



**MONDAY, March 3, 2014**

7:00 AM William R. Davis, r/o M/M Anthony Moskwa  
 8:45 AM John Thomas Tkach, r/o J. Tkach & Family

**TUESDAY, March 4, 2014**

7:00 AM Domicella Balik, r/o Partyka Family  
 8:45 AM Lt.Col. William Cleveland, Sr., r/o Roarty Family

**WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2014**

**Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM Jerry DeMaio, r/o Timinski Family  
 8:45 AM Francis Shegas, r/o Gloria Garcia & Family  
 7:00 PM Jean Therkelsen, r/o The Rectory Staff

**THURSDAY, March 6, 2014**

7:00 AM Miriam & Norman Jorgensen, r/o Family  
 8:45 AM Egidio Bufaino, r/o Rita

**FRIDAY, March 7, 2014**

7:00 AM Sick, Dying & Purgatory Souls, In Honor of St. Joseph  
 8:45 AM Victor Caprio, r/o SJV HSA  
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, March 8, 2014**

8:00 AM Glen E. Ignace, r/o Dorish Family  
 5:00 PM Carole Trotzinka, r/o Benjamin & Nicholas  
 7:00 PM Paul Endler, Sr., Roarty Family

**SUNDAY, March 9, 2014**

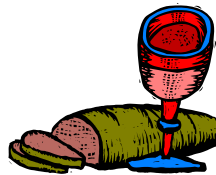
7:00 AM Patricia Quinn, r/o Lidia Lubek  
 9:00 AM Ria Crawford, r/o Susan Endler  
 10:45 AM Living and deceased members of our Parish  
 12:15 PM Joseph Moynihan, r/o Louise White

Remember and pray for the sick of the parish, those who are hospitalized, and their caregivers, William Nicholas, Matilda Howard, Francis McMahon, Joan Sulva, Lonnie Perryman, Marie DeStefano, Don Esposito, Dolores Robinson, Robert Street, Nancy Morris, Buddy Verducci, James Contrino, P.O. Scott Sefranka, Carmella Hillyer, Helene Tanzi, Mary Esposito, Joan Dacey Napiorski, Robin Holland, Theresa Syslo, Hazel Paolillo, Kathy Witt-Kranzke, Antoinette Falgares, Baby Emma Elena, Phyllis Colucci, Maria Pestonit, Maryann Tambo, Cecilia Sydlo, Ed Nedved, Frank Traettino, Claire Weber, Baby Tyler Bishop, Mary Heruska, Neil Scheve, Dana Perone, Phil Chiera, Baby Thomas Pecoraro, Christian Pecoraro, Eric LeGrande, Bethany Ciccarelli and please remember our service men and women in your prayers.



**Let us pray for our recently departed brothers and sisters:**

Domenico Famularo, Dominick Interdonato and reward them a place in heaven and eternal rest.



The Bread and Wine have been offered for  
**Jean Therkelsen**  
 from Tom & Linda Dunbar



*we welcome our littlest members born to new life "  
 Baptized in water and the Holy Spirit"*

*February 23, 2014*

**Noel Juliette Frame**

Child of Joseph James III and Katherine Dunne Frame  
 and

**Christian William Kaloyerakis**

Child of James and Cassandra Allen Kaloyerakis

**Next Baptismal class will be March 18th. Call the Rectory to register.**



Our parish now offers you the option to use a direct payment program whereby your parish contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings, Visa or Mastercard account into your church's bank account.

*Check our website for more information.*

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Collection for the weekend of 2/23/14 was \$15,739.95  
 May God bless you for your generosity.

**DID YOU KNOW???**

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH HAD  
 SNOW REMOVAL AND SALT BILLS  
 TOTTALLING \$21,247.84  
 AS OF 2/15/14**

**SJV SENIORS CLUB**

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30 PM. Entertainment by singer Don Anthony. Come and enjoy. Please try to bring a box of cereal for the Ozanam House.

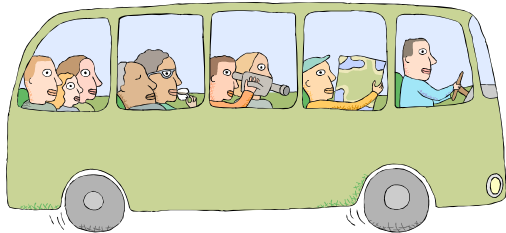
**Everyone is invited to our monthly SJV Parish Breakfast in the school cafeteria after the 9AM Mass next Sunday. Our host this month is the Children's Choir.**



**FREE Daily Lent Reflections** - Would you like a deeper, more powerful Lent this year? Then sign up for Father Robert Barron's FREE daily Lent reflections at [LentReflections.com](http://LentReflections.com). Each day, from Ash Wednesday (March 5) until Easter Sunday (April 20), the creator and host of the *CATHOLICISM* film series will send you a short reflection, straight to your inbox. There's simply no better way to super-charge your Lent. Be sure to sign-up at [LentReflections.com](http://LentReflections.com)!

