

**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 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 January 9th and 10th

Total amount in **256** envelopes: \$ 9,036
 Loose: \$ 3,434
 Online Parish Pay: \$ 1,626

Total offered: \$ 14,096

Diocesan Assessment \$ 3,361

Christmas 2015 \$100,061

Christmas 2014 \$113,073

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@stvd.org

2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have not yet responded to the 2015 Bishops Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2015 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2016.

Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people.

COFFEE AND...



Coffee and... for all parishioners starting at 11:30 AM on January 31st. The School will be hosting this event as a kick off to Catholic Schools week. It will be held in our School gym. Please stop by and meet your fellow parishioners and see how wonderful our parish school is and what it has to offer. Please call the school at 908-647-0421 to R.S.V.P.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

On Wednesday January 27, at 9:30am the Food Pantry will be having its annual meeting in the Church meeting room (lower room in Church narthex). Anyone who is interested in joining this ministry is invited to attend. We will be reviewing the prior years food giveaways, food drives, changes, as well as signing up for days to work. The Food Pantry giveaway is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:30 am to 12pm. If you are interested in helping at the food pantry giveaways but are unable to attend the meeting please contact Randa Wallisch at rndbrm@aol.com or at 908 647-1977.

The Food Pantry is currently in very short supply of white rice (2 or 5lb bags), dry black beans, dry small red beans, spaghetti sauce and pancake mix. As always your generous donations are greatly appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY January 18th
8:30 AM Msgr. Patrick Brown (*Living*)
 Michael and Rita Pavlo
 Howard Ewy

TUESDAY January 19th
8:30 AM Marilynn Fogarty (*Living*)
 Maureen Meade
 Donald Knowles

WEDNESDAY January 20th
St. Fabian, Pope and St Sebastian, Martyr
8:30 AM Paula Rose Carducci (*Living*)
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Karl Schlegel, Sr.

THURSDAY January 21st
Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
8:30 AM Margaret McCann (*Living*)
 Peter Steger
 Vincent Corsentino

FRIDAY January 22nd
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
6 AM For the unborn
8:30 AM Terese Levine
 Msgr. John F. Corr
 Richard Derrico
7 PM Mass for Giving Thanks for the Gift of Human Life

SATURDAY January 23rd
8:30 AM Anne Marie Linden
 Beverly Guldner
 Bridget Schlegel

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM (Saturday) Virginia Donofrio
 Rosina DiPaolo
 Allegra, Ricci, Ring Families

SUNDAY January 24th
8:30 AM: People of the Parish
 Robert Heim
 Josephine Lovado

10:30 AM Leo Delamere
 David Schelhorn, Sr.
 Manfred Kunze

6:00 PM Charles Hurd, Jr.
 Emily Cannavo
 Nicholas Cirillo
 Karen Joyce

PASTORS COLUMN

Mass Etiquette

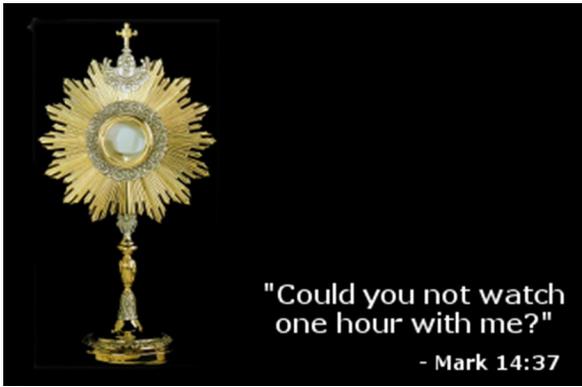
We have an awesome privilege each time we are drawn by the Holy Spirit to worship and adore God at Mass. As a priest it is the greatest privilege of my life and the essence of each day. Just as in many families there are times when it is good that we be reminded of the gift we have and how we are expected to respond to that gift the following is offered for our **collective** attention.

