

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Parish,

This week we will have our Advent Parish Mission. Our presenter is Fr. Bob Weiss. He is a member of religious community of the Passionists. The Passionists are a family of priests, brothers and laity, dedicated to preaching the message of Jesus Christ crucified and risen. Passionist priests will often work full time in retreat ministry. Fr Bob was born in St Louis, Missouri. He joined the Passions Congregation in 1957. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1965, and went on for more studies in Scripture and Psychology after ordination. He has a strong background in Scripture studies. He is a frequent contributor on the internet of meditations on the Liturgical readings. Father spent his first years of priesthood in the training of seminarians. For the last 40 years, he has been giving priest retreats and parish missions in over 38 States. Father is presently stationed as vicar at Sacred Heart Monastery in Louisville, KY.

Fr Bob loves making Christ the center of his mission preaching. He likes the quote from Pope Francis: *"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfaithfully each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord"*

It is my prayer that this parish mission will be an opportunity to renew your personal encounter with Jesus Christ. There is no better way to prepare for Christmas than to renew your soul by participating in this mission.

Have a blessed Advent Season,
Msgr. Paul Hudock



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE: ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Communal Penance Service - in conjunction with St. Michael's - will be held Tuesday evening, December 15, at 7:00 pm at St. Michael Parish. Everyone is invited to attend this Prayer Service with the opportunity for confession as part of your preparation for Christmas.

Advent Parish Mission

"Prepare The Way of the Lord"

Mission Presentations given by
Fr. Rob Wiese

Dec 4 - Dec 7, 2016

- **Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4**, Fr. Wiese will preach at all Masses at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.
- **Sunday, Dec. 4** - Eucharistic Holy Hour from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Fr. Wiese will preach on "Recognizing the Lord" during the Holy Hour.
- **Monday, Dec. 5** - Mass at 7:50 am with Confessions being heard following the Mass. Mission Talk at 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, Dec. 6** - Mass at 7:50 am with Confessions being heard following the Mass. Mission Talk at 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday, Dec. 7** - 6:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



Holy Day of Obligation - (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

Masses:

Wednesday, December 7: 6:00 pm
Thursday, December 8: 7:30 am,
9:00 am (School Mass), 6:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Bible Study this Tuesday due to the Parish Mission being held. I invite everyone to attend the Mission

Please Pray For... Leah Bailer, Bishop Michael Bransfield, Jim Albert, Betty Allen, Phyllis Allen, Pam Ammirante, Daniel Bauer, Susie Beazel, Kathleen Benedetto, Jayne Benson, Doug Bentz, Joan Bliss, Patricia Bock, Dave Bonenberger, Cindy Botizan, George Bridges, Martha Hohman Carpenter, Fred Chipkar, Maggie Conley, Bob Coyne, Frances Darrah, Joyce Peluchette Donnellan, Christine Edge, Benjamin Elswick, Kitty England, Mary Fisher, Michael Frank, Lou Frasnelli, Mary Ann Fowler, Kevin Gallaway, Linda Galloway, Patty Glanding, Judy Glatz, David Hamm, Juliana Hatgy, Louis Havel, Megan Herschell, Caleb Hlebiczki, Kathie Hough, Stryker Jaquay, Janice Kalo, Russell Knight, Matt Koval, Barbara Kubiszak, Marcia Laughlin, Maddox Marti, Patricia Millward, Butch and Michalene Munas, Kay McGee, Lynn McCloskey, Abby McGowan, Grace Neidert, Pete Newmeyer, Will Nickerson, Vincent Parisi, Betty Petri, Lori Plants, Mary Plants, Mary Ann Poluck, John Powell, Karen and Bob Rose, Laura Ryan, Fred Schweitzer, Shirley Seamon, Ann Sengewalt, Bruce Shapaka, Barbara Shores, Mark Slater, Bonnie Starkey, Nick Stephan, Julianne Stewart, Jamie Orth Taylor, Evelyn Tellitocci, Rick Terry, Sylvia Trenton, John Ullom, Charles Vanyo, John Voscavitch, Kathy Wagner, Shawna Warner, Tom Weishar, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, Josephine Wilson, Betty Zinn

