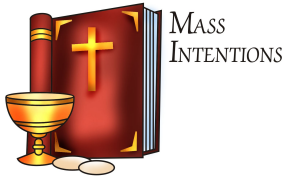


**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 17, 2009



MONDAY

7:00 AM Clarence and Mary Margaret Moyle
by Kay Hart

TUESDAY

7:00 AM Alfred Zelenty by wife, Marie

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Jerry Ulmes by wife, Peggy

**ASCENSION THURSDAY
(HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION)**

7:00 AM Ruth Kuligowski by Walter Kuligowski

12:00 NOON Thomas Russo by Family

7:00 PM Marion Maier by Joe and Marion
England

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Robert T. Moore by Robert C. and
Sharon Moore

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Agnes Smith by Jane Mills
(VIGIL)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. John's

10:30 AM Michael Scerra by the McDowell Family

SACRIFICIAL GIVING 2009

Average needed from Weekly Offerings
to cover expenses \$6,800.00
Collection, May 10, 2009 \$5,550.25

OVER \$1,249.75

Children's Collection for last week amounted to \$35.25.

The DIOCESAN COLLECTION for AID TO THE
CHURCH IN EASTERN EUROPE and CATHOLIC
HOME MISSION APPEAL U.S.A. amounted to \$747.00.

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 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.

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.



From the Desk of Fr. Jay....

In light of the recent health concerns that have arisen about the potential spread of "swine flu," it is important to recall Bishop Bootkoski's previous instruction about liturgical practices and the risk of contagion at Mass.

If you are sick (and this holds true at all times not just flu season) you should refrain from drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice, receiving the Body of Christ on the tongue and exchanging the Sign of Peace by shaking hands. It is the responsibility of the individual to make this judgment. These practices should never be suspended unilaterally by the priest celebrant or across the board for the entire parish. Of course the wisest course of action, out of consideration for our fellow parishioners, is to stay home when we are sick.

In the event that an epidemic is declared by the health officials responsible for making such a decision, the Bishop will judge which liturgical practices should be suspended throughout the Diocese and issue instructions accordingly.

SPREADING THE WORD –SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 17, 2009

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Take a chance on a \$50.00 money shirt for your special Dad. Chances will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of June 6/7 and June 13/14. Tickets are \$1.00. The drawing will be on Monday, June 15th. St. John' Parish profited \$164.00 from the Mother's Day Raffle. Thank you to all who participated!

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!

SCRIP FUNDRAISER

Your SCRIP FUNDRAISER ORDERS ARE DUE ON MONDAY, MAY 18TH. 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

**May 11th – Linda Ambrosio, \$100.00
Congratulations to our winner!!!**

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration forms for the 2009-2010 Catechetical Year have been distributed or mailed to all families. **Please return forms as soon as possible.** If you are interested in registering your child/children for classes please contact the Office of Religious Education at 732-968-0233.

**ST. JOHN ALTAR ROSARY
PRAYER GROUP**

St. John Altar Rosary Prayer Group will meet on Monday, June 1st at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We will pray the Rosary, and then proceed to conduct the meeting. Refreshments will be served. Come and join us and bring a friend. Remember to pray your Rosary as often as possible to honor our Blessed Mother.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND MAY 16/17 WILL BE FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE....THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND MAY 24/25 WILL BE THE DIOCESAN SUMMER COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY... PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOUR MEANS ALLOW....

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!	



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:

*Frances Criscuolo, Yolanda Giacomarra,
Kathryn Kelly, Lourdes Manaois,
Jackie Spagnolo and Peggy Ulmes
who maintain the chapel and church linens.*

Thank you again for your participation!

THE 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	24,220.50	24,055.50
<u>SHORT OF GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL DONORS</u>	<u>% PLEDGE TO GOAL</u>
13,554.50	189	64.42

Thank You!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH!!

Did you know there are over 11,000 children in the New Jersey Foster Care System? Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen's Therapeutic Foster Care Program is seeking warm, supportive individuals and families to serve as Foster Families to children in need. Many of these children are innocent victims of abuse and neglect. Children of all ages and backgrounds are in need of loving, nurturing homes. CALL TODAY! 1-866-247-HOME (4663).

You Can Help!!!

