

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Week – December 16 1st Collection – Weekly \$6554 2nd Collection – Programs and Facilities \$1725

This Week – December 23

 1^{st} Collection – Weekly 2^{nd} Collection – Programs and Facilities

Christmas Day

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Tues. and Wed. (Grades 1-5) 4:30 to 5:45 PM. Wed. (Grades 6-8) 7:00 to 8:15 PM. Classes from September to May. Contact Patricia McCarthy, CRE, at 732-264-7043. Office hours during classes: 930 -2:30 pm Mon. & Thurs., 12:30 -5:30 pm Tues. & Wed. Website: <u>www.holyfamily.us</u>. E-mail: <u>hfreligioused@comcast.net</u>. Fax: 732-335-9605.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

Monthly meeting is the fourth Thursday of the month Sept. -June at 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of the month at 9:00 AM. Questions contact President Marianne Bennett at 732-335-9301

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Monthly meeting is the second Thursday of the month at 8 PM in Memorial Hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Communion Sunday is the Sunday following the Holy Name meeting. Questions contact President Sam Fortino at 732-739-2442.

A Special Thank You...

To our parishioners Beverly Baxter and Carol Piserchia, both Altar & Rosary Society members. Beverly and Carol have offered their time and talents over the past year restoring the statues in our beautiful manger scene. Thank you ladies for all your work in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Holiday Closing

The Parish Offices will be closed Monday December 24 (Christmas Eve), Tuesday December 25 (Christmas Day), and Wednesday December 26th.

NO ADORATION – WED. DEC. 26

Please note that there will be no Adoration on Wednesday December 26 as the parish offices will be closed.







Please Remember to Pray for the Sick

Colleen Zingoer, Jerome Shapiola, Christopher Lacken, Kenneth Watson, Patricia Verbovsky, Richard Bryson, Mary Celestino.

RECENTLY ILL: John Posterini, Parbati Wong, Lukas Ryan Coupland, Patricia Fagan, Tammy Johnson, Britton Schulmeister, Michelle Jacob, Theresa Hargadon, Lisa Coughlin-Balette Villani.



December 23, 2012 Dear Parishioner & Visitor,



What type of Catholic are you? The inexact science of sociology puts people in categories and groupings, examines them as human beings, races, ethnic entities, nationalities, sexes, ages, economic levels, educational backgrounds,

etc., and seeks to come to conclusions generalizing people.

Not everyone can be categorized, much less pigeonholed, as there are no two people completely alike on Earth or above it in an orbiting space station, claims to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Christmas season is a very good time to examine our lives and ask ourselves as individuals, "What type of Catholic am I?"

Am I a "convenient Catholic" who practices my faith when I suddenly find the need to find God for myself because serious, troublesome, even lifethreatening situations suddenly confront me? Am I a "cultural Catholic" who is a stranger to weekly worship and prayer except when family or friends or acquaintances expect or pressure me to celebrate Communions. attend Baptisms. First or simply Confirmations, Marriages, or Masses of Christian Burial, or when my children need the religious education offered to them, a faith and trust and recognition of the need of God in my life that I either don't know or neglect to put into practice? Am I a "conscientious Catholic" (i.e., "religious") who knows my basic Catholic Christian duties, such as regular weeklv worship, prayer, trying to love and forgive others, frequent sacramental confession, and strives to live the Commandments and Precepts of the Church in my everyday life? Am I a "confirmed Catholic" (i.e., "spiritual") who knows and studies and both actively and seriously practices my Faith and has come to know and truly love Jesus Christ as my Lord and brother in a personal, humbly private, and joyful way?

Jesus Christ was born over 2000 years ago and lived among the men and women of his time and place at the crossroads of three continents. He lives among us. Is he truly alive in you?

Fr. Mark

Memorial Poinsettia Plants

The Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a program whereby families may purchase a Poinsettia plant to be placed on the Altar

in memory of a loved one during the Christmas Season. Midnight Mass will be offered for those remembered in this special way. Envelopes can be found in the December envelope mailing or at any of the church entrances. The donation is \$10. Please



drop the completed for in the offertory basket or at the parish office.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2012

CONFESSIONS Saturday December 29 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

<u>CHRISTMAS MASSES</u> Christmas Vigil – Monday December 24 4:00 P.M. Children's Mass 6:30 P.M. Mass 11:30 P.M. Choir Presentation followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Tuesday December 25 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. (There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass.)

<u>NEW YEAR'S MASSES</u> Monday, December 31 – 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, January 1, 2013 OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon (There will be no 5:00 P.M. Mass.)

