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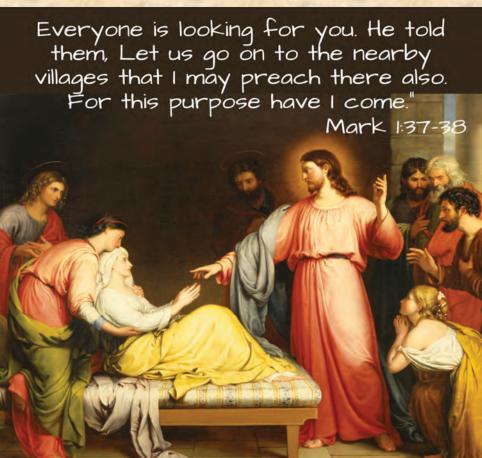
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We are a Catholic community rooted in the Eucharist and committed to the poor.



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday: 8:30AM* Morning Prayer is prayed Monday through Saturday at 8AM

MASS ON THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday: 4PM (Vigil) Sunday: 7AM, 9AM and 11AM*

Confession: Saturday 3:00PM to 3:45PM or by appointment

*Daily Mass and the 11AM Mass on Sunday are live streamed.

Please be aware that voices in the Vestibule can be heard in the Church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Parish Expense Budget 2023-2024 — \$1,270,000 includes Diocesan Assessment of \$113,000

Fiscal year: July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024 Less other projected income (\$298,000)

Annual amount needed from collections \$972,000

Amount needed from the weekly collections \$18,70

Weekend of January 27th and 28th

\$6,509 Total collected

January WeShare \$9,162 (Weekly)

Total \$15,671

Deficit for Week #31 \$3.029 YTD Deficit for Week #31 \$ 0

Mortgage Reduction \$1,312

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The people rejoiced over these free-will offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. 1 Chronic 29, 9

Do YoU NEED HELP HEARING?

We now have ADA-Assisted Hearing Earphones available for your use. Please ask for the receiver in the sacristy before Mass begins.

Pastoral Visits To Those Homebound and Unable To Come To Mass

Parishioners who are homebound and unable to come to Mass and who would like a visit in order to receive Holy Communion are asked to call Vera at the parish office 908-647-0118 to arrange a visit from Fr. Richard or Sr. Anita. Be assured of our prayers for each of you.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY February 5th

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Cece Wagner (Living) 8:30AM

> Virginia Zipf Larry Oster

TUESDAY February 6th

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM Francesco Scarfone (Living)

Arthur DelPomo Deacon Peter O'Neill

WEDNESDAY February 7th

8:30AM The Ruediger Family (Living)

> Frank Gomez Maureen Del Re

THURSDAY February 8th

Saint Jerome Émiliani Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:30AM Fr. John Calabro (Living)

> Gretchen Dolman Frank DePolis

FRIDAY February 9th

8:30AM Ed Carlson

8:30AM

Susie Matinho

Christine Dos Santos

SATURDAY February 10th

Saint Scholastica, Virgin Roddao and Bernardete Vilarinho (Living)

Rocco Rodden Stephanie Robel

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM (Vigil) James VanDerveer

> Joseph Horincewich Josephine Clemens

7:00AM Clementine Kasprowicz

Robert Mahala

Deceased members of the parish

9:00AM Larry Oster

Mary Hull

William and Marian Hosford

11:00AM Juana Nieves

Eddie and Judy Morgan

Francesco and Liberata Salvati

Ash Wednesday Schedule Mass will be offered at 8:30am and 12:00 noon

with the blessing and distribution of Ashes. A Prayer Service will be at 7:00pm with the distribution of ashes.

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LENT 2024

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen."

Henri Nouwen

Ash Wednesday, February 14th

8:30 AM and Noon – Mass with
distribution of Ashes
7:00 PM – Prayer Service with
distribution of Ashes

Weekday Mass Schedule

Thursday, February 15th through Wednesday, March 27th

8:30 AM and 7:00 PM (Monday-Friday)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Other times by appointment or request.

Lenten Holy Hour

Thursday 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Sunday 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- ♦ Reflection
- Benediction

Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)*

Monday through Saturday – 8:00 AM

*We are using prayers from iBreviary App, which you need to download on your phone.

Stations of the Cross

Friday – 7:30 PM

Children's Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 1st, and 8th - 4:30 PM

Bible Study

Wednesday at 7:45 PM – 9:00 PM Virtual meeting via Google Meet. Register on parish website.

Men's Faith Formation and Conversation

Friday 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM (in the Church Meeting Room)

Christefidelis

Saturday 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM (in the St. John Paul II center; includes Mass at 8:30 AM)

Women's Study Group

Thursday 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (in the Church Meeting Room)

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.