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION	
Dec. 4	Class
Dec. 11	Class
Dec. 18	No class (Practice for 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass at 12:30 pm in the church)
Dec. 21	Practice for 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass at 12:15 pm - in the Church



STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Second Sunday of Advent: *"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."* (Matthew 3:10). Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

<u>Parish Sacrificial Giving</u>	
November 20, 2016	
Regular Collection:	\$9406.00
Mass Attendance for November 20	530
<i>Thank you!</i>	

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday - December 4 through Wednesday, Dec. 7
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Tuesday - December 6
No Bible Study

Thursday - December 8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Masses:
Wednesday - 6:00 pm (Vigil)
Thursday - 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK


Tuesday - December 13
Bible Study 6:30 pm Caveney Rm

Thursday - December 15
Communal Penance Service 7:00 pm St. Michael's

Tuesday - December 20
Society of St. Vincent de Paul 6:30 pm Caveney Rm

R.C.I.A.: St. Vincent's R.C.I.A. Classes continue every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Caveney Rm.
Topic for December 8: *Immaculate Conception*

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING: There will be no Faith Sharing group this month due to the Parish Mission. Please join us in prayer at our Mission.

 **SAFE ENVIRONMENT/PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

School News

Upcoming dates to Remember for SVS:

- Next week we will have our Santa Secret Shop where students can shop for the parents, siblings, grandparents and pets.
- **Monday - December 12** -- Stifel Fine Arts will present *The Nutcracker* in the SVS Gym on (Donations to help defray the cost of this presentation would be greatly appreciated!)
- **Tuesday, December 13** -- SVS Choir will be singing @ Wheeling Hospital at 12 noon.
- **Tuesday - December 20** -- SVS Christmas Program - 7 pm in the Church (Refreshments following program)

SCRIP CARDS: Please consider purchasing gift cards from our Scrip Program at St. Vincent's School. It will help with your Christmas shopping and support our school at the same time! If we don't have what you need in stock, cards can be ordered up to approximately December 10. Please call the school for more information at 304-242-5844.

A Message from SVS Student Council:

On November 16, the members of the Student Council of St. Vincent de Paul Parish School had their first meeting. We talked about how we wanted to connect our school with the parish community, in keeping with our school's mission. We are planning to start "Sox Box" up again since the winter season is approaching and we want to be able to make it available to the parish community to contribute as well.

Council also discussed how to make school more enjoyable. The members of the student council would like to share their knowledge of technology with the parish community. We are willing to teach the parishioners how to use an iPad or PC, which will be a great way to interact with our parish community. Look for tech training sessions in the near future!

Our student council will soon be doing a project where we will be collecting the labels from food products with the *red push pin*. For each of these labels collected, a hungry child will receive a meal.

The student council hopes that the parish can help with the school's seasonal service projects.

Thank you,

St. Vincent School Student Council

AMAZON ASSOCIATES PROGRAM: St.

Vincent's School is now participating in the Amazon Associates Program. Click on the Amazon link found on the school or parish website before you make your purchase, and a percentage of all purchases will come back to St. Vincent's. (The link will remain active for 24 hours, at which time you will have to go back to the school or parish website and click on the Amazon link again to ensure SVS gets credit)

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (T.E.C.) -- Jan. 14-16, 2017

ATTENITON HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS AND COLLEGE FRESH- MEN! TEC is happening!

A Teens Encounter Christ retreat will take place during Martin Luther King Weekend at Immaculate Conception Parish in Fairmont, WV. A group of young people are traveling from both St. Vincent's and St. Michael's Parish to participate in this retreat.

TEC is a lively and uplifting weekend centered around the saving message of Jesus. Young people share the faith with other young people.

