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June 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month, parishes throughout our Diocese are asked to take up a special combined collection for the Church in Latin America and for Catholic Relief Services. These are two very worthy causes.

A study conducted in the late 1990's revealed that, while Latin America boasted the world's largest Catholic population, many were leaving the Church. A very small priest-to-parishioner ratio and limited funds for outreach and ministry were considered significant reasons for this exodus. To address this ever-growing problem, the Collection for the Church in Latin America supports projects aimed to engage the Catholic population in the beauty of their faith by providing tools for evangelization, such as religious training, catechesis and formation programs. This need is urgent and so your support is a great blessing.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continues in its mission to carry out international relief efforts such as resettlement of people who are victims of persecution, war and natural disasters. They help fund development projects to improve living conditions for the poor, as well as peace and reconciliation work on behalf of people suffering from violence. Their work is informed by the Gospel message of Jesus. It is something we should be proud to support as faithful Catholics.

Please be as generous as possible when this combined collection is taken up in your parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.

Our Collection will be taken up next week-end

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 13, 2010

St. James the Greater

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of John Klimkiewicz at the
Request of Jane & Doug Sandberg

TUESDAY, June 15

8:00AM – John Staudt
req. by Carol Lombaerde

SATURDAY, June 19

8:00 AM – Intentions of Brian Quinn
On the Occasion of his Ordination
req. by Carol Lombaerde

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 20

8:00AM – Charlie Lombaerde
req. by his wife, Carol & Children

11:30AM – Richard Becker

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

\$2,024.00 – Regular Collection – June 6, 2010
\$2,477.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$1,997.00 – Regular Collection – June 7, 2009

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

\$2,712.00 – Regular Collection – June 6, 2010
\$4,410.00 – Weekly Budget Need
\$3,252.00 – Regular Collection – June 7, 2009

St. Thomas the Apostle

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in
Memory of Jim Mahon at the
Request of his wife, Gerry

MONDAY, June 14

9:00AM – Lewis Bigelow
req. by the Mahon Family

TUESDAY, June 15

9:00AM – Lori Santia and Shirley Swanson
req. by Mary Flexer

WEDNESDAY, June 16

9:00AM – Warren Conklin
req. by the Flexer Family

THURSDAY, June 17

No Mass

FRIDAY, June 18

9:00AM – Gerard Bossé
req. by Frances Demalderis

SATURDAY, VIGIL, June 19

5:30 PM – Madeline Templeton
req. by the Wainwright Family

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 20

9:30AM – Angelo & Emma Peressini
req. by Lorraine Pagiusco & Family

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

TO CHRIST THE DIVINE HEALER WE PRAY FOR:

Bree Andrews, Mary Bell, 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, Pearle Kohol, Chuck Lombaerde, Florence Majewski, Karen Morgan, Richard Nowicki, Lugi Osso, Flo Puccio, Ruth Rogers, Evelyn Schweer, Deena Slain, Bill Sousa, Lilia Vazquez, Catherine Vecharello, Lisa Vergona, Tarra Wagner and Gabriel Wyzga

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registrations for 2010/2011 Catechetical Year

Re-registrations for parishioners in grades 2 through 8 were mailed out. Please return all re-registrations on time to avoid the late fee. Registration for the Confirmation Preparation Program will soon follow.

Parents of children entering first grade, new children to the parish or children enrolled in Catholic school or home school who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist or Confirmation must call the Religious Education Office to register.

To enroll your child(ren) in the parish program, you must be a registered and participating member of the parish.

Theology of the Body for Teens

Parents of teens are invited to join us on **Monday, June 14th at 7:00PM** at the Msgr. James Gacquin Youth and Religious Education Center for presentation on the Theology of the Body for Teens.

This program will be part of our Confirmation Preparation Curriculum for our ninth and tenth grade students in the fall, and will also be offered to our already confirmed and fully initiated Catholic teens, as a continuing education opportunity.

We strongly encourage parents to make every effort to attend this session that evening as we all look forward, in prayer, to providing our teens with this teaching of our Church.

From the Health Ministry

After several meetings of a core group of parishioners, the health ministry for our parishes has arrived. Our pastor will present on the health ministry on the weekend of June 13th. Also, at that time, all parishioners will be asked to complete a health interest survey. Once the surveys are collected and compiled, the results will direct the health ministry on how best to serve the health needs of our parishes. Included on the survey are the mission, vision and goals of the ministry. Continue to read the bulletin for further updates on the ministry.

Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli has designated **Saturday, September 18, 2010** as the day for our Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patroness. He will lead this Pilgrimage of Faith and celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving; he hopes we will have 4,000 people coming. Price for the 1 – day bus pilgrimage is \$40.00, leaving between 6 and 7 AM and returning around 10 PM. An optional overnight Pilgrimage is outlined on the blue flyers and posters. Please call our Parish Coordinator: St. James, Carol Lombaerde at 973-948-2285 and St. Thomas, Diana Rimshnick at 973-948-7601 for registration or information.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus extends a thank you to everyone who contributed during our Blood Drive on Memorial Day. We collected a total of 20 whole blood units. A special thanks to Knight Mark Lewandowski and his son, Josh, Knight Glenn Barbagallo and PGK Steve Shechner for taking time during the holiday weekend to assist with the operation of the Blood Drive. Our **next** Blood Drive is scheduled for **Sunday, July 25, 2010**.