## **2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal** *Faith, Family, Community*

The Office of RCIA 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. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY #6571 BUS TRIP TO SHOWBOAT CASINO/ATLANTIC CITY**

**MARCH 16, 2014**

DONATION \$24.00- RECEIVE BACK \$25.00

BUS LEAVES SJV AT 11:30 AM

FOR TICKETS CALL ENZA AT 732-382-4194 OR  
MARY AT 732-382-2558

### **St. John Vianney Social Justice Ministry News**

The Social Justice Ministry is conducting our homemade soup/bread donations for local food pantries in March of this year. If you would like to participate by making some home-made soup for the local food pantries, please contact Jay Jorgensen ([jaymaur@aol.com](mailto:jaymaur@aol.com)). Your efforts in helping provide nutritious, good tasting soup and bread to people who otherwise would not have that is greatly appreciated! We welcome your continued support!

The next meeting of Social Justice Ministry will be **Thursday, March 6, 2014** in the church at 6:30pm. All are welcome! For more information contact Jay Jorgensen ([jaymaur@aol.com](mailto:jaymaur@aol.com))

### **ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL NEWS**

On Tuesday, March 4, we will hold our annual Mission Mardi Gras. Forms were sent home last week for the students to purchase tickets. We have a wonderful assortment of prizes this year, including a TV/DVD, 2 bikes, an afghan, gift cards, and many other items.

Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday. The students will be attending Mass at 10 AM and receiving their ashes. We will not be attending First Friday Mass this month.

Terra Nova testing will begin this week and continue through next week. Please be sure your child gets enough rest and has a good breakfast before coming to school each day. Also, please be sure your child gets to school on time. **Once testing has started, students cannot be allowed to enter the classroom.**

Re-registration packets for our current students have been sent home. If you haven't already done so, please complete the forms and return them to school. **They are due back by Monday, March 3, along with the registration fee.** We must have the forms back in order to get the textbook and busing forms to the proper districts by March 14. We have already begun taking new registrations. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

We will be having an Open House on Saturday, March 8, from 10 AM to 12 noon in our Main School. Come meet our faculty and see our classrooms. Learn more about what St. John Vianney School has to offer your child. Openings are still available for the 2014-2015 school year.

### **PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

Our Pre-School will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, March 8, from 10 AM to 12 noon. We offer two, three, and five day programs for both three and four year olds. Come visit our classrooms and meet our faculty.

We are still accepting registrations for the 2014-2015 school year.

### **SJV CHEERLEADING**

The Varsity and JV teams competed February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Maryland at the "Reach the Beach" competition. Their performances were flawless! Varsity placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the competition and JV placed 1<sup>st</sup> bringing home the National Championship title! Congratulations to all the cheerleaders and to Coach Tricia, Coach Mary and Coach Laura! The Varsity, JV and Bidy teams will compete Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> @ the Holy Savior Competition.

Varsity will be competing Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ the St. Cecelia's Competition being held at David Brearly H.S., Kenilworth.

JV and Bidy will be competing Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ St. Mary's and Elizabeth in Linden.

Good Luck Girls and Coaches!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

I would like to thank all the teens for their support as lectors, ushers and gift bearers at our first dedicated **youth mass** this Sunday at St. Cecelia's 5:00pm Mass. I would also like to thank the families for transporting their teens and gathering with us as well. I invite all 8th through 12th graders to join us for pizza and games following mass until 6:45pm. At that point, you are welcome to join us for **Living Stations of the Cross** practice. We will meet this and every Sunday beginning at 6:45pm at St. Cecelia's Church and the practices will be over by 9:00pm. In other news, I am collecting pictures from the **Palisades climb adventure**. Simply save them to a usb drive and bring them in! Want more? We are currently planning for the **Appalachia** service project. Come to Trailer D on Tuesday **March 4th** at 7:00pm for an informational meeting and to pick up permission slips!!

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

This is our 20th year of Living Stations of the Cross (1994-2014) and we are seeking to invite all former players to briefly participate in this year's production! This is a very simple role and you will not need to make any practices. Simply let us know if you will attend. I hear that many of you are signing up for our Rugged Maniac Mud Run! You can sign up by going to [ruggedmaniacnj.com](http://ruggedmaniacnj.com). Register for a start time of 10:45am and our team name is Trailer Treasures. Don't miss out!! Want more? Think summer and Block off your calendar to work the Beer Tent at St. John's from June 16<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>! Contact John Cook at [jcook@sjvs.net](mailto:jcook@sjvs.net) or call the office at (732) 381-0008 for more details.

