

**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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Every Christian is a
missionary to the extent
that he or she bears
witness to God's love. Be
missionaries of God's
tenderness!

Pope Francis

QuoteAddicts

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

The weekend of August 13th and 14th

Total amount in envelopes: \$5,723
 Loose: \$1,863
 Online Parish Pay: \$2,815
Total offered: \$10,401

As you can see during the summer months the collection is lower while parishioners are on vacation. Please remember the needs of the parish when you get back. Whether you are at home or away we are here and depend on your generosity to continue our mission.



Daily Mass Readings

Monday
 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday
 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday
 Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday
 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Friday
 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday
 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

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!

"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation. Every believer is called to faithful citizenship, to become an informed, active, and responsible participant in the political process." (Faithful citizenship)

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY August 22nd
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM Lynne Combs (Living)
 Carolyn Bednarski
 Anne "Mickey" Stack

TUESDAY August 23rd
Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
8:30 AM Willard Dolman
 John Harty, Sr.
 Rose Capite

WEDNESDAY August 24th
Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
8:30 AM Mary Urbanski
 Bruce Cargill
 Carmen Thompson

THURSDAY August 25th
Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
8:30 AM The DeFabio Family (Living)
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Marilynn Fogarty

FRIDAY August 26th
8:30 AM Peggyann Tuma
 David "Duke" Dorsi
 Patricia Buziak

SATURDAY August 27th
Saint Monica
8:30 AM Joseph, Ralph and Emil Maffucci
 Monica Struck-Kuechler
 Deacon Bill Wagner

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Louise Cipparulo
 (Saturday) Anne King
 Filomena Leone

SUNDAY August 28th
8:30 AM Protection of Babies in the Womb
 Monica Struck-Kuechler
 Anthony LaRezza

10:30 AM Fred and Helen Reidel
 Josefina Lozada
 Teresa Giordano

The 6PM Sunday Mass will resume on September 18th.

FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP—preparing to vote!

What is Conscience?

In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (no. 17), the Catholic Bishops of the United States Conference remind us: “The Church equips its members to address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience. ...Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.” Conscience is a judgment of practical reason that helps us to recognize and seek what is good, and to reject what is evil (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778, 1796). The Second Vatican Council wrote: “Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). Conscience does not simply “come to us”! Throughout our lives, we have to spend time forming our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular situations.

How Do I Form My Conscience?

As the bishops note in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, we need to form our consciences in an ongoing manner. How do we do this?

- 1) When examining any issue or situation, we must begin by being open to the truth and what is right.
- 2) We must study Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church.
- 3) We must examine the facts and background information about various choices.
- 4) We must prayerfully reflect to discern the will of God.

The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults adds:

- 5) The prudent advice and good example of others support and enlighten our conscience.
- 6) The authoritative teaching of the Church is an essential element.
- 7) The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us develop our conscience.
- 8) Regular examination of conscience is important as well.

Reflections on Conscience from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

1777 Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.

1778 Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law.

1784 The education of the conscience is a lifelong task. From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law recognized by conscience. Prudent education teaches virtue; it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults. The education of the conscience guarantees freedom and engenders peace of heart.

1785 In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path, we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.

Reflection Questions

1. What is conscience?
2. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
3. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
4. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to regularly form my conscience? What more should I do?

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 Slevens.

Those who are ill:

Joan G. Smith, 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

Saverio (Sam) Lacopo

Requiescat in Pace

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

Amen

CORNERSTONE FAMILY PROGRAMS

Cornerstone Family Programs is committed to supporting all who have served our country. 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 healthy and productive lives that their service guarantees us. For more information please call 973-538-5260 ext. 117.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Paterson Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Join us from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for the opportunity to enhance men's spirituality and encourage them to be more involved with their parishes. Former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz, Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal Ministries, and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries will make presentations. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. More information to follow or visit insidethewalls.org.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Humility



First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Those who are humble will find favor with God.

Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their Blood Drive on Monday, August 29 from 2:30pm to 8:30pm in the gym.

