

from the Pastor's Desk



“ ‘ He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.’ ”

The gospel today reminds me of the situation that often occurs in a mother's life. She could be dead on

her feet with a flu, and everyone will empathize with her and then in the same breath ask “What's for dinner?”

Sometimes our concerns for others are only an extension of our concerns for ourselves. Do we truly try to help out when someone is under the weather? Do we exert ourselves in helping to carry the other person's load?

The gospel shows Jesus taking the hand of Peter's mother and helping her up. It is both a narrative statement and a metaphor for enabling others to get back on their feet again when struck down by illness or circumstances. We are called to do likewise for those around us. When people feel cared for, they naturally show their gratitude to those who have helped them. In life, serving one another brings security and peace of mind. Knowing there are people around who will intercede on your behalf makes us all feel more assured that all will be well in spite of the occasional setbacks that are a part of life.

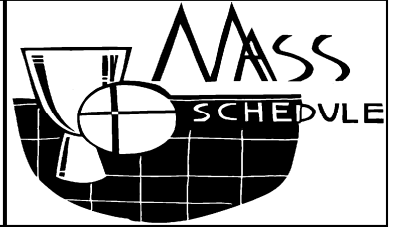
We are messengers of God's love for his people and, just as Jesus did, we are called to extend a helping hand in friendship and love.

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES

The Bread and Wine is being donated in
Memory of Lucille Grecco
At the request of
Steve & Chris Hodgman

February 5, 2012
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REGULAR
SCHEDULE of MASSES
on Sunday
8am, 10am and 12pm



Saturday, February 4

5 pm Patricia Breslin Model req. The Doyle Family

Sunday, February 5

8am Susan & Hugh McCrory req. Anne & Michael McCrory
10am Rosalia Barardo req. Veronica & Steve Jacobs
12 pm People of the Parish

Monday, February 6

8am Herbert Casimini req. Carol Casimini
75 Birthday

Tuesday, February 7

8am Christopher Carson req. Mary Carson & Family
12pm Edward Green req. Catherine & Jane Green

Wednesday, February 8

8am Anita Duffy req. Barbara & Joe Manis
12pm Norberto Gonzalez req. Ana Maria Roche

Thursday, February 9

8am Denis O'Flynn req. Noreen Flugger
12pm James Wollyung req. Marie & Jim Rocco

Friday, February 10

8am Bridget Mary Rooney req. Kathleen Rooney
12pm Mary Mores req. Kay & Lino Caldera
26th Anniv

Saturday, February 11

8am Mary & Edward Ford req. Nancy Ford
5pm People of the Parish

Sunday, February 12

8am Emily Panzella req. Robert Kearney
10am Joseph & Dorothy Marlowe req. Joe & Kathy Bisi
12pm David Hewer req. Joanne Crowley

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The Work of Christ at St. John's is supported by Parishioners who have Embraced the Biblical Ideals of Stewardship Tithing

LAST WEEKEND'S STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

The sacrificial giving of our parishioners on the weekend of Jan. 28 and Jan. 29 was \$18,350. This includes \$2,662 contributed via Faith Direct by 106 parishioners, and \$14,980 in envelopes and/or checks from 501 parishioners. The average of these donations was \$29.06. The collection also included \$708 in cash.

Our stewardship commitment to support the work of the parish and its ministries, shows our appreciation to God for the gifts we have been provided, and our willingness to share those gifts.

The service provided to our parish by Faith Direct ensures that all the participants weekly contribution are made regardless of vacations or **the weather**. For more information, please see below, or contact Jennifer in the Rectory Office.

FAITH DIRECT

Parishioners may contribute to weekly parish stewardship collections through credit card or automatic payment from their checking account. Faith Direct accepts Discover, Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

We invite you to consider using this convenient service. You can sign up on-line at www.faithdirect.net (please use church code NJ48) or call 1-866-507-8757. Thank you for your continued stewardship support of our parish.

