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**Office of
THE BISHOP**

My dear friends in Christ,

Right now, many American families are struggling to make ends meet. As people are laid off, lose homes to foreclosure, lose health insurance, and watch their retirement funds disappear, it may be difficult to think of others in need. However, financial struggles have become even harder for the nearly 40 million Americans who have been living in poverty.

For almost 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has offered a solution to poverty by funding low-income community groups all over the United States that find lasting solutions to the root causes of poverty. CCHD supports the poor and low-income in acquiring affordable housing, fair wages, access to healthcare, and vocational training. The leaders of CCHD-funded groups are low-income community members who want to change their situation for a lifetime.

In Catholic social teaching, we are called

*“to bring glad tidings to the poor ...
to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.”* (Luke 4: 18)

Our support of CCHD is vital to solving poverty in the United States. Thank you for your generosity. Please join me in praying for those afflicted by the weak economy, those whose struggles are magnified by it, and those who are working to create solutions to it.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli,
S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

The Collection for the *Campaign for Human Development* will be taken up next Sunday.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2010

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Owen Barr at the
Request of his daughter, Mary Flexer

TUESDAY, April 20

8:00AM – Dorothy M. Palmer
req. by her daughter, Mary Jones

SATURDAY, April 24

8:00 AM – Owen Barr
req. by his daughter, Mary Flexer

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25

8:00AM – Sadie Garripoli
req. by Vincent Gaita & Family

11:30AM – Father Gerald Lewis

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$1,595.00 – Regular Collection – April 11, 2010

\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$1,866.00 – Regular Collection – April 19, 2009

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,573.00 – Regular Collection – April 11, 2010

\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need

\$2,830.00 – Regular Collection – April 19, 2009

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Leonie Flaskamp at the
Request of Don & Dawn Hall

MONDAY, April 19

9:00AM – Stanley Povilonis

TUESDAY, April 20

9:00AM – Patricia Terribile
req. by Margaret Wingle

WEDNESDAY, April 21

9:00AM – Leonie Flaskamp

THURSDAY, April 22

No Mass

FRIDAY, April 23

9:00AM – Nicoletta Fazio
req. by Frances Demalderis

SATURDAY, VIGIL, April 24

5:30 PM – Owen Barr (1st anniversary)
req. by his Family
- Jerry & Judy Wainwright
req. by the Wainwright Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25

9:30AM – Madeline Templeton
req. by the Costello Family

TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Bree Andrews, Vickie Bennett, Joseph Bruno, Eric Cerra, Gail Collis, Jerry Cooper, Jason DeLorenzo, Geri Fawyer, Ronnie Ferriere, Marie Furtado, Nancy Green, Eric Harper, Horace Harper, Catherine Higgins, Sharon Hubbell, Peter Jaycay, Sharon Johnson, Chuck Lombaerde, Florence Majewski, Karen Morgan, Richard Nowicki, Joseph Peraino, Flo Puccio, Ruth Rogers, Evelyn Schweer, Deena Slain, Bill Sousa, Catherine Vecharello, Lisa Vergona, Tarra Wagner and Gabriel Wyzga

PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA STATUE

This beautifully adorned statue is a visible reminder of the love God has shown in the Blessed Mother. Placing such a beautiful image in your home turns hearts to prayer and brings grace to those who open their hearts to any image of God's love. If you would like to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home, please contact Diana, Legion of Mary at 973-948-7601. *Pray the Family Rosary*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Year of the Priest Poster & Essay Contest

Recently, the Diocese of Paterson held an Art and Essay Contest in honor of *The Year of the Priest*. The theme of the contest was, “*Our priests are continuing the ministry of Jesus in our parish today: How do you think they teach as Jesus did; heal as Jesus did; and lead us to God as Jesus did?*” Parishioners in grades three through five were invited to participate in the Art (Poster) Contest and parishioners in grades six through ten were invited to participate in the Essay Contest. Each parish was to select one winning poster from each grade and just one essay winner. The following were chosen:

St. James Winners:

Grade 3 – Jillian Olenick
Grade 4 – Henry Kabbash
Grade 5 – Cheyenne Nebel
Essay – Sabrina Gamutan (Gr. 6)

St. Thomas Winners:

Cameron Tidaback
Gina Healy
Jonathan McNanna
Nicole Calella (Gr. 10)

An award and recognition of the winners will be presented by Bishop Arthur Serratelli and Father Geno Sylva, Vicar for Evangelization. Also, pictures of the winning posters and the essays are to appear in *The Beacon*. All of the participants will be recognized with a special certificate.

Special thanks to the women of our Prayer Shawl Ministry who served as our judges. All of the entries were just so fantastic (we can’t wait for Father Wayne to see them!!!) that they had a very difficult time making a final decision. Congratulations to all of you!!!

Vacation Bible School

We plan to once again offer a Catholic VBS to the children of our parishes who are four year-old preschoolers through the fifth grade the week of June 28th – July 2nd. We expect a good turnout, however, we will make our final decision for this program based on the interest of the children and the parents and teens that we will need to assist us with this endeavor.

