

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2008

MARCH 30, 2008

The EASTER COLLECTION amounted to \$11,037.14.

The SECOND COLLECTION FOR EASTER amounted to \$1,402.32.

The HOLY LAND COLLECTION amounted to \$462.36

Last week's CHILDREN'S COLLECTION amounted to \$144.05.

MONDAY

7:00 AM Marie Conley Kelly by Maryann Kelly

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

TUESDAY

7:00 AM Patricia Dunne by Mary Benwell

The following are some expenses paid this past week:

Maintenance	\$ 230.00
Religious & Office Supplies	\$2,878.00

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Blanche Shallo by Family

ROSARY CORNER

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

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Ed Marren (In Honor of 60th Wedding Anniversary) by wife, Joan

ALL ARE INVITED:

BLOCK ROSARY:

Monday, 7:00 PM at 515 Lincoln Avenue
Wednesday, 8:00 PM at 607 Third Street

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Bernadette Wojciechowski by husband, Jack & Kids

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.

SATURDAY

5:00 PM (VIGIL) Kathleen A. Callahan by Robert & Kathleen Wilson

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.

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. John's & Ramune Petraviciene

ST. JOHN FOOD PANTRY

10:30 AM Peter Schrieber by Susan Wojtach & Susan Day

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

St. John the Evangelist Parish Family would like to welcome those who have recently joined our community:

Monica & Christopher Camacho & Family, Mary Davidson & Family, Christine DiBlasio & Family, Katherine & William Dubrow & Family, Jennifer & Eric Gil, Luis & Milagro Gutierrez, Michael & Seana Hughes, James & Renee Jankowski & Family, Janey Kalliathparambil, K. Maris, Carlos & Flor Mendoza & Family, Alexander Nicolau, James & Pamela O'Neill, Karen Reidy & Family, Jethro & Jennifer Reyes & Family, Michelina Tamponi, Oswaldo & Alicia Toro, An & Edwin Unsihuay.

Please join in a New Parishioners Welcome Reception on Sunday, April 6th following the 8:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center, 2nd floor. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Tricia Nolfi at tnolfi@optonline.net or Nina DiQuollo at nina.diquollo@att.net.

If you have recently joined the parish and do not see your name listed, or are considering joining St. John Parish please come; all are welcomed.

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 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – MARCH 30, 2008

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, he provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else’s needs?

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT

We would like to thank the following people for their stewardship of time in preparing the church for our Easter celebration: Bryana Cruz, Kathryn Kelly, Jane Landy, James Landy, Colette Lemay, Jean Amatelli, Paul Grzella, George Sheenan and Amuras, our church maintenance man.

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

YOUR SCRIP FUNDRAISER ORDER IS DUE BY THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH. Orders can be placed in the collection basket, mailed or brought to the Parish Center. Please make checks payable to St. John the Evangelist Church and mark you envelope Scrip Fundraiser. Pick-up for the order will be Monday, April 7th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM or 6:00 – 7:00 PM at the Parish Center.

Did you know that it’s still the Easter Season? St. John the Evangelist Church in Dunellen is honoring this season with a passion play, called “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?” See how the life and crucifixion of Christ touched and affected the lives of the apostles to name a few, Judas, Peter Simon, Caiaphas and John.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On behalf of the catechists, students, and parents of St. John the Evangelist Religious Education Program, a sincere thank you to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for purchasing the Fireside Catholic Youth Bible. It is gratifying to know that they support our program and the youth of our parish.

During the week, our young people who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion will be reflecting about the Eucharistic Prayer being one of remembering and give thanks. Join them by reflecting on what it means for you to say “Amen” or “yes” to all God’s actions and promises.

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	25,290.00
<u>SHORT OF GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL DONORS</u>	<u>%PLEDGE TO GOAL</u>
6,810.00	185	82.79

Thank you!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is in need of foster Parents for the 11,000 children in New Jersey's Foster Care System. Children of all ages and backgrounds are in need of loving, nurturing homes. Many of these children are innocent victims of abuse and neglect. CALL TODAY! 1-866-247-HOME (4663). You Can Help!!

SYMPOSIUM TO FOSTER AWARENESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

“If families cannot bring all their members to the parish church, where can they bring them?”

Joseph Cardinal Bernadin

To better meet the catechetical needs of those with disabilities, the Diocesan Office of Religious Education will host a *Symposium to Foster Awareness for People with Disabilities* which will be held Saturday April 5th at the St. John Neumann Center, Piscataway. There is a \$10 registration fee; however scholarships are available. The day will consist of workshops on many types of disabilities including autism and those disabilities affecting vision, speech, hearing and learning. The key note speaker will be Sr. Janice McGrane, SSJ, author of the best-selling book Saints to Lean on: Spiritual Companions for illness & Disability. For further information please call Pat Martin 732-562-1990x1310 or e-mail pmartin@diometuchen.org
THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE...A WEEKEND AWAY FOR A LIFETIME OF CHANGE

Beginning Experience is a weekend program designed to help widowed, separated and divorced persons make a new beginning in life through a powerful, intense and positive experience of hope and peace and is open to persons of all faiths.

