



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2010**

*“Let us celebrate, because this son of mine
has been lost and is now found”*



MONDAY, March 15

8:30AM - + Rose Kurkowski -r/o Family

TUESDAY, March 16

8:30AM - + Stanley Lobby -r/o Wife Bea

WEDNESDAY, March 17

8:30 AM - + Edmund Kuchnicki
r/o Helen & Ann Sikora

THURSDAY, March 18

8:30 AM - + Connie Koterba -r/o Sister Theresa

FRIDAY, March 19

8:30 AM- + Genowefa & Kazimierz Karwowski
r/o Helen

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30
AM Mass. Adoration immediately following Mass
until 12 noon.*

SATURDAY, March 20

8:30 AM - + Adele & Leo Sheva
r/o Daughter Connie Morello
5:00 PM - + Domenica Gullia & Family
r/o Anna Civiletti

SUNDAY, March 21

8:00 AM - + Parishioners
9:30 AM - + Holy Name Society
11:00 AM- +Stanislawa & Franciszek Krawczyk
r/o Grandaughter Irena Kasprzak
and Family

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First Reading: Joshua 53: 9a, 10 - 12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11 - 32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them the story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to allow him to become a hired hand. Instead, his father welcomed him with a joyful celebration, which mirrors God’s joy when a sinner returns to him.

Stations of



the Cross

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Will be recited in the Church every Friday during Lent at 12 noon in English and 6:30 pm in Polish.

Easter Confessions will take place
On Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm.

Please take this opportunity to
fulfill your Easter duty as several
priests will be available.

Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations) will take place after
the Polish Mass on Sundays during Lent. A prayerful
meditation on the Passion of our Lord in song followed by
the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Catherine Barbati, Martha Burke, Wanda Czarcinski Bernadine Hnasko, Peter Jannone, Adeline Melesurgo, Donna Rabke, Lee Sarlo, Clara Vadimsky, Helen Vanderbeek, Helen Wawrzyniak.

HOMEBOUND: Clementine Buono, Andy Civiletti, Alice Czado, Carmela Ciminelli, Henrietta DePass, Florence Colanduoni, Bronia Litowinski, Vicki Mitzen, John and Anna Occhipinti, Genevieve Wawrzycki.

NOTE: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home/assisted living or hospitalized parishioners.

Please also notify the Parish Office when the status of a parishioner changes.

GOD'S GIFT FOR GIVING

Last Sunday Our Generous Stewards of St. Mary's Parish Contributed:

5:00 PM - \$ 879.00 9:30AM - \$ 1128.00
 8:00 AM - \$ 807.00 11:00 AM - \$ 690.00
TOTAL : \$3504.00

St. Mary's Rosary Society will celebrate corporate communion today followed by their monthly meeting in the school hall, hosted by Groups 3 and 4.

St. Mary's Senior Leisure Club will hold their monthly meeting today at 1 pm in the school hall. Wednesday, March 17--the Leisure Club will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Social at 1 pm at Russo's.

Breakfast at Holy Family Academy

Join Holy Family Academy **today** for its all you can eat breakfast in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$5 for seniors and children 8th grade and younger; \$7 for adults. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

There will be an important meeting for the Parents of this year's First Communicants on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. All parents are urged to attend

Weekend Schedule March 20-21, 2010

<u>5:00 pm Lector</u>	Martha Ptaszynski
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	Jim DeMaio Karen Graebener Joni Kent
<u>8:00 am Lector</u>	Catherine McGuire
<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	Ed Hagan
<u>9:30 am Lector</u>	Holy Name
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	Anthony Guido Charles Ilsley John Todaro
<u>11:00 am Lector</u>	Elizabeth Bar
<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	Frank Grodzki



Holy Family Academy
March Open House

Holy Family Academy is holding an evening Open House every Monday night in March from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Principal Judith Clayton will be available to give tours, answer questions and provide registration material about the school and the enhanced Preschool and Kindergarten programs for September. Welcome Wednesday Tours are also available from 9:00 - 2:00 throughout the school year. Call for an appointment (732) 356-1151.

