

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Average needed from weekly offerings
to cover expenses \$6,300.00
Collection, September 16, 2007 \$4,318.20

UNDER \$1,981.80

The following are expenses paid this past week:

Administrative Expenses \$5,898.00
Religious & Other Supplies \$ 627.00
Maintenance & Repair \$ 100.00
Telephone \$ 290.00

The DIOCESAN COLLECTION for PETER'S PENCE
amounted to \$1,256.08

Last week's Children's Collection amounted to \$118.50.

MONDAY

7:00 AM Lidia Acosta by Your Friends at East
Jersey

TUESDAY

7:00 AM Eleanor Giunta by Maria Fountain

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Angelo Yacone by George McGrath

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Ana Zecca by the Acosta Family

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Anthony Ficarro by niece, Linda &
Family

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Gene Keating (11th Annv.) by Mom &
(VIGIL)Dad

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. John's & John
Confalone (10th Annv.)

10:30 AM John Sullivan by the Applegate Family

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 511 Lincoln Avenue

Wednesday, 8:00 PM at 607 Third Street

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.

ST. JOHN FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry for those less fortunate is in need of the
following food products: Dry pasta, tomato sauce, canned
soups, canned meats, canned vegetables and canned fruit.
Thanks to all those who have been so generous in the past.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2007

FROM LYONS DEN

Dear Parishioners:

The 2007 Bishop's Annual Appeal has now begun.

Last year we raised \$30,073.00 and our goal was \$30,000.00. This year, our goal is \$32,100.00 with a guaranteed of 85% or \$27,285.00 to be paid.

We did so well last year in meeting our goal, I am confident we will do as well again this year. Please be generous!

Thank You!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Those Parents who have children Grade 4 and above who show an interest in being Altar Servers contact Mr. Peter Brannon at the Pastoral Center, 732-968-2621.

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 – toothbrushes, 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".

SPREADING THE WORD – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

ST. JOHN ALTAR ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Welcome back Rosarians, St. John Altar Prayer Group will meet on Monday, October 1st and the Rosary will be recited at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Our meeting will follow with discussion of the events for the new season. Refreshments will be served and all guests are welcome.

ST. JOHN BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

GOD'S HOUSE NEEDS HELP! God has no hands but our own and His house here at St. John's needs our help. The

first step is to assess maintenance needs and building improvements. This is a similar to assessing the needs that occur within our own homes. As you look around our parish home, can you think of things that need to be done? Can you develop a schedule for maintenance? Can you obtain estimates for repairs? Can you give some time to keep God's House both welcoming and safe? If you are interested in sharing your talent and time through this ministry, please contact Glenn Robitaille at 732-968-0958 or glennrobitaille@hotmail.com

ST. JOHN CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Starting September 30th, Children's Liturgy of the Word will be conducted at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Following their dismissal from Religious Education at 10:20 AM, children and their families are invited to attend the 10:30 AM Mass. After the opening prayer, children will be dismissed and go over to the chapel for the breaking open of the Word. They will return to church prior to the start of the Eucharist prayer.

We hope you will continue to participate in Children's Liturgy after we move it to the 10:30 AM Mass. Ministry-team members work hard to share their faith in Jesus with the children, and we feel Children's Liturgy – coupled with Religious Education classes – enhances your children's faith-life and growth.

ONE SCHEDULING NOTE: CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED AT THE 10:30 AM MASS ON OCTOBER 21ST BECAUSE OF RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs. Mackie or Paul Grzella by calling the Parish Center.

ST. JOHN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

NEW AMOUNTS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AS OF 8/21/2007:

AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$301,405.00
PLEDGE PAYMENTS:	\$183,062.30
BALANCE:	\$118,342.70
DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING	\$ 14,415.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!	

ST. JOHN MUSIC MINISTRY

St. John Music Ministry invites and encourages all singers, experienced or otherwise, to join our choir, in preparation for our upcoming Christmas Eve liturgies. Weekly rehearsals are held in the sanctuary on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, starting October 2nd. Please enter the building by the back door.

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2007 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – “DISCIPLES OF CHRIST....STEWARDS OF HIS GIFTS”

Your gift, combines with that of your fellow parishioners, will be used to enrich so many lives. Diocesan ministries provide pastoral, educational and charitable services for those in need.

Please support the 2007 Bishop's Annual Appeal.
Your gift or pledge will truly make difference!

Thank you!

*“You shall love the Lord your God...
You shall love your neighbor as yourself”
Matthew 22:34-40*

FAMILY DAY – A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN – SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

All families are encouraged to celebrate Family Day by eating dinner together on Monday, September 24th and everyday. More importantly, talk with your children. During dinner, turn off the TV and let the answering machine record your calls. Involve the entire family in planning and cooking the meal if possible. Start a family tradition of beginning family meals with a prayer or by lighting candles. Remember to have dessert or consider playing a board game after dinner to keep conversations going. Family Day embodies the values and teachings of the Church. Starting a Sunday ritual of attending Mass and sharing a meal as a family is a meaningful tradition that will increase parental engagement and communication with your children. Plus teens who attend religious services once a week are at a substantially lower risk for substance abuse.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 22/23RD WILL BE OUR PARISH
COLLECTION TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF
OUR INSURANCES & ASSESSMENTS....
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 30TH/OCTOBER 1ST WILL BE FOR
UTILITIES....THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY....

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@msmhope.org

WELCOMING THE STRANGER:

Come for prayerful reflection and a lively discussion on a topic of great import. Tuesdays, Sept. 25th, Oct. 30th and

Nov. 27th, 7:30 – 9:30 PM (Free-Will Offering), Catherine Darcy, RSM & Eileen Smith, RSM.

ST. HELENA PARISH

St. Helena Parish is sponsoring a Hawaiian Luau on Friday, October 5th. Come and bring your friends and enjoy a delightful evening. Cost \$30, Seniors \$22. Contact J.C. Barredo at 908-346-8406 or Karen Steingart at 908-405-1993.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

St. Joseph Church, North Plainfield will be hosting a Parish Garage Sale on Saturday, September 29th & Sunday, September 30th from 9 AM – 4 PM on the church grounds located at 41 Manning Ave., North Plainfield. They will also be selling Fall mums, refreshments and holding a 50/50.

DUNELLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Dunellen Public Library will be hosting a Tutor Training Workshop for both basic Literacy and English as a Second Language sponsored by the Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex. We will train you, no prior teaching experience is necessary. Upon course completion, tutors will be matched at mutually convenient libraries with adults who have requested help. Classes will be at the Dunellen Public Library on October 2nd, 5th, 9th, 12th, 16th & 19th from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Seating is limited so call today – make a difference! Call today 732-432-8000.

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*Danny DaSilva
&
Miriam Silva*

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*James Mirota
&
Lauren Cocco*

***ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
PARISH COMMUNITY WISHES
TO CONGRATULATE KATHERINE TAGLIALATELLA
ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY
THIS SEPTEMBER! BEST WISHES, KATHERINE!***

