

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 7, 2007**

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2007**

Average needed from Weekly Offerings  
to cover expenses \$6,300.00  
Collection, September 30, 2007 \$4,978.13

**UNDER \$1,321.87**

**The following are some expenses paid this past week:**

**MONDAY**

**7:00 AM Kenneth Luongo, Sr. by George  
McGrath**

**Administrative Expenses \$4,966.00  
Religious & Other Supplies \$ 943.00  
Maintenance & Repair \$  
393.00**

**TUESDAY**

**7:00 AM William Benwell by Jean & Ed Yeager**

**Last week's Children's Collection amounted to  
\$107.60.**

**WEDNESDAY**

**7:00 AM Jane & Joseph Kotz by Karen Marble**

**ROSARY CORNER**

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

**THURSDAY**

**7:00 AM Thomas Boyle by Peggy Ulmes**

**ALL ARE INVITED:  
BLOCK ROSARY:**

**Monday, 7:00 PM at 515 Lincoln Avenue  
Wednesday, 8:00 PM at 607 Third Street**

**FRIDAY**

**7:00 AM Thomas Maier by Harriet & Les Martin**

**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.**

**SATURDAY**

**5:00 PM Gene Keating & Laurie Petrolino by  
(VIGIL) Mom & Dad**

**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.**

**SUNDAY**

**8:30 AM Parishioners of St. John's & William  
Drumgould**

**10:30 AM Dorothy J. Hemberger by Alvin H.  
Hemberger**

**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.

### 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.

### 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”.

### 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.

### SPREADING THE WORD – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 7, 2007

*When will I have given enough – of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today’s Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: “When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say ‘We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.’”*

*See Luke 17:10*

### ST. JOHN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

NEW AMOUNTS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AS OF 9/19/2007:

AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$301,405.00
PLEDGE PAYMENTS:	\$190,271.10
BALANCE:	\$111,133.90
DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING	\$ 14,980.00
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 have started and are held in the sanctuary on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Please enter the building by the back door.

### RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

#### Respect Life Sunday, October 7, 2007

Because God created human beings in His own image, each of us has a unique dignity. “Of all visible creatures only man is ‘able to know his creator’...and he alone is called to share by knowledge and love, in God’s own life. It was for this end that he was created, and is the fundamental reason for his dignity” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 365).

This Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> is Respect Life Sunday. St. John’s Parish is encouraged to join Americans Coast to Coast who will be standing in support of respect for the dignity of all Human Life. We will be forming car pools to leave St. John Parking Lot at 1:15 PM. Cars will leave at 1:30 PM to Somerville and return at 4:00 PM. The Life Chain will be along Veterans Memorial Parkway. All are welcome. Feel free to bring a chair if standing is difficult. If you have any questions, please call Maureen Shea 732-968-0136 or Anne North 732-968-0711.

### ST. JOHN BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Are you a Weekend Warrior? Hooked on This Old House? Love to Design on a Dime? Then the Building and Grounds Committee is for you! Put your carpentry, landscaping, plumbing, and other skills to good work for the parish. For more information and to get involved

contact Glenn Robitaille on 732-968-0958 or [glennrobitaille@hotmail.com](mailto:glennrobitaille@hotmail.com)

### DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

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

By Supporting The Bishop's Annual Appeal You Are Helping....

- Our Diocese to sustain its ministries,
- Our Parish to continue valuable pastoral outreach programs,
- Yourself to strengthen your relationship with Christ, the Church and your neighbors.

*It is important that we all support the 2007 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift or pledge – no matter the size – will truly make a difference.*

#### “THE SCIENCE OF STEM CELLS: FINDING CURES AND PROTECTING LIFE”

Before you support “stem cell research,” be sure to know all the facts. Certain kinds of stem cell research involves the manipulation and destruction of living human embryos and often requires scientists making new embryos by cloning humans. “The Science of Stem Cells: Finding Cures and Protecting Life” is the title of a new short documentary designed to answer your questions about stem cell research. Play the video online at [www.respectlifetoday.org](http://www.respectlifetoday.org) or contact the Pro-Life office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1629.

#### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Now that school has begun, how about a refresher course in marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held October 26-28, 2007. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-888-827-NJME for registration and information. Visit us at [www.wmcentralnj.org](http://www.wmcentralnj.org) for more information.

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS/OPEN HOUSES

There will be an Open House at Cardinal McCarrick High School, 310 Augusta St., South Amboy on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 PM – 9 PM. For more information call 732-721-3110. There will also be an Open House at Bishop George Ahr High School, One Tingley Lane, Edison on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. For additional information call 732-549-1108 x 641.

#### OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

What is Domestic Violence? Domestic Violence is a pattern of intimidation, coercion, and violence that is used to achieve power and control over a partner. The abuse can be physical, verbal, sexual, emotional or economical. A victim can be any age, race, class, culture, religion, occupation or sexual preference. If you have experienced this by a person who you date(d) or live(d) with, you may be a victim of domestic violence. Call the Domestic

Violence Hotline: 1-800-572-7233, Bilingual and Hearing Impaired Accessible.

### 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](mailto:msmhope@att.net)

#### GATHERING FOR MEN

Gain support and inspiration by focusing on spirituality and integration with daily life. Group discussion, reflection and prayer. Tuesday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30 PM (\$15), Jerry McKenna, Al Beronio

#### JESUS OF NAZARETH

3-Week Series on the ministry of Jesus using Pope Benedict XVI's new book as a source. Be inspired by Scripture, our Holy Father's reflections and those of your own. Wednesdays, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM-9:30 PM (\$45/series; or \$15/session). Co-directors

### ST. MARY'S WINTER COAT GIVE-AWAY

Collection of winter jackets has begun for St. Mary's Winter Coat Give-Away (to be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>) at St. Mary's Parish in Plainfield. We will accept any WARM WINTER JACKET that is clean and has no rips or tears and a working zipper. Our biggest need is for men's jackets, but we will accept jackets for women. Please, no full length coats, raincoats or lightweight jackets. We are unable to use any children's items at this time. In addition to coats, we will distribute new hats, gloves and scarves. If anyone is willing to purchase new items we will be happy to distribute them. Thank you in advance. If you can help us, please call for details, Pat Kelleher 908-755-5976, Noreen Sitar 908-757-7230 or Sheila O'Malley 908-755-0417.

St. Mary's Sunday Dinner Program began in 1996. We serve a hot meal for the needy of our area every Sunday of the year at 3:00 PM.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND OCTOBER 6/7<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE....THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND OCTOBER 13/14 WILL BE FOR BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE.... THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY....**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
**SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

The Metuchen Cursillo Movement presents: A Night of Broadway Stars. It will be held on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield. Hear some of Broadway's biggest stars recreate the roles they performed in Broadway's biggest shows!! Tickets are \$100 & \$50. For tickets and information, please contact Lisa 908-756-0633 Ext. 10.

**Catholic Faith-Sharing Support Group for Gays and Lesbians** – This parish-based group is open to Catholics and people of all denominations as a follow-up to: Issues raised in our diocesan Synod, inquiries made at the parish, and offers to help organize such a group. Discussion, prayer, support and faith-sharing will be modeled after “Always Our Children” support groups, based on the U.S. Catholic Bishops Pastoral (1997). Meeting will be the second Wednesdays of the month at The Annex, Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield from 7:30-9:00 PM. This group welcomes gay and lesbian adults 21+ and parents & friends of gays and lesbians. Confidentially assured. This is not a therapy, counseling, or advocacy group. Rev. John Alvarado and Sr. Kathleen Rooney, SSJ will be the spiritual moderators, though will not necessarily be at every meeting. For information contact Bruce at 908-755-2072. for directions to the church see [www.ChurchofTheSacredHeart.net](http://www.ChurchofTheSacredHeart.net)

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
**UNION BEACH, NJ**

Trip to South Dakota Black Hills and Badlands, June 17-23, 2008, \$1799 per person double occupancy. This trip will include 7 days, 11 meals, round trip air fare from Newark International Airport, hotel, transfers, air taxes and surcharge fees of \$50. There will an information meeting on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Parish, Mercy Center. For a brochure and information please contact Sr. Gloria Jean at Holy Family/Mercy Convent 732-739-3065.

*The following people are presently serving the United States Military:  
Private Jackelyn McCann, Lieutenant Elizabeth Kuhl, Private First Class Dennis Bibby and Lieutenant Gregory Luttmann in the United States Army; Airman Sean Bibby in the United States Navy...Please keep them in your prayers as well as all men and women who are serving our country...*

*If you know of a parishioner or family member of a parishioner who is currently serving in our Armed Forces please contact the Parish Center....*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Dunellen Knights of Columbus will be holding their Annual Right-to-Life Distribution of Roses during the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. Any donations received will be earmarked for Respect Life Programs.

**COLLEGE OF ST. ELIZABETH**  
**OPEN HOUSE**

School of Graduate and Continuing Studies Open House at the College of Saint Elizabeth will take place on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Annunciation Center. Prospective adult students will have the opportunity to meet faculty, program advisors and admissions counselors for the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies. To register or for more information, call the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies at 973-290-4600 or e-mail [theschool@cse.edu](mailto:theschool@cse.edu) or visit [www.cse.edu/openhouse](http://www.cse.edu/openhouse)

**2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT EITHER THE DOLLAR PLANET STORE IN MIDDLESEX (NEAR ACME) OR AT THE PASTORAL CENTER. THE COST IS \$25.00. THE BOOK MAKES A WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY OR CHRISTMAS GIFT.....**