Respect Life Reflections

“Their message goes forth throughout the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.” PS 19:5. Each of us can reach thousands of others by internet discussion groups and blogs from the comfort of our own home, take a stand on the sanctity of life. **Prayer** – Lord, we thank You for the technology that assists us to spread Your word to countless people.

St. Thomas Feast Day Picnic

On Saturday, July 3rd, we will be holding our annual St. Thomas Feast Day Picnic from noon until 5:00PM on the St. Thomas grounds. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a covered dish. Sign up sheet is in the gathering space. Please sign up so we know how many to plan for.

We will also be pulling the St. Thomas Feast Day 50/50 raffle ticket. We are currently selling the 50/50 raffle tickets. The tickets are \$20.00 and are available after Masses, in the parish office or by calling Deirdre at 973-948-6092. The prizes will be as follows: 1st – 30%, 2nd – 10%, 3rd – 5% and 4th – 5%. **You need not be present to win.** Please come to make both our picnic and raffle a success. Thank you.

A Family Perspective

In today’s gospel reading, Jesus just sat down to eat and was confronted with a dilemma and a sobbing woman. Why do rough situations always pop up at meals? We need to learn a lesson from Jesus who used this situation for compassion, understanding, discussion and forgiveness. Meals can be more than self-absorbed eating.

BEYOND THE PARISH

The Homestead Nursing Home needs volunteers on various Tuesdays during each month to meet us at Wal-Mart. The volunteers are to help escort residents around the store, help them reach items off shelves and assist them with their purchases. We need the volunteers at Wal-Mart at 10:30AM until 1:30PM. Anyone who is interested in helping our seniors, please contact Danah at 973-948-5400 X3119.

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, June 13, 2010

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2:00 p.m. REC Columbiettes' Mtg

2:00 p.m. STC End of 'Year of the Priest' Picnic

Monday, June 14

7:00 a.m. REC Conf. Parents' Introduction to
'Theology of the Body for Teens'

7:30 p.m. STC Finance Council Mtg.

Tuesday, June 15

Dates for Parish Calendar due

10:00 a.m. STC Reflections on Readings

Wednesday, June 16

Thursday, June 17

Friday, June 18

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, June 19

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

Sunday, June 20, 2010

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Future Events

Tues. June 29 7:30 p.m. Parish Calendar Mtg.

Sat. July 3 St. Thomas Parish Picnic

Sat. July 24 St. James Parish Picnic

Sussex Co. Right to Life Meeting: Mon.
June 14, 7 p.m. at Camp Auxilium, Newton.
Presentation by Sr. Fran DaGrossa, FMA

The St. James Soup Kitchen has been assisting families and individuals with meals on Saturdays for two years now. The program needs your help to continue. We are asking for help on a monthly basis so that all our clients can continue to be served. Perhaps this can be a family project. Or you can team up with several other individuals. For more info, please call Tina at 201-841-7059. Here is one easy, practical way you can make a difference.

Thanks for Food Pantry Donation. As part of the **Earth Day 2010** celebrations, the Sussex Municipal Utilities Authority recently donated 400 lbs. of food to our Pantry. This was organized by **Elizabeth Bogle**, parishioner of St. James, who is a "Watershed Ambassador" for Americore, working on environmental projects in our area. Our thanks to Elizabeth for including us in the Earth Day 'harvest.'

Scheduler needed for liturgies at St. Thomas Scheduler would assign Euch. Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers to week-end Masses and would make up and send out the monthly schedule. It would be a great help. Call the Office for details, 973-948-2296.

Parish Calendar. All leaders of parish groups are asked to submit the dates that you would like to schedule events during the next year. We'd ask you to give us your list of dates by **Tues. June 15**. Then on **Tues. June 29th**, at one big meeting, we will get together and finalize our Parish Calendar and iron out any apparent conflicts.

Att: Young Men, ages 15—25: Here are two short retreats available in our area. Take the opportunity to think about your future, and the Lord's place in your life.

Quo Vadis Days: a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and discussion to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities include prayer, Mass, adoration of Blessed Sacrament, hiking, games, recreation, sports, swimming, talks, food, discussions. **When: Sun. July 18—Wed. July 21** **Where: Mt St. Francis Retreat Center, Ringwood, N.J.** **Cost: free (not a misprint).** To register, contact Office of Vocations, Paterson Diocese at 973-777-8818 ext 711 or mnunez@patersondiocese.org

Salesian Life Camp: A chance to see the Salesian life up close. There will be prayer, discussions on faith, Mass candlelight rosary, recreation, sports, hiking, swimming, campfire, discussions on Salesian priesthood and brotherhood. **When: Wed. July 21—Sat. July 24** **Where: Sacred Heart Center, Newton.** For info call 973-761-0201 or go to www.salesianvocation.com/site/camp/default.htm