ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

MARCH 17, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Station III
Jesus Falls The First Time

Station IV
Jesus Meets His Blessed Mother

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MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISA

ST JOHN

WEEKDAYS
MONDAY through FRIDAY 8:30 a.m.

WEEKENDS
SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

ST AGNES
SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.
MISA EN ESPANOL 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS
HOLY DAY 7:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.

CONFESSIONS
SATURDAY 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 17, 2019
Altar Flowers
In Memory of
Jennie Testa & Kristen Rzeszutek
Req. by The Molnar Family

March 17, 2019
Sanctuary Light
In Memory of
Christopher McCaffrey
Req. by Gregory & Grace Sconzo

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
Ash Wednesday: $ 3,092

March 9th & 10th, 2019

Collection:	*$ 8,811*
OnLine Giving:	*$ 3,198*
Less Average Expenses:	*($ 12,500)*
Balance:	*($ 491)*

Thank you for your generosity!

Commemorative Candle for
St. John Paul II
In Memory of
Gary Cavallo
Req. by Mother, Sister & Brothers

Let us remember all those who have asked for our prayers especially the sick and suffering of our parish.

Juan P. Lopez, Nancy Guitierrez, Edwina Gill, Rose Korney, Grace Emma, Barry Catanzareti, Michael Hughes, Steve Jaques, Audrey Holcombe, Beverly Fresco, Peggy Bishop, Gregory Maloney, Paul Baldasarre, Diane Worthington, Alfonso Smullen, Mary Holcombe, Elaine Joiner, Efigenia Avalos, Gary Davila, Walter Rzeszutek, Kerry Bush, Ruth Yolanda, Nelly Lozano, Yuri Gil, James Malagrino, Chihon Jayoloa, Janice Carty, Michele Studley, Joseph M. Waters, Lawrence Miele, Jim Oehlers, Clayton Wells

"Jesus, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me."

This Ministry is designed to help those who are grieving with a supportive environment to express their emotions, learn ways of coping with grief, and moving through the journey towards peace and acceptance. Anyone who is interested in attending the next session should call the Parish Office, 609-397-3350, to sign up.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION PRAYERS

Please join us every First Friday following the 8:30AM Mass for meditation prayers in devotion to our Blessed Mother and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Knights of Columbus

Louis Failla: Grand Knight
609-397-4550

Next Meeting:
April 4, 2019 at 8:00PM

The Rosary Altar Society

Upcoming Events:

- Praying the Rosary: April 6, 2019 @ 4:30PM
- Next Meeting: April 8, 2019 @ 7:00PM

If you are interested in joining, please contact Vicki Casey—President 609-397-9265

Please join us at St. John's every Monday morning at 8:00am for the Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

PARISH INFORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Children's religious education: please call the office for religious studies (in English). Requires that children attend scheduled classes to receive their sacraments. It also requires all households to participate regularly in the Mass.

CONFESSIONS
St. John's ~ Saturday: 3:30- 4:30 P.M. or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

BAPTISMS
Celebrated the first Sunday of the month after the 11:00 Mass, please call the Parish Office for additional information: 609-397-3350. **All paperwork must be completed prior to scheduling a baptism.**

MARRIAGES
The bride or groom must be an active-registered member of St. John the Evangelist Parish with weekly Mass attendance and involvement in the life of the Parish for one year before the marriage preparation process. Please call the Parish Office for more information. According to the Common Policy of the five Latin-rite (Roman Catholic) dioceses of New Jersey, there must be twelve months of marriage preparation for each couple who desires to be married in the Church. **Please do not make any wedding arrangements** (including reception hall) **until** you have met with the pastor and he has approved the wedding date with you.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
When necessary, contact the Parish Office 609-397-3350

HOSPITALIZED FAMILY
If you have a hospitalized family member, let the parish know so that we can visit and take the Eucharist. Please call the parish office.