**DIOCESE OF METUCHEN JOB OPENING FOR A MAINTENANCE MECHANIC**

This position will be primarily based at two of our New Brunswick facilities, but will also be called on to perform work at other locations as directed.

The ideal candidate will be responsible and reliable, and will be experienced in construction, electrical, plumbing and carpentry, in addition to lawn maintenance and snow removal by shoveling. Must be able to routinely lift and/or move up to 50 pounds, work outdoors, and be available to work occasional weekends and/or evenings. Must possess reliable transportation and valid driver's license.

Compensation: Competitive salary and full benefits package  
Hours: 40 hours per week Mon – Fri  
Location: New Brunswick  
Environment: Professional Office/Outdoors

Interested candidates should forward their resume to [HR@diometuchen.org](mailto:HR@diometuchen.org) \*Please note that due to the anticipated high volume of responses, only those candidates who are interested in interviewing will be contacted. No phone calls please.

**LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS—2014**

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the Rites of Holy Week and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

May all our Lenten prayers, fasting and works of mercy prepare us to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with renewed minds and hearts. +Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop of Metuchen



## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

### Adult Choir

We are now beginning to practice music for Lent! The adult choir will be hosting an afternoon of Lenten and Holy Week music for the parish on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in the church. Our group is open to all adults as well as high school students!! We meet each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the church. The Adult Choir sings each Sunday (at the 9:00am or 10:45 am mass) as well as for Lenten service Holy Week and Easter. Our next rehearsal will be this **Wednesday March 12th at 7:30 PM in the church**. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend!

### Children's Choir

Thanks to all the children who sang at the 12:15 Pm mass last Sunday. The children's choir will sing again next **Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 Am mass**. Our next rehearsal will be this **Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:00 Pm in the church**. Our group will be hosting the monthly parish breakfast scheduled for Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> following the 9:00 Am mass. Again this year we are asking for help with set-up/clean-up, as well donations of baked goods etc. Please contact Jamie for more information. All children in the parish from grades 2 thru 8 are welcome to join our group. Hope to see you all at practice!!

### Folk Group

The folk group can be found playing and singing generally at 12:15 Pm mass on each Sunday. Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 11:00 Am in the meeting room in the church foyer. The fourth Sunday of each month we have our teenage parishioners participate by singing and reading at the 12:15 Pm mass. Both of these groups are under the direction of Ms. Jennie Esposito. Please feel free to see Jennie following the 12:15 Pm mass if you wish to join or if you have any questions.

Interested in joining one of our musical groups? With the Season of Lent beginning next week, why not come out and sing praise to God by becoming part of one of our groups? Please feel free to e-mail me at [jframeiii@yahoo](mailto:jframeiii@yahoo) or call/text me at (908)331-0471 with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Jamie Frame, Dir. of Music/Organist

### **Women's Spirituality Retreat, March 14-16**

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May Point, NJ 08212

609-884-3829

Join with other women in a creative exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Come alone, or with a relative or friend. A team of women has prepared this weekend of rest and renewal. Eucharist, other prayer experiences, beach walks, socials and fun are included.

Cost: \$125pp, double occ.

### **FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION**

#### **BE A WINNER! BUY A RAFFLE TICKET FOR EDUCATION**

When Catholic education is available, accessible and affordable for our children, everyone wins! Help support the Foundation for Catholic Education by purchasing a \$50. raffle ticket and/or by joining us for the Students-to Leaders Education Dinner on **Tuesday, March 11, 2014** at The Palace in Somerset Park. For details, Email [educationdinner14@diometuchen.org](mailto:educationdinner14@diometuchen.org), visit the website at <http://diometuchen.org/fcedinner> or call 732-562-2452.



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**DIOCESE OF METUCHEN**

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2014

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

In the Book of Wisdom we hear, “You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing you have made.” These opening words of the Ash Wednesday Liturgy remind us that God is always reaching out with a loving invitation. Recently, Pope Francis echoed these words:

*“The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.... And you have to start from the ground up.”*

How does this urging by Pope Francis inspire you? Will this Lent be a season to consider your own wounds that need God’s healing? Will your practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help you to see more clearly the wounds of others and how you can share Christ’s healing love with them?

As we begin this season of Lent, I urge you to consider the parts of your life that need God’s healing and take them to the Sacrament of Penance. In this Sacrament, we meet the Lord who despises nothing he has made and bestows the grace to live a renewed life in him. Then, renewed and restored, your celebration of Easter will be filled with the joy of the risen Christ.

Jesus Christ yesterday, today and for ever!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski Bishop of Metuchen