

**THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 27, 2008**

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2008**

Average needed from Weekly Offerings to cover expenses	\$6,800.00
Collection, January 20, 2008	\$4,296.94
<b>UNDER</b>	<b>\$2,503.06</b>

The following are some expenses paid this past week:

Payroll & Taxes	\$5,474.00
Health Insurance	\$2,203.00
Supplies	\$ 30.00

Last week's Children's Collection amounted to \$91.25.

The CHRISTMAS collection amounted to \$20,856.51.  
The SOLEMNITY OF MARY collection amounted to \$1,699.25. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**MONDAY**

7:00 AM Benjamin & Genie Remigio by Daughter

**TUESDAY**

7:00 AM Diane Murray by Carolyn Goeckel

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 AM Ronnie Gray by mom, Rose

**THURSDAY**

7:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION

**FRIDAY**

7:00 AM Mary Orane by Daughter & Family

**SATURDAY**

5:00 PM James Ritter by Family  
(VIGIL)

**SUNDAY**

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:30 AM Serafim Raposo, Jr. by Karen & Eddie  
Pfeifer

**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.

### 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 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 27, 2008

*The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!*

### TIME, TALENT & TREASURE *fostering Stewardship as a way of life.*

*This week’s Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his/her time, talent, and treasure, we gratefully acknowledge and salute:*

*Our Catechists and Catechists’ Aides who continue to spread the Good News of Jesus.*

*Thank you again for your participation!*

### ST. JOHN MUSIC MINISTRY

Regular rehearsals have begun for the upcoming Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses and are held in the sanctuary on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM. We invite you to sing with us and in doing so, help us further promote stewardship in our parish. All levels of experience are welcome. Please enter the church by the back door.

### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee will be sponsoring the Passion Play for the Easter season called “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?” It will take place on April 19, 2008 immediately following the 5 PM Mass. Mark your calendars now for a unique experience. Free-will donations and contributions will be greatly appreciated for this fundraiser.

We are looking for men, ages 16 and up, to audition for the 7 available roles. Open auditions will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM upstairs at the Parish Center. For more information contact Christine on 732-563-9446 or e-mail [hedgies@verizon.net](mailto:hedgies@verizon.net)

### OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the week, our young people who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion will be reflecting about how we, as the People of God and the Body of Christ, gather on Sundays to give praise and thanks. Join them by reflecting on the words of the *Gloria* and the reasons you have to praise and thank God.

### GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE HAS BEGUN!

The children in our Religious Education Program need your support with the Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale. The proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase new bibles for Levels 3 through 5. If you do not know a child in the Religious Education Program and would like to buy this scrumptious candy for Easter pick up a brochures in the back of the Church or call the Office of Religious Education 732-968-0233. The deadline for orders is February 10<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be dropped into the collection basket, mailed or brought to the Parish Center. Thank you for your support .

### DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

#### 2008 STEWARDSHIP SYMPOSIUM

All are invited to join us for the 2008 Stewardship Symposium on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Whether you are new to stewardship, a stewardship veteran or just want to learn ways to revitalize your parish community, you will find the Stewardship Symposium both inspirational and informative. There is NO FEE and brunch is included. Please pre-register by calling Sue Mantarro, Coordinator of Stewardship at 732-562-2432 or e-mail [smantarro@diometuchen.org/stewardship/calendar.html](mailto:smantarro@diometuchen.org/stewardship/calendar.html)

#### VALENTINE’S DAY IS EVERY DAY

No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day. Please join us for a special weekend experience. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 1-3, 2008. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-888-827-NJME for registration and information. Visit us at: [www.wwmecentralnj.org](http://www.wwmecentralnj.org) for more information.

**A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF**

A program for those who have recently experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, friend or any loved one is being formed at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. The group will be meeting WEDNESDAYS for eight weeks beginning February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM. There is no fee. Pre-registration is required. Contact Jessie Flynn 732-895-2563 or Jo Flanigan 732-548-0100 Ext. 225 for further information.

**2007 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – "DISCIPLES OF CHRIST....STEWARDS OF HIS GIFTS"**

As the 2007 bishop's Annual Appeal comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank those parish families that have made a gift to the 2007 Bishop's Annual Appeal. It is not too late to make your gift if you have yet to do so. The Appeal is very close to goal and your gift will truly make a difference. Please prayerfully consider your gift TODAY!