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 or Phil 3:20 — 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MERCY CORNER

Jesus, beloved Son, you are the one to whom God urges us to listen. Heeding what we may hear in prayer or in our service of others may call us to change – to changes of attitude or activity or patterns of life. Help us, time and again, to "Put our Mercy on." As Catherine urged us, may our times of prayer give us the grace, strength, and animation we need for our ministry to others and may our experiences in service of our neighbors draw us back to you in prayer. This we ask humbly and sincerely. Amen.

Second Sunday of Lent

Theme: Lent calls us to transform our lives.

Breaking Open the Word
Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word
As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life
Question for Children: Jesus invites you to be close to him, to see him with clear eyes. What is Jesus like as a friend?
Question for Youth: What do you most want God to help you with?
Question for Adults: Sometimes we can see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain. Share about such a time in your own life.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Missionary Childhood Association

Session—March		Year-to-Date
Sunday:	$28.00	$177.00
Tuesday:	$ TBD	$ 69.00
Wednesday:	$ TBD	$ 30.00
		$276.00

March 17, 2019—Second Sunday of Lent

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

St. John's Ministry Group News

Book Club:
Book to Discuss: "Molaka'i" by Alan Brennert.
We will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 2nd** at 7:00pm and **Wednesday, April 3rd** at 2:00pm in The Jesus School, Second Floor. All are welcome! Any questions, please call: Beth Lange 908-672-1731

Evening Prayer:
On ***March 21st at 7:00pm***, and repeating every third Thursday of the month, we will have an Evening Prayer Service at St. John's. We will pray the Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, have some time for reflection, and conclude with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We all know how beautiful the Church looks at night, candles lit - a great way to pull away from our busy lives, in community and prayer. Copies of the Evening Prayer will be available, but we encourage you to download the iBreviary app for your phone or tablet.

Senior Outreach Ministry:
If you have an interest in helping the senior citizens in our area, please bring your ideas and join us in the Jesus School building. We will meet in a second floor classroom on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting date: ***April 3rd, 7:00PM***

Tutoring Ministry:
We are beginning to form a tutoring ministry at St. John's. Many parishioners have expressed an interest in helping both adults and children in languages, including ESL, general schoolwork, and financial counseling. If you or someone you know needs assistance, or would like to join this effort as a volunteer, please contact us. Judy Rudderow email: jmr23@comcast.net Or call: 215-499-3725

Ministerio de Tutoría:
Estamos empezando a formar un Ministerio de Tutoría en St. John's. Muchos feligreses han expresado interés en ayudar tanto a adultos como a niños en idiomas, incluyendo ESL, trabajo escolar general y asesoría financiera. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce necesita ayuda, o desea unirse a este esfuerzo como voluntario, favor de contactarnos. office@parishofsaintjohn.org

Welcome Ministry:
Our mission is to provide a warm welcome to families and adults who are new to the Parish, and encourage all members to become active and involved in building a vibrant and caring community of faith through events such as our special Welcome Sundays and social gatherings on the piazza during the warmer months. Our goal is to create an environment where everyone feels at home while working together in the footsteps of Christ. If interested in joining us, please contact the Parish Office at 609-397-3350.

Women's Retreat Group:
On March 9 fourteen women from St. John's attended a retreat on An Introduction to Centering Prayer at the Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham, NJ. The setting was stunning as the campus is situated on 100 acres overlooking magnificent trees, woodlands and spacious lawns. It was led by two outstanding women that introduced us to a prayer life that moves us from beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. Our next retreat will be this Fall, so please check back for updates. If you are interested in joining the Women's Retreat Group, please contact Kathy Ronning at 215-776-0544 or Kathleenronning4@gmail.com