The specially trained team members are “wounded healers” who have suffered the loss of a spouse. The participants are led through a program which consists of presentations followed by personal reflection and then dialogue in small groups. The next weekend is scheduled for April 11-13, 2008. For detailed information call Rosemarie 732-681-1114, Vivian 732-441-7070 or Rich 609-333-9868.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND MARCH 29/30 WILL BE FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE. THE DIOCESE ASSESSES EACH PARISH THAT DOES NOT HAVE A SCHOOL TO AID THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO OPT TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL WITHIN THE DIOCESE.... THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND APRIL 5/6 WILL BE FOR BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE.... THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY....

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

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. April 4-6th, begins 7 PM on opening day; concludes at 2 PM. (\$110/weekend; non-refundable deposit \$25)

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS AND THE HUMAN JOURNEY

A two-part series that will focus on the experience of darkness and how it can lead to light in our journey of faith. Wednesday, April 2nd and 9th, 7:30 – 9:30 PM OR Friday, April 18th and 25th, 9:30 – 11:30 AM (\$30/series), Theresina Flannery, RSM

GRIEF RECOVERY

Learning a process to deal with grief. Gentle 4-step experiential process for resolving the grief caused by loss. Sunday, April 13th, 1:00 – 5:30 PM (\$45). Mary Jo Kearns, RSM

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 Art & Environment Committee

Thank you again for your participation!

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SCHOOL, SOMERVILLE**

There are still a limited number of spaces left in the Immaculate Conception School, Somerville Pre-K program for the 2008-2009 school year. Beginning in September, we will be expanding our program to a full day session that will run from 7:55 AM until 2:30 PM. Immaculate Conception School is located at 41 Mountain Ave., Somerville. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call the school office at 908-725-6516.

ST. JOHN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**NEW AMOUNTS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
AS OF 3/13/2008:**

AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$301,105.00
PLEDGE PAYMENTS:	\$224,807.77
BALANCE:	\$ 76,297.23
DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING:	\$ 16,340.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC
CHURCH, AVENEL**

St. Andrew Church has scheduled an Italy Pilgrimage which visits: Venice, Padua, Florence, Pisa, Assisi and Rome. The trip includes most meals, professional tour escort, daily Mass, Papal audience if available. Hosted by Fr. David Kosmoski (English/Italian). Call for brochure and reservations: 732-634-4355 or for itinerary visit www.standrewparish.com

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
COURT REGINA COELI #940**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Regina Coeli #940 is proud to present our 35th Spring Fashion Show Extravaganza & Luncheon to be held on Sunday, April 13th at 12:00 NOON. The Fashion Show/Luncheon will take place at the Redwood Inn, Bridgewater. Fashions will be displayed by the Coldwater Creek Store, Bridgewater. The tickets are \$35.00/person. R.S.V.P. BY April 4th. For more information and tickets please call Charlotte Nielwocki at 732-968-6223.

**DUNELLEN HIGH SCHOOL
PROJECT GRADUATION**

The Dunellen High School Project Graduation Committee will be holding their annual Penny Sale on Sunday, April 27th from 2:00 – 5:00 PM (doors open at 12:00 NOON). The Penny Sale will take place at the Knights of Columbus, Grove St., Dunellen. The cost is \$10/person which include 2 sheets of yellow table tickets. Prizes include an Apple Ipod, digital camera, theatre tickets, restaurant gift cards, gift baskets and much more! Desserts and beverages are available or bring your own. For info, advance tickets, or to reserve a table call Gina at 732-968-9534. All proceeds benefit DHS Project Graduation 2008.

**DUNELLEN RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**

The Dunellen Recreation Department is holding their annual “Camp Find Nothing To Do” Summer Playground Program. Activities will include sports, games, arts & crafts & trips. The dates are Monday, June 23rd to Friday, August 1st from 9 AM – 3 PM (Early drop-off is available at 8 AM). Age groups include 5 to 14 years old – as of 9/1/07. The fee is \$600.00/full camp (6 weeks), non-resident \$700.00 or \$150.00/weekly, non-resident \$200.00. Early drop-off at 8 AM, \$45.00/weekly fee. For more information or to register please call 732-752-2466x19.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

One of the least acknowledged and least addressed concerns in our society today is grief, the normal reaction to loss. The Costello-Runyon Funeral Home, 568 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen is pleased to announce they will be hosting the following groups to assist you in resolving your loss issues, and help you to move beyond your grief to a richer quality of life. Bereavement Support Groups take place on-going weekly sessions: Wednesday Mornings from 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON or Wednesday Evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. For registration or information regarding day or evening programs, call 732-548-0419.

***THE 2009 MASS BOOK
WILL BE OPEN
FOR MASSES
BEGINNING
TUESDAY, APRIL 1st***