For more information contact Msgr. Paul Hudock or Joanne Drnach

OUR FAMILY LABELS: Riesbeck's is in the process of phasing out the "Our Family" brand. In its place will be the "Best Choice" brand. Please continue to save these Best Choice labels, as our school will still be redeeming these labels for cash. Thank you for your continuing support of St. Vincent de Paul Parish School!



ST. VINCENT'S GIVING TREE:

The tags for the Giving Tree need to be returned by next Sunday, December 4.

The return date has been set by Catholic Neighborhood Center for the weekend of December 3/4 (for children's gifts). Please have your tag and gift returned no later than December 4!

If the children's tags are not returned on time, the child on the tag may not receive a gift this year.

Mass Schedule

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (December 10/11)

Masses This Weekend

Saturday Dec. 3 (2nd Sunday of Advent/Vigil)
5:00 pm William and Catherine Straughn
Sunday Dec. 4 (2nd Sunday of Advent)
8:00 am All the People of the Parish
9:30 am John A. Fitzpatrick
11:30 am Patricia Palkovic
10:30 am (OLSD) Evelyn Thomas

Masses This Week

Monday Dec. 5
7:50 am Mike Rizzo
Tuesday Dec. 6
7:50 am Hilda Pagendarm
7:00 pm No Mass
Wednesday Dec. 7 (St. Ambrose, Bishop)
7:50 am No Morning Mass
6:00 pm (Vigil/Immaculate Conception)
Jennifer Kalo (Anniv)
Thursday Dec. 8 (Feast of Immaculate Conception)
7:30 am Mary Vingia
9:00 am James Bennington (Anniv)
6:00 pm Ray Sharpsky (B)
Friday Dec. 9
9:00 am Dolores Kochy

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday Dec. 10 (3rd Sunday of Advent/Vigil)
5:00 pm John Marple (B)
Sunday Dec. 11 (3rd Sunday of Advent)
8:00 am Madeline Belby (Anniv)
9:30 am Marie Newton
11:30 am Josephine Ammirante
10:30 am (OLSD) All the People of our Parish

Saturday—5:00 pm

Servers: Morgan and Alden Stauver
Greeters: Nancy LaBrosse and Betsy Martin
Lector/Announcer: Lori Buchanan
Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Witzgall, Rita Gallo,
Tom and Michele McFadden, Joseph Wiley

Sunday 8:00 Mass

Servers: Austin and Christian Nestor
Greeters: Carol Harris, Dorothy and Lee Merinar
Lector/Announcer: Mary K. Bell
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul and Derek Dimmey,
Carol Harris, Anne Hellstern, Tea Shook

9:30 Mass

Servers: Cecilia, Marguerite, and Miriam DeMasi
Greeters: Mary Cook and John Dudzik
Lector/Announcer: Rosemary Guerriero
Eucharistic Ministers: Garry Ferrell, Bill and Mary
Gibson, Janet Bole, Brenda and Dennis Beiter, Ty
Miller

11:30 Mass

Servers: Luke Minor, Eli Dean, Ivaniel Lopez-Prianti
Greeters: Julie Thorn, Derek and Maggie Reed
Lector/Announcer: Christopher Dean
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Napple, Janie Fox,
Mary Lou Kent, Judy Stadler, Dave Soloninka

PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL NEWS:

Attention Heads of Parish Ministries: Please remember to call and connect with parishioners who have expressed interest in joining your ministry through our parish stewardship renewal.

Liturgical Minister Training

Sunday, December 18 -Training for Lectors 2:00 p.m. in the Church.

Training for Altar Servers: 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, **January 7th**, in the Church, and 3:15 p.m. on Monday, **January 9** in Church.

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Saturday, **January 7th** after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, **Sunday January 8th** after the 9:30 and 11:30 Mass. *We ask that all current Eucharistic Ministers attend one of these trainings.*



Christmas Mass Schedule at St. Vincent's and Our Lady of Seven Dolors

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
4:30 pm Children's Christmas Pageant before
Mass
7:00 pm "Brass Unlimited" will accompany Mass
9:30 pm (Our Lady of Seven Dolors)
Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day
12:00 am Midnight
9:30 am