MARCH/APRIL, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Second Sunday of Lent *St. Patrick's Day*	8:00AM Perpetual Novena	7:00PM Bereavement Ministry *Feast of St. Joseph*	9:15AM & 7:00PM Lenten Program 7:00PM Bible Study **First Day of Spring**	7:00PM Evening Prayer	7:00PM Stations of the Cross	Parish Lenten Mission
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Third Sunday of Lent Parish Lenten Mission	8:00AM Perpetual Novena 6:30PM—Lenten Mission 7:00PM Confessions	7:00PM Bereavement Ministry	9:15AM & 7:00PM Lenten Program 7:00PM Bible Study		7:00PM Stations of the Cross	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:00AM Perpetual Novena	7:00PM Bereavement Ministry 7:00PM Knights of Columbus Speaker 7:00PM Book Club	9:15AM & 7:00PM Lenten Program 2:00PM Book Club 7:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM Senior Outreach Ministry	8:00PM Knights of Columbus	9:00AM First Friday Devotion Prayers 7:00PM Stations of the Cross	Pre-Cana FOOD DRIVE
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Fifth Sunday of Lent FOOD DRIVE	8:00AM Perpetual Novena 7:00PM Rosary Altar Meeting	7:00PM Awakening Night 7:00PM Bereavement Ministry	9:15AM & 7:00PM Lenten Program 7:00PM Bible Study		7:00PM Stations of the Cross	

Weekly Reflection

March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent
Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Last month featured the annual Oscars' show, and millions of movie fans sat in front of their TVs for a look-see at their favorite stars. They knew the faces and the names better than I for sure. They chose their favorites for the winners. But there were other unseen people, hidden in plain sight among the theater audience, whose names and faces they did not know. They are the various artists who create the illusion that what we watch on the screen is real. Among them is an even smaller group in charge of makeup. With paints and padding, wigs and wrinkles, they manage to transform the famous actors into their characters. I believe all this effort aids the actors to get into character for their award-winning performances.

The transfiguration of Jesus was a far cry from such illusions. Peter, James and John truly saw what happened when Jesus pulled back the veil of His earthly appearance enough to leave them "dazzled," as St. Luke writes. Realists to their core, the three observers felt their jaws slacken.

Like me, you may wonder why Jesus did not do this sort of thing more often. It would have been so convincing to the skeptics among the crowds that followed Him that they would have dropped their opposition. But Jesus decided differently. When His commands and demands became too much, they left. Just as a lot of Catholics do today.

But as I thought about it some more, what the good Lord did with His miracles was to offer a compliment to us, specifically to our powers of deduction. Watching things like that widow's son climb out of his coffin; or that paralyzed man suddenly rise to take up his mat, not to omit that walk Jesus took on the water amid a raging storm. All of that calls forth a conclusion that is inescapable if not awfully hard to deny.

Lest we fail to make the connection, the Church this weekend offers us the thought of St. Paul. Here he writes to his Philippian converts and to us that we too will be changed to conform with Jesus' "glorified body." Since this would have been his feast day, I'll honor "great and glorious St. Patrick" as someone who would believe this to his core.

In the opening scenes of the musical "Camelot," we see King Arthur standing in a field dressed in the clothes of a common peasant. To look at him you would have no idea that he was king. In fact, when Guinevere first met Arthur, she didn't have a clue that he was king over all Camelot. Arthur was, in fact, king, but his appearance gave no evidence of this fact. Sound familiar?

Saint of the Week

St. Patrick, Bishop (C. 389-461)

Although legends abound about the life and work of Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, he tells his own story in his *Confession,* written near the end of his life. Kidnapped at 16 by pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave, he worked as a shepherd in the mountains. After six years, Patrick escaped and, after many adventures, returned to Britain and eventually became a priest. When a missionary was needed, Pope Celestine sent Patrick to evangelize the Irish. Although he was constantly at risk from hostile pagans, by the time of his death, a native clergy was in place and Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland.

Like him, how might I dedicate myself to God's service and see in my adversity an opportunity for witnessing to Christ?

Lenten Mission
MARCH 23rd—25th, 2019

You are invited to join us on March 23rd through 25th, 2019, for our Lenten Mission focused on the Divine Mercy. Joining us are Sr. Donata and Sr. Veritas from the congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Washington DC.

