

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

**MAY 3, 2009**



**MONDAY**

**7:00 AM Evelyn Hook by Michael Duggan**

**TUESDAY**

**7:00 AM Special Intention**

**WEDNESDAY**

**7:00 AM William Farrell by Bob Zednick**

**THURSDAY**

**7:00 AM Tasiana and Basilio Labrador by Marc and Gilda Spazian**

**FRIDAY**

**7:00 AM Catherine E. Luthman by Marge Lyman**

**SATURDAY**

**5:00 PM Nancy Balas by Daughter  
(VIGIL)**

**SUNDAY**

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

**10:30 AM Louis and Regina Guidi by the Guidi Family**

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2009**

<b>Average needed from Weekly Offerings to cover expenses</b>	<b>\$6,800.00</b>
<b>Collection, April 26, 2009</b>	<b><u>\$4,253.38</u></b>
<b>UNDER</b>	<b>\$2,546.62</b>

**Children's Collection for last week amounted to \$59.50.**

**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 515 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, 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”.

## 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.

## SPREADING THE WORD – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 3, 2009

*To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, “leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.”*  
(See John 10:12)

## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the week, our young people who are preparing to receive Holy Communion will be reflecting about how the Eucharist changes us and the Holy Spirit helps us live out our mission. Join them by reflecting on your experience of living out the mission of your Baptism. This week especially remember in your prayers: *Breanna Slattery, Angel Suarez, Bryan Volpi, Sean Volpi, Ryan Williams and Trevor Witzel.*

During the week, our young people who are preparing to celebrate Confirmation will be reflecting on the role of the Holy Spirit in the growth of their conscience and the call to be forgivers and reconcilers. Join them by reflecting on what it means for you to be guided by the Holy Spirit in the choices you make and in your own mission of forgiveness and reconciliation. This week especially remember in your prayers: *Angelica Torres, Sean Tunison, Alicia Ventriglia, Casey Wenzel, Robert Wikander, Stephen Wright, and Kyle Zawodniak.*

Registration forms for the 2009-2010 Catechetical Year have been distributed or mailed to all families. Please return forms no later than Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in registering your child/children for classes please contact the Office of Religious Education at 732-968-0233.

## THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



## PARISH GARAGE SALE

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Parish Garage Sale. St. John Church profited \$1,751.15.

## MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE

Take a chance on a beautiful 16-inch pot of summer flowers for your special Mom. Chances will be sold after all Masses on the weekend of May 2/3. Tickets are \$1.00. The drawing will be on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. **YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!**

## SCRIP FUNDRAISER

Your SCRIP FUNDRAISER ORDERS ARE DUE ON MONDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>. Please place your orders in the collection basket, mail or bring to the Parish Center. Let’s continue to make this fundraiser a success. Use Scrip cards for your food, gas and gift card shopping. Retailers list and order forms can be found in back of the church.

## CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Dorothy Gorel, \$75.00  
Congratulations to our winner!!!

## ST. JOHN BUS TRIP MOUNT AIRY, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John Parish will be sponsoring a bus trip to Mount Airy Casino and The Crossings Outlets in Pennsylvania on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The bus will depart from St. John parking lot at 9:00 AM sharp and return at 7:00 PM. The trip will include stopping at the Mount Airy Casino for several hours to “enjoy”, and then the bus will travel to the Crossings Outlets for those who wish to spend time shopping. For the return trip, the bus will pick up passengers from the casino and the outlets. The cost is \$30.00 and you will receive \$25.00 in coin and a \$5 food voucher. Note: Casino requires ID. To reserve a seat, please call Jane at 732-752-4741.

## ST. JOHN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

NEW AMOUNTS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
AS OF 4/15/09:

AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$301,105.00
PLEDGE PAYMENTS:	\$255,326.64

BALANCE: \$ 45,778.36  
 DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING: \$ 17,435.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**BASEMENT RENOVATION**



The Building Committee has begun construction on the new Handicap Accessible Bathrooms for the Parish hall in the basement of the church. A bulletin board has been set up in the rear of the church showing the progress that has been made.

We are asking that parishioners consider donating their time, talent or treasure toward this project. Anyone wishing to make a donation should remove the appropriate price tag from the board, and return it to the Parish Center or drop in the collection basket.

We would like to thank the many parishioners who have already contributed to this project which will make a fine addition to our facility for 2009!



**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:*

*Carolyn Sheenan who decorated the urns in front of the church and the rectory with flowers.*

*Thank you again for your participation!*

**DIOCESE OF METUCHEN**

**2008 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL -CONTINUING THE MISSION OF CHRIST**

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL PLEDGED</u>	<u>TOTAL PAID</u>
37,600.00	24,235.50	23,995.50
<u>SHORT OF GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL DONORS</u>	<u>% PLEDGE TO GOAL</u>
13,604.50	189	64.46

Thank You!

**MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING - "MOMS"**

The call to be a mother is a gift from God. Mothers are entrusted with the spiritual and physical upbringing of their children and live with many demands on their time and energy. Bring the companionship of other women into your busy life as a mother. "MOMS" creates in

women an awareness of the inner sacred self while at the same time teaching new ways to inspire, encourage, and affirm one another. "MOMS" gives you an opportunity to clarify your values, claim your own giftedness, and bring these strengths to your family relationships and to the Christian community. Regular meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings for eight weeks beginning on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 9:30 PM at St. Andrew Church, Avenel. The fee is \$20.00 and includes journal workbook and refreshments. Registration form available online:

[www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/family-life](http://www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/family-life) (Click on family life events). For more information contact Karen McKenna 732-855-0716 or e-mail [mrskmck@aol.com](mailto:mrskmck@aol.com). Sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen.

**ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE**

The Office of Vocations invites you to join us for the Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of Juan Salonga and Bro. Jeff Calia, C.O. on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at St. Thomas Church, Old Bridge. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations, Diocese of Metuchen which is funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. For directions or questions, please contact: [vocations@diometuchen.org](mailto:vocations@diometuchen.org), [www.diometuchen.org/vocations](http://www.diometuchen.org/vocations) or 732-562-2457.

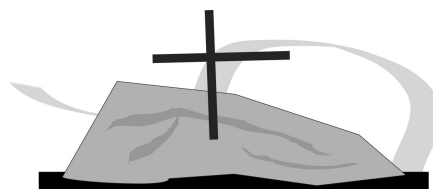
**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

The Office of Vocations invites you to join us for the Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mr. Keith Cervine, Rev. Mr. Edmund Luciano III and Rev. Mr. Matthew Paratore on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Cathedral of St. Francis, Metuchen. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations, Diocese of Metuchen which is funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. For directions or questions, please contact [vocations@diometuchen.org](mailto:vocations@diometuchen.org), [www.diometuchen.org/vocations](http://www.diometuchen.org/vocations) or 732-562-2457.

**EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

The Office of Vocations invites you to join us for Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of Peace Church in Fords. For directions, visit, the parish website at <http://home.comcast.net/~olpparish/church.htm>. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations, Diocese of Metuchen which is funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND MAY 2/3 WILL BE FOR UTILITIES....THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND MAY 9/10 WILL BE FOR BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE....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: [mshhope@msmhope.org](mailto:mshhope@msmhope.org)

**MARTHA AND MARY REVISITED**

*Martha welcomed Jesus into her home; Mary listened to his words.* Come, rediscover the richness of this Scripture story from Luke's Gospel. OFFERED Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30 PM AND Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 AM (\$15). Mary Jo Kearns, RSM

**MOTHERS' AND DAUGHTERS' RETREAT**

Experience and wisdom often come with age. How wonderful to share that wisdom with those closest to us! For mothers and adult daughters. Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 4 PM. Includes lunch. \$70/pair.



*The following people are presently serving in the United States Military: Private Jackelyn McCann, Lieutenant Elizabeth Kuhl, Specialist Dennis Bibby and Lieutenant Gregory Luttmann in the United States Army; Airman Sean*

*Bibby in the United States Navy...*

*Please keep them 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....*

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
PISCATAWAY**

The Fatima Procession Committee of Our Lady of Fatima Church, located at 501 New Market Rd., Piscataway, invites you to join us on Sunday evening, May 17<sup>th</sup> as we honor Our Lady of Fatima with our Eighth Annual Fatima Candlelight Procession. We will gather at 7:00 PM outside of church. The procession will begin at 7:30 PM. The program in the church will include a homily, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and the traditional Fatima Farewell. The church is handicap accessible. For more information call Roberta Maurer at 732-968-7581. We look forward to praying with you as we honor Our Lady of Fatima.

**ST. ANDREW PARISH  
AVENEL**

Eleven-day Greece Pilgrimage In the Steps of St. Paul including Greek Isles. October 27<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>. Visit Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Thessaloniki, Mykonos, Rhodes, Patmos, Kalambaka and Dephi. Includes airfare from Newark, breakfast and dinners, superior hotels, professional tour guides, daily Mass. \$2479.00 per person – double occupancy. Call St. Andrew's rectory at 732-

634-4355 or visit the website [www.standrewparish.com](http://www.standrewparish.com) for full itinerary arrangements by Nawas Intl. Travel, Darien CT.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS  
OF THE AMERICAS**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Regina Coeli #940 will be hosting their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Dunellen Hotel, Washington Ave., Dunellen immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass at St. John the Evangelist in Dunellen. The guest speaker will be Ernestine Winfrey, Director of Good News Home for Women. This facility is a non-profit long-term rehabilitation center for women who want to recover from the effects of alcohol and other drug addictions. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. All Catholic women are welcome. For reservations or more information please call Mary Ann Briones at 732-752-4326.

**PROJECT CHILD FIND**

For Green Brook residents Project CHILD FIND is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in identification of unserved/underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age. In addition, Project CHILD FIND develops and distributes information to the public about early intervention services and special education programs throughout New Jersey. Homeless and migrant families are encouraged to apply for early intervention services and special education programs. Information through Project CHILD FIND may be obtained by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-322-8174, which is in service 7 days a week, 24-hours a day. All calls received are confidential.



***WEDDING BANNES***

***III  
Brian Flynn  
&  
Giovanna Giordano***

**DATES TO REMEMBER**



- May 4<sup>th</sup> .....Living Rosary, Church, 6:30 PM
- May 6<sup>th</sup> .....Bible Study, Parish Center, 7:30 PM
- May 9<sup>th</sup> .....First Eucharist, Church, 10 AM
- May 13<sup>th</sup> .....Catholic Daughters Meeting, Parish Center, 7:30 PM
- May 15<sup>th</sup> .....Mount Airy Bus Trip, leaves from St. John's 9 AM, returns 7 PM

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>.....Confirmation, Church, 7 PM**  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>.....FISH Yard Sale, St. John Parking**  
**Lot**