Donor registration will take place in the Narthex after Masses on the weekends of August 20-21 and August 27-28.

Please consider being a blood donor. For further information please contact Ken Schaefer at 732-356-6148.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Grocery gift cards will continue 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 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.

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.

PARISH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 30th to October 2nd at the Blue Army Shrine, Washington Twp. NJ. The retreat will be directed by Fr. Richard. See fliers in vestibule or contact Sr. Elsa soon for more information. Space is filling up quickly!

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

The Divorced and Separated Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights is offering a 12 week support group designed to provide comfort and healing before, during and after the divorce process. Meetings begin Sept. 14 and will continue through Nov. 30 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Registration is required.

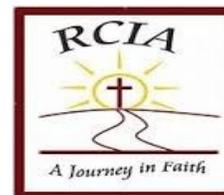
For further information please contact divorceministry.if@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 908-464-1585.

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 you would like to have more information. Sessions will begin in October.



SNOW REMOVAL AND LANDSCAPING BIDS

We are looking for proposals for snow removal and landscaping on our campus. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the parish house 908 -647 -0118 and ask for Mary Woods or email her at mwoods@stvd.org. Thank you.

CATHOLIC FILIPINO MINISTRIES

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries invites you to celebrate the Year of Mercy with two Filipino saints: San Lorenzo Ruiz De Manila and San Pedro Calungsod De Cebu.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Serratelli at St. Clare Church, Clifton on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 1pm. The Rosary and Novena will precede Mass at 12:30pm. Fellowship will follow immediately after Mass. For additional information please contact Emma Militante at 908-604-0075.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT: NJ DOCTOR ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Please contact your State Senator and Representatives. Ask them to vote **NO** when the bill A2451/S2474 comes for a vote. For most of us, that's Senator Tom Kean @908-232-3673. Assembly: Jon Bramnick @908-232-2073 and Nancy Munoz @ 908-918-0414. More details at NJRTL.org

YOUNG ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Department for Persons with Disabilities in the Diocese of Paterson has begun a program designed for young adults with disabilities interested in weekend socialization and recreational activities with their peers. Education about group home and independent living is also available. For further information please contact Patt Foth at 973-440-0983 or satc@dpd.org. The program begins September 17, 2016.

CATHOLIC CENTER AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

The Catholic Center at Rutgers in New Brunswick is looking forward to welcoming Catholic students who will be arriving in August to begin their studies. The Catholic Center Mass schedule and opening activities at the Center are available to any Rutgers-New Brunswick bound students by visiting www.catholic-center.rutgers.edu and on Facebook.

The Catholic Center seeks to provide new students with a welcoming environment and an opportunity to make new acquaintances as they grow in their spiritual life throughout their college experience.

EAGLE PROJECT HONORING OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In order to earn the rank of Eagle, Boy Scout and parishioner, Jonathan Soldan, is building a Marian prayer shrine depicting Our Lady of Fatima which will be placed in the front, to the left of the church of building.

The scene will consist of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the three visionary children and lambs along with four stone urns. Each urn will have flowers, with the area immediately around the scene landscaped to ensure a beautiful area for prayer and tranquility.

There will be commemorative plaques available for purchase to help support the project financially. The plaques will be placed on multiple points in the scene. If you are interested in pricing for the plaques, purchasing a plaque, or simply donating please email jonathansoldan@gmail.com.

Please keep in mind, there are only eleven plaques available for purchase, and they will run out quickly!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

DOES GOD CARE ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Find out how much on a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours and focus only on each other.

If you would like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you will like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make! For more information, contact Janet and Mike Turco at (973) 427-7016 or (609) 335-6880, email njwwme@peoplepc.com, or go to www.njwwme.org.

EWTN GLOBAL CATHOLIC NETWORK

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Domestic Church Media is negotiating the purchase of a station that would cover our area and your support would be a gift to help this happen. Help make a dream of the late Mother Angelica happen by your support.

For information please contact Gabriella Fumato about a monthly pledge or one time gift at GFumato@DomesticChurchMedia.org