Reflections during Mass on Saturday and Sunday will focus on the "Divine Mercy – the message for today." On Sunday, March 24th, there will be an Adoration beginning at 3:00pm followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. On Monday, March 25, at 6:30pm, Sr. Donata will discuss the "Sacrament of Reconciliation – the way to peace of heart." Confessions will immediately follow. There will be additional Priests available to hear confessions.

2018 TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like a contribution statement for 2018, please fill out the form below (Please PRINT) and return it to St. John's Parish Office or place it in the offering basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Envelope Number: _____

Mass Schedule
Week of March 17, 2019

Saturday, March 16, 2019
5:00pm Emma Roethal
Req. by Ed & Dorothy Wallace
Sunday, March 17, 2019
8:00am Gale Casey, Sr.
Req. by Sister Marie Conaughton
9:30am Eileen Rossbauer
Req. by Barbara Hevner
11:00am Jennie Testa & Kristen Rzeszutek
Req. by The Molnar Family
St. Agnes
9:30am Dale Errico
Req. by Walter & Cynthia Everett
11:00am For the People
Monday, March 18, 2019
8:30am Gloria Waldron
Req. by Sharon DiSalvi
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
8:30am Dan Joseph Esposito
Req. by Mom and Dad
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
8:30am Nicolo Maltese
Req. by Kristy & Rick Fleming
Thursday, March 21, 2019
8:30am Emmett J. McMahon
Req. by Victor & Peggy Tunis
Friday, March 22, 2019
8:30am Christopher McCaffrey
Req. by Rick & Marietta Flodmand
Saturday, March 23, 2019
5:00pm David Rinz
Req. by Joanne
Sunday, March 24, 2019
8:00am Gloria Waldron
Req. by Vicki Casey
9:30am Jessica Masterson
Req. by James & Bridget Rosso
11:00am John A. & Gloria Mangan
Req. by Jeanne Sanczel
St. Agnes
9:30am Jody Thomas
Req. by Patrick & Kim McLaughlin
11:00am For the People

Ministry Schedule
March 23rd & 24th, 2019

Extraordinary Ministers:

March 23rd

5:00pm * Barbara Ashton, Rick Carmosino, Bailey & Patty Hendricks, Jim Kuhn

March 24th

8:00am * Cory Dale, Laura Darby, Linda Lanza
9:30am * Sharon DiSalvi, Theresa DeVito, Chris Kascik, Jim & Marie Machinga
11:00am * Judy Gundersheim, Barbara Hevner, Sharon Neylon, Grace Sconzo, Anita Verga

St Agnes:
9:30am Regina Mushrock
11:00am Eufemia Hernandez, Antonio Cruz

Lectors:

March 23rd & 24th

5:00pm Peter Ashton, Bryce Sanders
8:00am Bill Healey, John Lanza
9:30am David DeVito, Susan Mardirossian
11:00am David Dondero, Dominik Zawadski
St. Agnes:
9:30am Roger Locandro
11:00am Victor Amaya, Irma Reyes

Altar Servers:

March 23rd & 24th

5:00pm Cole Hendricks, Harry Thompson
8:00am Nicholas Peluso
9:30am Emma, Bridgette, & Alexander Smith-Wilson
11:00am Carolan Falk, Kendal Plumstead
St. Agnes:
9:30am Connor & Brian Devlin
11:00am Luis Martinez, Jocell Rodriguez

Gifts:

5:00pm
8:00am
9:30am
11:00am

PLEASE CHECK WITH USHER TO BRING UP THE GIFTS

PARISH EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

How Safe Is Our Religious Freedom Today?

By **Professor Matthew Franck PhD.**
Associate Director
James Madison Program in
American Ideals and Institutions
Princeton University

Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM
St. John the Evangelist Church, Lambertville, NJ

All are welcome to attend

St. John the Evangelist, Lambertville
Awakening Night for Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00PM

On December 12th Bishop Checchio inaugurated a year of preparation for the consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe. His intention for this year is that each one of us open our heart wide to God's grace so that authentic spiritual renewal can take place. In light of this you are invited to come to an evening of prayer, preaching and reflection on the message and meaning of Our Lady of Guadalupe's apparitions on our continent in 1531. Discover how The Blessed Mother led nine million indigenous Mexican people into a life changing encounter with her Son, Jesus, and how she desires to lead you into a deep and vibrant relationship with Him as well.

