

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 18, 2015



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Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

-1 Corinthians 6:19

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 9:00	Jan. 19th A.M.	Martin Luther King Parishioners
TUES., 12:00	Jan. 20th P.M.	Saint Fabian, Pope Judy Voorhees r/o Phil & Marianne Micela
WED., 7:00	Jan. 21st A.M.	Saint Agnes, Virgin Margaret Sebastian r/o The Butera Family
THURS., 12:00	Jan. 22nd P.M.	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Margaret Sebastian r/o Betsey Howarth
FRI., 7:00	Jan. 23rd A.M.	Saint Vincent, Deacon Jerome P. Kehoe, Sr. r/o The English Family
SAT., 8:00	Jan. 24th A.M.	Saint Frances de Sales, Bishop Lee Cocuzza r/o Enrica & Ignazio Tripoli & Family
5:00	P.M.	Tom Mendelson r/o Father Pat
SUN., 8:00	Jan. 25th A.M.	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ann B (Coffey) Simmons r/o Joe & Children
10:00	A.M.	Agnes & Patrick Daly r/o Bob & Agnes Paulis
11:30	A.M.	Robert F. Rogers, Sr. r/o Family
1:30	P.M.	Comunidad Hispana

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 19th
PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE:
Monday, January 19th, 9:00 A.M. ONLY.

Week of January 18—24

Altar Candles

Roman Slusarz r/o Wife, Florence & Children

PRAY FOR THE SICK...In your charity please pray for the sick of our parish, the sick who remain in our intentions and those whose names are kept on our prayer list in the sacristy. Prayers are requested for the recent deceased: Loretta Rayhon and Rosaria Mazze.



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TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:36– 10-19)

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40)

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20)

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42)



The following "little one" was Baptized on January 11, 2015
Alexander Edward Sylvester, son of Michael & Valerie Sylvester

The "Kiss of Peace" and "Influenza:" During this time of year when there is a heightened concern for the transmission of influenza, the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds the faithful that while the "handshake" is the customary gesture during the sign of peace, other gestures, such as a slight bow of the head to nearby parishioners is also acceptable. The Precious Blood will be made available at Masses in the Diocese of Metuchen as usual. Those persons who are ill and those persons who feel uncomfortable receiving from the Chalice are invited to receive only the sacred host.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 24—25

5:00 pm—	Erin Rooney Taylor Anthony Vincent Miller
8:00 am—	Richie McNulty Tommy McNulty Jonathon Massarelli
10:00 am—	James Lawrence Jackie Mai Christina Mai
11:30 am—	Eliza DeGuzman Sheridan Hoyt Shannon Fitzgerald



Our
Weekly Offering

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" — John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

January 10—11	\$9,701.00
Hispanic Mass.....	\$337.00
Major Renovations.....	\$1,165.00
Second Collection Together in Charity.....	\$3,690.00
Additional Christmas.....	\$340.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

Let us pray ... that all in our Country will support and honor life---from conception to natural death.

Respect Life



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God of all Goodness,
You have entrusted us with the gift of life.
Help us to appreciate that gift from the first moments of conception to the last breaths of old age. Send your strength to all those who defend the unborn, the weak and the dying against attempts to cut short their lives.

May your Holy Spirit touch the hearts of those who are tempted to choose the way of death rather than life. Grant that your people may always be a sign of your love in the world. Amen

LAZARUS MINISTRY:

General Meeting on Monday, January 19th, at 7 PM

in Petra House. COME AND LEARN how just a little of your time can mean a great deal to those who have lost a loved one. With so many aspects to the ministry you are sure to find one that will enable your gifts to be used for the good of others at their time of grief! We specially invite members of the MARTHA'S TABLE MINISTRY to join us for this annual meeting. Please call Sr. James (732-609-1091) if you have any questions or speak to a member of our Ministry.



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IMMEDIATE OPENING - CATECHIST NEEDED!

Communion Preparation Catechist Needed on Tuesdays (during March/April ONLY) from 6:15-7PM for one student. Please contact Mrs. Zmigrodski in the Religious Education Office to volunteer or request more information.

FIRST PENANCE

January 26th, 2015 (7:00 P.M.)

SUPERBOWL BAKE SALE

sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society
weekend of **January 31 and February 1,**
after all Masses



**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY Mass & Communion
Sunday, February 1st, 8:00 A.M.**

LENTEN NOVENA-Our Lenten Novena will begin on **Monday, February 2nd** and continue every **Monday through March 30th** at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. All are invited.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS- Our monthly Baptism Preparation Class will be held this **Thursday, February 5th at 7:30 P.M. at Petra House.** Please call the Parish Office to register. Baptism dates may be selected after completing this one evening of preparation.

Blood Drive Report: Sincere thanks to the 44 persons who offered to give blood last Sunday, and to the 32 who gave. As we have reiterated a number of times recently, the need is critical at present. These donations are greatly appreciated. A big thanks, too, to the Knights of Columbus who gave their time and energy in the coordination of the drive.



A NOTE FROM FATHER PAT **My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

"Father Pat is on vacation for the next two weeks. He has selected previous letters which he thought might be thought-provoking."

Here we are, in the middle of winter, in the depths of cold and chill, wondering where the Christmas Spirit has gone. We have now returned to "Ordinary Time," liturgical jargon for those weeks of the year that do not center on the Christmas or Easter experiences. Ordinary time is just that--ordinary, every day time!!!

