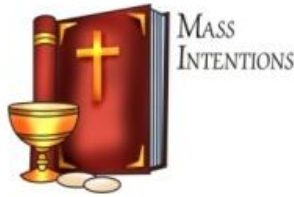


SUNDAY

February 5, 2012



MONDAY

7:00 AM

Anne North by the Stebor Family

TUESDAY

7:00 AM

Millie Barletta by Richard & Ruth Lehlbach

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM

Mary Burgesser by Norma Byk

THURSDAY

7:00 AM

Joseph Murray by Joe & Marion England

FRIDAY

7:00 AM

Antanas Petravicius by Son Amuras

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

Katherine Tagliatella & Josephine D'Ovidio by Tony & Cathy D'Ovidio

SUNDAY

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Mass for Parishioners Frederick Kugelman by Lynn & Gary

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2012

JANUARY 29, 2012

Average needed from weekly offerings to cover expenses	\$ 6,800.00
Weekly Collection	\$ 5,526.02
Children's Collection	\$ 42.70
Under	\$ 1,852.45

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.



ROSARY CORNER

ALL ARE INVITED

The Rosary is prayed every weekday following the 7:00 AM Mass and Novena.

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.

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. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOUR MEANS ALLOW.

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.

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.

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 phone at 732-356-0081 or e-mail at admin@fishdunellenarea.org

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".



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship is a way of life. 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 for your participation!

2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal DIOCESE OF METUCHEN



To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$ 24,229.03 and payments totaling \$ 22,632.78 from 186 parishioners. This represents 78.9% of your \$ 30,700.00 goal.

2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal *In Faith, With Hope*

Our goal is to have 100% participation in the 2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your efforts.

Whole Community Catechesis

For more information or to register for a program, contact Coleen Cucci at 732-968-0233; Coleen.Cucci@verizon.net All adults are welcome to attend our Whole Community Catechesis Series on Catholic Beliefs. Each month a new topic will be addressed by various presenters from our diocese. Available sessions are one Monday or Tuesday per month from 6-8PM in the Auditorium. Sessions are free, there is no homework, and you need not have children in our program to participate. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Office of Catechesis.

Upcoming Topics:

Feb 6 & 7: Theology of the Body: I've heard the rumors, but what does the Church really teach about Sexuality? *Presenter: Father Jay*

Grade 8: Next Classes: Feb 12 & Feb 26; includes Passion Play rehearsals.

Grades 1-7: Next Sessions Feb 6 & 7

Purchase A Keepsake !!!!!

Filled With Special Memories!!! St. John's Grammar School Shelvesitter only available for a short time! Limited Quantity! \$15.00 each. Call Pat Nagel 732-752-1917 or the Parish Center 732-968-2621.



THE DEACON BEACON

Talent: Everyone has a talent and no it's not associated with..."Americas got talent, Dancing with the Stars; So you think you can dance and Dance Crew, etc". There are all kinds of talent: music, singing, art, reading, storytelling, cooking, dance, listening, praying etc. just to name a few. Some are everyday things that everyone just can't do and some are extraordinary. One thing is for certain... all talent is God given. Some of us don't even know what our talents might be...so we need to pray that the Spirit will help us in discerning them. The other thing that is certain is that God given talents were designed to: 1) Glorify and praise God and 2) edify the Church. Again, I did not make this up, the Old and new Testaments attest to this. Biblical greats such as: Moses, Aaron, David, Daniel, Peter, Paul, etc. and don't forget the saints had talents that were endowed to them by God. Some, like Peter had to grow into them, but the end result is the same, they glorify God and edify and enhance the Church. Here's a story to give you an idea of what I'm throwing down..."a kid I grew up with was called OOgly. The OO was for Ogle and the gly was for ugly. OOgly wasn't really ugly, in fact he was handsome...but he had enormous eyes like a gold fish. (Children can be rather unkind with nick names.) There was nothing this kid could do, as far as talent went, he had none...or so we thought. All kids grow up and OOgly was no exception, and although we were in our teens, we still called him OOgly. Well, one Sunday during Mass there

