



MONDAY, January 30, 2012

7:00 AM Deceased members of Alusik Family, r/o John Sr.,
8:45 AM Charles Waterman, r/o Franczak Family

TUESDAY, January 31, 2012

7:00 AM Joan Cassidy, r/o Nick & Phyllis Pappas
8:45 AM Charles E. Waterman, SJV HSA

WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2012

7:00 AM Betty Kropnicki, r/o Sister Bronisia
8:45 AM Sharon Green, r/o Gloria Zrodskoy

THURSDAY, February 2, 2012

7:00 AM Theresa Antonelli, r/o Karen Turnbull
8:45 AM Rose Lyons, r/o Margaret

FRIDAY, February 3, 2012

BLESSING OF THE THROAT (St. Blaise)

7:00 AM Sick, Dying & Purgatory Souls, r/o In Honor of
St. Joseph
8:45 AM John Davis, r/o Wife and Family

SATURDAY, February 4, 2012

8:00 AM Lina Sforza, r/o Jerry Maddalena
5:00 PM Johnnie O., r/o Karnai Family
7:00 PM George Szotak, Sr., r/o Steve & Chris Cherebko

SUNDAY, February 5, 2012

7:00 AM Purgatorial Society
9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
10:45 AM Joseph McQuade, r/o Gambotto Family
12:15 PM Joseph C. Schleck, r/o M/M Frank Oakley

Remember and pray for the sick of the parish, those who are hospitalized, and their caregivers: Bill Hillyer, Tony Argenziano, Frank Kuypers, Dolores Robinson, Elena Schwertfeger, Walter Glodek, Marissa Pecoraro, Gina Amsterdam, Rose Catalon, Mary Wild, Midge Custode, Mona Castilia, John Mihalko, Julia Philo, Anthony Virrazzi, Rudy Skoczynski, Louis Briante, Anna Pecoraro, Carmella Traettino, Thomas Carey, Barbara Lukaszewski, Nancy Marino, Melissa Zuczek, Lisa Olsen, Sue Kovalcik, Ellen Zelnock, Teresa McQuade, Bishop Hughes, Baby Christian Pecoraro, Eric LeGrande, Matthew Guarino, Bethany Ciccarelli and please remember our service men and women in your prayers.



Let us pray for our recently departed brothers and sisters, Edward DeRosa, Sr., John Devlin, Deacon Salvatore Gigliano, Cpl. Kevin Reinhard, to reward them a place in heaven and eternal rest.



Flowers for the Altar have been donated in loving memory of Mildred Puca From Fran Donohue



The Bread and Wine have been offered up in Loving Memory of Joseph Monaco From Wife

Next Baptismal class will be February 21st.-Call the Rectory to register.

God's Plan for Giving

Collection for the weekend of 1/22/12 **\$12,975.00**
May God bless you for your generosity.

ATTENTION!

Anyone wishing a record of their Church contributions for the year 2011 is asked to send in a stamped self-addressed envelope with their envelope number to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket.

CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass is Sunday **February 12th** at the 9 AM Mass. Mandatory Rehearsal is Saturday February 11th from 9:30 – 10:30 in a classroom next to the gym on the lower level of St. John Vianney School. We need readers, singers, and children for the offertory procession. Please contact Jennie Esposito at 732-283-0126 to sign up. Children have to be at least in third grade to participate.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR
CONSECRATED LIFE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012
ST. FRANCIS CATHEDRAL/METUCHEN**

4:00 PM

Next Sunday, February 5th, the Diocese of Metuchen will celebrate World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. The Church is invited to remember with gratitude the women and men who have dedicated their lives in service to the mission of Jesus.. You are invited to join Bishop Bootkoski and the men and women in Consecrated Life for Evening Prayer. A light reception will follow Evening Prayer.

Congratulations to our Sister Rose Maxine, who is celebrating at this service her 50th Anniversary of being a religious sister.

