

## HERSHEY PARK TICKETS

Once again this year we are offering Hershey Park tickets at a discount. The normal price for an adult admission is \$64.95. This years discount prices are: Adult (ages 9-54) \$38, Junior/Senior (ages 3-8 & ages 55-69) \$32.50, and Senior Plus (age 70+) \$25. This price includes the admission to the park, water park, Zoo America, & Chocolate World. Parking is additional \$15. The tickets can be used anytime between May 5<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please find the sign up slips in the back of the church and in the bulletin. All paid ticket reservations must be in by April 2nd. Any questions please call Eileen in the church office, 908-637-4269.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

Young women (18-35) are invited to join a retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in Formation. (Contact: [ihmvoc@aol.com](mailto:ihmvoc@aol.com) or 610-889-1553).

## PARISH FAMILY "FOOD FEST"

**Save the date: Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm after Mass in the Parish Hall.** We're planning another fun and tasty get-together! It will be a parish gathering to share our favorite recipes for homemade soups, chili, Pierogies or desserts. (Please bring a copy of your recipe if you would like to share). To make it a little more fun, we'll have a contest to determine a winner in each category. All attending will have the opportunity to taste and judge each entry. The "winners" will be announced at the conclusion of the event. No charge, just bring your pot-luck offering (soup/chili, pierogis or dessert) to share with everyone; breads, rolls, beverages will be available. *Please sign up by Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> on the bulletin board in the back of the church.* Just want to come and join the fun, but prefer not to cook? We need soda, water, bread or maybe you have an idea--just add it to the contribution list. A free will offering will be accepted as well. If you have any questions, contact MaryAnn at 908-246-5900 or Leslie at 908-475-1052, or Maria at 908-798-9204 or Krystyna at 973-770-4995. Also, there will be some presentations of Saints by our Religious Ed students. So, please, do plan to join us on March 25<sup>th</sup> for another fun parish event!

## NEED WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES???

Contact the church office and we will arrange for a box to be left near the bulletins. Call 637-4269. **Please put your name and amount on each envelope.**

## HOLD THE DATE

Please hold the date for our next Girls Night Out and Kids Paint Night on March 30&31st. Adults will be painting wine bottles and kids will paint bottle night lights, mason jar piggy banks, or mason jar drinking cups. Be on the look out for flyers for more details!! And spread the word!!



## 7th Annual Catholic Deafest

Sponsored by Pastoral teams throughout New Jersey who work with the Deaf, this event will take place at Our Lady of Peace Parish, 1740 US-130 North, North Brunswick, NJ, on Saturday, March 25. Doors open at 9 am and the day concludes with Mass at 5:30pm. Free Admission. Free Lunch. Lots of special exhibits of interest. The special presenter will be Fr. Ray Fleming, a deaf priest from the Diocese of Rochester, NY. To register please email: [catholicdeafestnj@gmail.com](mailto:catholicdeafestnj@gmail.com) or call 856-283-3962 (ask for Kate). Deadline to register is March 12.

## MARIAN PILGRIMAGE - Celebrate FATIMA's 100 YEARS

\*SPAIN \* FRANCE \* PORTUGAL 12 Days AUG 4-15, 2017. BARCELONA, MONSERRAT, LOURDES, SANTIAGO, DE COMPOSTELA, ZARAGOZA, MADRID, LISBON, SANTAREM, FATIMA. Daily Mass, Land Tour \$2640.00 W/RT Airfare & Taxes from Newark \$3800. Includes First Class Hotels, Breakfasts/Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoach, Transfers. Please Call JULIET BANAAG HOBSON 732-439-2835.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2017-2018 TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese Catholic elementary or high school may do so beginning Jan 30, 2017. The application process is online-FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) no later than Fri., Mar 31. Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the five Application Workshops, which will be held in four locations within the Diocese in February and March by going to [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance) and following the Workshops link.



## ITEMS LEFT IN CHURCH

Before leaving any items in church (books, plates, canned goods, clothing, religious "nick-knacks") please contact the church office first, 637-4269. If we do not have a need at the time you leave the items they will be discarded.

