



2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

As of March 2, 2018 the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$23,142.06 and payments totaling \$19,594.56 from 74 parishioners. This represents 55.1% 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

How is my parish goal determined?

Each parish is assigned a goal that is reflective of its ability to provide support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The goal is based on the ordinary revenue (weekend first collection and the Christmas and Easter collections) and takes into account the number of families in the parish.

Be reconciled to God

The Parish Penance Service

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

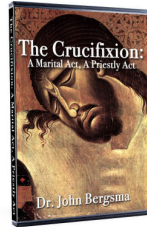
Wednesdays from 9:45 AM to 11 PM and Thursdays from 5 AM to 9:00 AM.

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.



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

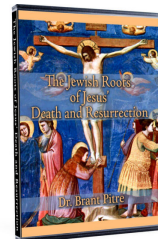


The Crucifixion **A Marital Act, A Priestly Act** **DVD Presentation** **with Dr. John Bergsma** **Wednesday March 21, 7:00 PM** **McNulty Hall**

No cost. Just come.

Are marriage and the priesthood "opposites" of each other? Are they two opposing and exclusive ways to serve God? Or, are they somehow profoundly linked to one another?

In this presentation Dr. Bergsma, former Protestant pastor and now Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, examines the passion story of the Gospel of John, showing the unexpected and surprising ways that John reveals Jesus as both priest and bridegroom at the Cross. Married couples and priests alike will benefit from this moving reflection on the way both sacraments—Matrimony and Holy Orders—participate in the self-sacrifice of the crucified Christ.



THE JEWISH ROOTS **OF THE CRUCIFIXION** **AND RESURRECTION**

Dr. Brant Pitre, DVD Presentation

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY

WEEK, March 28

7:00 PM, McNulty Hall

No cost. Just come.

In this Bible study, Dr. Brant Pitre takes two aspects of the ancient Jewish Law: the daily "perpetual sacrifice" known as the Tamid and the weekly day of rest and worship known as the Sabbath and shows how Jesus truly fulfilled both of these Jewish feasts in his passion, death, and resurrection from the grave. In this ground-breaking Bible study, you'll learn about:

How Jesus fulfilled the Jewish Sabbath: why do Catholics worship on Sunday rather than Saturday (the Jewish Sabbath)? How did Jesus' fulfillment of the Sabbath usher in a new creation?

If you've ever been confronted by Seventh-Day Adventist rejections of Sunday worship, or if you've ever wanted to understand the mystery of Jesus' death and Resurrection more deeply, then this Bible study is for you.

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



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.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT ENCOUNTER ANDRISE
We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country.

“Education is the foundation of everything,” says Andrise, who’s been a first-grade teacher at a small Catholic school for 11 years. It’s the same school she attended from first through sixth grade, in the community she calls home in northern Haiti.

Andrise says the opportunities at Notre Dame set the course for her life. But a lot has changed since she was a student. New teaching techniques and resources are changing how students learn—and how teachers teach. “We use poems, dances, songs—all sorts of activities to help the students improve their literacy,” she says.

And Catholic Relief Services—working with the Catholic Education Commission in Haiti—is leading the way. Every student receives a new workbook to practice their reading and writing. This is a big change from before, when students had to copy notes from the board. “Now, all the students are able to learn at the same time,” Andrise says. And she benefits too—from ongoing teacher training. Last year, the parish priest named her Teacher of the Year. The new techniques are working: Andrise’s classroom is a high-energy place, and the students love school—and her. “They call me ‘my mother,’ and I call them ‘my son, my daughter,’” she says. “They’ve already promised that next year, when they’re in second grade, they’ll take time out of their recess to come and visit me.” For a teacher like Andrise, seeing the children grow not just as students, but as people, is the reason she goes to work each day.

Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

NEEDED: MEN’S WINTER COATS

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal wish to thank everyone for their generosity and kindness on earlier donations. Since a cold winter they are asking us again for donations of men’s winter coats for their Newark NJ Men’s Shelter.

If anyone would like to donate please drop them off in designated box at church entrance foyer.

Thank you for your kindness. God Bless!



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, 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.