St. John the Evangelist 2019 Lenten Program
"These 40 Days of Lent, O Lord"

To better grow in our relationships with God, others and ourselves... this Lent consider attending
The Lenten Prayer and Reflection on Wednesdays.
Through April 10th
9:15 AM or 7:00 PM
St. John's School Room 102

Please bring your SJE Complementary Book, if you are reading one. For more information call Larry Konsin, Adult Faith Formation Facilitator - 412-327-0005

"Oh What A Night!" HollyHedge Estates provided a fabulous venue for St. John's Third Annual Mardi Gras Dinner Dance. Over 100 parishioners and friends enjoyed a delicious cocktail hour and sit down dinner then danced the night away to the wonderful music of the 20 piece Monday Blues Jazz Orchestra. Parishioners appreciated the opportunity to "catch up" with friends in a social setting. "What Mass do you go too" was heard very often as long time parishioners met new ones and forged a foundation for lasting friendships. Bishop Checchio enjoyed the "family" Marid Gras atmosphere and Fr. Robert did not disappoint in his dance moves. Thanks to all of the committee members for their hard work.

17 De Marzo De 2019
2º Domingo de Cuaresma

INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL

OFICINA PARROQUIAL

609-397-3350

NUMERO DE FAX DE OFICINA
609-397-8713

EN CASO DE EMERGENCIA

609-460-4762

HORAS DE OFICINA

Lunes a Juaves ~ 9:00 AM – 2:00 P.M.

HORARIO DE MISA

Misa en Español ~ Domingos, 11:00 A.M.

St. Agnes en Stockton

EDUCACION

Educación Religiosa para Niños: Por favor llamar a la oficina de Estudios Religiosos (en Inglés). Se requiere que los niños asistan regularmente a estas clases para poder recibir sus sacramentos. Se requiere también que todas las familias participen regularmente en la Misa. Por favor llamar a la directora de Estudios Religiosos para más información, al 609-397-3350.

Educación Religiosa para Adultos: Por favor comuníquese con el Padre si le faltan algunos de los sacramentos.

CONFESIONES
St John's ~ Sábados: 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.

BAUTISMOS
Español: Durante la Misa en español o cuando sea necesario. (Los padres deben estar registrados en la Parroquia y se requiere que asistan a una clase de preparación antes del bautismo. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para hacer los arreglos necesarios.)

MATRIMONIOS
Contactar la oficina parroquial 1 año antes de la boda. El novio o la novia debe estar registrado (a) como miembro de la Parroquia por lo menos por 1 año antes que el día de la boda sea confirmado. Se requiere que los novios participen en Pre-Cana o Encuentro de Comprometidos. Para más información, por favor llamar la oficina parroquial.

SACRAMENTO DE UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS
Cuando sea necesario, contacte la oficina parroquial.

FAMILIARES HOSPITALIZADOS
Si tiene algún familiar hospitalizado, hágalo saber a la parroquia para que lo podamos visitar y llevarle la Eucaristía. Pueden llamar al Padre al 609-397-3350 o 609-397-4118.

PARTICIPE EN EL CORO
El coro está buscando más voces e instrumentos musicales. Toda persona a quien le guste cantar o sepa tocar instrumentos musicales, pueden participar en el coro. Ofrezca su talento.

2º domingo de Cuaresma

Primera Lectura : Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Dios forma una alianza con Abram.

- En la lectura del Génesis, Dios promete a Abram muchos descendientes.
- Dios afirma una alianza con Abram al aparecer en forma de antorcha entre los cuerpos muertos de los animales sacrificados.
- Esto fue simbólico porque la manera antigua de afirmar un acuerdo era que las dos partes caminaran entre los cuerpos partidos de animales sacrificados.