So how do we continue to celebrate Jesus in our lives in the everyday time? If we look to today's Gospel passage from John we get the answer. Jesus can be seen walking in the distance and the Baptist exclaims to his followers, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The Baptist points out for his followers, and for us, that God's gift of His Son is now present among us. One of the Baptist's followers asks Jesus, "Where do you abide?" and Jesus responds, "Come, and see." And here begins the wonderful journey of the proclamation of the Good News! The Baptist's disciples now become the disciples of Jesus, and the very next day, we hear the extraordinary words, "We have found the Messiah!"

As we enter into our own everyday time, we need to remember that we have also found the Messiah! Jesus is present to us from the very time of our Baptism, and we experience the presence of Jesus in a most profound manner each time we come forward to the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Eucharist.

As we continue to experience the Gospel each week, we will share in the journey of Jesus and his disciples. We will journey with them through their everyday times. We will encounter their experiences and their responses as they walk with Jesus and come to know the Good News of the Messiah's presence in their lives. Just like the disciples, we need to "walk with Jesus" every day. How do we do this while maintaining our busy lives?

Here are a couple of suggestions that might help make ordinary time "extraordinary" when it comes to your relationship with the Lord:

1. Pick one day each week when you will actually visit Jesus in church for "ten minutes alone with Jesus."
You might pick OLMV but any church is ok!
2. When you get up in the morning pray (every day):
"Jesus, you gave me life today; with your help, let me live it in your Presence."
3. Notice a poor person---and care!
4. Be nice to someone---and do it on purpose.
5. Say a rosary each day--if you don't have time for a Rosary, say a decade--if you don't have time for a decade, say one Hail Mary--I know you have time for one!
6. Share God's "Peace!" It really will come back to you!

**In peace and prayer,
Father Pat**



THE DEANERY SCHOOL: HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY

SOUTH PLAINFIELD: Holy Savior Academy, a pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade Catholic school, will hold its **Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 9-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.**

The school uses technology as an integral part of learning with an emphasis on science, math and religion. Holy Savior Academy, located at 149 South Plainfield Ave., offers an active athletic program, including cheerleading, and financial aid for qualifying families. To learn more, come to our open house, visit our website, www.holysavioracademy.com or call 908-822-5890.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

Catholics in the pew must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to him.

This is the work of discipleship. The book, *“Forming Intentional Disciples”* by Sherry Weddell of the Siena Institute is a must read for those in faith formation,

pastoral councils, evangelization committees, RCIA teams, and all Catholics! Join us as we explore the gradual growth process to becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Facilitator: Fr. Greg Uhrig

Where: St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ

When: Tuesdays, January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2015; 7 to 9 p.m. For more information and to register:

catechesis@diometuchen.org or 732 562-1990 x1310.

CAN YOU SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille - a lifeline for troubled marriages

If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but (both of you) wish to try again – then the RETROUVAILLE program may help you.

RETROUVAILLE (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program begins the weekend of February 6 – February 8, 2015. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information please call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468.

Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen

Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen.

Clearly marked donation boxes are available in more than 30 locations throughout our four-county diocese.

If you have an item that is too big to fit in a donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home.

Another Night on Broadway will be presented on **Sunday January 25th**, 4pm. at Sacred Heart Church, 149 South Plainfield, Ave. South Plainfield, featuring the *Sacred Heart Adult Choir, Middle Choir, Children's Choir and Youth Hand-bells*. Music from some of the most beloved musicals including *My Fair Lady, The Sound of Music, Annie, Jekyll and Hyde, Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin* will be performed. Free will offering at the door.

2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Life-Changing Faith*

Did you know that there are several ways to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal? You can:

- Make a pledge and spread out your payments.
- Make a one-time gift.
- Give by credit card by going online to our secure website <http://diometuchen.org>, or completing the information on your pledge card.
- Have your donation matched by your company with a Corporate Matching Gift.
- Give a gift of appreciated stocks or securities.

No matter which way you choose, we thank you. Every gift is important and appreciated.

THE OLMV BOOK CLUB JUST FINISHED READING *“A YEAR IN PROVENCE”* THE BOOK FOR OUR MARCH MEETING WILL BE *“SNOWFLOWER AND THE SECRET FAN”* BY LISA SEE.



Bishop Bootkoski to be Honored at Catholic School Education Dinner

The Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, will be presented the *St. John Neumann Award* at the 2015 Catholic School Education Dinner being held on April 14th at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick. The award, which is named for the “Father of the Parochial School System,” is given to an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, commitment and dedication to promoting Catholic school education in the Diocese of Metuchen.

“Bishop Bootkoski has made Catholic schools a priority in the diocese and continues to be a strong proponent,” said Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Corona, PA, KCHS, executive director of the diocesan Department of Education. “Our bishop is deserving of this honor which is also an expression of our gratitude for his ongoing support for the teachers, administrators, and most importantly the children attending our Catholic schools.”

The proceeds from the Catholic School Education Dinner benefit the Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship Fund which provides tuition assistance for low-income families whose children attend our diocesan Catholic schools. For dinner tickets, sponsorship opportunities and information about the basket auction and raffle, go to our website at <http://tinyurl.com/2015EdDinner>, or call 732.562.2452.



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732-356-2149 option 6**

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VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM:**

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To do so please call the help line at 732-356-2149 option 6**