

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 1, 2007

MONDAY

7:00 AM Louise Santy by the Santy Family

TUESDAY

7:00 AM James Mulqueen by the Applegate Family

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Jane Kotz by daughter, Terry & Family

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

3:00 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S PASSION

7:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

11:00 AM BLESSING OF FOOD

**7:30 PM Frances Capraro by Tony & Cathy
(EASTER D'Ovidio
VIGIL)**

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 AM Sylvia Craig by husband, George

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. John's

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2007

Average needed from Weekly Offerings to cover expenses	\$6,300.00
Collection, March 25, 2007	<u>\$5,245.80</u>
UNDER	\$1,054.20

The following are some expenses paid this past week.

Weekly Envelopes	\$1,143.00
Snow Removal	\$ 455.00
Operational Supplies & Expenses	\$ 456.00

ROSARY CORNER

The Rosary is prayed every weekday following the 7 AM Mass and Novena.

ALL ARE INVITED:

BLOCK ROSARY:

Monday, 7:00 PM at 515 Lincoln Avenue
Wednesday, 7:00 PM at 607 Third Avenue
Thursday, 3:30 PM at 405 Lincoln Avenue

WHAT IS A BLOCK ROSARY? Neighbors gathering in each other's homes for a half-hour to pray the Rosary for Peace in the World, for the Local Community and for each other's intentions. Please consider having a Block Rosary in your home. For more information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

BLUE ARMY ROSARY CELL

Where: 511 Lincoln Ave., Dunellen
When: Every Tuesday - 10:30 AM
All are welcome. Bring your children & grandchildren. For more information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

POOR BOX COLLECTION

Monies collected in the Poor Boxes located in the Church Entry Way are used for the needy in our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

GIFT BEARERS

Please contact one of the ushers as you enter the Church if you would like to bring up the Offertory Gifts during a particular Mass.

SPREADING THE WORD

PASSION SUNDAY - APRIL 1, 2007

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

See Luke 19:34

VISITING THE HOMEBOUND

When a family member is ill, homebound, or in the hospital and would like a visit from our priest, please notify the Pastoral Center to make the necessary arrangements.

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry for those less fortunate is in need of the following food products. Canned soups, canned meats and tuna, cereals and canned vegetables. Thanks to all those who have been so generous in the past.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

"DO YOU KNOW" A needy Person or Family? Could one of your neighbors benefit from assistance with food and/or other essentials? Please call the Pastoral Center, 968-2621, in confidence, and we will do whatever we can to help.

Please continue to bring men's toiletries – tooth-brushes, and large and medium thongs-slippers for the Ozanam Men's Shelter – Articles may be left in the vestibule – Thanks for not forgetting the "guys".

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Children's Collection for 3/25 was \$83.21.

The Resurrection of Our Lord will be celebrated next weekend Easter Sunday, April 8th. There will be no Religious Education classes. Classes will resume on April 15th with 5th, 6th, 7th & Level 2 in attendance.

CANDY IS HERE - Please pick-up your orders this weekend at the school building between 9:30-12:00 NOON. A very special Thank You to all who supported the Religious Education fundraiser.

IT IS TIME TO RE-REGISTER FOR 2007-2008 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.

Letters were mailed to all families who have enrolled in the program. Please register as soon as possible so we can

order the necessary materials. If you didn't receive a registration form please call the office 732-968-0233 and we will be sure that you receive one.

ST. JOHN'S ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

St. John's Activities Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to see the New York Mets/Oakland Athletics Baseball Game at Shea Stadium on Friday, June 22nd. Tickets including bus are \$56.00 per person. Only 49 tickets available. Bus will depart from St. John's parking lot at 4:30 PM. For tickets please call Peter Stevenson 732-752-7545 or Clem Santy 732-752-2439.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

St. John's Altar Rosary Prayer Group will meet on April 2nd at 7 PM in the Chapel. Rosary will be recited and the meeting will follow. Our spring agenda will be discussed. Refreshments will be served and you are welcome to bring a friend.

ST. JOHN'S ARTS & ENVIRONMENT

This spring, as you get your home, gardens and landscape ready for the new season, consider taking a short drive to Parker Gardens at 1325 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains.

For the past several years, Parker has been the supplier for the lovely flowers and plants we use for the Christmas and Easter seasons.

Now the company has come up with a new and simple fund-raiser to support non-profit organizations. Between April 1 and June 15, anyone who shops and buys at Parker Gardens and mentions St. John's will have their purchase total credited to an account set up for the church. After June 15, 10% of all proceeds in that account will be sent back to St. John's by check.

