



2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

As of February 23, 2018 the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$16,967.06 and payments totaling \$14,862.06 from 53 parishioners. This represents 40% of our \$42,000.00 goal.

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA

Question: Because of my current financial circumstances, I can only offer much less than what is on my pledge card, is that OK?

Your gift is a personal decision between you and God, and should be made after careful consideration of your other obligations. Every gift, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated. Your participation, no matter how modest, is what matters most. It is a reflection of your commitment to our mission as followers of Jesus Christ.



All are welcome to
Fridays of Lent events at
St. Jude Church:

Friday Soup Suppers: 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Way of the Cross at 9:45 AM and 7:30 PM



**The Way of the Cross
A Franciscan Mystery Play
Palm Sunday, March 25,
8:00 PM, St. Jude Church**

On Palm Sunday, March 25, at 8:00 PM, the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of "The Way of the Cross" in the church. Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the Mystery Play is not a "play" in the common sense, but is in fact a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion, and how it relates to their life today. The group is comprised of 14 teens and 8 adult advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. We suggest you arrive 10 minutes early.

Be reconciled to God

Confessions during 24 hours for the Lord:

Friday, March 9 – Confessions:

3:15 – 3:45 PM, 6:00 - 6:30 PM, 8:15 – 8:45 PM

Saturday, March 10 - Confessions:

9:45 to 10:15 AM, 4:00 to 4:30 PM

The Parish Penance Service is scheduled for March 20 at 7:30 PM with visiting priests available for confessions. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4-4:30 PM



Eucharistic Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration in the Chapel on

Wednesdays from 9:45 AM to 11 PM

and Thursdays from 5 AM to 9:00 AM and also this week for **24 Hours for the Lord** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration which will be held on Friday,

March 9, 3 PM to Saturday, March 10, 4:45 PM

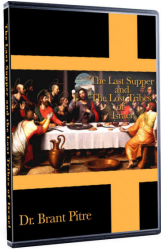
Sign up for 24 hours for the Lord in the Vestibule We encourage people to stop by for some quiet time of reflection and prayer. Spend 5 minutes or an hour in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.



Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in Church vestibule. Add to the rice bowl box your offerings during Lent. Return at the end of Lent. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT: ENCOUNTER SAFIATA

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more. *IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO INCLUDE YOUR COMMUNITY'S PREFERRED METHOD FOR TURNING IN LENTEN GIFTS.



The Last Supper and the Lost Tribes of Israel

**DVD Presentation
with Dr. Brant Pitre
Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 PM
McNulty Hall
All Are welcome. No cost.
Just come.**

All Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament in himself. Yet one of the most frequent prophecies in the Bible is that God would one day bring the “lost ten tribes” of Israel back home to the promised land. So how was this accomplished? Are the ten tribes still lost, or did Jesus fulfill this prophecy too?

In this Bible study Dr. Pitre takes something very familiar to Christians—the Last Supper—and ties it to something very mysterious—the return of the Lost Tribes of Israel. Dr. Pitre will answer questions such as:

How were the Ten Tribes of Israel “lost”? Where did they go?

- Where do the biblical prophets foretell the return of the lost tribes?
- Are Christian fundamentalists right to expect that Jesus will only gather the lost tribes at the Rapture?
- Why did Jesus choose Twelve disciples? And why did he tell them they would “sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel,” when only two tribes were left?
- How were Jesus’ feedings of the 5,000 and 4,000 tied to the return of the lost tribes?
- How is the Last Supper the key to Jesus’ fulfillment of this prophecy?

According to Vatican I, one of the main motives of credibility for believing in Christianity is the fulfillment of prophecy. Yet many Christians have no idea how Jesus fulfilled the Jewish hope for the ingathering of the lost tribes. In this Bible study, you will learn how every Mass fulfills the oracles of the Old Testament. As Jesus says, “When I am lifted up, I will gather all men to myself” (John 12:32).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You are invited to participate in the international **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** <https://40daysforlife.com/> This is a prayerful, peaceful presence at abortion clinics that has already saved over 14,000 unborn babies’ lives. The campaign runs from 2/14 -3/25. We plan to leave St. Jude in Blairstown after the 9AM Thursday mass and pray at Planned Parenthood, 66 E Washington Ave, Washington, NJ 07882 for about an hour. Please join us and call or email me for more information



Chrism Mass


Monday, March 26, 2018, 7:30pm

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

On Monday, March 26, 2018 Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirmed in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30pm.



Our secure giving option is accessible through our church website: stjudech.org

Click  [Online Giving](http://stjudech.org), then click - "Sign Up for Your New Account" - and complete your initial account registration.

Please let us know if you have any questions by calling the parish office at 908-362-6444 or email at stjudech@ptd.net Whichever way you choose to give, thank you for your ongoing support.

How can you help St Jude save more money through online giving? If you use online giving you can save the parish money by switching from the use of a credit card to having the money transfer directly from your checking account to St. Jude Church. You have the use of either option the use of credit card or direct transfer from your bank checking or savings account. The parish is charged a small percent for every credit card transaction, which varies depending upon the type of card. So setting it up to be transferred from your checking account helps. Whatever way you choose Online Giving is a great option for you in contributing to the parish.