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Rectory Office Hours:
M-F 9:00-4:30 PM
Second & Fourth Saturday
9AM—12:30 PM

Baptisms: Every 2nd and 4th
Sunday of each month.

Weekend Masses: Saturdays: 4:00 PM  Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12 noon, 5PM
Daily Masses: Mon-Fri—7:20 AM & 12 Noon,  Sat: 8AM
Holy Days: As announced in the bulletin.
Healing Mass—every third Tuesday at 7:30PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45PM and before each Sunday Mass
## Mass Intentions for this Week
### February 26, 2017

### MONDAY
- 7:20 Int. of Manny Puglisi ............... Vic & Priscilla Lagdameo
- 12:00 Sr. Roberta Mozdziaζ kHz.................. Diane Ashworth

### TUESDAY
- 7:20 Ann Repko ...................................... Serge Family
- 12:00 Joseph Cassidy .................................. Family

### ASH WEDNESDAY
- 7:20 Sr. Roberta Mozdziaζ kHz................. Caralee & Ryan Dill
- 12:00 Julia & Hugh Neary ......................... Sheila McBride
- 8PM Gina Atchue ...................................... O'Neill Family

### THURSDAY
- 7:20 7:20 Eugene Isola Jr....................... Mark & Karen Bonjavanni
- 12:00 William Brown ............................... Lenny Weg

### FRIDAY
- 7:20 John H. Dige, Jr.............................. Rich & Stephanie Wright
- 12:00 Kristen Butterfield ....................... Neidermeyer Family

### SATURDAY
- 8:00 AM Terry Weg ................................ Lenny Weg & Family
- 4:00PM Frances & David Lisk ..................... Lisk Family

### SUNDAY
- 7:30 Mary Zampardi ............................... Abbazia Family
- 9:00 Alfred E. Donado ............................... Mr. & Mrs. Sanfilippo
- 10:30 For the People of the Parish
- 12:00 Joan D’Addesa ............................... Graham Family
- 5:00 Kristen Butterfield ........................... Lanny Weg & Family

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### Events for this coming Week—See our website www.stveronica.com

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### Sanctuary Candle– Week of February 26, 2017
In memory of Evan Perez.............................. Family

### Chapel Candles– Week of February 26, 2017
In memory of Timothy Cartegena...................... Mrs. C

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### Sacrificial Offering Update

Last Week’s Offering: $16,361.00

Thank you for your continued support.

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### Readings for the Week of February 26, 2017
**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 10:17-27
**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31
**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
**Next Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
I thank all the electricians who volunteered to work on their holiday weekend to replace the burned out bulbs in the church and the gym. Their generosity has saved us thousands of dollars. Maybe you have some skills which can help us save money. We need a plumber to install a new ice machine in the gym!

Today I will be addressing the parish on the Diocesan Annual Appeal. A few weeks ago I spoke about our parish needs. I am hoping to increase our collection for the operation of the parish with an eye to ten years out and to alert you about the failing air conditioning system in the church. The envelopes that you see on the walls in various locations in the church allow you to earmark donations to assist in these repairs.

Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel that we must make a clear choice between God and the material world. Worldly things give us the impression that we can obtain human fulfillment, but they actually draw us away from God. While material things are good in themselves, we must learn to share and control them so they do not warp our relationship with God.

Like parishes, dioceses also have ongoing expenses in the operation of their everyday life. I often think of the movies in the 1970s where big institutions like the CIA, FBI and corporations were portrayed as big villains killing all the good guys. I get the impression that we see bishops in the same vein especially after the sex scandals. No doubt this plays into our fallen nature. But did you know that our Diocese supports at least one hidden house for victims of domestic violence? It also pays for its professional staff. As a pastor, I am able to refer people in crisis to licenced therapists for six meetings at $75 within days. This can be reduced to $25 if financial need is required. The insurance division seeks the lowest costs for property and health insurance and deals with their respective claims. There is a department that oversees the schools as well as a legal department to keep us out of law suits. The Diocese also supports seminarians, our hope for the future. The Marriage Tribunal is also funded by the Diocese. Like our parish, the Diocese has had vast reductions in staff. I hope you will be generous in supporting these services because, without them, our parish could not continue to help people in serious need.

This Wednesday we begin the season of Lent and next Sunday we will start our Parish Mission with Fr. Frank Siroli. I hope this will be a rewarding time for you as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection.

Fr. Euk

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**Scripture Meditation**

“Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?” No, indeed we can’t. But evidence does suggest that worrying can subtract time from our life span! Clearly, we are not meant to worry. It’s not healthy and it’s not useful. But for many of us, it’s quite difficult not to be anxious and concerned about matters that are important to us. So what is the secret to letting go of this unnecessary anxiety?

Jesus gives us an answer in today’s Gospel. “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” In other words, our focus should be on being faithful followers of God. When we put our trust in the providence of the One who “clothes the grass of the field,” and stop trying to rely on our own (meager) powers, then things will be taken care of: “Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.”

Part of the secret here, of course, is coming to accept God’s will for us, even when it doesn’t perfectly match what we may have been envisioning. There is a kind of surrender involved that puts God’s plan first. Instead of getting worked up that things aren’t going our way, this kind of reliance upon God enables us to relax and accept the way things are going. The great spiritual writer, Jean-Pierre de Caussade, put it well in his work, Abandonment to Divine Providence, when he said, “To escape the distress caused by regret for the past or fear about the future, this is the rule to follow: leave the past to the infinite mercy of God, the future to His good Providence, give the present wholly to His love by being faithful to His grace.” God takes care of the birds, the flowers, even the grass! He will also take care of us.

