FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 13, 2016

Mass Intentions for the Week

		March 12
5:00pm		**Mabel Trimmer**
	r/o	**The Trimmer Family**
Sunday		**March 13**
		Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00am		**Orlando P. Tolentino**
	r/o	**The Tolentino Family**
11:00am		**Maureen Fitzsimmons**
	r/o	**Husband, John**
1:00pm (Spanish)		**People of the Parish**
Monday		**March 14**
9:00am		**George Melious**
	r/o	**Family**
Tuesday		**March 15**
9:00am		**Joseph Ininger**
	r/o	**Barbara Newcomb**
Wednesday		**March 16**
9:00am		**Catherine Hogan**
	r/o	**The Zvirblys Family**
Thursday		**March 17**
		Saint Patrick
9:00am		**Honora Maher**
	r/o	**The Zvirblys Family**
7:00pm		**Spanish Mass**
Friday		**March 18**
		Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
9:00am		**Mary Zvirblys**
	r/o	**The Zvirblys Family**
7:30pm		**Lenten Evening Mass**
Saturday		**March 19**
		Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00am		
5:00pm		**Rita Milson**
	r/o	**Nellie Sbriscia**
Sunday		**March 20**
		Sixth Sunday of Lent
8:00am		**Marietta Garcia**
	r/o	**The Schmieder Family**
11:00am		**Eleanor Coyle**
	r/o	**Edie & Bob Callahan**
1:00pm (Spanish)		**People of the Parish**

EXTRA MASS DURING LENT

Please note that every Friday during Lent there will be an extra Mass offered at 7:30PM in the chapel after the conclusion of Stations of the Cross. This is an opportunity for those of you who cannot come to the daily morning Mass to come to a weekday Mass during Lent.

Please pray for the sick:Jonathan Alava, Mary Zajac, Benjamin Boschen, Jill Dubay, Paul Schroeder, Anne Kammer, Julie Galloway, Victoria Leggio, Frances Wadnik, Theresa Dziura, Al Fantuzzi, Ann Krouse, Robert Meleo, Charles Roseberry, George Melious, Denise Chiarulli Melious

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Confessions are normally heard every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45PM

During Lent Confessions will also be heard every Friday from 6:30 to 7:30PM

The last opportunity to go to Confession prior to Easter will be on Wednesday, March 23, the Wednesday of Holy Week from 7:15 to 8:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday of Lent at 9:30AM in the daily chapel and again at 7:00PM in the church

On Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00PM **in Spanish**.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

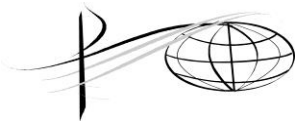
For Easter we will be collecting Easter candy and ShopRite gift cards to provide to the Food Pantry and the clients of D.A.R.C.C.

COUPLES CLUB

Saturday, March 19 **St. Joseph's 14th Annual Irish Night**
Tickets $30 per person ~ Doors open at 6:00pm ~
Join the fellowship for an evening filled with dinner
DJ / dancing, raffles & fun!!
Tickets can be purchased after Mass or in the Parish Office

CONGRATULATIONS PRO-LIFE CONTEST WINNERS!

Grade 1 Kaila Nucum
Grade 2 Carmela Tamburro
Grade 3 Morgan Peterson
Grade 4 Amelia Albrecht
Grade 5 Allison Slovak
Grade 6 Sebastian Castillo
Grade 7 Victoria Carucci
Grade 8 Julie Ruskan



The Sanctuary Candle burning before our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament is In Memory of George & Irene Kapral requested by the Kapral Family

The Altar candles burning are In Memory of Orlando P. Tolentino requested by the Tolentino Family

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY COSTS:		
Church Expenses (Including Mortgage)		**$9,170.00**
Diocesan Assessment / Insurance		**2,300.00**
	Total	**$11,500.00**
Weekend of February 27 / 28		**$6,805.50**
Bingo Income		**1,116.55**
Other Income		**5.00**
	Total	**$7,927.05**
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)		**($3,572.95)**
Weekend of March 5 / 6		**$6,467.00**
Easter Flower Donations		**1,071.00**
Bingo Income		**1,157.00**
	Total	**$8,695.00**
Weekly Surplus / (Deficit)		**($2,805.00)**

HOLY WEEK 2016

Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 19 Mass with Blessing of Palms: 5:00PM
Sunday, March 20 Mass with Blessing of Palms: 8:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM (Spanish)

Spy Wednesday
Last Confessions Before Easter: 7:15-8:00PM

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Until 11:00PM

Good Friday
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00PM
Stations of the Cross in Spanish: 7:00PM

Holy Saturday
Blessing of Easter Food: 12:00 Noon
NO CONFESSIONS OR 5:00 MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY!
Great Vigil of Easter: 7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY
Masses: 8:00AM, **9:30AM**, 11:00AM, 1:00PM (Spanish)

This Week in Our Parish……..

