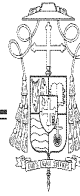


January 15, 2012 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✠ Saturday, January 14
5:00 p.m. **Stephanie Eder**
by Charlie and Nancy Guerriere
- ✠ Sunday, January 15
8:00 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Gloria Kecker**
by Dorothy and Stan Wantrobski
10:30 a.m. **Joseph Meechan**
by The Olsen and Swan Families
- ✠ Monday, January 16
8:45 a.m. **Nicholas Wolosen**
by Mary Gleason
- ✠ Tuesday, January 17 St. Anthony
8:45 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Joseph DeLany**
by Matthew and Mary Ann DeLany
- ✠ Wednesday, January 18
8:45 a.m. **Marion Walsh**
by William and Mary Supple
- ✠ Thursday, January 19
8:45 a.m. **Catherine Baines**
by Mr. and Mrs. John Kappus
- ✠ Friday, January 20 (No Mass) St. Fabian, St. Sebastian
✠ Saturday, January 21 St. Agnes
5:00 p.m. **Francis Kane**
by Susan Reynolds
- ✠ Sunday, January 22
8:00 a.m. **Souls in Purgatory**
by Debbie and Bob Smolar
10:30 a.m. **Red Heitmann**
by Paul and Elisabeth Boccolini



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Office of the Bishop

Foundation for Catholic Education
Annual Collection: January 21-22

January 15, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Catholic school education is an investment which pays lifelong dividends—both tangible and intangible. The caring environment and high academic standards combine to help each child reach his or her potential. With particular emphasis on faith and service, Catholic schools are forming moral leaders and responsible citizens for the future of our Church and civic communities.

For many low and middle-income families, the financial sacrifice necessary for a Catholic education is particularly difficult. For these, the *Foundation for Catholic Education* provides some relief. Through the generous support of parishioners like you, a total of \$778,110 in tuition assistance grants was awarded to 766 recipients for the 2011-2012 school year. Although this represents a substantial amount of money, it covered only 25% of the more than \$3 million of financial need of the students that applied.

We need your support to fill the gap and keep Catholic education within reach for many of our school families. I ask for your generous response to the Annual Collection for the Foundation for Catholic Education which will be taken at the Masses next weekend, January 21-22.

I am ever grateful for your continued support in so many ways.

In the Lord,

+ Paul G. Bootkoski

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, DD
Bishop of Metuchen

MATRIMONY

The Sacrament of Matrimony requires an extensive period of preparation. Contact must be made with a priest at the Parish Center one year in advance.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome all anabaptized individuals, friends, family members and neighbors who are not Roman Catholic Christians or those individuals within the Catholic Tradition who may have never received the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist or Confirmation to participate in our parish program for adult Christian Initiation at this time. This program is also ideal for baptized Christians of other Christian denominations who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. If you know of someone who may wish to experience the richness of our Catholic Faith and who desires to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church, please contact St. Theodore's office 908-6898318 ext 1

2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal *In Faith, With Hope*

If you have yet to make your gift please do so today! Your gift should be based on your means and circumstances – a private decision between you and God. This past year, thousands of local Catholics received services through Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Without the support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal these programs would have to be reduced or in some cases eliminated.

**MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON DC -
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012**



Pro-Life advocates from around the country gather in Washington DC to seek change for the right to human life on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v.

Wade. Bus Trips to Washington DC:

Annandale - Immaculate Conception - Bill Smith 908-797-7359, Basking Ridge - St. James - Kerry Shannon 908-309-7363; Fords - Our Lady of Peace/K of C Council 9199 - Alan Nygard 732-986-3199 Perryville - St. Catherine of Siena - Bill Smith 908-797-7359; Phillipsburg - St. Philip & St. James - Camille Bates Rapinesi 908-387-0001; Somerset - Immaculate Conception - Jeanine Cavanagh 908-725-1112 x1126. For bus information and all inquiries, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

"Let's Occupy Washington D.C....and March for Life"

Washington, D.C.

Monday, January 23rd, 2012

Or spend time in prayer at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Bus leaves St. Jude Church, Blairstown, NJ at 6 AM There will be a special Mass at St. Jude at 5:30AM before we leave. On Monday, January 23rd, 2012 the Bus will leave St. Jude Church in Blairstown at 6 a.m. & return home approximately 11:00 p.m. The bus will also be making a drop off at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those people who are unable to participate in the March, but would like to spend the day in prayer. Cost is \$25.00. For reservations or questions call Dawn & Ted Schreiber at 908-813-0816. The trip marks the Anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court Decision Roe vs. Wade. We march in remembrance of the child in the womb.

Stewardship Treasure (Collections)

Last Week \$3,247. Last year \$3,477.39
Second Collection: Jan. 14/15: Together in Charity
Second Collection: Jan 21/22: Catholic Education

**St. Theodore's Religious Education Calendar
2012**

JANUARY

Monday, Jan. 16th No Religious Education -
(Martin Luther King)
Sunday, Jan. 22nd 8th Grade at 10:30 Mass
Monday, Jan. 23rd Classes at School
Sunday, Jan. 29th 7th Grade at 10:30 Mass
Monday, Jan. 30th Classes at School

Let's give round of applause to the parishioners who helped take down the Christmas decorations and clean up the church last Monday.



Thank you very much!

2011 Income Tax Contribution Statements are available. Please, when you submit your request, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. **Not a registered parishioner?** There is no contributions record keeping procedure for non-parishioners. You have to be registered for your contributions to be counted. If you would like to register, please stop by the office Monday-Thursday, 9:15am to 2:15 pm or call...908-689-8318, Ext. 1.

St. Mary's School at 159 Liberty Street, Hackettstown is having an Open House on Sunday January 29th from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Come meet our teachers, staff, and students and see firsthand what makes St. Mary's School a special place!

St. Mary's School is a fully accredited Pre-K through Grade 8 Elementary School. K through Grade 8 students receive weekly instruction in Art, Computers, Music, Phys Ed, and Spanish. Transfer students are accepted through Grade 7. Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be held February 7th and 9th from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. For additional information, please visit www.stmarys1.org, e-mail saintmarys@comcast.net or call 908 852-4791.



Please pray for: Chris, Keira, Anna & John Saksa, Theresa, Stephen, Bobby Gross, Lillian Shaffer, Bridget, Erin Stanton, Katlyn Faulkner, Barbara Zack, Bobby Greco, Frances Fiumefreddo, Jay Mildrum, Enrico Staiano, Emir Kane, Gracie Witte, Billy, Carol A, Kim Paine, Mary Ellen Horner, Richard Horner, Lauren Asmar.