

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2009



MONDAY

7:00 AM Jim Painton by Jon and Joyce Fourre

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)**

7:00 AM Violet Gagnon by Karen Marble

**12:00 NOON Frank and Josephine Esposito by the
Petrucci Family**

**7:00 PM Christine Sendzik by Joan and Ed
Nowicki**

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Blanche Batog by daughter, Mae

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Catherine Price by JMP and Family

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Richard A. McAuley III by Pat Mills

SATURDAY

**5:00 PM Arlene Kosiba by MaryLou Chingery
(VIGIL)**

SUNDAY

**8:30 AM The Parishioners of St. John's and
Michael V. Kerwin**

**10:30 AM Anne and Francis Nowicki by Ed and
Joan Nowicki and Family**

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2009

**Average needed from Weekly Offerings
to cover expenses \$6,800.00
Collection, November 29, 2009 \$4,918.16**

UNDER \$1,881.86

**The THANKSGIVING COLLECTION amounted to
\$216.00**

Children's Collection for last week amounted to \$42.75

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY.**

Parishioners of St. John's,

*I am grateful to you and your fellow parishioners
for your kindness on World Mission Sunday. St. John
the Evangelist Church's offering of \$840 will be used
to help the Church's missionaries be the heart, hands
and the voice of Christ to the suffering poor during
2010.*

*May our Lord give to you, your families, and your
parish as you have given to others so that His Good
News may be offered worldwide.*

Msgr. Behl



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.**



The season of Advent is here. What better way to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ than to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance. St. John the Evangelist Parish will come together to celebrate Reconciliation on Thursday night, December 10th at 7:00 PM in the Church. Five priests will be available to hear individual confessions. Bring your family and rejoice in the Lord's peace and forgiveness.

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

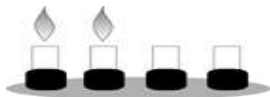
When a family member is ill, homebound, or in the hospital and would like a visit from our priest, please notify the Pastoral Center to make the necessary arrangements.

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 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 6, 2009

Good Stewards believe that god, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, “the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”

(See Psalm 126)

THE GIVING TREE



Our Christmas “Giving Tree” will be in place on the weekend of November 28th and 29th. All details for gifts and return date are noted on the “Angel”. Children were told to list their “wishes”.....know that you can choose to grant the “wish”, or select some thing that you would feel appropriate. As always your kindness and generosity are so appreciated. Gifts may be left in the vestibule of the church or brought to the Parish Center. **ALL “ANGEL” GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 12TH AND 13TH, OR CHILD WILL NOT RECEIVE GIFT.**

ST. JOHN ACTIVITIES/FUNDRAISING

SCRIP FUNDRAISER

Scrip orders are due no later than NOON on Monday, December 7th 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. Scrip gift cards are perfect Christmas gifts for those hard-to-shop friends and family members. For more information call Pat Nagel at 732-718-5197 or Anne North at 908-616-1546.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

November 29th – Tony Abramo, \$125.00

Congratulations to our winner!!!



ST. JOHN MUSIC MINISTRY

St. John's Music Ministry thanks the congregation for supporting our recent Fall Soup Supper. The profit from the supper amounted to \$1,511.00. Your attendance at this fundraiser, as well as several generous check donations, will enable us to enhance the music for the Christmas Liturgies in the best possible way.



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.



QUAD GOLF OUTING

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Quad Golf Outing. Whether you enjoyed the day of golf or purchased raffle tickets, your involvement helped St. John Parish profit \$5,179.00. Thanks so much for your contribution.

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2009 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – BECAUSE WE ARE CHURCH

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| <u>GOAL</u> | <u>TOTAL PLEDGED</u> | <u>TOTAL PAID</u> |
| 29,800.00 | 21,902.99 | 19,311.33 |
| <u>SHORT OF GOAL</u> | <u>TOTAL DONORS</u> | <u>% PLEDGE TO GOAL</u> |
| 7,897.01 | 164 | 73.5 |

The RCIA Office supplies resources, support, leadership formation, and consultation services to parishes implementing a Catechumenate process in accord with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is just one of many ministries supported by your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

If you are 70 ½ years of age or older, you may directly transfer up to \$100,000 TAX-FREE (Federal Tax) to a qualified charity. St. John the Evangelist Parish, a parish school, Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Metuchen are qualified charities. These Charitable donations count toward your required annual minimum withdrawal. This distribution neither generates taxable income nor a tax deduction – so this may also benefit non-itemizers. Your IRS manger may charge a small fee for the transfer. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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.