We look forward to having you participate. If you are interested in attending contact the Rectory.

SJV SENIORS CLUB

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday February 1st** at 2:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Our guest will be Fabian Petruccio, a mind reader.

New members are welcome. Try to remember a box of cereal for the Ozanam House.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

The Social Justice Ministry will be sponsoring an 8 week JustMatters module on "Faith Encounters the Ecological Crisis." The weekly program will explore the ways in which we are already living beyond the biocapacity of the planet and challenges participants to identify elements of a spirituality for living through the ecological crisis. The program will begin on February 12, 2012. Anybody interested in more information should contact Ted Gorczyca or Jay Jorgensen (contact information below).

"Souper Bowl Sunday" will be held on the weekend of February 4-5, 2012. We're asking everybody to bring cans of soup to Mass to help re-stock the local food pantries.

GreenFaith eco tip: 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than turning the engine on and off. Turn your engine off when you are sitting for more than 10 seconds, especially near children and in urban areas where pollution levels are already high.

The Social Justice Ministry meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in the church. New members are always welcome. **Our next meeting is February 2nd**. There will be a discussion about the book *Between Heaven and Mirth* by James Martin, S.J. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Ted Gorczyca at tsgorczyca@aol.com or Jay Jorgensen at JayMaur@aol.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you are a registered member of St. John Vianney Church you should be receiving contribution envelopes. It is very important that you use your parish envelopes so that we can keep up to date information on your church attendance. If you should require a sponsorship certificate to act as a Godparent or to be a sponsor for Confirmation, we will not be able to issue it if we do not have a record of your mass attendance.

It is also important to use your envelopes if you are planning a marriage here or if you want a child baptized because we must know that you are attending mass before such sacraments can be given. Envelope use also enables us to ascertain the various needs of our parish for the present and future planning. Please call the rectory 574-0150 if you are registered and not receiving contribution envelope

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
*FAITH, ACADEMICS, SERVICE***

St. John Vianney School News

We will begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29, at the 9 AM Mass. Refreshments will be served in the main school cafeteria immediately following Mass. The Pre-School and Main School buildings will be holding an Open House from 10 AM to noon. Please plan to join us and see why Saint John Vianney Catholic School is so special!

We have many activities planned for Catholic Schools Week. Every day will begin with Community Prayer and Catholic Faith/Bible Trivia. Some of the other activities include:

Monday – Grades K-8 – Living Rosary in church at 1:30 PM. All are invited.

Tuesday – School Spirit blue & gold dress down day. There will be games & activities in the classrooms in the morning and a carnival in the afternoon.

Wednesday – Parents are invited to come visit their child's classroom for an Open House. Kindergarten parents may visit from 8-9 AM; grade 1-8 parents from 9-10 AM.

Thursday – Vocation assembly at 1:15 PM for grades 3-8.

Friday – 8:45 Mass & blessing of the throats; pretzel treat for students from HSA; assembly to acknowledge Student Achievement Awards; 12:15 PM dismissal.

Since there is a 12:15 PM dismissal on Friday, February 3, if your child will be staying in aftercare, please be sure they bring a lunch to school.

Registration for new kindergarten students will take place on Tuesday, February 7, and Wednesday, February 8, from 9-11 AM in the main school building. Children must be five by October 31 in order to register. You must bring **copies** of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization record, and cash or check for the registration fee. Your child cannot be registered if any items are missing.

Pre-School News

Our Pre-School students will join in the Catholic Schools Week festivities by having Pajama Days on Monday, Jan. 30, and Tuesday, Jan. 31. Pre-K parents will be able to visit their child's classroom for an Open House on Wednesday, February 1, and Thursday, February 2, from 10:00-11:00 AM. On Thursday and Friday the students will receive an animal cracker treat from the HSA.

On Friday, February 3, we will follow our half day schedule. Aftercare will be provided.

