



**SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT**

**The weekend of February 6th & 7th**

Total amount in **263** envelopes: \$10,243  
 Loose: \$ 2,849  
 Online Parish Pay: \$ 3, 632

**Total offered: \$16,724**

Diocesan Assessment \$ 2,418

**Snow removal cost from January 23rd storm: \$5,300**

**For reflection:** An important part of every religious tradition is giving back, and traditionally this is a "tithe," or tenth. Tithing is a tool given to teach us the truth about gratitude, abundance and fulfillment in our lives. It is given to us in terms of a "law," a "mandate," a "command," and yet we are at liberty to choose to obey or not, and we are equally at liberty to reap the vast rewards of tithing as well. Yet tithing is so much more than just giving, for the Scriptures not only tell of what one must do, but what one may reap from it. Tithing is not something that depletes our resources, but multiplies, increases them. It is giving to the work of God what rightly belongs to God.

**EVENING MASS ON LENTEN WEEKDAYS**

During Lent, Mass will be offered at 7 PM Monday through Friday. Mass intentions are available for some of those Masses. Please call or stop by the parish office to arrange for a Mass.

The 2017 book is now open for Mass intentions.

**WANT A MEMORABLE LENT?**

Dynamic Catholic invites you to join Mathew Kelly, the Dynamic Catholic Team, and thousands of people across the nation for Best Lent Ever. Based on his new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus*, this free email program will take you on a 40 day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way. Each day you will receive an inspirational email. Sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent). Want a free copy of *Rediscover Jesus*? Visit [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY**  
**8:30 AM**  
 John Calabro (*Living*)  
 Brian Meade  
 George King

**7:00 PM**  
 Pagliocco Family (*Living*)  
 Charles Dropp

**TUESDAY**  
**8:30 AM**  
 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 Veronica Wan (*Living*)  
 Carmela (Millie) Armenti

**7:00 PM**  
 John McMonagle  
 Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday**  
*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*  
**8:30 AM**  
 Msgr. Patrick Brown (*Living*)  
 Michael and Rita Pavlo

**7:00 PM**  
 John J. Burke  
 Anthony LaRezza

**THURSDAY**  
**8:30 AM**  
 Peter Wan (*Living*)  
 Jerry Blanche  
 Teresa Giordano

**7:00 PM**  
 Richard Perri

**FRIDAY**  
**8:30 AM**  
 Peggy Lanoce (*Living*)  
 Maureen Meade

**7:00 PM**  
 Joseph De Vincentis (*Living*)  
 John McMonagle

**SATURDAY**  
**8:30 AM**  
 Gail Tucker  
 Edith Anne Walto

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**5:00 PM**  
 (*Saturday*)  
 People of the Parish  
 Vito Iallonardo  
 Louise Cipparulo

**SUNDAY**  
**8:30 AM:**  
 Gloria Fernandi  
 Margaret Sheedy  
 Patsy Filippone

**10:30 AM**  
 Allegra, Ricci and Ring Families  
 Richard Marino  
 Elizabeth Fischer

**6:00 PM**  
 Emily Cannavo  
 Teresa Giordano  
 Carmela (Millie) Armenti

## PASTORS COLUMN

### Dying and Rising—the Christian journey of hope through mercy.

The sacred season of Lent began for us this past Wednesday with the imposition of ashes. One of my favorite lines from the Scripture (and I have many) comes from the first Book of Samuel chapter 16, verse 7. It is spoken in relation to God's choosing David as King when others would have not viewed him as the likely candidate. Through His prophet Samuel it is revealed that, "God does not see as a mortal, who sees the appearance. The Lord looks into the heart". This struck me when reading the words of the Prophet Joel which is the first reading at Mass on Ash Wednesday, " Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God." Joel 2:12 God alone reads my heart and every human heart. God alone knows what truly motivates us. As Christians we are called to reveal the presence of Jesus in our lives by the words and actions of our day to day living. This is not something that we can keep hidden or turn on or off when we feel like it.

This season affords us the opportunity to reflect on how true our love for God is. We begin each season of Lent reminded by Jesus of the foundations of life in Christ: Prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Prayer immerses us into the heart of God's presence where we open ourselves to God alone who is the One we trust with every joy and sorrow. In prayer we should say little with our lips and much from our heart. God sees in secret and is familiar with our every need and desire. Fasting frees us from focusing on the tempting and temporary luxuries of the appetites of this world so that we can hunger more for Jesus, His way, His truth and His life. Almsgiving is more than just charitable giving. Almsgiving is what we do when we have satisfied the biblical advice to tithe. Almsgiving helps us to be thankful for what we have and to ask what can I do to be a blessing to others beyond what is expected of me. God is not a minimalist, nor should we be.