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

PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

Sacred Time, Sacred Space. A personal quiet day to

enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer. Wednesday, December 9th, 9:30 – 3:00 PM. Bring bag lunch (\$20)

COME TO THE STABLE DAY

Prayerful preparation for Christmas! An annual tradition, includes prayer, blessing of the Christmas tree, community, refreshments. Sunday, December 20th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND DECEMBER 5/6 WILL BE FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE TO HELP US MEET OUR OBLIGATION TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WITHIN THE DIOCESE. THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND DECEMBER 12/13 WILL BE THE DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS. YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION SUPPORTS THE CARE OF ELDERLY AND FRAIL RELIGIOUS AND HELPS PROVIDE SUCH BASICS NECESSITIES AS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICAL SERVICES. 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:

*MaryLou Chingery
Our Social Concerns Minister*

Thank you again for your participation!

THE 2010 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH CENTER OR DOLLAR PLANET IN MIDDLESEX. THE COST IS \$30.00. EACH BOOK ALSO INCLUDES PACKAGE OF FOUR "BONUS SAVINGS CARDS". ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS MAKE A GREAT BIRTHDAY OR CHRISTMAS GIFT.



SCHEDULE OF

HOLIDAY SERVICES

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

*Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM
6:00 PM
12:00 MIDNIGHT*

*Christmas Day 8:30 AM
10:30 AM*

*Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
(Holyday of Obligation)*

*December 31st (Vigil) 5:00 PM
January 1, 2010 9:00 AM*



The following people are presently serving in the United States Military: Private Jackelyn McCann, Lieutenant Elizabeth Kuhl and Lieutenant Gregory Luttmann 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....

**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT
WARREN**

OLM Neighbor to Neighbor Employment Network meets in the Father Peter Room every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. We are open to anyone; employed, unemployed, underemployed or those willing to help others find positions. Our aim is to mentor job seekers and match them with employers. Come strengthen your individual network. Join us if you can and bring a friend. For further information please call 908-647-1075 or e-mail www.olmwarren.org.

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
WOODBRIIDGE**

Singles 40+ Coffee House on Saturday, December 12th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 267 E. Smith, Woodbridge (Church faces Rt. 35). The Coffee House will be held from 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Meet new friends in a Christian atmosphere. Admission: \$8.00. Contact Christine: 908- 501-3993, John: 732-261-2296, or St. Anthony’s Church: 732-634-1403. Parking will be available in the Provident lot.

ST. ANN PARISH

RARITAN

St. Ann Parish in Raritan is pleased to announce Father Alphonse Stephenson’s Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea – Annual Christmas Concert. Father Stephenson, world renowned, directed over 3000 performances of “A Chorus Line” on Broadway. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 PM at the Somerset County Vo-tech School in Bridgewater. Advance tickets ONLY are on sale now at the Rectory Office, reserved seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Orchestra \$32.50, Balcony \$27.50. Limited number of tickets are available. Call Rectory Office at 908-725-1008 ext. 104 to reserve your ticket. Last year’s concert was sold out!

**ST. ANDREW CHURCH
AVENEL**

Ten-Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land-visiting Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, March 10-19, 2010, \$2,399.00. Includes all breakfasts and dinners, travel guide, comprehensive site seeing, first-class hotels and daily Mass. Pilgrimage host, Fr. David Kosmoski, St. Andrew Church, Avenel, NJ. Arrangements by Nawas Travel, Connecticut. Please call 732-634-4355 or visit the parish website at www.standrewparish.com for itinerary and reservation form.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
“BREAKFAST WITH SANTA”**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Breakfast with Santa in the school cafeteria at Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, December 13th. The time is from 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Family rate \$20.00. Breakfast includes omelettes (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, and assorted juices. We hope to see you there as we look forward to serving you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 6thCatechist Meeting, 9:30 AM,
Church Auditorium
Dec. 10thReconciliation/Penance Service, 7:00 PM,
Church