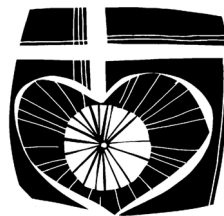
CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE

IT'S ALMOST COMPLETE!!! The new air conditioning unit has been installed on the rectory side of the church, and is currently being tested.

The cost of this new unit is \$160,000, of which we have received pledges for \$102,419 from 399 of our parishioners. We thank them for their generosity.

As you can see, we are still approximately \$57,000 short of funding this project from donations. Unless we can significantly reduce this shortfall, it will be necessary to drain the parish reserves. We ask those parishioners who have not committed to this project, to please make a commitment now, if possible.

Thank you.



*Please
Remember in Your
Prayers*

*In love and kindness,
please pray for:*

DECEASED: Thomas Reinecke, Gabe Di Lorenzo

SICK: June Dobry, Robert Ettore, John Kuttiyara, Alan Stanbury, Marie Monahan, Eileen Lynch, Bruno De Mayo, Bill Ellis, Mel Conover, Nick Festa, Andrew Goodell, David Michels, Danny Tittle, Judy Smith-D'Andreas, John Uhl, Jane O'Reilly, Josephine Dombrowski, Eileen Ivancich, Edward Picarello, Marion Keely, Celine Murphy, Pat Lucia, Owen Smith, Robert Collier, Bill Ahearn, Eileen Smyth, Manuel Giudice, Dorothy & Russell Stier, Ed Johnson, Richard Collier Jr., Liam Fanning, Charles McDevitt, Eileen Sparano, Amadeo Pinedo, Bob Lezette, Peter McGovern, Doris Zeman, Blanche Olszewski, Irene Castoria, Anna Vargas, Therese Doyle, Margarita Hellstern, Caitlyn Gallagher, Kathy Aitchinson, Josephine Messina, Timothy McGinnis, Karen Keogh, John Fusco, Lois Kohan, Zoltan Horvath, Tina Vinci, Carol Wunder, Olga Bertellotti, Elissa Perrone, Arthur Gloeckler,

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Jody Soluri

The Food is catered!

It's cheaper than going out to dinner!

It's for a great cause!

Jody Soluri is a Hillsdale resident, wife and mother of four. In January 2009 Jody was diagnosed with all Leukemia/Philadelphia Chromosome positive. After five months of chemotherapy Jody underwent an allogenic bone marrow transplant on May 12, 2009. The next two years Jody was cancer free until she relapsed in May 2011, and once again she was fighting for her life. Jody had a stem cell transplant on July 2011. Along with her family Jody takes one day at a time fighting to stay in remission. Jody's battle with cancer is both emotional and financial impact not just for her but Rob and her children. Cancer touches so many people in our family and community. Join St. John's parish community and support Jody, Rob and their children.

St. John the Baptist Parish Center

February 10, 2012. Seating at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Adults \$10, Kids \$5

Tickets are available for purchase at the Parish Center. You can also get involved by donating supplies. If you are interested, contact Melissa Wing or Kathy Breitenbach at 201 666-2707 or email markfive36@yahoo.com, kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com Please make your check payable to St. John the Baptist Church. Mail to One Valley St., Hillsdale, NJ 07642 Attn: Jody Soluri Fundraiser

Liturgy Corner

MINISTERS ASSIGNED FOR February, 11, 12

Saturday 5:00 PM Fr. Bruce Harger

Lector: A. Muller / B. Manis

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Muller / D. Manente / M. Swords / P. Jackson
M. Brown / D. Smith / D. Smith / K. Mueller / M. Palamidis

Altar Servers: J. Carlson / M. Carlson / R. Bussanich

Sunday 8:00 AM Fr. Tom Norton

Lectors: M. Spaloss / D. Utter

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Dalle Molle / V. Gray / G. Weigel / M. Elbert
K. Gibney / C. Broesler / P. Krey / N. Clohessy / P. Mc Hugh

Altar Servers: J. Beltram / B. Frank / D. Henry

Sunday 10:00 AM Msgr. Tom O'Leary

Lectors: J. Beatty / F. Pizzella

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Beatty / J. Hayde / E. Lauria / R. Personette
M. Stubbs / D. Kral / G. Stein / M. Cartwright / D. Lawlor / M. DeAngelo
E. Mettrione