## The Right Way to Receive Holy Communion

First, ensure that you are free from grave sin. If you are not sure, go to confession. Then, fast from food and drink for at least one hour prior to receiving the Eucharist. Before going up to receive say your Act of Contrition. As the person in front of you is receiving you should bow slightly at that time before it's your turn to receive. If



you are going to receive on the tongue, you should keep certain things in mind. First, the head should be bent back slightly, and the head should be held erect, but kind of tilted back. The tongue should come out over the

bottom teeth, equal with the bottom lip, so that the priest has someplace to put the Host. If you're going to receive in the hand, the best way is to put one hand down and put the other hand on top of it and make a kind of throne for the Lord. The priest holds up the Host and says, "The Body of Christ," and the communicant answers, "Amen." That's not an English word; it's an Aramaic word. It really is pronounced "Ahmeen," and it means, "So be it." "I agree." "I believe." "It is the Body of Christ."



When the priest gives you the Host on your hand, you say, "Amen", take a step or two to the side to make way for the next communicant, then receive our Lord. Communion should not be received on the run, as you're walking back to your pew; it should be consumed before you leave the area below the altar. Remember that scene, in the Fourth Gospel, that occurs after the Resurrection; the disciples are out fishing, and the boats are coming toward the shore. Peter, as usual, is completely immersed in what he is doing; he's got his outer clothes off so he can work more easily. The beloved disciple sees someone standing on the shore and says to Peter, "It is the Lord." Peter jumps into the water. That disposition of John, "It is the Lord"—that's what our faith demands. It is the *Lord* that we are worshipping. It is the *Lord* that we are receiving into ourselves. It is the *Lord* who is giving us in the Eucharist a special way to participate in divine life. It is the *Lord* who is sanctifying us. That should be the overwhelming disposition with which we approach Holy Communion: "IT IS THE LORD!"

## WANT TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER???

If you already received your First Holy Communion and wish to serve at Mass please contact the church office (Mon-Fri, 9:30am – 3pm). A training session will be set up for anyone interested. Please call, 908-637-4269 or email:



stpeterandpaul@comcast.net.

## SPONSOR FORMS

Before you are asked to be a sponsor for a Baptism or for the Sacrament of Confirmation please be sure you are indeed a registered member, in good standing, of your church. This happens a lot around this time of year where people have been coming to church on a regular basis, not using offering envelopes, and think they are members. It makes it very difficult for us to issue a sponsor



certificate when you are not registered and the priest does not recognize your face. This also applies to Confirmation students wanting their older siblings to be their sponsors--make sure they are attending and shaking the priest's hand after Mass. Please contact the church office if you have questions, 637-4269.



## Join us for a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal for the 100



Anniversary of the Apparitions, featuring a very special Mass with Pope Francis!!  
Date: May 10-20, 2017 Cost: \$3695 (includes air from Newark) \$2695 (for land only). Trips to Portugal & Spain, including Nazare, Lisbon, Santarem, Granada, Seville, Avila, Toledo, Madrid and more! For information and brochure call: 732-634-4355 at St. Andrew Church,

Avenel, NJ, [www.standrewparish.com](http://www.standrewparish.com) to view brochure. Arrangements by Select International, Flemington, NJ. Also available: Pilgrimage to Italy including Venice, Pisa, Florence, Assisi and Rome with a Papal Audience. Date: November 6-16, 2017, Cost: \$3069. Arrangements by Nawas Travel, Darien, CT.

## CRY ROOM



If you feel the need to remove your child from the main body of the church but still wish to hear and see the Mass, our chapel, located up near the main altar on the left side of the church, doubles as our Cry Room. There is a black speaker located on the wall that can be turned on and the lights are located on the outside wall near the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of doors. Please note: children are not allowed to be unattended or just run wild in the chapel. This is a setting to teach your child how to behave in church without disturbing the atmosphere of the Mass. Also, you can bring your child to the back of the church—just make sure all the glass doors are closed.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

"Eucharistic Adoration is the spiritual practice of spending time in the presence of the exposed Host." This coming Friday is the first Friday of the month. We will be holding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am - 12 noon. Come and spend an hour with the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament should never be left alone.