In his Lenten letter to the Church, Pope Francis offers helpful insight and advice: *"For all of us, then, the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God's word and by practising the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy – counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer – we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated. By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need. By taking this path, the "proud", the "powerful" and the "wealthy" spoken of in the Magnificat can also be embraced and undeservedly loved by the crucified Lord who died and rose for them. This love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness and love that we think we can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches. Yet the danger always remains that by a constant refusal to open the doors of their hearts to Christ who knocks on them in the poor, the proud, rich and powerful will end up condemning themselves and plunging into the eternal abyss of solitude which is Hell. The pointed words of Abraham apply to them and to all of us: "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (Lk 16:29). Such attentive listening will best prepare us to celebrate the final victory over sin and death of the Bridegroom, now risen, who desires to purify his Betrothed in expectation of his coming.*

*Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion! We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God's mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness (cf. Lk 1:48) and to call herself the Lord's humble servant (cf. Lk 1:38).*

May this be your best Lent ever. Let us pray earnestly for one another.

Peace,  
Fr. Richard

**LENT 2016**

On Wednesday evening during Lent there is the opportunity for discussion on matters of faith. **Catholicism 101** allows you to ask questions about our Catholic faith. A box in the vestibule of the church marked Catholicism 101 is for your questions. You may also email them directly to Fr. Richard at [frichardcarton@stvd.org](mailto:frichardcarton@stvd.org). Each week the questions will be discussed from 7:30—9 in the church meeting room.

Mass is offered Monday through Friday at 7 PM Mass on Friday in Lent we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** after Mass. The Stations of the Cross may be prayed at any time and is not confined to the Lenten Season.

**COFFEE AND...**

Come and join us February 28th after the 10:30 Mass, for coffee and a light breakfast, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Guild in the Church Meeting Room. All are invited to spend time with fellow parishioners.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**BRIDGES**

Our last party for the children in the homeless shelter will take place on Saturday February 20. The theme is "Mexican Fiesta". Please share your cooking skills or simply donate needed items by signing up on perfect potluck. Coordinator: Garcia. Password: 2323, then press "lets go" on the next page. Thank you!

"The fruit of service is peace" Mother Theresa

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

We are short of several items: Pancake mix, white Rice, canned and dry black beans, ravioli, spam, spaghetti sauce (traditional or meat sauce). Additional items that are greatly appreciated are: Dry milk, canned pears and pineapple, dry mashed potatoes, coffee, hot chocolate mix, Honey Nut Cheerios, and Frosted Flakes.

**NEXT SUNDAY MASS READINGS****SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading:**  
**Genesis**  
**15:5-12,**  
**17-18**

**God**  
*is my Light*



God told  
Abram

that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1**

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

**Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36**

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

**Lenten Regulations**

**Abstinence** -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

**Fast** -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

**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 Slevens.

**Those who are ill:**

Mary Jane Postal, Leocadia Grynys, Rosa Benitez, Yves Baeyens, Jack and Maria Bickel, Bob Mikulyak, Barbara Engle, Marilynn Fogarty, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Msgr. Patrick Brown, 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**

Anthony LaRezza  
**Requiescat in Pace**

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

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
IN PARISH CEMETERY**

**EAGLE SCOUT LEGACY WALL**

Boy Scout and parishioner, Sean Theoclitus, is building a wall that will curve around the back of the cross in the parish's cemetery. Which will provide a nice space for prayer and reflection. On the wall there will be names of people's loved ones, (deceased or living,) engraved onto individual name plates, to be put on the wall. If you are interested in having your loved one's name put on the wall please visit [www.troop59.com/seaneagleproject](http://www.troop59.com/seaneagleproject). The project is limited to 100 names. The wall will stand for many generations to come. You may also contact the parish office for more information if you do not have access to a computer.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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

**Ryan Bernard Conlon**  
son of Kevin and Beth

claimed now by Christ for the fullness of Eternal Life.