*It's all about families because...
Children Grow Best In Families*

MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT DIOCESAN CEMETERIES

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski will be the celebrant of the annual Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 AM on the grounds of Holy Cross Burial Park, Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick. At the same time, Bishop Emeritus Edward T. Hughes will be the celebrant of the Memorial Day Mass on the grounds of Resurrection Burial Park, Hoes Lane, Piscataway. All the faithful are invited to participate at either site, and are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for comfort. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated inside the Mausoleum Chapel located at each site. For further information, contact the Cemetery Office at 732-463-1424.

ARE YOU SUFFERING AFTER AN ABORTION?
HELP IS AVAILABLE!

As we are beginning to understand the long term effects of abortion, we see that abortion creates human need instead of solving a human problem. Abortion leaves behind a trail of bereaved mothers and fathers with life-long consequences to live out. Many who have abortions experience what is "Post Abortion Stress Syndrome." If you or someone you know is suffering from the after effects of abortion, there is hope. For free, confidential counseling call, 1-877-877-4300 or visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.

KEEP IN THE KNOW

View the Bishop's Easter Homily; Check out diocesan and parish events. Read the latest news. Visit: www.diometuchen.org.

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

CENTERING PRAYER

Pray this ancient form of prayer and breathe in God's peace. Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, Tuesday, June 2nd, 7:30 – 9:00 PM. Free-will offering.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

Sacred Time, Sacred Space – a personal private day to enjoy God's presence; begins with communal prayer. June 3rd, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Bring a bag lunch. (\$20)

OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN
MIDDLESEX

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish once again is hosting their popular Carnival from May 27th – 30th. Hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00 – 10:00 PM, and Friday and Saturday from 6:00 – 11:00 PM. The event is located at 450 Drake Ave., Middlesex. Admission and parking are free. There will be rides hosted by Ace amusements and a wide variety of food and games. The purchase of a \$20 wristband allows you to ride all night! Live entertainment will be featured nightly including local bands. On Thursday, May 28th, don't miss a visit from the NJ 101.5 "Big Yellow Van and Jersey Prize Team" from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. On Saturday, the "Super 50/50" will be drawn. For more detailed information visit olmv.net or call 732-356-6560.

SOMERSET MEDICAL CENTER
SOMERVILLE

Unemployment Stressing You Out?

The Low Stress – High Success Job Search
Leslie Becker-Phelps, PhD, and Certified Master Coach
Lisa Silvershein will discuss why having a solid understanding of your strengths enables you to stay positive and open your mind to alternate job possibilities. Attendees will learn ways to leverage these strengths in their career search. Handouts will be provided. This seminar is free and will be held on Wednesday, May 27th at The Steeplechase Cancer Center from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Sign in begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is required. Call 908-203-6234 or register online at www.somersetmedicalcenter.com/events.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 19th.....Stewardship Meeting,



Parish Center, 7:30 PM
May 22ndConfirmation, Church, 7 PM
May 30thFISH Yard Sale, St. John Parking Lot

June 1stAltar Rosary Prayer Group, meet in Chapel in Parish Center, 7 PM

May 17, 2009
6th Sunday of Easter

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God has been revealed to us: God sent His Son into the world so that we may have life through Him.’... ‘No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friend’... ‘love one another.’”

When we stop to buy a greeting card, for a birthday, family celebration or as a get well or sympathy note, we usually pause to select one with an appropriate verse or saying. At times it might be humorous, sometimes prayerful, usually designed to lift one’s spirits.

The selection from the letter and gospel of John certainly do this, for we are reminded of God’s great and never ending love for us. The mission of Jesus to provide us with the gift of life is a clear statement of the Father’s wish for us, the purpose for His coming, and the fruit of His saving action, eternal life. At another moment John tells us eternal life is to know the Father and the Son whom He has sent.

As I pause to reflect on this profound teaching I come to realize that eternal life is now, it has already begun, as I strive to know the Father and live in union with the Son. Did I not learn that God made me to know, love and serve Him?

In this year of St. Paul we have read his letters, witnessed his faith, and discovered that we too have the Lord and His grace, eternal life, in us right now. Paul told his friends: ‘I live now, not I, but Christ lives in me.’ Eternal life comes to me through God’s grace. Each disciple of Christ reflects that presence, the person of Jesus Christ. We take that presence seriously. We know how Jesus laid down His life for us. As His follower I give myself in the same way by my service to others that they too may know God’s love for them.

As John begins this passage today, may we make sure we do not take God’s love for granted.

Mantra: ‘Stay with us Lord, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.’