Bus Trip to Bally's

Monday, April 19, 2010

Cost - \$25 per person

Bus leaves Madeline's 11:15 am SHARP

Returns to Bound Brook 9:30 pm

Tickets : Tony Cimino 732-469-1937

Sponsored by :

St. Mary's Holy Name Society

2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Telephone Campaign

In an effort to secure the funding which is critical to sustaining our pastoral, educational and charitable ministries, the Diocese of Metuchen is embarking on a telephone campaign for the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Calls will be made from March 1 through March 25 (excluding Sundays) to those who have not yet made a gift to the 2009 appeal. Please note that callers will not ask for your credit card information. Callers have been instructed to honor the National Do Not Call list even though, as a religious institution, we are exempt. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Very Reverend Sylvester J. Cronin, Executive Director, Stewardship & Development by phone at 732-562-2431 or by e-mail scronin@diometuchen.org.

Retreats at Xavier Center, located in Convent Station. Please call 973-290-5100 to register.

Desert Day

Tuesday, March 16- Time 9:30am - 3:30 pm
Spend some quiet time in a peaceful atmosphere to "get out of the fast lane and sit back in your soul"-- a short presentation at 10 am. Materials for reflection as well as lunch will be provided.
Fee: \$25; -Advance registration required

**Catholic Campus Ministry at Rutgers
(The Catholic Center)**

is requesting the donation of a van that is in good working order.

It will be used to transport students to events, retreats, Sunday or holyday Masses, etc.

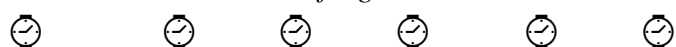
If you can help, please contact:
Colleen at 732-545-6663 X 12.

Thought for today ---

The message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good son.

Blessed is the older brother who had been a good son all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he had been given.

It is never too late to be forgiven.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME HAS BEGUN -
HAVE YOU SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR?**



Immaculata High School Entrance Exam

On Thursday, March 25 Immaculata High School, located at 240 Mountain Avenue in Somerville, will administer the Diocese of Metuchen HSPT Entrance Exam to all current 8th graders interested in applying for September 2010 admission. The exam will begin at 8:00 am. Please contact Matt Piccutto, Admissions Director, at 908-722-0200 x218 for an application and registration information. Students MUST be registered prior to the exam.

Save the Date



The 20th Annual Bread & Roses Ball will take place on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Bridgewater Marriott in Bridgewater, NJ. The proceeds benefit Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen in Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties.

Carmel Gettings, parishioner of St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church in Flemington, will receive the Immanuel Award.

The event includes dinner, dancing, silent auction, live auction, 50/50 raffle and by popular demand, Monte Carlo style gaming. For any questions or details on underwriting and sponsorships or to order dinner tickets or raffle tickets,



please call: 732-562-2438

or e-mail: www.breadandroses10@diometuchen.org

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 Education by purchasing a \$100 raffle ticket and/or attending the *Students to Leaders* Education Dinner on Wednesday, May 19th at The Palace in Somerset Park. Guest speaker will be author Mary Higgins Clark. For information: phone 732-562-2429, email educationdinner10@diometuchen.org or visit the website at www.diometuchen.org/development

March 1, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than 20 years, parishes throughout the country have taken up a collection each December to benefit the retirement needs of religious order priests, sisters, and brothers whose communities have labored in the United States. *This collection does not benefit retired diocesan priests and never has.*

I have always been inspired by the respect and concern the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen have for their priests and this why I write to you now.

When the Diocese was established in 1981, we had, of course, no retired priests. Today we have 30 priests living in retirement and 21 priests who are eligible to retire now or in the next eight years. As the number of our retired priests grows faster than the number of priests being ordained and contributing to the priests' pension fund, we face a serious challenge in providing adequate care for our older priests, most of whom have dedicated their whole adult lives to the service of the Church. (Social Security benefits for senior priests are minimal due to low annual incomes over their earning lifetimes.)

During this Year for Priests, I thought it appropriate that the Diocese should seriously address this important issue, including investigating what other dioceses are doing to insure that they can continue to provide fair and uniform financial and insurance benefits for their retired priests. Many dioceses take up an annual collection for this purpose and find that it is well received. Accordingly, I am establishing a *Collection for the Retired Priests Fund*, which I am asking all parishes to take up each year on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. This year the collection falls on the weekend of March 27-28.

Thank you for your support of this new endeavor. May the Lord bless your generosity toward those who have labored so generously in the vineyard as Priests of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski
Bishop of Metuchen