This is really a very easy and enjoyable way for you to get involved in your parish by sharing your faith with the children. A meeting will take place at the Religious Education Center on **Wednesday, April 21st** at 7:00PM for all who are interested in assisting with this program – remember, we can’t do this without you!

Look Alike Day – April 20th

Today is a day to try to emulate someone you admire. How about your patron saint? While it’s probably not feasible to dress like them, try to copy their heroic virtues all day!

16th Annual NJ Catholic Youth Rally – “Called to be Witnesses”

On Sunday, May 16th, a Catholic Youth Rally for those in Junior and Senior High School will take place at Great Adventure. The cost for the day will be \$45.00 and includes the Opening Ceremony at 9:30AM, all day rides, all you can eat buffet from Noon until 4:00PM, and Liturgy with Bishop Galante of the Diocese of Camden at 6:00PM. As we have done in the past, it may be possible for us to travel by bus with the youth of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Swartswood for a small additional fee. If you are interested, please let Mrs. Flexer know in person or by calling the Religious Education Office by Sunday, April 25th.

World Youth Day Yard Sale

A yard sale will take place on **Saturday, April 24th** from 9:00AM until 2:00PM in the upper parking lot of St. Thomas the Apostle to benefit the fundraising efforts of World Youth Day 2011. Space will be available to sellers on a first-come, first-serve basis by calling 973-948-7004 and will cost \$20.00. Our youth will also take any donations of “gently-used” household items, etc. (No clothes or furniture please) from parishioners to sell towards the cost of the pilgrimage.

St. Thomas the Apostle Tricky Tray

On Friday evening, **May 7th**, we will be hosting our Annual Tricky Tray. If you are interested in assisting our committee in any way, please call Deirdre Burgos at 973-948-6092. All volunteers are welcome. If you plan on donating a tray, please list your name and phone number on the appropriate sheet in the gathering space so we can have an idea of how many trays we will have. Thank you.

BEYOND THE PARISH

New Jersey’s 7th Annual Pro-life Youth Rally will take place on Friday, April 23rd from 8:30AM to 2:30PM at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey.

New Jersey Right to Life Convention will be held at the New Brunswick Hilton on May 6th. Guest speakers will be **Glenn Beck** and **Lila Rose**. \$110.00 for members and \$140.00 for non-members. To reserve a seat, please call Rita Wenning at 973-948-3947.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

STC -- St. Thomas Ch. or Fr. Lewis Center

SJC -- St. James Ch. or Church Hall

REC -- Fr. Gacquin Religious Ed. Center

Sunday, April 18, 2010

9:30 a.m. STC C.L.O.W.

11:30 a.m. SJC Coffee Hour after Mass

2:00 p.m. STC Columbiettes' Mtg.

Monday, April 19

11:00 a.m. REC Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Tuesday, April 20

10:00 a.m. STC Reflection on Readings

4:00 p.m. REC Grades 1 & 2

Wednesday, April 21

4:00 p.m. REC Grades 3, 4 & 5

Thursday, April 22

9:30 a.m. STC Moms & Tots Group

Friday, April 23

All day: STC Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

3:00 p.m. STC Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:00 p.m. STC Evening Prayer & Benediction

Saturday, April 24

9:30 a.m. REC Legion of Mary Mtg.

10:00 a.m. STC K of C Car Wash and
World Youth Day Flea Market

Sunday, April 25, 2010

9:30 a.m. STC & REC Gr. 6-7-8 Mass & Class

4:00 p.m. REC Confirmation Prep. Gr. 9

Future Events

Sat. May 1 STC & SJC First Holy Communion

Fri. May 7 STC 6:30 p.m. Tricky Tray

Car Wash and Yard Sale. You can accomplish practically all your Saturday errands with **one stop** to the St. Thomas parking lot **next Sat., April 24.** Our Knights of Columbus will be on hand to give your car the best **Car Wash** anywhere. And who knows what treasures you may find as you visit the tables of our World Youth Day youths' **Yard Sale.** All the action takes place from **10 a.m. till 3 p.m. only.** Come early and get the best bargains around !

Diocesan May Crowning. On **Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.** our Diocese will honor the Mother of God with a ceremonial crowning of the statue of Mary. Bishop Serratelli will lead a prayer service and preside over the annual May Crowning. This will be held at **St. Mary's Church on Route 46 in Denville, N. J.** All are most welcome to attend.

Mass for the Unborn. Bishop Serratelli invites all in the Diocese to join in this special Mass on **Saturday, May 8, 11 a.m. at St. Ann's Church in Parsippany.** During this Liturgy we will be praying for protection of the unborn and recognition of their God-given right to life. This Mass is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese. Refreshments will be served.

In Search of Young Adult Leadership.

The Young Adult Ministry at St. Paul Inside the Walls is searching for one or two adults, ages 21—35, to serve on a diocesan-wide initiative. These parish representatives are invited to attend an initial meeting on **Sunday, May 2nd.** An 11 a.m. Mass will be celebrated and the meeting will follow at the Center, located at **205 Madison Ave., Madison, N.J.** For questions, please contact Ginger Kamenitzer at gkamenitzer@paterson-diocese.org or call 973-464-0652.