**FAITH FORMATION**



**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

As part of the Faith Formation curriculum, during Lent, families are to participate in the following three events:

**Confessions**

Each Monday in Lent after 7Pm Mass until 8:30 PM or Saturdays (4:00-4:45 pm)

**Stations of the Cross**

Mass at 7 PM followed by Stations of the Cross

**Family Faith Session  
on the Angels**

(RSVP at [www.stvincentschurch.org](http://www.stvincentschurch.org)  
Religious Ed link)

The image shows the logo for BOLD youth ministry by fiat ventures, featuring the word "BOLD" in large blue letters and a stylized "B" in blue and orange. Below the logo is a green sign on a wooden post that reads "TEEN NIGHT LIVE!" in blue and orange letters, and "Coming Soon February 23rd" in white letters. The background of the sign is a cloudy sky.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**



"I have been going to St. Vincent de Paul School for nine years and I think that it is great. One of the reasons I think Catholic schools are great is because there is a great environment to learn about God. At St. Vincent de Paul School, we have religion class, where we learn about the

bible, different prophets, the virtues, and other religious things. At my school we also have different classes, in which we still involve God in. At our school the entire school goes to Church twice a week. One day we go as a class and on Fridays the entire school goes together. Another thing the entire school does is start the day with a prayer. Before we go to lunch we also say a prayer to thank God for the food he has given us. Another thing I like about Catholic schools is how everybody works hard. In our school the teachers push us to do our best. We are always working hard so that we can get a good education. Catholic schools are a great environment to learn in, and by going to a Catholic school you will learn lots of important things that will help you in life."

Timothy Grade 7

**SAVE BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

We are collecting Box Tops for Education which can be found on many products. The school collects them and gets cash back. There is a collection box in the back of the Church that you can drop them into at your convenience. Every box top can help.

**Products include:**

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| <b>Betty Crocker</b>         | <b>Od El Paso</b>      |
| <b>Bisquick</b>              | <b>Land of Lakes</b>   |
| <b>Gold Medal flour</b>      | <b>Yoplait</b>         |
| <b>Nestlé's Juice</b>        | <b>Chex Mix</b>        |
| <b>Cheerios</b>              | <b>Motts</b>           |
| <b>Chex</b>                  | <b>Nature Valley</b>   |
| <b>Fiber One Cereals</b>     | <b>Total Cereals</b>   |
| <b>Ziploc Storage Bags</b>   | <b>Pillsbury</b>       |
| <b>Scott Paper Products</b>  | <b>Progresso</b>       |
| <b>Hefty Bags</b>            | <b>Hanes Apparel</b>   |
| <b>Hefty Tableware</b>       | <b>Avery Labels</b>    |
| <b>Hamburger Helper</b>      | <b>Tontino's Pizza</b> |
| <b>Brita filter products</b> |                        |
- Green Giant Fresh and Frozen Products**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**OCEAN OF MERCY /HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

The Sisters of Life believe that God has a unique and beautiful plan of healing for each woman who contacts them. Many who are suffering alone experience great peace and healing as they are able share their burdens with another. The Sisters are available to meet with women individually in person or over the phone as they walk through the journey of healing. Accompaniment may be a single phone call or ongoing meetings and conversations

The Sisters host monthly Days of Prayer and Healing, monthly Gatherings, and Hope and Healing Weekend Retreats. These events are opportunities to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. All retreats are led by the Sisters of Life and women who have experienced both the suffering of abortion and the joy of healing in Christ. The retreats are directed by faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer. They include witnesses of mercy, Scripture sharing, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Entering Canaan Days of Prayer for Woman  
**March 19, 2016**

For more information or to register contact Sisters of Life at 1(866)575-0075 or Theresa Bonopartis: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Visit our site at [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)

**NOTIFICATION OF HOSPITALIZATION ILLNESS OR IMPENDING SURGERY**

Hospitals are required to observe confidentiality and privacy laws and are not permitted to inform us of admissions of parishioners to their facility. It is now necessary for the patient, a family member, or a health care proxy to notify the parish at the time of hospitalization. Arrangements then can be made for hospital/ health care facility visits once we are notified. Because of privacy laws we do not publish the names of the sick in our bulletin or announce them at Mass unless the patient or a family member gives us permission to do so. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered upon request prior to a scheduled hospital admission or before any elective surgery. Please call the parish office 908-647-0118. All calls are kept confidential.