

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FEBRUARY 7, 2010

MONDAY

7:00 AM Dorothy Rutkowski by Mary Benwell

TUESDAY

7:00 AM Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Special Intentions

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Special Intentions

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Special Intentions

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Katherine Tagliatella  
(VIGIL) by Dom and Sally Tagliatella

SUNDAY

8:30 AM The Parishioners of St. John's

10:30 AM Dorothy & Thomas Russo by Family

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2010

Average needed from weekly offerings to cover expenses	\$6,800.00
Collection, January 31,, 2010	\$3,734.85
Second Collection	<u>\$1,128.72</u>
UNDER	\$1,936.43

Children's Collection, January 31st, amounted to \$70.25

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 - 10:00 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.

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, 732-968-2621, in confidence, and we will do whatever we can to help. Please continue to bring men’s toiletries – tooth- brushes, 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 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.

## 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2010 -In today’s readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, “Whom shall I send?” Am I prepared to answer, “Here I am. Send me!”?

## ST. JOHN ACTIVITIES/FUNDRAISING

### SCRIP FUNDRAISER

**PLEASE NOTE:** Scrip orders are due no later than NOON on Monday, February 15, 2010 and can be dropped in collection basket or brought to Parish Center. Use St. John Scrip Fundraiser to get gift cards for all your everyday expenses like food, clothing and other essentials. Script 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.



## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The annual Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy sale began February 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are going to buy Easter candy for your family this year, please consider supporting the Religious Education Office which uses the proceeds to provide audio/visual equipment and materials for our Parish Family. Pick up your brochure and order form at the back of the church. If you have any questions please call the church office.

## 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 DeVecchio at 732-668-6801.

**THE FIRST COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 6/7 WILL BE OUR PARISH UTILITIES COLLECTION. THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 13/14 WILL BE FOR THE BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE.**

**PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOUR MEANS ALLOW.**

## 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:*

*Our Altar Servers*

*Thank you for your participation!!!*

## THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

WILL BE HOLDING AN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK RAFFLE THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 6&7 2010. RAFFLE TICKET TO BE DRAWN MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2010. TICKETS ARE \$1.00



### ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

ST. JOHN'S BUS TRIP HILTON CASINO -MONDAY MARCH 8, 2010 – 9:00 AM LEAVE ST. JOHN'S 7:00 PM RETURN TO ST. JOHN'S. MEET AT ST JOHN'S PARKING LOT -317 FIRST STREET DUNELLEN. \$30.00 PER PERSON – RECEIVE \$30.00 IN COIN. CASINO REQUIRES ID. TO RESERVE A SEAT, PLEASE CALL JANE AT 732-752-4741.

### REMEMBER OUR ARMED FORCES



*The following people are presently serving in the United States Military: PVC Paul Frabizzio, Staff Sargent Joseph Lytwyn, Private Jackelyn*

*McCann, Lieutenant Elizabeth Kuhl and Lieutenant Gregory Luttman in the United States Army; Petty Officer Third Class Sean Bibby in the United States Navy; Private Jenna Margalis and Corporal Travis Novack in the United States Marine Corp.... Please keep them in your prayers as well as all men and women who are serving our country....If you know of a parishioner or family member of a parishioner who is currently serving in our Armed Forces please contact the Parish Center....*

