

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2008**

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2007**

Average needed from Weekly Offerings  
to cover expenses \$6,800.00  
Collection, January 27, 2007 \$5,445.36

**UNDER \$1,354.64**

The following are some expenses paid this past week:

Payroll & Benefits \$1,865.00  
Utilities \$ 474.00  
Supplies \$ 855.00

Last week's Children's Collection amounted to \$95.00.

**MONDAY**

7:00 AM Ronnie Gray by sister, Jackie

**ROSARY CORNER**

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

**TUESDAY**

7:00 AM William Benwell by Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Malanga

**ALL ARE INVITED:**

**BLOCK ROSARY:**

Monday, 7:00 PM at 515 Lincoln Avenue

Wednesday, 8:00 PM at 607 Third Street

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION

**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.

**THURSDAY**

7:00 AM Louis Amatelli by wife, Jean & Family

**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.

**FRIDAY**

7:00 AM Bill Benwell by Fran Maurer

**SATURDAY**

5:00 PM Yolanda Orsini by Pat & Dan Seader  
(VIGIL)

**ADOPT-A-PRIEST PROGRAM**

Have you prayed for your priest today? To adopt a Priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea 732-968-0136.

**SUNDAY**

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. John's & Antanas Petravicius

10:30 AM Joseph Fosbre by Margaret & Fred Marigliano

**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 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 3, 2008

*Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom will be rewarded!*

### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee is seeking 7 men, ages 16 and up, to audition for our Easter season play. Open auditions will be held this Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM upstairs at the Parish Center.

Our play is called “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?” It will be held on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 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. For more information, contact Christine

732-563-9446.

### OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the week, our young people who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion will be reflecting about the Eucharist as a sacrament of unity and forgiveness. Join them by reflecting on the words of the *Confiteor* and how you have experienced God’s mercy and forgiveness.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be dropped into the collection basket, mailed or brought to the Parish Center. Thank you for your support .

### *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 grounds-keeper George Sheenan for beautifying our church property.*

*Thank you again for your participation!*

### ST. JOHN CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

Monday, January 28th, Cynthia Wikander \$250.00  
Congratulations to our winner!  
Extra calendars may be obtained at the Parish Center.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND FEBRUARY 2/3 IS OUR PARISH COLLECTION....THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 9/10 WILL BE THE DIOCESAN WINTER COLLECTION FOR THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT....THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY....

**DIOCESE OF METUCHEN**

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

<b><u>GOAL</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL PLEDGED</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL PAID</u></b>
32,100.00	26,305.00	23,438.50
<b><u>SHORT OF GOAL</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL DONORS</u></b>	<b><u>PLEDGE TO GOAL</u></b>
8,661.50	180	81.95

Thank you!

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.

**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.

**ST. JOHN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

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

<b>AMOUNT PLEDGED:</b>	<b>\$301,105.00</b>
<b>PLEDGE PAYMENTS:</b>	<b>\$216,290.34</b>
<b>BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$ 84,814.66</b>
<b>DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING:</b>	<b>\$ 16,340.00</b>

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

**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.

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

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

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