Registration for our three and four-year old programs will take place on Monday, Feb. 6, and Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 9-11 AM in the **main school building**. Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by October 31 of this year in order to register. Please bring **copies** of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if Catholic), and immunization record, along with cash or a check for the registration fee. Your child cannot be registered if any items are missing. Please call (732) 388-1662 for more information.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Great to see so many of you at our meeting last Sunday! We are not meeting again until we begin **Living Stations** of the Cross practices on Sunday February 12th at St. Cecelia's church. All youth ministry members are greatly encouraged to be a part of Living Stations! Our new meeting time for Living Stations practice is 6:45pm to 9:00pm. Please bring your completed **Diocesan Youth Day** permission slips, including your workshop selection to that practice. The office of youth ministry is seeking a small and dedicated team focused on **recruiting**. This team will generate ideas, market the ideas, and facilitate the programming. Do you have what it takes? If so please contact John Cook at jcook@sjvs.net or by calling the office at 732 381-0008. If you are missing a schedule and can't pick one up, simply friend John Cook's **facebook** page, (Parents and teens alike) which lists all of the events through the summer. Finally, keep a look out for a general Appalachia meeting. We are seeking to finalize recruits soon!! God Bless

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

John Cook is seeking young adults with **Appalachia** experience to help anchor the 2012 service trip, interested parties are asked to contact the office asap to begin the process. The Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May, NJ will be offering its annual **Young Adult Retreat** Weekend February 10-12. To register, download the form at Diometuchen.org. There is a **seekers retreat** being offered from June 1st through June 3rd. For more information on any young adult activity please contact John Cook at jcook@sjvs.net or by calling the office at 732 381-0008.

PRO LIFE

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 PM in the church. The monthly maternity collection is every third weekend. If you have larger items to donate, please call Carolyn at 732-381-0499 to arrange for pickup/delivery. We also have a need for hat and scarf sets for older children in the juvenile hospital ward, if you need a change of pace.

Are you suffering from infertility? Have you been told In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) or Artificial Insemination (AI) is your "only" solution? Contact the Gianna Catholic Healthcare Center at St. Peter's Hospital. 732-565-5490 or www.saintpetershcs.com/giannacenter

ANNUAL ULTRA BREAKFAST. Please join us for the SJV Pro-life Breakfast and Gift Basket Raffle on Sunday, **February 26, 2012** from 8-11am in SJV cafeteria. Tickets are still \$8 (adult) and \$4 (children). For info call Carolyn @973-349-4626 or Sonny @732-382-0096. As always, proceeds will benefit local pregnancy centers to help moms and moms-to-be.

**“IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BLESSED JOHN PAUL II”
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND**

Bishop Bootkoski will lead a pilgrimage to Poland from **September 10-18, 2012**. The itinerary will include visits to some of the more significant sites associated with the early life and ministry of Blessed John Paul II: Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa and Wadowice, his birthplace. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$3200. (double occupancy) and registration will be limited. For information and a brochure, please contact Susan Kovach at 732-562-2439 or by email at skovach@diometuchen.org.





YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!

Retrouvaille – A lifeline for troubled marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship grown cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again – then the Retrouvaille program may help you.

Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.. The next weekend is **February 10-12, 2012**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information please call the Family Life Office (days) 732 562-1990 x1624 or Tom & Pat McTague (732) 583-4468.

“Journey Through Grief: A Bereavement Support Group” – Evening Meetings

A support group for those who have recently experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, friend or any loved one is being formed at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Pre-registration required.

Wednesday Evenings – (8 weeks)

- PLACE:** Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center, 45 Library Place, Metuchen, NJ
- DATE:** February 8, 2012
- TIME:** 7:00 P.M.
- CONTACT:** Jessie Flynn (732) 895-2563 or Jo Flanigan (732) 548-0100 Ext. 225

There is no fee. Pre-registration is required.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The love of your neighbor is an accurate measure of your love of God, and assisting a neighbor in need is a meaningful way to express that love. Act on the Gospel message: “Love your neighbor”, and share your gifts. Almsgiving is one of the many expressions of love of your neighbor. I was Hungry, I was Thirsty, I was a Stranger, I was Naked, I was Sick, and you cared. Your charitable contributions to the Poor Box will be used to assist our less fortunate neighbors. Please continue to support the Society so that they may be of service to the poor and needy.