Altar Servers: A. Santo / G. Beckmeyer / M. Sandoval

Sunday 12:00 PM Fr. John Korbelak

Lectors: C. Meneses / M. Simeo

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Weisman / W. Filon / J. Conway /
R. O'Shea / j. Connella

Altar Servers: V. Lauer / N. Vermiglio / K. Van Sadars

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE,
PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE**

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
Dancing under the "Atrium Stars"

\$25 per person/ Reserve Table for 8 \$200

Beer and Wine are included, BYOB or Irish Soda Bread

For Reservations: Jim Stiff 201 312-5974

Reservations are important to order enough food

Saturday, March 10th at 6:00pm

St. John's Parish Center



ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY NEWS



EIGHTH GRADE FASHION SHOW

CLASS OF

2012!

Our eighth graders were a hit as they paraded down the runway at the Florentine Gardens on Tuesday evening, January 17th. Our young men and women were introduced with their aspirations for the future and their learning from their years here at SJA. We have many future doctors, veterinarians, teachers and sports stars in our midst! We also have young men and women who have learned to trust God, treat others with respect and follow their hearts. All the best to the 'Class of 2012'!

Tricky Tray

Our thirteenth annual Tricky Tray will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at The Rockleigh Country Club. This exciting event includes a fabulous cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet dinner, beer and wine all evening and hundreds of opportunities to win prizes all for just \$70 per person (ticket price includes \$35 in raffle tickets). Tables fill up quickly - for information or to register, contact Maura Corcoran at 201-663-5537 corcorm3@optonline.net

If you can support us by donating a prize or placing an ad in our journal, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Lauren Rinaldi at 201-450-1271 or laurenrinaldi@mac.com for information.



HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY

Monday, February 6, 2012 5:30 pm—7:00 pm

PANTRY STAFFING

Alina Lupo, Coordinator

TRANSPORT/SORT/RESTOCK

Diane Farley, Susan Gleeson, Pat Oliver,

Arlene Speranza, Sigrid Frawley, Tom Cleary

Tara/Robert O'Neill Walsh

ITEMS NEEDED

Canned: corn, black beans, fruit, juice, vegetables (carrots, beets, peas & carrots, tomatoes, yams and mixed), tuna, meats: (salmon, beef stew, chili); applesauce, ketchup, rice, flour, sugar, vegetable oil, mayonnaise, mustard, hot and cold cereal, pancake mix, cake mix, muffin mix, brownie mix, cocoa mix, maple syrup, boxed potatoes, boxed milk or liquid, sugar, cookies, crackers, Jello, pudding, coffee, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti sauce with meat, canned peaches and pears, school snacks

Supermarket gift cards are also welcome!

Helping Hand Food Pantry

P.O. Box 354

Hillsdale, NJ 07642

Forgiveness Leads to Wellness and Joy

Join us before Lent as we proudly present the

Very Reverend Fr. Dennis Corrado, c.o.

Fr. Corrado is the founder /Provincial Superior of the Oratorian Fathers and Brothers of St. Philip Neri, the Saint of Joy, in Brooklyn, NY. He has preached in 17 states and foreign countries. He holds graduate degrees in Theology, Religious Education and Communications. He is co-responsible for the development of the Metrotech Parish of St. Boniface which serves 25,000 plus workers in the downtown area near the Brooklyn Bridge. He was named one of the best preachers in NYC by New Yorker Magazine and one of the religious leaders of New York for the 21 Century by the NY Daily News. He is the American Delegate representing the US Oratorian House to the Holy See in Rome.

**Monday, February 6 thru
Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

At 7:30 pm in the Church

Please join us!



FEBRUARY 2012

Men's Tuesday Morning Prayer Group—will meet at 6:00AM

Share prayers/discussion/coffee.

Cozy Corner—meets every Wed. morning from 9:30am to 11:00am in the Parish Center, Seton Room.