Segunda Lectura : Filipenses 3:17-4:1 o Filipenses 3:20-4:1
Cristos nos transformará.

- En la segunda lectura, Pablo anima a los filipenses a confiar en Dios y a esperar.
- Los que pierden la fe están en busca de gratificación inmediata.
- Los que esperan por las promesas de Dios compartirán la gloria de Jesús.

Evangelio : Lucas 9:28b-36
Mientras Jesús oraba, fue transformado.

- Inmediatamente después de que Jesús dijera a los discípulos que él sufriría, moriría y ascendería de nuevo, él lleva a un grupo seleccionado de ellos a una montaña a rezar.
- Mientras están en la montaña, Jesús revela su divina identidad a Pedro, Juan y Jaime.
- Pedro, cautivado por la transformación de Jesús, quería que la escena perdurara.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Sal 26:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Fil 3:17 — 4:1 o Fil 3:20 — 4:1; Lc 9:28b-36
Lunes: Dn 9:4-10; Sal 78:8, 9, 11 y 13; Lc 6:36-38
Martes: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Sal 88:2-3, 4-5, 27 y 29; Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 o Lc 2:41-51
Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 30:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1, 1-2, 3, 4 y 6; Lc 16:19-31
Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13; 17-28; Sal 104:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 102:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
Domingo: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Sal 102:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8 y 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lc 13:1-9

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Help Build a Civilization of Love

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend***. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

Stations of the Cross
for those Touched by the Pain of Addiction or Loss
Friday, March 29, 2019 - 7 p.m.

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity and the Catholic Community of Immaculate Conception Parish, Spotswood, will host "Stations of the Cross for those Touched by the Pain of Addiction of Loss" at 7 p.m. on March 29 at the parish, 18 South Street, Spotswood. Any person or family whose life has been touched by the pain of addiction or loss, or who seeks the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the struggle to recovery is welcome. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

For more information, call (732) 243-4574.

On Saturday , March 30, 2019, St. James Parish in Basking Ridge will be hosting a "Men's Lenten Afternoon of Prayer in the Year of Spiritual Awakening" featuring guest speaker Coach Pat Shurmur, head coach of the NY Giants. The afternoon will begin at 2 pm and end with a closing Mass at 4 pm with Bishop James Checchio as the celebrant. The event is free, however, registration is required. The event is being sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen Secretariat for Family & Pastoral Life. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call 732-243-4574 or visit: http://diometuchen.org/mens-groups/.

Awakening Year – Personal Consecration Opportunity

Looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed? Looking to develop a deeper relationship with Our Lord? Want to grow in holiness, but are too busy? Set aside just 15 minutes a day for nine days during this Awakening Year to deepen your faith and make a consecration on a personal level to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe. Read, reflect and pray daily with the story of Our Lady and St. Juan Diego. On the ninth day, you are invited to pray the personal consecration prayer, committing yourself to be an active Catholic and sharing your Catholic faith with others. This consecration is easy to fit in your schedule! Just pick the nine days to do this individually or get a small group together!

To find out more about this personal consecration and to access the resource, go to: www.lightingheartsonfire.org , click on prayers, select Personal Consecration and begin today!

Feast of St. Joseph

Saint Joseph,
father and guardian of virgins,
into whose faithful keeping were
entrusted innocency itself,
Christ Jesus,
and Mary, the Virgin of virgins,
I pray and beseech thee through Jesus
and Mary, those pledges so dear to
thee,
to keep me from all uncleanness
and to grant that my mind may be
untainted,
my heart pure and my body chaste;
help me always to serve Jesus and
Mary in perfect chastity.
Amen

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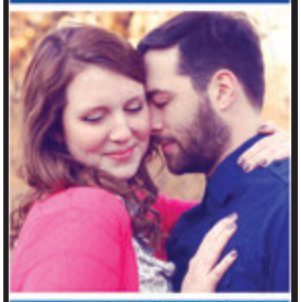
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