was a child who would not stop crying. He cried and cried. OOgly looked at the kid and started whirling his eyes! Now one of two things is going to happen...you see something like this and it scares the living heck out of you or you start laughing you're head off. Thank God it was the later. The kid laughed himself quiet and snuggled up to ol' OOgly! He had finally found his talent. Nooo it wasn't whirling his eyes, it was a deep love and concern for children. He became one of the most successful Youth Ministers I've ever known". Get the point? **Shout Outs!** To Edwin our music director and our wonderful choir! God bless them both. **What's next?** Until next time...may Jesus keep you smiling, may God's grace shine on you and always pray for the Spirit to show you the way...luv ya!

Deacon Phil

SANDS CASINO BUS TRIP* MONDAY

MARCH 5, 2012



Leave St. John's Parking lot
*317 First Street 9:30am *

To return 6:15pm * Cost
\$30.00 per person and

receive \$20 on a players card + \$5.00
food comp. Casino requires Photo ID.
To reserve a seat please call Jane at
732-752-4741.

Like us on Facebook

Did you know that St John's has a Facebook page? Please "like" us on Facebook to keep up-to-date on announcements and events. Follow the "Facebook" link off our parish



web site

(<http://www.stjohnsdunellen.org>).

Adult Faith Formation:

Thinking about what you can give up for Lent this year?
How about **doing** something for Lent instead?

Jesus' Passion: A Story of Redemptive Suffering

This 6 week program will focus on Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*. The emotional experience of watching this movie can lead us to reflect on Jesus' suffering in a more intimate way than is often possible when simply reading about His Passion—and we will then see how the movie relates to the Bible and the teachings of the Catholic Church. By doing so, we will come to more fully appreciate the sacrifice that our Lord made out of love for us! This study will take place on either on Wednesday Evenings from 7-8:30 (note first session will begin approximately at 7:30/immediately following 7PM Ash Wednesday Mass) OR Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11 AM. Sessions begin on 2/22-2/23, run for 6 weeks, and conclude on 3/28-3/29. Required home study consists of reading and answering study questions before each session. Materials needed: workbook (\$20; purchased through Religious Ed), the New American Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (both purchased on your own). We must have a minimum of 10 participants to complete this study, so don't delay; register now! Registration forms are found at all church exits.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” -

Mark 1:35, 38

Through today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to doing all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. Yet Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is only through prayer, through spending time with God, that any of us can find the strength to do all that God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time this week to be with God.

The Catholic Daughters of the

Americas, Court Regina Coeli #940, will meet on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the church auditorium at St. John the Evangelist Church, Dunellen, NJ. All Catholic women, 18 years and older, are welcome to attend. Also, please mark your calendars for the CDA's 39th Annual



Luncheon, Fashion Show and Gift Basket Auction on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza, 110 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$40 for

entrance to the fashion show and luncheon (choice of Tilapia Lemone, French Chicken Supreme, or Vegetarian Entrée along with soup or salad and dessert). Fashions are courtesy of Coldwater Creek, Bridgewater, NJ. If you would like more information about the fashion show or Catholic Daughters, please contact Audrey Spenard at 908-561-8050 or Beth Willoughby at 732-752-8392. You can also email Beth at bethlby72@verizon.net



A bus trip to New York City to see Sister Act....

St. John's Activities Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Sunday April 15, 2012 (Sunday after Easter) to see the Broadway production of Sister Act at the Broadway Theatre. The trip will include the Sunday Brunch Buffet at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains, NJ. **Tickets**, which include bus, brunch, show, and all gratuities are \$160 per person. Payment is due in full by March 5, 2012. **Make** your check payable to St. John Church. Drop it in the collection or at the parish office in an envelope labeled Sister Act with your name, phone number and the names of the people in your party. **The** bus will depart from St. John's parking lot at 11:30 am and return at approximately 6:30 pm. **If** you have any questions please call Al Geigel at 732-529-5147.