Ministry Schedule Christmas Eve and Day Dec. 24 & 25 And Weekend of December 29 & 30 Serving at the Altar

4:00 P.M.	6:30 P.M.	MIDNIGHT	
Stephanie Abrams	Emily Arroyo	Brian Healey	
Concetta LaLima	Nicholas Gates	Daniel Wagner	
7;30 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.	
Andrea Connors	Gabriella Raad	Sean Knoll	
Lorenzo Valente	Gabriella Malinconico	Vincent Mangano	
12/29 - 5 P.M.	7:30 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	
Brian Healey	Andrea Connors	Alexandra	
Madison Seelinger	Charles Penszynski	Sweeney	
		Daniel Wagner	
11:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.		
Nicholas Gates	Angelina Christ		
Kyle Mulvey	Colin Mathias		

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

	They commit	
4:00 PM	J. Cantwell	C. Abrams, V. Abrams
6:30 PM	D. Ellis	J. Bavaro, G. Decaprio
Midnight	M. Hanna	G. Markey, M. Oquendo
7:30 A.M.	L. White	P. McCarthy,
		Need Volunteer
9:00 A.M.	W. Large	E. Malinconico,
		K. Duffy
11:00 A.M.	G. Cooper	S. Cooper, B. Cooper
12/29 - 5 P.M.	F. Verbovsky	T. Aiken, T. Healey
7:30 A.M.	D. Ellis	S. Fortino, J. Fortino
9:00 A.M.	M. Hanna	O. Byrne, F. Byrne
11:00 A.M.	R. Janasz-	P. Dannevig, D. Javins
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5:00 P.M.	T. Mathias	J. Keenan, E. Keenan
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Holy Family ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS HURRICANE RELIEF FUND

We have been advised that the Diocese of Trenton has created a Hurricane Relief Fund, from which funds will be distributed through our Catholic Social Service Agencies, and in particular through our St. Vincent de Paul Society, to individuals and families directly affected by Hurricane Sandy.

While we are not first responders, we are a critical partner in helping people put their lives back together in the wake of a disaster like this.

If you or someone you know has been directly affected by Hurricane Sandy, please phone our SVDP Society at 732-264-8132.

ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

CLOTHING DONATIONS NO LONGER NEEDED

Please note that donations of clothing for hurricane relief are no longer being accepted by our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers on Saturday's from 10 to 12 noon and 12 noon to 2 p.m. Not sure if this would be right for you, stop by one Saturday and we'd love to show you around and answer any questions you may have.

UNION BEACH BOROUGH - HURRICANE RELIEF

Union Beach Items Needed

If you want to donate items to the Borough of Union Beach, we need shovels, rakes, gloves, traffic vests, hammers, 2x4's, insulation and sheetrock for all of the wonderful volunteers that have made their presence known. Volunteers are to report to Borough Hall for their assignments at the front desk. More info. at www.unionbeach.net

Diocesan Media Guide

Following is a list of Catholic programs and features produced by the Diocese of Trenton that will be aired or published this week. (For a full programming guide and cable listings, see The Monitor, or visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org.)

Beginning The Catholic Corner (starring Msgr. Walter Nolan) The Catholic Corner (with Msgr. Walter Nolan)

Beginning Dec. 23 - Hurricane Sandy Recovery Effort in the Catholic Schools... Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools, JoAnn Tier; associate superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dr. Margaret Boland, associate director of Elementary Schools, Cynthia Casciola-Kitts and director of the diocesan Department of Property and Construction, Bill Wilson, discuss the impact of Hurricane Sandy on the Diocesan Schools. They also talk about efforts to re-build and restore the schools that experienced severe damage.

Cristo Para Todos – (Monthly Spanish language program) Beginning Dec. 23 - "Power of Prayer" ... with host Ericka Rodríguez. We heard about the power of prayer, which is our conversation with God, when we open our heart to God. But what direction will this power lead us? Special Guests Deacon Alfonso Ramos from St. Joseph Parish, Trenton and Juana Fernández from St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, Trenton, discuss what effect it will have in our lives.

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Holy Family Holy Name Society **Elects New Officers**

At its October meeting the Holy Family Holy Name

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Society elected the following board of officers to serve for the period of October of 2012 through October of 2014. The officers are:

President – Sam Fortino Vice President – John Hrabosky Treasurer – Charles Benedict Recording Secretary – Henry Mathias Corresponding Secretary – Jim Cantwell

Congratulations and may God grant them the wisdom and dedication for a successful term in office.

If you are a male parishioner over 18 years of age, why not come and join us on the second Thursday of the month in Memorial Hall at 8:00 PM. The Holy Name Society is a great organization to be part of if you want to join other men of the parish in giving of your time and energy for the good of the parish community (while having a good time) and demonstrating your faith and love of Jesus Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS MANDATORY PARENT CONFIRMATION MEETING

The rescheduled Confirmation meeting will be held on January 9th, 2013, in the school gym at 7:15pm until 8:15pm. The meeting is for all parents with students receiving their Confirmation, both Holy Family Religious Education and Mother Teresa.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY-HOLY FAMILY EVERY SUNDAY - 3:30 P.M.

All are invited to come and pray the Patriotic Rosary at Holy Family every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the main church. Please join us in reciting the Patriotic Rosary for our country and our Holy Church for religious freedom during this crucial time. The Patriotic Rosary will continue every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the main church up to the inauguration in January.

World Marriage Day Dinner Dance

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift for your parents, your married kids, or your spouse? We have the answer...the Diocesan Office of the Department of Youth, Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring a World Marriage Day Dinner Dance.

> Saturday, February 9, 2013 4:30 p.m. Mass with Bishop 5:30p.m. Cocktails, Dinner, and Dancing **St. Robert Bellarmine** 61 Georgia Road Freehold, NJ 07728 \$50 per couple

Visti www.dioceseoftrenton.org/worldmarriageday to register or call Beatriz Caneel at 609-403-7151.

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