



MONDAY, April 2, 2012

7:00 AM George Viteritti, r/o Cliff & Agnes Bacsik
 8:45 AM Dominick Cavallero, r/o Family
 7:30 PM MISSION
 7:30 PM Chrism Mass at Cathedral in Metuchen

TUESDAY, April 3, 2012

7:00 AM Miram & Norman Jorgensen, r/o Family
 8:45 AM Joan Cassidy, r/o Jean & John McAvenue
 7:30 PM MISSION

WEDNESDAY, April 4, 2012

7:00 AM Charles Wich, r/o Doris Saldutti
 8:45 AM Joan Murphy, r/o Waldron Family
 7:30 PM MISSION

HOLY THURSDAY, April 5, 2012

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, April 6, 2012

9:00 AM Tenebrae
 3:00 PM Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, April 7, 2012

9:00 AM Tenebrae
 12:00 PM Blessing of the Food (Cafeteria)
 8:30 PM Easter Vigil – Priests Intentions
 No 5 or 7 PM Masses

EASTER SUNDAY, April 8, 2012 Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
 9:00 AM John Mayo, r/o SJV Altar Rosary Society
 10:45 AM L.B.Woods, r/o The Family
 12:15 PM Edward DeRosa, r/o Joe & Rose Ragucci

Remember and pray for the sick of the parish, those who are hospitalized, and their caregivers: William Hudak, Larry Sedita, Terri Briante, John Karnai, Phil Chiera, Tom Gaetje, Barbara Giordano, Margaret McClellan, Ronald Kutsy, Ann Terronova, Jean Palumbo, Rose Levandowski, Joseph Miragliatta, Helen Slusark, Baby Thomas Pecoraro, Bishop Hughes, 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, Janet Murphy, Larry Dibble, Laura Spinello to reward them a place in heaven and eternal rest.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2012

Holy Thursday, April 5, 2012

Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00 – 11:00 AM
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM
 Note: No morning Masses

Good Friday, April 6, 2012

Tenebrae Service 9:00 AM
 Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00 – 11:00 AM
 Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 7, 2012

Tenebrae Service 9:00 AM
 Sacrament of Reconciliation 11AM – 12 Noon
 Blessing of Easter Food (in cafeteria) 12 Noon
 Easter Vigil 8:30 PM

Note: No 5:00 or 7:00 PM Masses

Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012

Sunday Masses: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM

Confessions during Lent: Saturdays 11 AM – 12 Noon and after Saturday 7 PM Mass

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Fridays at 7:30 PM



The Sanctuary Light Has Been Donated in loving memory of John Mayo From Wife

Next Baptismal class will be April 17th.-Call the Rectory to register.

God's Plan for Giving

**Collection for the weekend of 3/25/12 \$14,281.00
 May God bless you for your generosity.**

LET'S NOT FORGET

The 2nd collection today is for the benefit of the Priests Retirement Fund of our Diocese. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our 27 retired priests, as well as, our active priests upon their retirement. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priest who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years. Let's not forget.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE NEEDY

As part of the Offertory procession at the Mass on Holy Thursday, we are now asked to offer food for the poor. To do this, we are asking those who attend the Mass on Holy Thursday night to bring a non-perishable food item with them and leave it in the gathering area on their way into church. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter.. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Benedict XVI, the annual Good Friday collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. For more info visit www.myfranciscan.org. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

SJV SENIORS CLUB

There will be no April meeting. A dinner dance for Seniors will be held at the Colonia High School on **Wed. April 4th** from 4 to 7 PM. Refreshments will be served. Bring your dancing shoes. The inclement weather date is April 5th.

CHRISM MASS

APRIL 2, 2012 7:30 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, METUCHEN

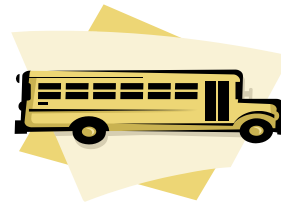


On Monday, April 2, 2012 Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and

Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30 p.m.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The 18th Annual "Living Stations of the Cross" will be held on **Palm Sunday, (Sunday April 1st)** in St. Cecelia Church at 7:30pm. Come discover this legendary living prayer service for yourself. Find out why people are saying, "That evening impacted me in a way I will never forget." Bring your family and friends to this powerfully inspirational prayer experience. This is a great way to set the tone for Holy Week! Check out our pictorial ad in this week's Catholic Spirit!!



