

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2010



## MONDAY

7:00 AM Frank Caccioppoli by Marylou D'Andrea

## TUESDAY

7:00 AM Patricia Leonardis by Michelle & Michael Duggan

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM Diane DiQuollo Fouts by Nina DiQuollo

## THURSDAY

7:00 AM Denia from Gilda & Family

## FRIDAY

7:00 AM Joseph Kotz (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by Terry and Matt Kurzius & Family

## SATURDAY

5:00 PM (VIGIL) Arthur Nagel by The Nagel Family

## SUNDAY

8:30 AM Jean Yaeger by Peggy Ulmes  
10:30 AM The Parishioners of St. John's

## 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.

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS 2010

Average needed from weekly offerings to cover expenses

\$6,800.00

Collection, January 3, 2010

\$6,815.40

OVER

\$ 15.40

SOLEMNITY OF MARY collection amounted to \$1,931.38.

Children's Collection, January 3rd, amounted to \$48.81

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

### 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.

**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.

**SPREADING THE WORD** -Baptism of Our Lord - *January 10, 2010*

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor. See Luke 3:22

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

WE WILL HAVE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL EVERY FRIDAY BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 2010. THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE EXPOSED FROM 7:30 PM WITH BENEDICTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

**BIBLE STUDY**



ST. JOHN PARISH will be hosting BIBLE STUDY focusing on THE WRITINGS OF ST. LUKE classes will be held on Mondays at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – The Readings of the Lectionary, Cycle C (St. Luke’s Gospel)[ The Mission of the Messiah]  
Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Acts of the Apostles  
Presented by Paul Major, Our Lady of the Mount, Warren

**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 DelVecchio at 732-668-6801.

**ST. JOHN ACTIVITIES/FUNDRAISING**

**SCRIP FUNDRAISER**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Scrip orders are due no later than NOON on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER**

The Profit from our Christmas Card Sale was \$916.10. Due to the overwhelming success of our Christmas card sale we hope to do it again this year!

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER**

December 28, 2009 – \$250.00  
Manny & Lynne Jacalan

Congratulations to our winners!!!

**ST JOHN’S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

*The Capital Campaign is drawing to a close as of January 15, 2010. Any payments made after that date will be posted to our Facilities Improvement Account. Thank you for making our Campaign such a hug*

**DIOCESE OF METUCHEN**

**2009 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL – BECAUSE WE ARE CHURCH**

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL PLEDGED</u>	<u>TOTAL PAID</u>
29,800.00	25,082.99	22,109.94
<u>SHORT OF GOAL</u>	<u>TOTAL DONORS</u>	<u>% PLEDGE TO GOAL</u>
\$4,717.01	186	84.2%

Our goal is to have 100% participation in the 2009 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.

**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. Children of all ages and backgrounds 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!!

### MASS FOR RACIAL HARMONY

The Diocese of Metuchen will celebrate a Mass for Racial Harmony on Sunday, January 17 at 12 noon in St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen. Bishop Emeritus Edward T. Hughes will be the principal celebrant at the Mass, and Bishop Martin D. Holley of the Archdiocese of Washington will be the guest homilist. For information, call 732-562-2461.

### NEEDED MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN (FULL TIME)

We seek an individual to perform general maintenance and care taking of the facilities and grounds for both the Catholic Center (Rutgers Campus Ministry) and St. Peter Church, located in New Brunswick, NJ. The ideal candidate will have a reliable track record and must be able to work some weekend/overtime shifts. Compensation \$12. - \$15. per hour. Benefits included. For further information please submit resume via email to: [HR@diometuchen.org](mailto:HR@diometuchen.org) or by mail: Human Resources – Diocese of Metuchen – P>O> Box 191 – Metuchen, NJ 08840. Due to anticipated response we will only contact candidates we have an interest in pursuing. No phone calls please.



### 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 CATECHISTS

*Thank you again for your participation!*

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 9/10 WILL BE FOR THE DIOCESAN COLLECTION "TOGETHER IN CHARITY" TO HELP FUND THE PARISH EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 16/17 WILL BE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ASSISTANCE TO HELP US MEET OUR OBLIGATION TO THOSE FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH WHO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. 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: [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org)

### GATHERING FOR MEN

Gain support and inspiration by focusing on spirituality and integration with daily life. Group discussion, reflection and prayer. Tues – Jan 12, 7:30 pm (\$15) Jerry McKenna, Al Berronio

### PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

Sacred Time, Sacred Space – A personal quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer. January 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am until 3:00 pm. Bring bag lunch (\$20)

### ABRAHAM AND JOSEPH – TOTAL SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL

Come and be inspired by these two great Patriarchs of the Book of Genesis who have much to teach us today! Wed, Jan 20, 7:30 – 9:30 PM (\$15.) Allan Wright, Author

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court Regina Coeli #940 is a national Catholic organization dedicated to prayer, good works and the helping of other less fortunate. CDA is an opportunity to make new friends, to have fun while enriching your life as well as the lives of those less fortunate, and to engage in spiritual activities. Regular meetings take place once a month, Sept – June, on the second Tuesday of the month. They are held at 7:30 pm. in the Church Auditorium. The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call; Audrey Spenard 908-561-8050, Beth Willoughby 732-752-8392 or e-mail [bethlby72@verizon.net](mailto:bethlby72@verizon.net) All Catholic women 18 years and older are welcome.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 11<sup>th</sup>.....Bible Study, 7:30 pm, Parish Center  
Jan 11<sup>th</sup> .....Stewardship Meeting 7:30 pm.  
Jan 12<sup>th</sup>.....CDA, Court Regina Coeli #940 Meeting, 7:30 pm, Church Auditorium

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a family breakfast in the school cafeteria at Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>. The time is from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Family rate \$20.00. Breakfast includes; Omelets ( 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, Assorted juices. We hope to see you there as we look forward to serving you!

# HIS WORD TODAY

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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**“I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached; of the way God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil, and God was with Him”... “You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests.”**

Peter used a gathering in the home of Cornelius to give a profound talk and teaching. In a few short words he tells of Jesus' call, mission, His giftedness with the spirit and power or grace. Because of these attributes, He launched His mission of teaching, healing and doing good works. Rather than stating that He is the Son of God, Peter indicates that God accompanied Him.

The mission of Jesus has moved from Galilee to an entire world. Others have been chosen to continue His ministry. In this 'year of the priest' we acknowledge the unique role in continuing this same work of Jesus, most especially in providing the Eucharist. Yet the preaching, teaching, healing, all the good works are part of the life of our church and are the responsibility of all the baptized. When we observe the life of the church today providing education, health care, family support and all the corporal works of mercy, we discover the mission of Jesus at work among us.

As Peter described the life and times of Jesus, may we observe how this same mission continues today. May we see our role in continuing the work of Jesus, going about 'doing good works.'