Please remember St. John Parish needs to achieve 85% of our goal which amounts to \$27,285.00 in order not to take money from our savings to complete our parish's responsibility to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL PLEDGED</u>	<u>TOTAL PAID</u>
32,100.00	25,755.00	22,776.00
<u>SHORT OF GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL DONORS</u>	<u>%PLEDGE TO GOAL</u>
9,324.00	176	80.23

Thank you!

**ST. JOHN CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER**

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, Paul Grzella \$200.00  
 Congratulations to our winner!  
 Extra calendars may be obtained at the Parish Center.

**NEW AMOUNTS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AS OF 1/17/2008:**

AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$301,105.00
PLEDGE PAYMENTS:	\$216,290.34
BALANCE:	\$ 84,814.66
DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING:	\$ 16,340.00
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!</b>	

**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)

**EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF LENT**

Lenten Afternoon of Recollection will explore the theme of *Mindfulness* which provides an opportunity for us to be one with the Jesus of the Lenten gospels as we move through the weeks of Lent. Includes presentation, prayer time and Mass. Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-5:00 PM (\$20) Elizabeth O'Hara, RSM

**JEREMIAH: A LENTEN PROPHET**

Meet the prophet, Jeremiah, and learn how timely is his message, for today, of hope in darkness. Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30 PM (\$15). Eileen P. smith, RSM.

**LIFE CHOICES RESOURCE**

Life Choices Resource, your local crisis pregnancy center, will be hosting A Banquet Celebration on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Pines Manor in Edison from 6 to 10 PM. entertainment will be provided by DJ Steve Penk and comedian Paul Aldrich. Dinner is free. A free-will offering will be requested. For more info or to RSVP call 732-516-0911.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 26/27 WILL BE FOR BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE....THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND FEBRUARY 2/3 WILL BE OUR PARISH COLLECTION TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF OUR INSURANCES & ASSESSMENTS....THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY....**

**ST. JOHN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**SCHOOL, SOMERVILLE**

**OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION**

Teaching the Catholic faith is the central mission of Immaculate Conception School, a co-ed school for students in grades PreK – 8<sup>th</sup>. **New for September, 2008: Full day PreK Program.** You are invited to visit our school and see it in action.

- Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>-Tours will be given 11:45-1:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – Open House and Tours 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Registration for grades PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> will be held on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> (Snow date – Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>) from 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON at the school. Immaculate Conception School is located at 41 Mountain Ave., Somerville. Visit us on the web at [www.icsschool.org](http://www.icsschool.org)

**ST. MARY BYZANTINE CHURCH**

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will sponsor a Slavic Dinner on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 PM. the dinner will be held in the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Blvd, Hillsborough. Cost is \$11 for adults (ages 9 & up) and \$5 for children (ages 8 & under). Dinner includes all-you-can-eat pierogi, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa 7 sauerkraut, fish, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. During Lent fish will also be served. Dinners are held the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year. The March dinner will be on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Orders to go are available. For more information contact: St. Mary's at 908-725-0615.

**DUNELLEN RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

There are many upcoming activities for 2008 such as a "Old-Fashioned Pep Rally" on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Registration for spring baseball & softball-deadline February 22<sup>nd</sup>, or Senior Living events. If interested please contact Chris Tarver, Recreation Director at 732-752-2466. Dunellen Recreation Department is located at 355 North Ave., Dunellen.

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

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH MISSION FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH**

**MARCH 9, 2008 – MARCH 12, 2008 WITH FR. DANIEL FRANCIS, C.Ss.R – REDEMPTORIST MISSIONARY**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Place</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<u>Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup></u>	7:00 PM Mission in Church	Bible
<u>Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup></u>	9:00 AM Liturgy in Church	Anointing of the Sick
	7:00 PM Mission in Church	Blessed Sacrament
<u>Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup></u>	9:00 AM Liturgy in Church	
	1:00 PM Holy Hour in Church	
	7:00 PM Mission in Church	The Cross
<u>Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup></u>	9:00 AM Liturgy in Church	
	7:00 PM Mission in Church	Eucharist

A reception will follow all liturgies & evening sessions in the Parish Center.

Transportation for the homebound will be provided.

Child Care services can be arranged during the evening sessions.

Additional information can be obtained by accessing the parish web site at [www.stjohnsdunellen.org](http://www.stjohnsdunellen.org)

**The Parish Mission Committee is actively looking for volunteers to help. If interested, please contact Sue Lester at 732-752-1109.**