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

This weekend is our Pledge Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal for the Diocese of Trenton. Each year the Bishop seeks the support of all the members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ’s name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that builds up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA.

As the people of the Diocese of Trenton, you have an opportunity to help others see Christ working in our midst. I ask you to take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. We truly need everyone to participate.
OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Please Pray for Our Sick

Tom Lovito        Lorraine Groh        Marjorie Paulmann
Mark Stoughton    Vinny Placanica     Mia Castellan
Michael Kuras     Susan Termine      Connie Camilleri
Erin Haber        Jan Fleming         Monica Noble
Paula Baiga       Diane Cudhey        Deacon John Franey
Bob Yuro          Michael Connolly    Joe Oates
Jane Oates        Ann Donovan         John Kerod
Robert Farrell    Christine Clements  John Rodrigues
Cathy Forman      Ed Kelly            Dennis Hayward
Kathy Hayward     Claire Archer       Vincenzo Centineo
Greg Mador        Brayden Walton     Victoria Burke
Robert O'Malley Sr. Karen D'Souza-Casiero Mary Althaver
Gianna Faith Malen Debbie Mossa      Kevin Corcoran
Barbara Sewing    Rose Perrotta      Sharon Calabria
Nicole Kessner    Joanne Oates       Carmen Devone

Please Pray for our Parishioners Serving our Country:

Sgt. Sean T. Curran        Sgt. Brennan Six
PV2 William Wotton        GDMI Sandro Farduchi
Sgt. Krystyna Cechulski  Capt. Julio Collazos
S.R. Steven Brennan       Sgt. Gregory Hiller
Corp. Ethan Bolger         PFC Zackary Burkey
1st Lt. Ash Young          Sgt. Paul Coyle

Church and Chapel Sanctuary Candles

If you would like to donate a Sanctuary Candle for a loved one, please contact the rectory office (732-363-4200). Candles will be in memory of or intentions of the named individual for one week (Sunday to Saturday) and announced in our bulletin. Weekly Donation: Church Candle $15 Chapel Candles $20 (2).

Baptism

St. Veronica’s Parish Family wishes to welcome those who have become members through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Roman Alexander Joseph, son of Angela & David Appelson
Thank you for the gift of life!

St. Veronica Presents: High School Youth Ministry!!

Every other Sunday.
Time: Begins with 5PM Sunday Mass, followed by dinner and activities in the school cafeteria, ending at 9:00PM.
Age Group: Grades 8 through 12
Grow in Catholic discipleship while enjoying fun activities, serving others and meeting new people. There is no cost, but you must be registered to attend. Please download forms at stveronica.com and return them to the parish office or to Sr. Ann in the Religious Ed office. New members always welcome.

Next Meeting is February 26th.

St. Veronica presents: Junior Youth Ministry!

Beginning: Friday, March 3, 2017 One Friday per month
Time: 7-9 PM
Place: St. Veronica School Gym Age Group: Grades 5, 6, and 7
Grow in Catholic discipleship while enjoying fun activities, serving others, and meeting new people!
There is no cost, but you must be registered to attend. Please download forms at stveronica.com and return them to the parish office or to Sr. Ann in the Religious Education office.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Msgr. Peter Kochery once again will be leading us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Please save the dates: Oct. 23rd—Nov. 1st 2017. The cost is $3000 pp double occupancy. Health insurance included. For more info contact Deacon Tom at 732-610-5434 or 3marysway@optonline.net

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**Special Offering Envelope**
Envelopes are now available in the back of the church and narthex for earmark donations and repairs. Thank you for your generosity.

**Items Missing From Ushers Closet**
Someone removed a box of gold color ropes (about 6 feet long) from the usher’s closet. Would you please return them to the rectory office. Thank you.

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**Adoration Chapel**
During Lent: prayerfully consider making an effort to do an hour of adoration or stop by the chapel even for a few minutes.

“Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with desire to come into your heart!” St. Therese of Lisieux

Help us at St. Veronica maintain perpetual adoration by signing up for any hour.

**Hours Urgently Needed:**
- Sunday noon and 5PM
- Monday 1AM,
- Wednesday 11PM
- Saturday 6PM
- Weekend and Overnight Adorers needed.

Contact Debbie drev514@aol.com or leave message 732-367-7750.

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**St. Veronica’s Parish Lenten Mission– Starts Next Sunday**

(“O God, You Search Me” - Eileen Farrell.) You may find that food for the soul is much more than chicken soup.

Come to the Parish Mission at St. Veronica on March 5-8.
Presented by Rev. Francis A. Siroilli, OSA

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**Save the Date!!**
St. Veronica Vacation Bible School
Monday July 10th through Friday July 14th

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**Our Needs**

**Legion of Mary**
Legion of Mary is in need of religious statues, holy cards and religious articles. If you are able to donate, please contact Mary Anne at 732-367-0284.

**Pantry Needs**
Canned meat, jello, pudding, boxed rice

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**Lenten Regulations– From the Office of the Bishop**

With the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent, the Church proclaims anew Christ’s call to penance and conversion of life. “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” (Matt 16:24)

The entire season of Lent, from Ash Wednesday, March 1st, to Holy Thursday, April 13th, is a penitential season, a time for self-denial, prayer and Christian charity. During this season, you are strongly encouraged to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion daily, to receive the Sacrament of Penance, to attend Lenten devotions, mission and the Stations of the Cross, to read the Scriptures prayerfully, to perform acts of self-denial and works of mercy.

The specific discipline of the Church in the U.S. regarding penitential days is as follows:
- The days of FAST AND ABSTINENCE are ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY.
- The other Fridays of Lent are DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast: by this obligation, the individual is permitted only one full meal in the day. At the age of 14, people are obliged to abstain.