### TRIP TO HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE

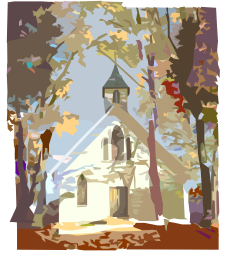
St John's Activities Committee is sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Sunday, March 21, 2010 to see :The Great American Songbook" a new musical. A sitdown dinner will be served before the show. Each entrée is served with a medley of fresh vegetables, potatoes, coffee or tea and dessert buffet. The car pool to the theater will leave St. John's parking lot at 1:45 PM and will return at approximately 7:00 PM. Tickets which include dinner, show, gratuities and taxes, but not include liquor or soda, are \$65.00 per person. Reservations are required before February 22, 2010. reservation forms can be found at the back of the church, please include with your check. Checks can be made out to "St. John Church" and can be dropped in the collection basket or at the Parish office. Any questions please contact Al Geigel 732-529-5147.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next breakfast will be held sun Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:00AM – 12:00PM at Fatima School cafeteria. Treat your sweetheart to a wonderful breakfast! Fish Fry extravaganza every Friday beginning Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and ending Mar 26<sup>th</sup>. Times are 5:30 – 8:00 PM. Menu includes fish choice broiled or fried \$10., shrimp dinner \$12., combo dinner \$13..Clam strips choice of roast potatoes, steak fries. Macaroni & cheese and cole slaw. Soup \$1.00 extra. Steamers also available 6 @ \$5.00, 12 @ \$8.00. Let someone else cook tonight! Enjoy.

### 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)



### PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

Sacred Time, Sacred Space – A personal quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer. February 18, 9:30 am until 3:00 pm. Bring bag lunch (\$20)

### KEEP IN THE KNOW...

Learn about important legislative issues. Check out diocesan, office and parish events. Be inspired by articles in The Catholic Spirit. Over 18,000 people click on each month. Visit: [www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org)

GRIEF RECOVERY – Learn a process to deal with grief – Gentle 4-step experiential process for resolving the grief caused by loss. Sun-Feb 21, 1:00-5:30 PM (\$45) Mary Jo Kearns RSM.

### XAVIER CENTER - CONVENT STATION, NJ

Spend some quiet time in a peaceful atmosphere to "get out of the fast lane and sit back in your soul..." A short presentation at 10:00 am, materials available for reflection. Lunch provided. Advance registration required. Feb 16 – 9:30 – 3:30 (\$25) 973-290-5100

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SACRED HEART CHAPEL – Whitehouse Station Come join "Refresh & Renew" the new Fish on Friday for an evening of "Worship & Praise"bring family & friends. 390 County Rd 523 Whitehouse Station 2/19/10 starts 7:30PM refreshments 9:PM Music Ministry "REFUGE" contact : Robert Borghese 908-534-5354.



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### BECAUSE WE ARE CHURCH-

Your gift to the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal supports diocesan-sponsored programs that promote Catholic values that enhance human life and spiritual growth, providing families with opportunities for enrichment, education and healing. If you have already made a gift to this year's appeal, thank you! If you haven't

done so, your help is still very much needed. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is crucial to our Church's ability to serve God's people in need.

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

<u>GOAL PAID</u>	<u>TOTAL PLEDGED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
29,800.00	26,417.99	24,474.80

<u>SHORT OF GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL DONORS</u>	<u>% PLEDGE TO GOAL</u>
\$2,611.99	196	88.7%

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Bishop Bootkoski will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 12-22, 2010. The itinerary will include visits to all the most significant sites associated with life and ministry of Jesus: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of the Beatitudes, Mount Tabor, and Jerusalem. Also scheduled are visits to the ancient fortress of Massada and the Qumran caves, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$3,500 (double occupancy) and registration will be limited. For a brochure, please call the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 732-562-2440. For more information, please call Great Experiences, Inc., 201-825-3725.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

"Calling All Angels" Become a resource parent to one of New Jersey's 11,000 children in the foster care system. We 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!!

## DIOCESE OF METUCHEN Continued

### LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS 2010

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

- 1) The days of **fast and abstinence** are **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.
- 2) **All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.**
- 3) From the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** on **Holy Thursday** until the celebration of the **Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday**, the **Easter fast** should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the *Rites of Holy Week* and the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to **fast** applies only to Catholics **between the ages of 18 and 59**. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of **abstinence** affects all Catholics who **have reached the age of 14**. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and all meat products.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself **may not be considered serious**, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a **substantial number** of them **without good cause**, would be considered a **grave matter**. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform **some other penitential act**, or to **abstain on another day**.

Sincerely in the Lord

+Most Rev Paul G. Bootkoski  
Bishop of Metuchen