1. **Fast before Mass.** It is Church law that we fast for 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine may be consumed, of course. The purpose is to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.
2. **No food or drink in Church.** The exceptions would be a drink for small children, water for the priest or choir (if discreet) and water for those who are ill.
4. **Don't chew gum in church.** It breaks your fast, it's distracting, it is considered impolite in a formal setting, and it doesn't help us pray better. Never receive Holy Communion with gum in your mouth.
5. **Make the Sign of the Cross on yourself with Holy Water on entering and leaving the church.** This is a reminder of our Baptism, which made us members of Christ's Church. Try to be mindful of what is happening when you do so and say a prayer thanking God for your life in Christ.
6. **Dress modestly and appropriately.** Wear your Sunday best. As Catholics we believe that God comes down to meet us at every Mass. So, why would we not dress up?
7. **Show up at least a few minutes early.** Please try to be on time for Mass! Sometimes things can't be helped, without doubt -- cars break down, babies need changing, alarm clocks fail to go off -- but chronic lateness for the Mass is rude and disruptive. Getting to Mass early allows you to pray and prepare yourself better for Mass.
8. **Cell phones should never be used in Mass for calls or texting.** The exceptions are emergencies and if you do use one, please walk out of church to do so.
9. **When we enter and leave Church, genuflect toward the Tabernacle.** Christ is present for our sake. By allowing our right knee to hit the floor, we acknowledge He is our Lord and God. If someone is physically unable to genuflect, then a bow is sufficient. During Mass, if you pass in front of the altar or tabernacle, bow reverently.
10. **Please avoid unnecessary chatter in church.** Once you enter the worship space -- it is not the time or place to visit with those around you. If you must talk do so as quietly and briefly as possible. Remember that your conversation might be disturbing someone who is in prayer and it is important to create an atmosphere of prayer.
11. **Children should sit in front so that they can see and parents may explain what is happening at Mass.** However, children sometimes can't help making noise at Mass -- but it's usually the kind of noise we Catholics *love* to hear (what's better than new Catholics, especially little tiny ones?). If your child is out of control, though, or disruptive enough to distract people or makes it hard for others to hear or contemplate, perhaps take the child to the Narthex until they settle down. They don't plan it -- it's just part of being a child.
12. **Avoid bulletin reading during Mass.** Imagine if you invited a guest to your house and before dinner (or during) they decided to read a magazine instead of talking to you. That is what is happening in God's house when you read the bulletin.
13. **Respect boundaries others may have.** You might want to hold hands to pray, they may not. They might be sick and not want to shake during the sign of peace. These are all OK. Do not make any unnecessary judgment because they worship differently.
14. **Bow before receiving Holy Communion.** The Eucharist is God, we show our respect with a bow of the head. This is an ancient practice that has continued until this day. Upon receiving Communion we respond with a firm 'Amen', a statement of faith and belief. Be attentive to that moment, as the procession to and encounter with Christ at the moment of Holy Communion mirrors our pilgrimage to the dwelling place of the Father and that moment when we will come face to face with Christ -- Wow!!!!
15. **Do not receive from the chalice if you are sick.** This is an act of charity and it is not necessary to receive in order to receive the entirety of Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity.
16. **Do not leave early.** We should stay to the end of the recession and the hymn that accompanies it, if there is one. While there are certainly exceptions to this guideline, most who leave early don't need to and ought not to. As one church has posted at its doors: remember who left the Last Supper early.
17. **Pray after Mass, if you feel called to do so.** It is a good custom, though not required, to offer a prayer of thanksgiving after Mass is over.
18. **Leave quietly.** We encourage you to visit with others, but once you are outside of the main body of the church so you won't disturb others who want to stay and pray.

We have an awesome gift. May our response in word and deed show how thankful we are to God for this gift.

Peace,
Fr. Richard

FAITH FORMATION



Family Faith Eucharistic Adoration

As part of the Faith Formation program, last week the 1st-8th Grade families participated in a Family Faith Eucharistic Adoration session beautifully taught and led by Father Richard. This was an important opportunity to contemplate the amazing gift Jesus gives of himself in the Eucharist to each one of us. We adored Jesus through prayer, song and quiet meditation and were invited to silently speak to Jesus from our hearts. St. Therese of Lisieux tells us, "Do you realize Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart." Father encouraged everyone to come by the church anytime it is open to visit our beloved Lord and friend, Jesus in the Tabernacle. Oh, what an amazingly divine gift it is to place ourselves in the complete presence of Jesus as we share what is on our hearts and minds and embrace the love and comfort He is so desirous of giving to us.

