

THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

Dr. Brant Pitre,
DVD Presentation
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

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. If you’ve ever wanted to understand the mystery of Jesus’ death and Resurrection more deeply, then this Bible study is for you.



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.

PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



All are Welcome!

Sponsored by the
St. Jude Knights of Columbus
Pancakes and Sausage will be served after both Masses
Palm Sunday morning. All are welcome
... No Charge !!! ...
a Free Will Offering will be accepted.



Please remember to turn in your Rice Bowl

Rice Bowl money can be returned to the bin in the vestibule or sacristy, or write out a check for the amount and place in an envelope marked rice bowl and put in regular collection. Please return moneys by April 8, Divine Mercy Sunday/2nd Sunday of Easter. Thank you for participating in Rice Bowl 2018.

PALM SUNDAY ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

2018

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World



As of March 15, 2018 the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$29,583.31 and payments totaling \$21,828.31 from 133 parishioners. This represents pledges of 70% of our \$42,000.00 goal and payments of 52% towards our 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

The Cookie Blessing Ministry

The Cookie Blessing Ministry is a ministry that makes cookies for sacraments, funerals, the St. Jude Parish Food Pantry and other events that the church has throughout the year. This ministry is always in need of baking supplies. There is a donation box located in the vestibule of the church to collect the following items.

- flour - sugar - brown sugar - chocolate chips
- confectionary sugar - vanilla extract
- baking soda - baking powder
- vegetable shortening

Thank you for your donations!

ST. JUDE LADIES GUILD

The St. Jude Ladies Guild will be meeting April 9, 2018 after the 9:00 A.M. Mass and Rosary. Enjoy a social time before the meeting which begins at 10:30 A.M. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. You don't have to attend all our meetings to be a member, so please consider coming to see what this organization is all about and perhaps join as an Associate Member. We appreciate any assistance you can offer us enabling us to continue to support the parish and other charities.

Bingo

Sponsored by the St. Jude Ladies Guild **Saturday, April 7, 2018**. Doors will open at 6:30 P.M. and games will start at 7:15 P.M. at St. Jude's Church, McNulty Hall located at 7 Eisenhower Road, Blairstown. Hot dogs, soda, coffee and other refreshments will be available for purchase. No one under 18 is admitted. Come out and join in the fun of the first Bingo Night of 2018 and make it a girls night out or date night. This fundraiser helps support the different charities of the parish. For more information, please contact Bev at (908) 362-7393.



Presentation of 3 Hearts: **Inspirations from the Holy Family**

by Cindy Costello

Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 PM,
St. Jude Church in McNulty Hall

- Mrs. Cindy Costello will present: "What can the hearts of the Holy Family tell us about our own family? How the 3 Hearts of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus can speak to our families and give them real happiness! What do they want to say to YOU?" Mrs. Costello is a Wife, Mom, and Educator and has a mission for sharing the joy of a relationship with the Holy Family with others. Certified through the Theology of the Body Institute and profoundly changed by St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, Cindy witnesses and teaches about how to pray, work, and live a faith-filled Catholic life. She is pursuing her Masters in Theology on the campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH where she just recently moved with husband, Tom, and where she works on her *Gifts Into Flame Ministry* found at cindyacostello.com Fellowship follows the presentation. Everyone is invited. Contact: Mary Ho (908) 382-1525 jiaying22@ptd.net

WOMEN'S LIFE ***LIVING IN FAITH EVERYDAY***

*Have you ever felt a need to connect with other Catholic women, but weren't sure how to do it? The women meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7:00PM. Our purpose is to provide an opportunity **to encourage one another** as we reflect on God's word, and discuss how it impacts our daily lives as we struggle to be faithful to Jesus in our turbulent, changing culture. We are inviting women of all ages, married, single, older and younger.*


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Our secure
accessible



giving option is
through our

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.

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.

Beauty, Truth, Goodness--Joy! **Women's Retreat** **for All Women and Daughters 10+** **April 14th 9:30 AM- 4PM** **Our Lady of the Lake Parish** **Sparta, NJ**

Come for inspiring talks, light lunch, prayer, a craft, and joy! Speakers include:

Melody Lyons from Blossoming Joy

Kelly Mantoan from This Ain't the Lyceum

Sister Theresia Marie of the Apostle of St John

Tickets are \$25 person, \$10 for each additional family member contact Jennifer at

jennifer.veilsandvocations@gmail.com for more information



SHOES AND CLOTHING **BINS**

Do you have clothing or shoes you no longer use?

Remember The Catholic Charities Shoes and Clothing Bins are located near the St. Jude Giving Tree Preschool. Please help support Catholic Charities programs within the Diocese by donating Clothing, Shoes, and Household items. Your continued generosity is appreciated.