St. John Vianney School News

Students may now wear their summer uniforms, weather permitting. If the forecast for the day is 50 degrees or below, **please** do not send your child to school in their shorts as they may be cold and uncomfortable. Please refer to the Handbook/Calendar for details regarding the summer uniform.

Students will have an 11:30 AM dismissal on Thursday, April 5, which is Holy Thursday. There will be no aftercare. Please be prompt when picking up your child. School will be closed from Friday, April 6, through Friday, April 13, for our Easter break. School will reopen on Monday, April 16.

Now that the weather is getting nicer, we have a few reminders for everyone. First of all, **no pets** are permitted on the school grounds at any time. Also, we would ask that you do not linger outside the building after dismissal. The playground area is used by aftercare. Children **should not** be running on the church steps or around the area in front of the church. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in these matters.

Openings are available for many grade levels for the 2012-2013 school year. If you would like more information or would like to register your child, please call the school office at 732-388-1662.

Pre-K News

Pre-School students will be having their Easter egg hunts on Monday, April 2, and Tuesday, April 3.

We will follow our half day schedule on Thursday, April 5. Dismissal is at 12 noon. There will be no aftercare. Please be prompt when picking up your child. School will be closed from Friday, April 6, through Friday, April 13, for our Easter break. School will reopen on Monday, April 16.

Cheerleading News

All 3 teams had a very busy weekend competing. March 24th the Bidy team competed at Queen of Peace, North Arlington. The girls received the award for "Best Dance", Victoria Gomez was the outstanding cheerleader.

Both JV and Varsity competed on March 25th at the Jersey Lightning All Star competition against teams from New Jersey and New York. JV came in 1st place and Varsity placed 2nd. All the teams did an exceptional job with their routines.

We wish them lots of luck in their upcoming competitions. March 31st at Our Lady of Lourdes, where JV and Bidy will compete. Varsity is competing in Bayonne at Marist HS in the Metro Cheer All Star competition, Sunday April 1st.

CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass is Sunday **April 15th** at the 9 AM Mass. Mandatory Rehearsal is Sat. April 14th 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.



FUN RUN ON SATURDAY APRIL 14TH

The 14th Annual Colonia 5K Classic and Chris Jantas Fun Run will be held on Saturday, April 14th from 8:30 am for the Fun Run and 9 am for the 5K. We are in need of volunteers and runners! If you would like to help us that day, there are opportunities to hand out water to runners, direct runners along the path, help with registration, cheer runners! Can you help? Are you interested? Forms will be available in the gathering area or call Adele Ellis at 732-815-1431 or Agnes Bacsik at 732-388-1662. Thanks for your support! All funds raised support tuition assistance and the Chris Jantas Scholarship Fund. Reminder: Inman Avenue will be closed periodically from 8:3-10AM due to the race, so plan accordingly.

SJV SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. One of the building blocks of Catholic Social Teaching as identified by the Catholic Bishops is the **Life and Dignity of the Human Person**: The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Habitat for Humanity news: If anyone is interested in using their homebuilding skills or would like to become handy in carpentry, plumbing, painting, etc. or just lending your support in other ways to help bring projects to life, come join your fellow parishioners at the next Habitat for Humanity Team Night. The meetings occur every fourth Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm. The location is at the Habitat offices: 2 Randolph Road, Plainfield (across from Muhlenberg Hospital). The next meeting will be March 27 @ 7 pm. Come join us to find out how you can lend a hand. Learn more at: www.gphabitat.org/teamnite. Or contact Ted Gorczyca (Theodore.gorczyca@gmail.com) and Jay Jorgensen (jaymaur@aol.com).

The next meeting of Social Justice Ministry is Thursday April 12th at 6:30pm in the church. New members are always welcome. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Ted Gorczyca or Jay Jorgensen at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Don't miss out on our 18th annual "Living Stations of the Cross" prayer service experience which will take place on Palm Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30pm in St. Cecelia's church. See our Living Stations ad in the March 15th issue of The Catholic Spirit. This is a very powerful way to begin Holy Week and all are invited!!! On another note, **registration for the famous Appalachia service project is coming to a close.** We have limitations on transportation so it is highly recommended that you return the completed permission slip with the payment to secure your position on this service project. **Only a completed, notarized permission slip and full payment will secure your position on the service project.** Contact John Cook for permission slips, volunteer guidelines, and other very important information that may help you secure a position on our adventure. John can always be reached at (732) 381-0008 or at jcook@sjvs.net.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The office of young Adult Ministry will be sponsoring a powerful series on "Catholicism" viewed through art and architecture as narrated by Fr. Robert Barron. We are seeking your advice as to the best time of year to begin this series. Please contact John Cook to let me know your availability. There has been an overwhelming response to the Appalachia service project by the young adult community! We are very grateful for your support of our teens in service to the poor. However, due to limitations on transportation I regret to say that registration is now closed. The **"Seekers" retreat** will take place June 1-3 at Trinity House in Stirling, NJ. Contact John Cook at (732) 381-0008, or at jcook@sjvs.net for details.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL

