ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

MARCH 24, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Station V
Simon Of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

Station VI
Veronica Wipes The Face Of Jesus

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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 24, 2019
Altar Flowers

This is a beautiful way to honor your loved one. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

March 16th & 17th, 2019

Collection:	To be Announced
OnLine Giving:	To be Announced
Less Average Expenses:	($ 12,500)
Balance:	To be Announced

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

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

March 24, 2019
Sanctuary Light
In Memory of
S. Rodgers "Sid" Benjamin
Req. by Gregory & Grace Sconzo

Commemorative Candle for St. John Paul II

This is a beautiful way to honor your loved one. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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."

Knights of Columbus

Louis Failla: Grand Knight
609-397-4550

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

Large & Small Palm Crosses will be on sale after masses on March 31st & April 7th.

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 24, 2019
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MERCY CORNER

Mercy is the forgiveness which He never refuses us, as He did not refuse it to Peter after his betrayal. The avowal that 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance' (Luke 1:7) also hold true for us".

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 25TH, AT 7:00PM ... Following the 6:30PM "Sacrament of Reconciliation—The Way to Peace of Heart" by Sister Donata

Third Sunday of Lent

Theme: Lent calls us to conversion.

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: God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

Question for Youth: What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?

Question for Adults: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

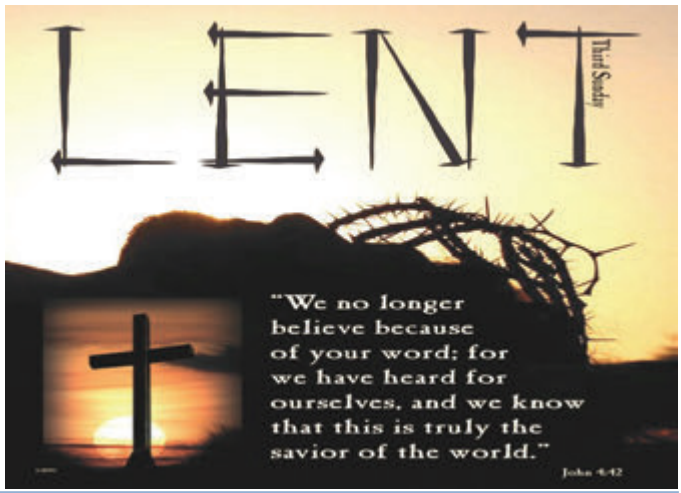
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Sacrament Sunday:
April 7, 2019
Sacramento Domingo
7 de Abril de 2019
1:00PM-3:00PM First Communion
4:00PM-6:00PM Confirmation

FIRST COMMUNION:
Saturday, May 4th, 10:00AM

Missionary Childhood Association

Session—March		Year-to-Date
Sunday:	$28.00	$177.00
Tuesday:	$ 8.00	$ 77.00
Wednesday:	$ TBD	$ 30.00
		$284.00



March 24, 2019—Third Sunday of Lent

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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 ***May 16th 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
24 Third Sunday of Lent Parish Lenten Mission	25 8:00AM Perpetual Novena 6:30PM—Lenten Mission 7:00PM Confessions	26 7:00PM Bereavement Ministry	27 9:15AM & 7:00PM Lenten Program 7:00PM Bible Study	28	29 7:00PM Stations of the Cross	30
31 Fourth Sunday of Lent	1 8:00AM Perpetual Novena	2 7:00PM Bereavement Ministry 7:00PM Knights of Columbus Speaker 7:00PM Book Club	3 9:15AM & 7:00PM Lenten Program 2:00PM Book Club 7:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM Senior Outreach Ministry	4 8:00PM Knights of Columbus	5 9:00AM First Friday Devotion Prayers 7:00PM Stations of the Cross	6 Pre-Cana FOOD DRIVE 4:30PM Pray the Rosary
7 Fifth Sunday of Lent FOOD DRIVE	8 8:00AM Perpetual Novena 7:00PM Rosary Altar Meeting	9 7:00PM Awakening Night 7:00PM Bereavement Ministry	10 9:15AM & 7:00PM Lenten Program 7:00PM Bible Study	11	12 7:00PM Stations of the Cross	13
14 Palm Sunday	15 8:00AM Perpetual Novena 4:00PM Chrism Mass at Cathedral	16	17	18 **HOLY THURSDAY** 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00PM Visit to Repository 11:45PM Night Prayer	19 **GOOD FRIDAY** 3:00PM Passion of the Lord 7:30PM Stations of the Cross	20 **HOLY SATURDAY** 10:30AM Blessing of the Food 8:00PM Easter Vigil

Weekly Reflection

March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent
Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

By now, any New Year's resolutions we may have made about losing weight, or buying less from TV shopping channels have weakened. Not that we are bad people by any means, or even excessively impulsive. We're just weak human beings, right?

