38

First Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

Eucharistic Adoration will take place following the **8:30AM Mass on Friday, January 6th** and continue until **8AM on Saturday**. Please plan to spend some valuable time before the Lord to pray and meditate during this Christmas Season.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd in observance of the new civil year. In the case of an emergency please call 973-222-0720

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY *January 2nd*
Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
8:30AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
Larry Hebert (*Living*)
Walter MacDuff
Robert R. Lucente

TUESDAY *January 3rd*
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:30AM Frank Giacumbo
Eileen Cuddihy
Tom and Carol Degraaf

WEDNESDAY *January 4th*
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:30AM Deacon James Morris
Mario J. Lamia
Salvatore Caggiano

THURSDAY *January 5th*
Saint John Neumann, Bishop
8:30AM John Calabro (*Living*)
Carmel Connolly
Robert Catherwood

FRIDAY *January 6th*
Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
8:30AM Abbot Brian Clarke (*Living*)
Jessie Giacumbo
Joseph DeVincentis

SATURDAY *January 7th*
Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
8:30AM Teresa Giordano and Alexander King
(*Married today*)
John B. Meade
Nicholas Angelos, Eileen Breen

The Epiphany of the Lord
5:00PM Larry Scala
(*Vigil*) Peggyann Tuma
Deceased members of the Norton Family

SUNDAY *January 8th*
8:30AM John McMonagle
Anthony Delia
Tom and Carol Degraaf

10:30AM People of the Parish
Anthony LaRezza
Rita and Michael Pavlo

6:00PM Peter Smith, Joan Audrey Smith,
Deceased Members of the Sheedy Family

KEEPING CHRISTMAS by Henry Van Dyke

There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing...

- ❖ To forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you;
- ❖ To ignore what the world owes you, and to think of what you owe the world;
- ❖ To put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground;
- ❖ To see that men and women are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy;
- ❖ To own up to the fact that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life;
- ❖ To close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness.

Are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing...

- ❖ To stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children;
- ❖ To remember the weakness and loneliness of people growing old;
- ❖ To stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough;
- ❖ To bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts;
- ❖ To try to understand what those who live in the same home with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you;
- ❖ To trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you;
- ❖ To make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open-

Are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing...

- ❖ To believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—
- ❖ Stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—
- ❖ And that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem two thousand years ago is the image and brightness of Eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you can keep Christmas for one day, why not always?

But you can never keep it alone.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Nick Ragazzo, Stephen J. Campbell, Sean Milde, Frank Fasano, Marcia Fernandes, Richard Lister, Eric Leverone, Jay Donato, Frank Messina, Eileen Murphy, Peter Giovanni, John E. Siedler IV, and Alex Slevens.

Those who are ill:

John Doolin, Bill Wallisch, Helen Marie Kravitz, Linda Russell, Aileen Oster, Nanci Gamba, Elizabeth Early, Serenity Rose Apuzzo, George Thoms, Richard Sherer, Maple Young, Kevin Shea, Helen Munro, Larry Hebert, Larry Oster, Lou Aroneo, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Jack and Maria Bickel, Mary Keller, Dorothy Paul, Ruth Ann Rahe, 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

Beatrice Patti and Marian Brandes
Requiescat in Pace

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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



Annabelle Marie Faherty
daughter of Michael and Sarah
claimed now for the fullness of eternal life.

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A GODPARENT?

Parishes require certificates of sponsorship for Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors. Upon request, a Certificate of Eligibility will be issued only to those who are confirmed Catholics; registered in our Parish, regular participants at Mass, and validly married in the Church (if applicable). It is difficult to have to refuse anyone but it has had to be done at times. You should be registered with the Parish at least 6 months before we can issue you a certificate to become a Godparent or Sponsor. It is a privilege to be asked to take on this responsibility and to participate in the sacramental life of the Church.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY

Join Fr. Richard for a deeper insight into the Scriptures for Sunday Mass. Let the texts come alive for you by gaining an understanding of their context and the culture within which they were written. Discussions are on-going every Thursday at 2pm to 3:30 pm and repeated from 7:30pm to 9pm in the Pastoral Center Library.



Sessions resume on Thursday, January 5th.

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation for 1st through 8th grades **resumes on January 8th.** We will begin with Eucharistic Adoration immediately following the 10:30AM and 6PM Masses in the church.

Fr. Richard will provide a catechesis on Eucharistic Adoration and lead all in adoring Jesus through prayer, song and meditation. This is an important opportunity to contemplate the amazing gift Jesus gives of Himself in the

Eucharist to each one of us.
All parishioners are invited to attend.



St. Vincent de Paul Parish will have a bus going to Washington DC for the **March For Life** on **Friday, January 27.** Registration flyers will be available in next weekend’s bulletin. The cost is \$20 for teens and seniors and \$25 for adults. Please contact Danielle Dill for more information 908-578-2712.