It is not too late to think about Easter Baskets. The Society is accepting baskets for poor and needy children. A simple basket with some "goodies" for the children will be appreciated. The baskets may be dropped off at the Rectory for distribution. We can use food baskets for our needy families also. Suggested items may include Easter hams, canned soups and vegetables, and other non-perishable foods.

Monetary donations to purchase food baskets for the children or families will also be welcome. Gift cards and scrip may also be used.

"To enter into Lent is to get serious about following Jesus especially in caring for the poor." – Pope Benedict XVI

PRO LIFE

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 24th 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.

Birthright: US 1-800-550-4900

The National Life Center Inc. 1-800-848-LOVE (5683)

Also, if you are pregnant and the diagnosis is poor, Pieta Ministry can help.

732-548-0100 X 225 or pietamoms@aol.com

Post Abortion Healing: 1-877-877-4300 or www.hopeafterabortion.com



2012 COLONIA SPRING CLEANUP

SATURDAY APRIL 7

Let's make Colonia a Green Community!

The 24th Annual Spring Cleanup for Colonia will be held at the Charlie Shaughnessy Park, near the corner of Inman and Amherst. Volunteers will meet at 9 AM. Please bring gloves, a rake and/or shovel. Join your neighbors to help make Colonia beautiful. For further information contact Marc Scott at 732-396-9213.

Greetings from the Office of the Diaconate

My name is Deacon Sam Costantino and I serve the bishop as Director, Office of the Diaconate for the Diocese of Metuchen. The purpose of my note is to begin to invite you to read some questions and answers about the ministry of deacon. The questions and answers are taken from Deacon Bill Ditewig's book entitled, "101 Questions and Answers about Deacons". I will be running these Q&A articles during the next several months in preparation for the recruitment of men into the Class of 2017. I hope that you find them informative. If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Diaconate at 732-562-1990 ext. 1710 or ext. 1711.

Question #3:

Who are some famous deacons through history?

There are a number of well-known deacons. One of the most famous is St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), although a surprising number of people don't realize that he was a deacon. As a deacon, Francis was well known for his homilies and for his outreach to the poor.

St. Stephen, the first martyr of the New Testament, who is often listed as a deacon, along with six companions in Acts 6:1-6. Stephen was so effective and prophetic in his preaching that he enflamed the authorities and he was stoned to death.

Through our history, then, we find deacons bringing people together and to Christ, serving as preachers, teachers, administrators of the Church's goods, and martyrs. Deacons today are filled by the same Spirit at their ordinations to fulfill the same roles in the contemporary Church.



EASTER CELEBRATION MEAL

Are you facing the most Holy of Holy Days without family? Out of work? Ill?

A meal of ham, kielbasa, and all the trimmings will be available for your enjoyment on Saturday **April 7th, 2012** to be picked up by you or delivered to your home. **The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Port Reading, NJ** is offering this meal at NO CHARGE. All are welcome to partake; however, a call is needed by **Monday, April 2, 2012** in order to plan properly. Please call 732-634-1419. Leave your name and telephone number, and you will be contacted.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Shake off those winter blahs and pump some new life into your marriage.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **April 27 – April 29, 2012.**

Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

Phone **1-888-827-NJME** for registration and information.

Visit us at: www.wmcentralnj.org for more information.



POLAND’S BEST TRIP WITH FATHER JOSEPH KUBIAK

May 14 – 23, 2012, Total Price \$2,950.Dbl. Occ. Price includes r/t airfare from Newark, 3 meals a day, superior accommodations. For more information or a brochure call Fr. Joseph at 732-574-0150 or jkubiak@sjvs.net or Phyllis at 732-566-4115

OR

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES, AND BARCELONA

October 14 – 23, 2012 Optional 2 night Lisbon PreTour Extension. Round trip from Newark.



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 _____