That same burst of enthusiasm for spiritual betterment that comes with Ash Wednesday might have suffered by now from that same weakness. For example, I believe that most of us agree with the eighteenth century poet Alexander Pope that "to err is human; to forgive divine." So, we try to be "divine" in the poet's meaning, especially during Lent. But then someone hurts us deeply, or somehow breaks our trust, and our forgiveness gets abandoned. Lenten practice gets put on hold.

Let's face it. Nobody actually likes penance, this kind or any other. One attractive mental device that we often turn to for temporary relief is known as procrastination. That is one of the devil's principal suggestions. He wants to convince us that in this whole matter of making reparation to God – the goal of penance- *there is no hurry.* "Take your time," he says. "You've got plenty of it! Take a break from this strict Christian living." Sadly, we often believe him. We like his message.

Ah, but listen to the one Person who, through God Himself, became man and is like us in all things but sin. He tells us of how the owner of a certain fig tree reacts to his unproductive plant. He tells his gardener: "Cut it down! Why should it exhaust the soil?"

Thank goodness for that gardener! He represents mercy. He pleads with the owner to give the hapless tree another year during which he will water and fertilize it. If it is still barren after 365 days, only then will he put the ax to it. Praise this Gardener, who represents God, and who never gives up on us, no matter how little we produce in response to His teaching! He has patience by the bucketful when dealing with each of us.

There is still something to avoid during Lent or anytime. That is to claim a certain spiritual superiority over others. Paul was addressing this sin in his Letter to the Corinthians.

It so happens that tomorrow the Church celebrates the Feast of the Annunciation. Gladly we celebrate that special day that one young Lady made the great Archangel Gabriel blush, not only at the loveliness of her face, but also at the incomparable beauty of her humility. She never took a superior position to anyone, although she had the credentials to do so. She answered "Yes" to becoming God's Mother, but then immediately gave all the praise to Him, as recorded in her "Magnificat." No wonder she is "our tainted nature's solitary boast." She kept all her resolutions every year for the all of her life.

Saint of the Week

Paul, Apostle and Martyr

This saint was originally called by a Jewish name, Saul. He was born in the year A.D. 5 and studied under a renowned rabbi in Jerusalem. He became a rigid adherent of Jewish law, and an obsessed persecutor of the Christians. But one day, Christ appeared to Saul and his heart and life were turned around forever. He took on the name Paul and became a great missionary for the early Church, writing many letters to support or challenge new Christians, and helping expand the faith around the Mediterranean Sea.

Paul's message today: None of us are likely to have as strong an influence on the Church as Paul has had through history. However, we are all capable of influencing our community and those with whom we live and work.

Ask yourself: what kind of an influence have I been on my family? My neighbors? My co-workers?

Bible Study Classes
Letter from Paul to the Philippians

Classes will be held at 7:00PM in the Jesus School on the following Wednesday evenings:

March 27th, April 3rd and 10th

For those interested in reading "The Art of Spiritual Warfare" by Venatius Oforka, we are discussing this book following the Bible Study class. Please email the Parish Office at office@parishofsaintjohn.org with any questions.

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 24, 2019

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

Monday, March 25, 2019
8:30am Alice Ann Kroesen
Req. by Lorraine Moore

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
8:30am Dante Buontempo
Req. by Clelia & John Esposito

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
8:30am Robert Groppe
Req. by Judy & Bob Mariani

Thursday, March 28, 2019
8:30am Joseph Skillodge
Req. by Mary Frances Voorhees

Friday, March 29, 2019
8:30am Gale Casey, Sr.
Req. by Michael & Laura Fleming

Saturday, March 30, 2019
5:00pm Alice Ann Kroesen
Req. by The Kelly Family

Sunday, March 31, 2019
8:00am Gale Casey, Sr.
Req. by The McCaffrey Family
9:30am Chris Colavita
Req. by Mother, Shiela
11:00am John Lyndell Madden
Req. by Mike & Anita Verga

