

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 9, 2008

MONDAY

7:00 AM Richard Zupko by Bill & Pat Hughes

9:00 AM MISSION MASS

TUESDAY

7:00 AM Elizabeth Orofino by Deacon Michael & Barbara Gleason

9:00 AM MISSION MASS

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Rev. Francis Vaz by St. John Parish

9:00 AM MISSION MASS

7:00 PM MASS – CONCLUSION OF MISSION

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Thomas Callahan by the Carlisle Family

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Katherine Tagliatalatta by MaryLou Chingery

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Laurie Petrolino (12th Annv.) by Mom & (VIGIL)Dad

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. John's & Frank & Josephine Esposito

10:30 AM George Marcincavage by wife, Eleanor & Family

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2008

Average needed from Weekly Offerings
to cover expenses \$6,800.00
Collection, March 2, 2008 \$7,204.66

OVER \$ 404.66

The following are some expenses paid this past week:
Payroll \$5,901.00
Utilities \$2,925.00
Maintenance \$ 900.00
Supplies \$ 943.00

Last week's Children's Collection amounted to \$92.99.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

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 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 9, 2008

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, “This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God’s glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified.” Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves. (See John 11:4)

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.

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:

Al Geigel who is the parish office’s support system for our computers.

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 the Eucharist Prayer being one of remembering and giving thanks. Join them by reflecting on what it means for you to say “Amen” or “yes” to all God’s actions and promises

Gertrude Hawk Easter candy will be available for pick-up next Sunday, March 16th. Pick-up will take place in the school building after the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses.

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	24,858.50
<u>SHORT OF GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL DONORS</u>	<u>%PLEDGE TO GOAL</u>
7,241.50	185	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)



CHRISM MASS – CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

On Monday, March 17th at 7:30 PM Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! These oils are used during the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. At the Chrism Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People. Everyone is strongly encouraged to join in the ancient grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.

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.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND MARCH 8/9 WILL BE THE DIOCESAN SPRING COLLECTION FOR NATIVE AND BLACK AMERICAN & CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES....THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 15/16 WILL OUR PARISH COLLECTION TO HELP DEFRAID THE COST OF INSURANCES & ASSESSMENTS....THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY....

Through the saving waters of Baptism, we welcome the following children who have begun their initiation into the Roman Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist:

Gwendolynn Ruth Dubrow, Ryan Jeffrey Hutchins, Malerie Isabellynn Mozo, Peter Logan Kravantka, Jonathan Matthew Wilson and Anthony James Valentinuzzi

We remember these children, their parents and their godparents in our prayers as they have begun their journey toward full communion in the Roman Catholic Church.

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).

**ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH
PARLIN**

A Charismatic Healing Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:30 PM in St. Bernadette Church, corner of Princeton and Villanova Rds., Parlin. Rev. John Campoli, Director of His Love Ministries, will be the Presider. Praise and Worship begins at 7 PM. Music will be provided by Branches. Individual healing prayer will be available. For additional information please call 732-721-2772.

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!

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.
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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE FACT THAT CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD DURING THE PARISH MISSION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH, THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK.

**HOLY THURSDAY – MORNING PRAYER SERVICE 8 AM (CHAPEL)....
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER – 7:30 PM, ADORATION UNTIL 11 PM (CHURCH)**

**GOOD FRIDAY – MORNING PRAYER SERVICE 8 AM (CHAPEL)....
SOLEMN PASSION OF THE LORD – 3 PM (CHURCH)....
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:30 PM (CHURCH)**

**HOLY SATURDAY – MORNING PRAYER SERVICE 8 AM (CHAPEL)...
BLESSING OF FOOD – 11 AM (AUDITORIUM)...
EASTER VIGIL MASS – 7:30 PM (CHURCH)**

EASTER SUNDAY – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MASSES (CHURCH)

ST. FRANCIS CATHEDRAL METUCHEN

COME TO ME. COULD YOU NOT SPEND ONE HOUR? Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen at The Lady Chapel located in the Parish Center, 45 Library Pl., Metuchen. All are welcome. Please call Sam and Elaine Convery 732-222-9221 for further information.

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,

ST. JOHN PARISH MISSION

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.

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