Social Justice Ministry—will meet on Tues. Feb. 21 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

St. John's Playgroup—will meet on Fri. Feb. 10, 17, at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Bereavement Support Group—will meet on Feb. 16 at 1:00pm in the Parish Center.

The O.N.E. Group— will meet on Wed. Feb. 22 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The Human Concerns Committee—will meet on Mon. Feb. 13 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

1:30 PM, PARISH CENTER

JOAN DE ROSA

201 664-2682

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY HAS ARRIVED!

All parishioners who confirmed their registration in the Parish are requested to pick up a copy of the Directory in The Parish Center after all Masses on the weekend of February 11 & 12, 2012.

AFTER MASS MINGLE

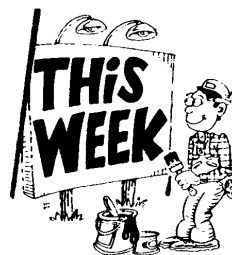
Saturday Feb. 4 and

Sunday, Feb. 5

Parishioners are invited to stay after Mass and join us in some

refreshments and conversation.

Sponsored by our Parish Ministries



2012—2013 Family Faith Formation Registration

Registration packets will be mailed in early February to all the families who have a child currently enrolled in St. John's Family Faith Formation. There will be one registration form this year for the Summer (Morning & Afternoon), Sunday weekly and Faith @ Home programs.

Please note the dates for 2012 Summer Program are June 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and July 2, 3, plus 3 additional sessions during the year.

Parents who have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade in September and are interested in registering their child for religious education, please contact Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar at 201 666-2707 ext 211 or

kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com

Any questions or concerns in reference to registration, please contact Kathy Breitenbach.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER PRAYER FOR CHARITY AND JUSTICE

"My brothers and sisters, forgive me for my arrogance and my indifference. Forgive me for my greed of always wanting newer, bigger and better things. Forgive me for not doing my part to change the unjust systems that keep you suffering and impoverished. I offer you my promise to become more aware of your situation and to change my lifestyle as I work for the transformation of our world."

Taken from Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, poems and reflections for every season by Joyce Rupp Copyright 2000.

THE 2012 MASS BOOK OPENING

The Mass Book for the
second half of 2012

July to December, will be opened on
Tuesday, February 14 at 1:30 pm
In the Parish Center



Ladies, Looking to get back in touch with Your faith? "Begin again in 2012"

Join St. John's Women's Cornerstone Team for a 26 hours retreat on March 23-24. Don't miss this special opportunity to step away from the hustle of daily life to reflect, pause, and rediscover the amazing gifts of "Faith, Hope and Love" that God has given each of us. Brochures are available on the bulletin boards in church and in the Parish Center. For additional information, please call Denise Zevallos at (201) 835-7885, Karen O'Toole at (201) 722-9232 or email

Cornerstone@stjohnhillsdale.com.

*For those who attend, this weekend satisfies two Family Faith Formation requirements.

REQUEST FOR HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Life Source Hospice is based in Paramus and is seeking volunteers to be part of our patients' end of life care. Volunteers serve as friendly visitors to patients throughout Bergen County and provide them with much appreciated companionship by sitting, listening and praying with them.

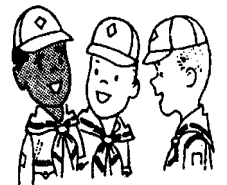
Volunteers determine their own schedules and can visit on evenings and weekends. Most volunteers donate 2 hours a week of their time. Volunteers receive ongoing hospice training and support by experienced hospice professionals.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Kip, Volunteer Coordinator, Life Source Hospice at 201 967-4313 or

kiplifeshospice@yahoo.com

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 12 we will be celebrating Boy Scout Sunday at the 10:00 Mass. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms as together they witness the duty to God point of the scout oath. Scouts who previously received the Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei and Pope Pius awards should wear their medals. Scouts who earned religious medals this year will receive their awards at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark on Sunday, Feb. 12th at 3:00 pm.



Directions and further information can be found at

www.ccosnewark.org

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