So, you shop and St. John's gets some money – you just have to remember to say St. John's as you are checking out! This offer is good on everything at Parker – regular-priced merchandise including flowers, vegetables, landscaping materials, home goods and more. Money raised in this simple fund-raiser will be used for general art and environment needs of the church.

For hours of operation and directions to Parker Gardens, call 908-322-5555, or e-mail parkergardens@parkerplants.com

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BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND...

A weekend away for a lifetime of change. Beginning Experience is a weekend program designed to help widowed, separated and divorced persons make a new beginning in life through a powerful, intense and positive experience of hope and is open to persons of all faiths. Members of the specially trained team members are "wounded healers" who have themselves suffered the loss of a spouse. They lead the participants through the program which consists of presentations followed by personal, private reflection and then dialogue in small groups. The next weekend is scheduled for April 13-15. For detailed information call Mary Ann 732-607-9053 or Rich 609-333-9868.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Now That Spring Is Here...Shake off those winter blahs and bring some new life into your marriage. Make a Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring spring's fresh air into your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 20-22. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-888-827-NJME for registration and information or visit us at: www.wmcentralnj.org for more information.

2006 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL PLEDGED</u>	<u>TOTAL PAID</u>
30,000.00	29,790.00	28,223.25

<u>SHORT OF GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL DONORS</u>	<u>% PLEDGE TO GOAL</u>
1,776.75	193	99.30

Thank You!

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND MARCH 31/APRIL 1 WILL BE FOR UTILITIES... THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND APRIL 7/8 WILL BE FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE TO HELP US MEET OUR OBLIGATION TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. THE DIOCESE ASSESSES EACH PARISH THAT DOES NOT HAVE A SCHOOL TO AID THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO OPT TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WITHIN THE DIOCESE....THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY....

ST. JOHN'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

New amounts for the Capital Campaign as of 3/12/2007:

AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$301,405.00
PLEDGE PAYMENTS:	\$161,544.58
BALANCE:	\$139,860.42
DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING:	\$ 12,865.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MOUNT ST. MARY

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following programs. To register, call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: msmhope@att.net

HOLY WEEK RETREAT DAYS

Personal, quiet days during the Holy Triduum, April 5, 6, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM. Bring a bag lunch. (Free will offering)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 7-8 PM
NO CONFESSIONS AFTER WEDNESDAY

HOLY THURSDAY – MORNING PRAYER SERVICE – 8 AM (CHAPEL)...
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7:30 PM,
ADORATION UNTIL 11 PM (CHURCH)

GOOD FRIDAY – MORNING PRAYER SERVICE – 8 AM (CHAPEL)...
SOLEMN PASSION OF THE LORD – 3 PM (CHURCH)...
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:30 PM (CHURCH)

HOLY SATURDAY – MORNING PRAYER SERVICE 8 AM (CHAPEL)...
BLESSING OF FOOD – 11 AM (AUDITORIUM)...
EASTER VIGIL MASS – 7:30 PM (CHURCH)

EASTER SUNDAY – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MASSES (CHURCH)

FAITH FORMATION
(1ST – 8TH LEVEL)

**1ST TIME STUDENTS: MUST BE REGISTERED AT THE
OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. PLEASE BRING
YOUR CHILD’S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE.
(CALL FOR APPOINTMENT 732-968-0233)**

**FAITH FORMATION IS AN ONGOING PROCESS.
8 CONSECUTIVE YEARS ARE REQUIRED.**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
STAGES OF THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, YOU ARE
WELCOME TO REGISTER HIM/HER IN THE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.**

**FIRST PENANCE/FIRST EUCHARIST:
2 YEAR PREPARATION REQUIRED
BEGINNING IN 1ST GRADE**

**CONFIRMATION: 2YEAR PREPARATION REQUIRED
6th GRADE - 1st year of preparation
7th GRADE - 2nd year of preparation
8th GRADE - CONFIRMATION –
CELEBRATED OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER**

**RE-REGISTRATIONS: IF YOU HAVEN’T RE-REGISTERED,
PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN BE
PREPARED FOR YOUR YOUNGSTER WITH STAFF AND
MATERIALS.**

A *hundred years from now...*

*...it will not matter what my bank
account was,*

the sort of house I lived in,

or the kind of car I drove...

...but the world may be different

*because I was important in the life of
a child.*

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are most grateful to the many volunteers who serve the children of our parish. Please consider joining our staff. We provide classes to help you Get Started As A Catechist!

Please call 732-968-0233 ext. 24 for more information.