Fr. Richard's **Bible Study** is offered on Wednesday at 7:30pm. It is virtual

To sign up for Bible Study use the link on the home page of our website.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-1

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

BLESSINGS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

In her prayers and rituals, the Church offers a Blessing for Expectant Mothers. If one is desired just ask Fr. Richard.



The Mass Book for 2025 is now available for your Mass intentions. Please call or visit the Parish office to request dates and times for your intentions. You can also email Vera at vcastagna@stvincentschurch.org with your requests.

Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

is prayed Monday through Saturday at 8am.

We are using prayers from iBreviary App, which you need to download on your phone.



A Holy Hour with Adoration and **Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Thursdays from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

You are invited to come and pray for the sanctity and protection of all human

life from conception to natural death and for peace in our world.

FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT!

Friday, February 16th

6:00pm - Family Prayer 6:45pm - Activity and Dessert

All are welcome to come. Please bring a snack to share.

For more information contact: Amilee Beer 908-442-2412.

The family that prays together stays together.

GIFT BEARERS AT MASS

If you would like to bring the bread and wine to the priest during the 4:00pm, 9:00am or 11:00am Mass please see Sr. Krystyna in the Sacristy at least 5 minutes before Mass begins to indicate so.

The Mass of Consolation

for those who have lost a child will be offered on

Thursday, March 7th at 7:00pm.

The Mass will precede the Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life which begins at 7:30pm.

All are welcome.



Please invite all who may benefit from these prayers.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Our parish joins with St. Mary's Stony Hill in Watchung in offering a bereavement session for those who have lost a loved one recently or in prior years. Come join us for coffee and donuts for a morning of fellowship and reflection on

Saturday, February 24th at 10:00am at St. Mary's Church. For additional Barbara = information contact Carlson at 908-647-0407.



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who serve in the military:

Michael Kurzman, Fr. Peter Koziolkiewicz, Fr. Przemyslaw J. Nowak, Fr. John Edisson Madrid, Fr. Adam Muda, Nick Loften, Christopher Conant, James Conant, Christopher Caamano, Hayden Schultz, Tyler Nelson, Calla Ann Armenti, Dylan T. Jones, James Minogue, Stephen J. Campbell, Frank Fasano, Richard Lister, Eric Leverone, Jay Donato, Frank Messina, Eileen Murphy, Peter Giovanni

Those who are ill:

Elizabeth Martino, Brian Baird, Molly Jones, Aiden John McDonough, Austin Rizzo, Shannon Finnegan Cook, Brendan Devlin, Millie Falkner, Mary Ann Gallo, Joy Ferraris, Tom Jacobson, Geralynn McMyne, Mary Glancey, Cynthia Carpenter, Victor Tuma, Thomas Hunt, Janet Parry, Leigha Berzinskis, Denise Schaefer, Elijah Rothman, Kevin Speckin, Diana Burkholder, Sr. Mary Faith Chanda, C.S.JB., Mary Ann Paster, Carol Echandy, Maria Ventura, John Murphy, Jr., George Armenti III, Anthony Genito, Jude Squartino, Elizabeth Early, Cecile Fountain Jardim, Bill Wallisch, and Nanci Gamba

Those who have died to this world

Msgr. William Capik, Philipp Amann, Gerald DeSalvo, Peter Osmond

Requiescat in Pace

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

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

BAKERS NEEDED!

The Rosary Altar Society will be having a Mardi Gras Bake Sale next weekend, February 10th and 11th, after all Masses. We need your help!

Please plan ahead to bake your favorite cake, cupcakes, pies, brownies, etc. Wrap your baked good(s) nicely and all donations can be dropped off to the Church Meeting Room on Saturday, February 10th by 4:00pm (preferred) or before any Mass you will attend that weekend.

> Questions? Contact Mary Knell mknell.48@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your time, generosity and delicious contribution to the Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale!

ENVELOPE USERS

Please note that there is an envelope in your packet for Church in Central and Eastern Europe incorrectly dated February 4th. The correct envelope is in your new packet and is dated February 18th for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Either envelope will be accepted.

Palm which was blessed last Palm Sunday may be brought to the vestibule of the church by Monday, February 12th and placed in the basket there. It will be burned and prepared for use as ash on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.



After that time blessed palm from last year may be buried or burned in order to be disposed of properly. Please do not return last year's palm to the church after February 12th.

Pro - Life Ministries





Days for Life begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and continues until March 24th.

Since 2007, 24,203 babies have been saved, 256 abortion workers converted, 148 abortion facilities shut down - all through the prayers, fasting and vigils of 40 Days for Life volunteers. We can help. More information to come.

Save the Date

On March 19th at 7:30pm we will host an informative program for adults on Human Trafficking in our state. More information to follow.



YOUTH MINISTRY





Cast Youth Ministry

St. Vincent's youth group for high school students will have their next meeting on:

Wednesday, February 7th 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Come and bring a friend.

