

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2008**

Average needed from Weekly Offerings  
to cover expenses \$6,800.00  
Collection, February 17, 2008 \$5,912.78

UNDER \$ 887.22

The following are some expenses paid this past week:  
Payroll \$5,396.00  
Utilities \$2,945.00  
Health Insurance \$2,203.00  
Maintenance \$ 350.00  
Supplies \$ 357.00

Last week's Children's Collection amounted to \$75.50.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.**

**MONDAY**

7:00 AM Tasiana Lebradur by the Spazian Family

**TUESDAY**

7:00 AM Frank White by Shannon Strauss & Family

**ROSARY CORNER**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 AM Herb Maritz by Michele Rabouin

**ALL ARE INVITED:  
BLOCK ROSARY:**

Monday, 7:00 PM at 511 Lincoln Avenue  
Wednesday, 8:00 PM at 607 Third Street

**THURSDAY**

7:00 AM Katherine Tagliatella by Richard & Judy Ziets

**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.

**FRIDAY**

7:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION

**BLUE ARMY ROSARY CELL**

**SATURDAY**

5:00 PM Thomas Maier by Joe & Marion England (VIGIL)

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**

**ST. JOHN FOOD PANTRY**

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. John's

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.

10:30 AM Elmer Jackson by Pat & Dan Seader

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2008**

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### FROM THE LYONS DEN

Fr. Daniel Francis and I would like to encourage you to attend our upcoming Parish Mission.

Fr. Francis will address himself to the issue of having a real, meaningful relationship with God.

His main objective is to offer people a new security, a new freedom, a new openness to God and one another.

Please try to be with us for this Lenten Mission to deepen your love and appreciation for God who loves 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 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 24, 2008

*When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, he opened the door for a life-changing relationship with him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!*

### ST. JOHN ALTAR ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

St. John Altar Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 NOON in the Chapel. Rosary will be recited and the meeting will follow. Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served. Plans for our Living Rosary will be discussed.

### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee is seeking 7 men, ages 16 and up, to audition for our Easter season play. Auditions will be held this Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 to 9:00 PM upstairs in the Parish Center.

The 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.

Our Scrip Fundraiser is taking place now. Scrip information, list of retailers and an order form have been mailed to all parish families. Please return your order with payment by this Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Order forms can be placed in the collection basket, mailed or brought to the Parish Center. For more information please call Pat Nagel 732-968-3499 or Anne North 732-968-0711. Extra lists of retailers with order forms can be found at the back of the church.

### 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:*

*The Altar Servers.*

*Thank you again for your participation!*

### OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the week, our young people who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion will be reflecting about listening to God’s word and reverencing the Scriptures. Join them by reflecting on this week’s Sunday readings and asking the question: “What are these readings calling me to do?”

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

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

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL PLEDGED</u>	<u>TOTAL PAID</u>
32,100.00	26,425.00	24,577.25
<u>SHORT OF GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL DONORS</u>	<u>%PLEDGE TO GOAL</u>
7,522.75	184	82.32

Thank you!

We are grateful to every family that has made a gift to this year's Appeal and know that you will remain faithful to your pledge. We have been notified by the Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development that we have not reached 85% of our goal and the balance due to complete our 85% of Goal is \$2,882.75. This will have to be paid from our savings account so if you have not yet made your pledge, it is not too late to do so. Every gift, no matter the amount, is important. Please participate as your means allow. Pray for the success of the Appeal, and let us remember God's love for us and the grace and blessings of sharing what we have with others.

*"Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share." (1 Timothy 6:17-19)*

SUBSCRIBE TO THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT

The annual subscription drive for our weekly diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, takes place during February, Catholic Press Month. The Catholic Spirit has a special role to play in your faith journey. Our diocesan newspaper is an award-winning publication and we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to subscribe. If you received a subscription envelope in your weekly envelope packet, simply drop it in the collection basket or you can call the Catholic Spirit directly at 732-562-2424.

YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for troubled marriages. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship grown cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again – then the Retrouvaille program may help you. RETROUVAILLE (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program begins the weekend of March 28-30<sup>th</sup>. All inquiries are confidential. For further information please call the Family Life Office (days) 732-562-1990 ext. 1624, or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468.

MOUNT ST. MARY

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

WEEK-LONG DIRECTED RETREAT

An experience of personal prayer based on Scripture. Daily spiritual direction. Atmosphere of prayerful quiet. Adaptable to the needs of each individual. Registration required. February 29<sup>th</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup>, begins 7 PM on opening day; concludes at 2 PM. (\$385/week; non-refundable deposit \$75)

WEEKEND RETREAT

An experience of personal prayer based on Scripture. Daily spiritual direction. Atmosphere of prayerful quiet. Adaptable to the needs of each individual. Registration required. February 29<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, begins 7 PM on opening day; concludes at 2 PM. (\$110/weekend; non-refundable deposit \$25).

SACRED HEART CHURCH  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD

There will be a Divine Mercy Healing Mass on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Church, 149 So. Plainfield Ave., So. Plainfield. Fr. Tom Ganley, Charismatic Priest & Director of the Divine Mercy Healing Ministry will be celebrating the Mass with the Ministry Team. Welcome is at 3:00 PM followed by Chaplet of Mercy and Blessing with the St. Faustina Relic at 3:20 PM. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM followed by healing prayers for each individual who would like to participate. For more information or other locations please call 732-545-6549.

ST. MARY ABBEY

Attention prayerful men! St. Mary's Benedictine Abbey will be holding "Live-in Experience" vocational retreats for men in Morristown, NJ from March 20-23<sup>rd</sup>. The Salesians will be holding this same retreat in South Orange, NJ from March 14-16<sup>th</sup>. Work and pray with the monks and enjoy the vocational talks. There is no cost but space is limited. Call toll-free 1-800-221-1807.

ST. JOHN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

NEW AMOUNTS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AS OF 2/15/2008:

AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$301,105.00
PLEDGE PAYMENTS:	\$219,482.06
BALANCE:	\$ 81,622.94
DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING:	\$ 16,340.00
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!</b>	

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 23/24 WILL BE FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE.....THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 1/2 WILL BE FOR BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE....THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY....

**LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION**  
**SETON HALL UNIVERSITY**

On March 1<sup>st</sup> the Archdiocese of Newark Women's Commission is sponsoring a Lenten Day of Reflection "On the Dignity of Women" at Seton Hall University from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Come and hear nationally-known speaker, Teresa Tomeo, syndicated talk show host, and Janet Morana, Associate Director of Priests for Life. Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Meyers. Cost is \$35 per person (\$25 for students/seniors/religious) which includes lunch. Call 973-497-4008 or visit [www.rcan.org/womcom](http://www.rcan.org/womcom) for information.

**ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MOTHERS CLUB**

The St. Joseph's High School Mothers Club will be hosting our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Card Party/Basket Raffle on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6 PM at St. Joseph High School, Plainfield Ave., Metuchen. Entrance tickets are \$20 and include non-alcoholic beverages; you are welcome to bring additional refreshments and food. A minimum of 200 baskets (values up to \$300) as well as Super Prizes and Grand Prizes. For ticket requests please call 732-549-7600 ext. 242 and leave a message or browse the list of baskets and prizes at <http://stjoes.org/saintjoseph.aspx?pgID=1072>

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
**COLUMBIETTES**

The South Columbiettes will host their annual Easter Bunny Brunch on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event will be held at the Sacred Heart School cafeteria, Sacred Heart Church, 149 So. Plainfield Ave., So. Plainfield. The brunch will consist of eggs, pancakes, french toast, ham, assorted breakfast cakes and more. There will be games and prizes and the Easter Bunny will give out baskets to the children. Cost is \$10 per person and reservations can be made by calling Kathy at 908-756-3772.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Fish Fry every Friday during Lent at the Council Home, 647 Grove St., Dunellen. Dinner will be served from 5 PM to 8 PM and consist of English-style Fish and chips. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5 through 12. Children under 5 are free.

**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
<u>Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup></u>	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.

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

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