Sunday, March 13
7:00pm Bingo / Parish Center
Monday, March 14
6:30-8:15pm Bell Choir / Church
7:00pm Fr. Guy's "Q&A" / Community Room
Tuesday, March 15
Religious Education Classes
5:30 – 6:30pm Grades 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a
7:00 – 8:15pm Grades 6a, 7a, 8a
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting / Knights Rm
7:15pm Parent Mtg for First Communion / Church
Wednesday, March 16
Religious Education Classes
5:30 – 6:30pm Grades 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b
7:00 – 8:15pm Grades 6b, 7b, 8b
Thursday, March 17
5:45-6:45pm Children's Choir / Church
7:00pm Spanish Mass / Chapel
Friday, March 18
Eucharistic Visitations to the Homebound
9:30am Stations of the Cross / Chapel
6:30 – 7:30pm Confessions
7:00pm Stations of the Cross / Church
7:30pm Mass / Chapel

FATHER GUY'S QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Fr. Guy's Q&A group called "EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH...but were afraid to ask!" will meet once again in March in the Community Room. This casual evening of questions and discussion is designed for adults who are interested in learning more about their faith. Questions are written by participants anonymously on slips of paper and pulled from a hat. You are never too old to learn about the faith!

The next meeting will take place on Monday, MARCH 14 at 7:00PM in the Community Room. Light refreshments will be served.

Come get all your questions about the Church cheerfully answered, especially if you have questions about Easter and Easter practices. Ask those who attended last time; we learned something AND it was fun!

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

It has been an exciting week in the Diocese of Metuchen. Last July 4th on his 75th birthday our bishop, Paul Bootkoski, submitted his resignation to the pope as required by Canon Law. On Tuesday, March 8, Pope Francis finally accepted that resignation and appointed Monsignor James F. Checchio (pronounced CHEH-key-oh) of the Diocese of Camden to be the Fifth Bishop of Metuchen!

Our new bishop will be ordained a bishop and installed as the Bishop of Metuchen on Tuesday, May 3. Until then Bishop Bootkoski is still in charge of the diocese on an interim basis and we still pray for him in the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass, as well as beginning to pray for Bishop-elect Checchio.

Our new shepherd was born in 1966 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1992. Since 2003 he has been living and working in Rome at the Pontifical North American College which is a seminary for American students maintained by the U.S. bishops. He started working their as the Vice-Rector and, since 2005, served as the Rector concluding his tenure just this past February 1. He has hoped to return to the Camden diocese after a few months off and take up a parish assignment. However, the Church had other plans for him and his future.

We wish him well as he prepares to come north and become the fifth bishop in the 35-year history of our diocese. In the words of an ancient Latin greeting we pray for Bishop Checchio and wish him, "Ad Multos Annos"! (Many Years!)

Today, March 13, also marks the beginning of what is known as Passiontide; the final two weeks of Lent prior to the start of the Triduum. It is considered to be a time of more intense prayer and preparation as we focus on the Paschal Mystery and, in particular, on the Passion and Death of Our Lord. We begin Passiontide on the Sunday prior to Palm Sunday because it used to be called Passion Sunday.

One of the most visible signs of Passiontide is that all the statues in the church are veiled in purple. This custom has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption.

The historical origin of this practice lies elsewhere. It probably derives from a custom, noted in Germany from the ninth century, of extending a large cloth before the altar from the beginning of Lent. This cloth, called the "Hungertuch" (hunger cloth), hid the altar entirely from the faithful during Lent and was not removed until during the reading of the Passion on Holy Wednesday at the words "the veil of the temple was rent in two." Some authors say there was a practical reason for this practice insofar as the often-illiterate faithful needed a way to know it was Lent.

Others, however, maintain that it was a remnant of the ancient practice of public penance in which the penitents were ritually expelled from the church at the beginning of Lent. After the ritual of public penance fell into disuse — but the entire congregation symbolically entered the order of penitents by receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday — it was no longer possible to expel them from the church. Rather, the altar or "Holy of Holies" was shielded from view until they were reconciled to God at Easter.