INSTITUTED TO THE ORDER OF LECTOR



John Calabro, (right) parishioner and student for the Priesthood was formally instituted to the Order of Lector in the Chapel of the Pontifical North American College in Rome last Sunday. This is one of the orders a student for the Priesthood receives as part of his formation. Prayer-filled congratulations to John, his parents John and Judy and the entire Calabro family. Please continue to keep John and all our seminarians in your daily prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

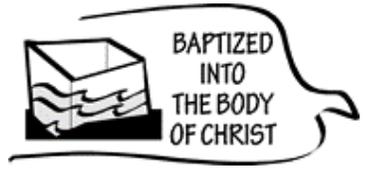
Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its' own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.



RESPECT LIFE NEWS



9 Days for life is a focused period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade (the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy).

During this time, all are invited to participate by taking part in local events and by joint together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the 9 days.

Sign up now and participate January 16-24. Visit 9daysforlife.com to download a free app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages. Printable versions of each day's content are also available on the website.

MARCH FOR LIFE



"MARCH FOR LIFE"...we will have a bus to Washington again for the March for Life on Friday, January 22nd. Please mark your calendars and pick up a flyer in the narthex or at the parish office. Your \$20 and registration form secures your seat.

Contact Danielle Dill at (908) 578-2712 for more information.

GIRL SCOUT ART SUPPLY DRIVE

Girl Scout troop 2224 is looking for Art Supplies to aid *The Center for Great Expectations*. CGE is for homeless, pregnant or parenting, adult woman and adolescents, and their children to overcome, and break, the destructive generational cycle of trauma, abuse, homelessness and addiction. All donations will go to Katy's Place, a childcare facility part of CGE. Below is a list of items that they are in need of but not limited to. Any questions, please contact Theresa at theresaben@comcast.net or Amy at amyed1919@optonline.net. Thank you for your generosity.

Construction Paper, Stickers, Glue Sticks, Markers, Ink Pads, Rubber Stamps, Safety Scissors, Foam Sheets, Jumbo Crayons, Art Smocks, Non-Toxic Washable Paint and Paint Brushes and Art Supply Boxes.

Bins will be located in the Church, School and LHT Library. All donations will be picked up on February 12th.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Sean Milde, James Minogue, 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:

Bob Mikulyak, Barbara Engle, Marilyn Fogarty, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Patricia Herrmann, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Richard Haluska, Mary Keller, Richard, Scherer, Dorothy Paul, Givi Trauwaert, Ruth Ann Rahe, Daniel Nastarowicz, Jonathan and John Tantaros, Mary Bigelis, George Armenti III, MaryAnn Paster, Anne Galdieri, Terry McCloskey, Patricia Caruso-Minicozzi, Susan Holmes, Pat Moran, Carmel Connolly and Eric Binner.

Those who have died to this world

Gladys Stenger

Requiescat in Pace

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

THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE

On Friday, January 22nd some of our parishioners will join thousands of others for the National Right to Life March in Washington, DC. Here at the parish we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 AM Mass until 6:30 PM at which time Benediction will be celebrated. After Benediction, at 7 PM Mass will be celebrated under the Votive Mass for **Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life**. Please come and join in prayer before the Lord for a deepened respect for the dignity of every human life from conception through natural death.

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the World. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II,

Evangelium Vitae.

CANDLE OFFERING

The votive light before the statue of Saint Joseph is in memory of

Peter Steger

The votive light before the statue of the Blessed Mother is in memory of

Michael Steger



Next TNL
Tues, Jan 26th, 7:30-9pm
JPII ROOM

TNL NEXT TUESDAY!

Join us for another great night of friendship, faith, and fun! Open to all in grades 9-12, so bring a friend!



On Friday we went Ice Skating - what a fun night together with friends!

Don't miss the next BOLD Middle event on March 4th- we're going to Funplex!

This weekend, ten dedicated teens gave up their Saturday morning to help feed the homeless in Newark, NJ through Bridges Outreach. Thank you for your service!

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 1/22: March for Life in DC
- 1/29-31: BOLD Ski Trip
- 1/26: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII
- 2/9: TNL - 7:30pm, JPII

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

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Madison Elizabeth Sepelya
Daughter of Peter and Danielle

Mason Gerard Neri
son of Stephen and Theresa

claimed now by Christ for the fullness of Eternal Life.



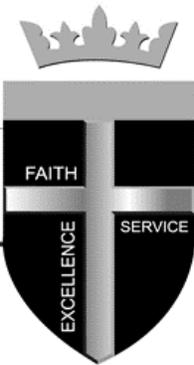
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OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 31, 2016

Family Mass & Tours - 10:30am

RSVP by January 25 to office@stvd.org



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