

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2008

MARCH 2, 2008

Average needed from Weekly Offerings
to cover expenses \$6,800.00
Collection, February 24, 2008 \$5,372.33

UNDER \$1,427.67

The following are some expenses paid this past week:

Payroll & Benefits \$1,865.00
Diocesan Assessments \$4,846.00
Supplies \$ 216.00

Last week's Children's Collection amounted to \$86.79.

MONDAY

7:00 AM Vincent Pileggi by Wife & Family

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Ronnie Gray by Brian Donovan

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Barbara Jannarone by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Slawinski

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Noel P. Orane by Daughter & Family

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Benjamin & Genie Remigio by Daughter
(VIGIL)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. John's & Robert Zawalski (1st Annv.)

10:30 AM Michael Scudiero (15th Annv.) by Wife

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 515 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.

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.

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.

FROM THE LYONS DEN

Fr. Daniel Francis will be here next weekend to begin our Lenten Mission.

The Mission is a chance for us to learn about who God is, how God speaks to us, who Jesus is and what it means to be human.

The four nights will celebrate God's presence, the beauty of life, and the hope for change.

Please join us for this important event in the spiritual life of our parish.

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 – 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”.

ST. JOHN FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry for those less fortunate is in need of the following food products: Dry pasta, cereals, 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 OF LENT - MARCH 2, 2008

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

ST. JOHN ALTAR ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

St. John Altar Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Monday, March 3rd 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.

ST. JOHN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

A bus trip to Bally's/Claridge Casino & Hotel in Atlantic City is being planned for Friday, March 28th. The bus will leave from St. John parking lot at 9:00 AM sharp and return at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$28.00 with a return of \$18.00 in coin. If interested please call Jane at 732-752-4741.

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee will be sponsoring the play “Were You There When They crucified My Lord?” It will be held Saturday, April 19th 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 call Christine at 732-563-9446.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first round of the Scrip Fundraiser. So far our profit for St. John Church is \$318.25. Look for future mailing of the yearly schedule to participate in the Scrip Fundraiser. Thank you again for your support.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Because of the upcoming Parish Mission, there will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on March 9th. Children's Liturgy also will not be conducted on Palm Sunday, March 16th or Easter Sunday, March 23rd. For the month

of March, Children's Liturgy will be conducted on March 2nd and March 30th only. Thank you.

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 Lectors.

Thank you again for your participation!

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	26,575.00	24,714.75
<u>SHORT OF GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL DONORS</u>	<u>PLEDGE TO GOAL</u>
7,385.25	1850	82.79

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)

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

For all teens from 8th to 12th grades: Join hundreds of teens throughout the diocese and enjoy a day created just for you filled with Catholic faith, fun, music, skits, service projects, workshops, games, food, Saturday evening Mass with Bishop Paul Bootkoski, confession, and Catholic devotions with Contemporary Catholic Music and Rock Bands. It's the DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY on Saturday, March 29th, 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM at Immaculata High School, Somerville. For required pre-registration forms contact the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office at 732-562-

1990 ext. 1631.

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 28-30th. 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.

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

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

BEAT STRESS!

Shouldn't you be drumming?! Become energized by the sound and vibration of drums! Drums provided. March 12th, 7:30 – 9:30 PM (\$15). Barbara Woodzell, Mercy Associate

PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

Sacred Time, Sacred Space. A quiet personal day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins and ends with communal prayer. March 20th, 21st from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Bring bag lunch (\$15).

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND MARCH 1/2 WILL BE FOR BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE.... THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 8/9 WILL BE OUR PARISH COLLECTION TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF INSURANCES & ASSESSMENTS....THANK YOU FOR

YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY....

SACRED HEART CHURCH
SOUTH PLAINFIELD

There will be a Divine Mercy Healing Mass on Sunday, March 9th 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.

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.

DUNELLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Dunellen Public Library will be hosting a program called "Photo Album Creation" on Wednesday evening, March 12th at 6:30 PM for all those interested in organizing their photo memories in photo safe boxes. A second session will take place at the library on Saturday, April 5th at 10:00 AM. The class size is limited to 20 people and registration is required. Registration is free and open to the public. To register, call the library at 732-968-4585.

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 9th</u>	7:00 PM Mission in Church	Bible
<u>Monday, March 10th</u>	9:00 AM Liturgy in Church	Anointing of the Sick
	7:00 PM Mission in Church	Blessed Sacrament
<u>Tuesday, March 11th</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 12th</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

The Parish Mission Committee is actively looking

**for volunteers to help. If interested, please contact
Sue Lester at 732-752-1109.**