

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

January 17, 2010



**MONDAY**

7:00 AM Jane Kotz (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by Terry and Matthew Kurzius & Family

**TUESDAY**

7:00 AM Edward Maier by Mary Benwell

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 AM Rose Hennessy by Liz & John

**THURSDAY**

7:00 AM Special Intention

**FRIDAY**

7:00 AM Robert Mulholland by Mary & Bob Snyder

**SATURDAY**

5:00 PM Hank Dobenski by Cousin Mae (VIGIL)

**SUNDAY**

8:30 AM Jean Yaeger by Fran Mauer  
10:30 AM The Parishioners of St. John's

**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 – 10:00 AM

All are welcome. Bring your children & grandchildren. For more information, call Maureen Shea 732-968-0136.

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2010**

Average needed from weekly offerings to cover expenses \$6,800.00  
Collection, January 10, 2010 **\$3,868.33**

UNDER \$2,931.67

Together in Charity collection amounted to \$944.00

Children's Collection, January 10th, amounted to \$51.55

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.**

**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 fish, canned vegetables and canned fruit and juice. **Please note that all foods that**

**are donated to St. John's will be brought to the FISH Food Pantry located on New Market Rd., Piscataway.** Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

Those parents that have children who show an interest in being Altar Servers contact Deacon Michael Gleason at the Pastoral Center, 732-968-2621.

**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.

**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.

**SPREADING THE WORD** - *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* - In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits – the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

WE WILL HAVE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL EVERY FRIDAY BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 2010. THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE EXPOSED FROM 7:30 AM TO 7:30 PM BENEDICTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

**BIBLE STUDY**



ST. JOHN PARISH will be hosting BIBLE STUDY focusing on THE WRITINGS OF ST. LUKE classes will be held on Mondays at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Acts of the Apostles Presented by Paul Major, Our Lady of the Mount, Warren



**YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY**

St. John Youth Group will meet every Sunday in the church auditorium from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. For details please call Joe and Kathy DelVecchio at 732-668-6801.

**ST. JOHN ACTIVITIES/FUNDRAISING**

**SCRIP FUNDRAISER**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Scrip orders can be picked up Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Center 1-3 pm or 6-7pm. Use St. John Scrip Fundraiser to get gift cards for all your everyday expenses like food, clothing and other essentials. Scrip gift cards are perfect for those hard to shop for friends and family members. For more information call Pat Nagel at 732-718-5197 or Anne North at 908-616-1546.



**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:*

*Knights of Columbus*

*Thank you again for your participation!*

**DIOCESE OF METUCHEN**

**2009 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – BECAUSE WE ARE CHURCH**

| <u>GOAL</u>          | <u>TOTAL PLEDGED</u> | <u>TOTAL PAID</u>       |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 29,800.00            | 25,687.99            | 22,714.94               |
| <u>SHORT OF GOAL</u> | <u>TOTAL DONORS</u>  | <u>% PLEDGE TO GOAL</u> |
| \$4,112.01           | 190                  | 86.2%                   |

IF YOU HAVE YET TO MAKE YOUR GIFT PLEASE DO SO TODAY! YOUR GIFT SHOULD BE BASED ON YOUR MEANS AND CIRCUMSTANCES – A PRIVATE DECISION BETWEEN YOU AND GOD. THIS PAST YEAR, THOUSANDS OF LOCAL CATHOLICS RECEIVED SERVICES THROUGH CATHOLIC CHARITIES-DIOCESE OF METUCHEN. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL THESE PROGRAMS WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED OR IN SOME CASES ELIMINATED.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 16/17 WILL BE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ASSISTANCE TO HELP US MEET OUR OBLIGATION TO THOSE FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH WHO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 23/24 WILL BE FOR THE FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION, A DIOCESAN ENDOWMENT FUND WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1991. YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE FOUNDATION COLLECTION PROVIDES TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO STUDENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED IN THE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS OF THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN. WITHOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, THESE STUDENTS MIGHT NOT RECEIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOUR MEANS ALLOW.**

**MOUNT ST. MARY**

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung will offer the following programs. Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org)

**ABRAHAM AND JOSEPH – TOTAL SURRENDER TO GOD’S WILL**

Come and be inspired by these two great Patriarchs of the Book of Genesis who have much to teach us today!  
Wed, Jan 20, 7:30 – 9:30 PM (\$15.) Allan Wright, Author



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.....Bible Study, 7:30 pm,  
Parish Center  
January 25th .....Stewardship Meeting 7:30pm

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN SCHOOL IN MIDDLESEX**

*On Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> Kicking off its annual Catholic Schools Week with an Open House and Science Fair from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Prospective parents and students are invited to tour the school and meet current faculty, parents, and students. On Monday, February 1, classroom visits are available; please call the school for times. (732) 356-6560 or visit [olmv.net](http://olmv.net).*

**SINGERS SOUGHT FOR A MARCH 7, 2010 CONCERT IN REMEMBRANCE OF DECEASED PRIESTS**

The Diocesan Festival Choir invites high school and adult singers from all parishes to join us at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen for a 5pm, March 7, 2010 performance of the Requiem by John Rutter accompanied by chamber orchestra. This CONCERT IN REMEMBRANCE OF DECEASED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN is offered as part of the Year for Priests proclaimed by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. It is hoped that each parish will be represented by at least two singers in this special concert. Singers may register for the choir through Lisa Mary Andrade at 732-562-1990 x1634 or [landrade@diometuchen.org](mailto:landrade@diometuchen.org). An audition and/or a simple recommendation from a parish Director of Music will be needed.



Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of our friends for your support. We look forward to serving you next month.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a family breakfast in the school cafeteria at Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>. The time is from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Family rate \$20.00. Breakfast includes; Omelets ( various types), Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, French Toast, Potatoes, Corn Beef Hash, Toast, Danish/donuts, Assorted cold cereals, Hot cereal (in colder weather), Fruit cocktail, Coffee/Tea, Assorted juices. We hope to see you there as we look forward to serving you!

**FISH INC., DUNELLEN AREA**

We are currently in need of volunteers for our food and clothing programs. We also need telephone volunteers to return calls for assistance from our clients. Anyone called to serve those in need may contact us by e-mail at [admin@fishdunellenarea.org](mailto:admin@fishdunellenarea.org) or by phone at 732-356-0081



The Art & Environment Committee wishes to thank the volunteers who helped decorate the church for Christmas. As the flowers are removed from the sanctuary the community may take the ones left in the sacristy. Please do not remove any from the sanctuary and altar area as these will be planted on our church property. Thank you!

# HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

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**“There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”**

As members of a vibrant church community it is easy to recognize the giftedness of so many people. Our worship comes alive through the commitment of readers, musicians. Our education efforts for adults and children reflect the firm faith of others, ready to transmit what they believe. The outreach to those in need continues to be an expression of Christ's love for others, through the pantry or hospital visits. The person who welcomed you at the door of the church made you feel welcome..

May we pause for a moment and look around. What still needs to be accomplished to build His kingdom here? Maybe it's something that has never been tried before, but it can answer a great need. Do I know where someone can get a job? Is there someone who needs a visit and a prayer? Is a visit to a terminally ill person possible, so a caregiver can have a respite or get to the store?

May I pause for a moment and look inside. Quietly look at your hands. What gift do I see I have that can touch the life of someone else. Pope Benedict certainly spoke about our ability to serve the common good. Maybe my gift is the only thing someone needs to change his or her life. Use it.

As an example look at what happened at Cana. Mary's last words in the bible 'do whatever he tells you' certainly helped the new family and strengthened the belief of others.