St. Agnes
9:30am Richard Murray
Req. by Rosemary Georgett
11:00am For the People

Ministry Schedule
March 30th & 31st, 2019

Extraordinary Ministers:

March 30th

5:00pm * Barbara Ashton, Rick Carmosino, Debbie Closson, Judy Colt, Charles Slack

March 31st

8:00am * Joan Hurley, Maria Matteo, Kim McLoughlin, David Sanzalone, Mary Zetterstrom
9:30am * Barbara Cecchini, Sharon Ippolito, Stacey Mardirossian, Lorraine Moore, Jake Phillips
11:00am * Michael & Wendy Biase, Amy Danese. Peggy Dondero, Barbara Hevner

St Agnes:
9:30am Kathy Buscavage
11:00am Angelina Castro, Irma Reyes

Lectors:

March 30th & 31st

5:00pm Kathy Ferry, Jonathan Yarnall
8:00am Carol Harding, Bob Zetterstrom
9:30am Aureo Pena, Christine Smith
11:00am Elise Rehn, Jennifer Ste. Marie

St. Agnes:
9:30am Regina Mushrock
11:00am Angie Arias, Maribel Castro

Altar Servers:

March 30th & 31st

5:00pm Luis Lopez, John & Anthony Whelan
8:00am Larry, Matthew & Lucy Thiel
9:30am Sarah & Carla Ippolito
11:00am Elijah Enochson, Dominik & Dorian Zawadski

St. Agnes:
9:30am Audrey & Lydia Hammill
11:00am Marielena & Erica Alverez

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

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.

2019 Lenten Schedule

Adult Fairth Formation Workshop
Lenten Prayer & Reflection
Wednesdays at 9:15am & 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday ~ 7:00pm

Parish Lenten Mission
March 23rd—March 25th
Sunday, March 24th
Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ 3:00pm
Monday, March 25th
Lenten Reflection ~ 6:30pm
Confessions ~ 7:00pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Holy Thursday ~ April 18th
Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:00pm
Visit to Repository 8:00pm - 11:45pm
Night Prayer ~ 11:45pm
Good Friday ~ April 19th
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion ~ 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross ~ 7:30pm
Holy Saturday ~ April 20th
Blessing of the Food ~ 10:30am
Easter Vigil ~ 8:00pm
Easter Sunday ~ April 21st
St. John the Evangelist Church
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am
St. Agnes Church
9:30am
11:00am ~ Mass in Spanish

24 De Marzo De 2019
3º 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.

3º domingo de Cuaresma

Primera Lectura : Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15
El nombre de Dios es: "YO-SOY".

- En la primera lectura del Éxodo, Moisés cuestiona el llamado de Dios.
- La respuesta de Dios: "Me llamo YO-SOY" ha llevado a los creyentes a contemplar el significado de la respuesta de Dios a Moisés.
- El pasaje de hoy muestra que aún en los momentos de revelación personal, Dios sigue siendo un misterio.

Segunda Lectura : Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12
Lo que se ha escrito acerca de Moisés es para ayudarlos.

- La lectura de 1 Corintios es la meditación de Pablo sobre el destino del pueblo que fue liberado en el Éxodo.
- No todas las personas que fueron liberadas permanecieron fieles a Dios.
- Pablo recalca que ser liberado del pecado a través del bautismo no es suficiente. Tenemos que seguir regresando a Dios cuando le hayamos dado la espalda.

Evangelio : Lucas 13:1-9
Jesús nos dice que nos arrepintamos.

- La historia del Evangelio de hoy trató de la respuesta de Jesús a aquéllos que juzgaron a los demás a través de la teoría del castigo.
- Los seres humanos no pueden ver lo suficiente como para juzgar el propósito de Dios en los acontecimientos.
- La parábola ilustra la paciencia de Dios acerca del pecado humano.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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
Lunes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 39:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 24:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 94:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lc 11:14-23
Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 80:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34
Sábado: Hos 6:1-6; Sal 50:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

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!

The Diocese of Metuchen, in preparation for the consecration of the Diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bishop James F. Checchio will lead an English Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, Oct. 20-24. A Spanish pilgrimage will be offered July 1-4.

Spaces are filling quickly!

For details on either trip, visit www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org.

Please join us for a Mausoleum of the Holy Spirit Open House Weekend at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, 899 Lincoln Ave., Piscataway

Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and
Sunday, March 31, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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