Contact Kathleen and Cozy at cast@stvincentschurch.org with questions.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram @castyouthministry for updates!

Junior Youth Ministry Schedule JPII Room

February 13th 7:00pm to 8:30pm Lenten Reflections March 12th 7:30pm to 8:30pm Easter Project April 16th 7:30pm to 8:30pm Pentecost Project May 14th 7:00pm to 8:30pm How to pray the Rosary

June 11th 7:00pm to 8:30pm End of Year Activity

For information contact Sandi Schaffer.

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SOCIAL OUTREACH



BRIDGES OUTREACH

Our next **Bridges Run** will be **Saturday**, **February 10**th

www.perfectpotluck.com Coordinator: bridges Password: 2323 Please bring donated items to the church meeting room the week of February 5th.

Monetary donations are welcome. Thank you for your support of Bridges Outreach.

The **Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: Canned Corn, Regular Coffee, 2lb bag of white rice, jelly, syrup, oatmeal, canned fruit, black beans, green beans, chicken soup, broth, boxed pasta, spaghetti, pasta sauce and Spam. Food donations should be brought to the church narthex. Thank you for your generous donations to the Food Pantry.



Knights of Columbus St. Damien Council 6575

TRIVIA NIGHT!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting

Trivia Night on Friday, February 9th from 7pm to 9pm in the gym.

It is guaranteed to be a fun night with family and friends. Food and drinks are included and it is all FREE! For more information contact Kevin Dempsey kmdemps421@gmail.com

MEALS FOR MOMS MINISTRY



The Meals for Moms Ministry exists to assist mothers in the special time after welcoming a new baby by providing meals for the family. If you or someone you know could benefit, please reach out to Jackie

Krenek at jbkrenek@gmail.com.

We have a very generous group of volunteers who are happy to help!

Also, if you would like to be added to the list of volunteers, please email Jackie.

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

We have Gift Cards for Stop & Shop in addition to Shop Rite. They can be purchased at the parish office Monday through Thursday.

When you use these gift cards the parish receives 5% on all gift cards purchased.



Celebrate Your Marriage
National Marriage Week is
February 7th to the 15th. World
Marriage Day is Sunday February 12th.
This year's theme, "Marriage...one

flesh, given and received" highlights the oneflesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood. (USCCB)

Joyful Ever After: Getting the Marriage You
Want from the Marriage You Have
DIOCESE OF PATERSON
MARRIAGE CONFERENCE
Saint Paul Inside the Walls

Saturday, February 10th 10:00am to 3:30pm

Keynote Speakers Damon and Melanie Owens From the beginning, God created marriage to perfect us in life, love and joy!

We all start our marriage journey with such hope, joy, friendship and confidence in our future life together. But the everyday weight of life can bring doubt, fear, frustration, and loneliness. We need constant renewal and refreshment in order to get the marriage we want from the marriage we have. You can restore your wedding day joy, and as we are discovering, grow it into something even greater than you can imagine. Let us enrich, strengthen and encourage each other, learning together how to live joyfully ever after. Register for this Marriage Conference by visiting insidethewalls.org/marriage-conference.

First Saturday Day of Discernment Saint Paul Inside the Walls, Madison Saturday, February 5 th 10:00am

Come and join us for our First Saturday of Discernment. The day will include Mass at 10:00am, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, social time and lunch. Contact the Vocations Office if you would like to participate in the First Saturday Day of Discernment for young men discerning the priesthood.

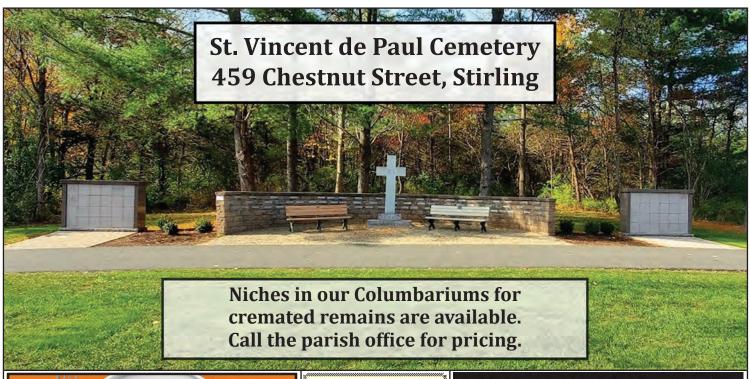
Fr. Edward Rama, Vocations Director 973-777-8818 ext. 715 vocations@patersondiocese.org

DISCERNMENT RETREAT Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown March 1st thru 3rd

This is a three day, two overnight retreat for young men ages 16 and up to help them discover their calling in life. No fee. Meals are included.

Registration required

Contact: Fr. Ed. Rama, Vocations Director



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