THE STORY OF DIVINE MERCY



A DVD series by Fr. Michael Gaitley will be presented on Sundays **beginning on January 15** in the Library following each Mass. Coffee, tea and pastries are served. Come and enjoy fellowship and then watch the amazing **story of Divine Mercy** unfold through the dramatic history of Poland, the messages of St. Faustina, the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima and the powerful witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Also, Sr. Krystyna will lead 7 sessions of a **“Quick Journey Through the Bible”** on Wednesdays at 9:30am to 11am in the Library **beginning January 11.**

SVDP PARISH PLAYGROUP

Moms with young children, mark your calendars! The SVDP Parish Playgroup is starting in the Faith Formation Center on January 11. All are welcome to attend these monthly playgroups in the Pre-K room from 9:15am to 10:30am every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Come meet other parishioners and enjoy an hour visiting with other Moms and tots. If you are able, join us at 8:30am Mass prior to going over to the Pastoral Center. For further details contact Josephine Costanzo at j_gro4@hotmail.com or Lindsay Schlegel at Lindsay.schlegel@gmail.com.



MOMS GROUP

Our monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3 from 7:30PM to 9 PM in the Library of the Faith Formation Center. Please join us for an evening of faith, fellowship and sharing.

MEALS FOR MOMS

Calling all expectant moms, we would like to help you! The **Meals for Moms ministry** provides meals to families after your baby’s arrival. This is our way of showing support during what can be an exciting, yet stressful time. For more information email Danielle Grieco at dgrieco7@verizon.net

BOOK CLUB SERIES WITH SR. ELSA



Mondays from 9:15am to 10:45am join Sr. Elsa’s **Book Club** series in the Pastoral Center Library. Come and participate with Sr. Elsa as she leads the discussion from **Praying with Women of the Bible** featuring women from the Old and New Testament. Every Monday a different woman from the Bible will be discussed utilizing scripture, prayer and raising questions from our own lives. **The Book Club will not meet on Monday, January 2nd. Sessions resume on Monday, January 9th.**

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



Are you caring for your elderly parents or relatives? Do you have questions about the end of life and how our faith instructs us to proceed? Do you wonder if you made the right decision in accordance with the Catholic Church? The St. Therese Respect Life Committee and St. Therese Knights of Columbus Council 6320 jointly present a talk on **“Grave Matters-End of Life Decisions”** presented by Fr. Pawel Tomczyk from St. Paul Inside the Walls on **Tuesday, January 10 at 7pm till 9pm** at the St. Therese Church Sanctuary, 151 Main St., Succasunna. Fr. Pawel’s talk will explore Catholic teaching on end of life issues such as palliative care, assisted suicide, euthanasia, hospice care, providing nutritional or extraneous life support and more.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: coffee, hot chocolate, canned corn, peas, carrots, beets, mixed vegetables, black beans (dry or canned), pinto beans, navy beans, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, chicken and rice soup, peanut butter and especially rice. Thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need. Items need to be dropped off at the church narthex.



If you cannot feed one hundred people, then feed just one.
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

MOUNT SAINT MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung will offer a program entitled **Sacred Time, Sacred Space** on **Wednesday, January 18th**. The day will begin at 9:30am with communal prayer followed by a personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence and will conclude at 3:00pm. Registration is required by calling 908-753-2091 or email mshmhope@mshmhope.org. Please bring a bag lunch. Donations welcome.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT



Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. The upcoming retreat will be held from Friday evening, January 27 through Sunday afternoon, January 29 in the Stirling area. To register, or for more information, contact Marie at 973-377-1004 ext. 425. All calls are held in strictest confidence.

SAINT PATRICK'S SCHOOL

St. Patrick's School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 29 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. School tours can be made by appointment throughout the week of January 29 through February 4. Applications for 2017-2108 are currently being accepted. For further information contact the Principal, Dr. Christine Ross at 973-635-4623 or by email principal@stpats.org. Please visit their website at www.st-pats-school.org for further information.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We send out news and information more and more by email. If you have not been receiving parish emails then we do not have your current email address. Please update your contact information (including your address) in one of 3 ways: by visiting the parish website under "Resources", email us or call the office to ensure that you do not miss out on parish news and events! Also, if you are new to our parish, please take this opportunity to register by calling the office 908-647-0118 or visiting our website at www.stvincentschurch.org

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MIDDLE SCHOOLERS:

All 6th, 7th, 8th Graders

ICE SKATING!

Friday, January 6th



Ice Skating at the Bridgewater Sports Arena

Friday, January 6th, 2017

We'll hop on the bus at St. Vincent's at 6:30pm and return by 10:15pm.

Download your permission form at boldym.com/svdp/forms.

Please return the form to the parish office with a \$25 check (to St. Vincent de Paul Church) by Tuesday, January 3rd.

THANK YOU FROM SR. ELSA

On behalf of our **Social Outreach Ministry**, thank you to all our parishioners who helped bring joy to needy families through our Advent Giving Tree. Together we succeeded in donating over 500 toys plus clothing to five different organizations: Catholic Charities, St. Agnes Church, St. Mary Church, Our Promise, and Bridges Outreach. Once again, Ferreira Construction Company sponsored families within our parish community by donating gifts (toys and clothing), Shop Rite cards and gift cards. Many private donations were also made for different needs.

Our parish bakers helped us provide cookies to the homebound families and our friends at Lounsberry Meadow. The mission of St. Vincent de Paul Parish is very alive in these charitable acts of caring.

May St. Vincent de Paul, our patron, continue to give us a heart directed toward the poor and help us to recognize Jesus in their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness and their misfortune.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Sr. Elsa Jeronimo, C.S.JB.

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another."

St. Vincent de Paul