*--Love for one’s neighbor is the true path up to the Lord because Love is the stairway that leads to God.
--Pope Benedict XVI*

WOODBRIIDGE TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES!

AARP and Woodbridge Division on Aging will provide “free” assistance to prepare 2011 income Tax and Property Tax Relief Forms. Assistance is provided by appointment in advance ONLY! Due to limited number of volunteer tax preparers appointments are a MUST! Call 732-855-0600 X 5023. The preparation location is at Woodbridge Health Center (back of Woodbridge Main Library).



WELCOME! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below & place in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 New Address _____
 Send Envelopes _____

PRAY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

According to Church teaching, marriage between a man and a woman—in a manner unlike any other relationship—makes a unique and irreplaceable contribution to the common good of society, especially through the procreation and education of children. The union of husband and wife becomes, over a lifetime, a great good for themselves, their family, communities, and society. In short, marriage is a gift to be cherished and protected.

No religion, government, or individual has the right or authority to alter the basic meaning and structure of marriage that has existed ever since God created the first man and woman. Civil laws make a just and necessary distinction when they recognize the unique role the institution of marriage has in society, rather than reducing this institution to nothing more than one of many alternative kinds of voluntary relationships.

The sacrament of marriage is a commitment that calls forth the grace of God. As members of the human family, let us continually pray for all of our married couples and for the strengthening and protection of marriage.

World Marriage Day Celebration
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012
“Love One Another”

World Marriage Day, which is held each year on the second Sunday in February, honors the lifelong commitment of husband and wife. The commandment given to us by Jesus in John 15:12 is to love one another. Loving one another as husband and wife is a daily decision, simple but challenging. It is an ongoing process of learning about each other and how to accommodate differences so that both spouses can feel satisfied and grow in love for each other.

For helpful insights and suggestions on how to love one another more fully log on to the Catholic Bishops (USCCB) marriage resource website: www.foryourmarriage.org. Be prepared to find videos along with interesting articles for couples in every stage of marriage including the challenges facing couples today: unemployment, parenting, balancing work and family, care giving, etc.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL “A NIGHT OF LOVE”
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012 9PM TO 2:30AM
ST. AMBROSE CHURCH, 96 THROCKMORTON LANE, OLD BRIDGE, NJ

Come and pray to Jesus and Mary for the Family, the Church, our Country and the whole world. SAVE 1000 SOULS!

15 Decades of the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Confessions, First Friday Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Exposition/Benediction, Scapular Enrollment, Midnight Break, First Saturday Mass, Our Lady’s Procession

Sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen/Chapter of the Blue Army. For info call 732-254-5908. BRING A FRIEND

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following programs:

SEEKING GOD THROUGH CINEMA

Watch and discuss movies with a message: *Of Gods and Men* - Wed - Feb 8, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (\$15)

Weekend Retreat

An experience of personal prayer based on Scripture. Daily spiritual direction. Atmosphere of prayerful quiet. Adaptable to the needs of each individual. Begins 7 p.m. on opening day; concludes at 2 p.m.

Feb 10-12, (\$120/weekend; non-refundable deposit \$30)

BE MY VALENTINE! Retreat for Married Couples

Nurture and celebrate the gift of love. Includes supper, prayer, sharing and Mass

Mon - Feb 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (\$60/couple)

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY ~ Sacred Time, Sacred Space

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God’s presence. Day begins with communal prayer

Feb 15, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bring bag lunch (\$20)

Registration required for all programs; call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: msmhope@msmhope.org