

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Join us Fridays for Stations of the Cross at 7pm in English and 8pm in Polish.

COLORING CONTEST

There will be a \$25 prize (donated by a generous parishioner) for a coloring contest we're having for students in our Rel Ed Pgm grades 1 and 2! The drawings can be done in pencil, crayon, or paint. The drawings should be at least 8.5 x 11 and print the first and last name on the back, and hand in by April 9th. The drawings should be on one of the following bible verses:

-Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (Luke 11:5-13)

-And when he (Jesus) had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained. (John 20:22-23)

-And so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

-To you, Peter, I give the keys to Heaven. (Matthew 16:19)

-While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-30)

-Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46)

Parish-Wide Lenten Project

The children of our Religious Ed Program invite our entire parish to participate in a Parish-Wide Lenten Project. We are collecting items to be distributed to the homeless in the Newark & Harlem areas. Can you can donate a large shoe box and/or any of the following items: Juice Boxes, Capri Suns, Bottled Water, hot chocolate, Instant Oatmeal, Granola Bars/Breakfast Bars, Raisins, Cookies, Pop Tarts, Fruit Rollups or Fruit Snacks, Peanut Butter and/or Cheese Crackers, Jerky, Trail Mix/Nuts, Fruit or Pudding Cups, Cup-A-Noodles/Instant Soups, Tuna, Spam, Vienna Sausage, Disposable Spoon and Fork, bars of soap, body wash, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, nail clippers, nail files, hairbrush/comb? A box marked "Shoe Box for the Homeless" can be found in the vestibule of our church for all your donations.

Let's Not Forget

Annual Collection for Retired Priests

The second collection next weekend, Palm Sunday April 8/9, is for the Fund for our Retired Diocesan Priests. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our 26 retired priests, as well as for our active priests upon their retirement. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priests who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years. Let's not forget.

TRICKY TRAY

The Tricky Tray team is working hard to plan another great event! We are in dire need of medium and large-sized baskets to use for grouping donated items into prize baskets, so please donate any spare ones you may have. They can be left in the back of the church under the large table. Thanks very much! **Our next team meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 7 pm in the Religious Education Building.** This year's Tricky Tray will take place on Saturday, June 3rd at the Independence Volunteer Fire House located on Cemetery Rd., Great Meadows. Mark your calendars and join us.

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Who Am I to Judge, Dr. Edward Sri

The True Meaning of Easter, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent, Fr. Robert Barron

So Help Me God: The Promise and Power, Dr. Scott Hahn

Men and Women are from Eden, Dr. Mary Healy

Put Not Your Trust in Princes, Christopher Check

The Necessity of Divine Mercy, Fr. Chris Alar

The 3 Stages of the Interior Life, Matthew Leonard

That They May All Be One: Evangelization in a Culture of Encounter, Matt Maher

The CD's are only \$3 per. When you are finished please return them for other to listen to.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Prayer cards for our RCIA candidates, Howard Atchison and Steven Karner, will be in a basket in the entrance of the church. You are invited to take one and become a spiritual sponsor during Lent for our candidates as they continue their faith journey to receiving their sacraments at Easter. You can write them a note of your support and prayers and drop the envelope in the collection basket c/o RCIA.

ESSAY CONTEST

This Essay Contest is for all of our registered Rel Ed students. There will be a **\$50** prize for one winning essay from Grades 3 to 5 **and** a **\$50** prize for one winning essay from Grades 6 to 8 (donated by a generous parishioner). The essays will be judged by Fr. Gregory and some ministry leaders. The essays should be typed, at least one page long, double spaced, with your first & last name and grade in the upper right-hand corner. Essays are due back April 9th. The following bible verses are topics for the essay. Choose one.

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-What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? (Mark 8:36)

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Sanctuary Lamp / Bread & Wine

Please contact the church office, 908-637-4269, if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp or Bread & Wine for the week in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is only \$10 for the week. The name(s) will be placed in the bulletin and announced at all Masses for the week it is booked.

100th Anniversary Celebration

The National Blue Army Shrine, Asbury, NJ, dedicated to spreading the Message of Fatima, is looking for **volunteer ushers** to join us on the 13th of the month from May through October in celebrating Our Lady's six appearances to the three shepherd children in 1917. Volunteers are needed for some, or all six of the events to help with the Rosary Procession and Holy Mass. If you always wanted to help Our Blessed Mother, this is a perfect opportunity. If interested, please contact Mary at (908) 689-1700 ext. 210 or www.bluearmy.com.

PARTY OR MEETING

Need a place to hold a party? What about a meeting? Our hall is ready and cheap. Only \$70 per hour (the time that the event is held). Contact the church office if you are interested in renting, 908-637-4269. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, baptisms, sweet 16's, baby & wedding showers, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, retirements, etc.

EASTER BAKE SALE - Sat, Apr 8, 9am - 1pm, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church, Great Meadows. Assorted Easter Breads, Nut & Fruit Rolls. To place an order or for info, 908-689-2352.

BP GEORGE AHR HS

Spring Open House, Tues, Apr 4th beginning at 7pm. Meet faculty, tour facility, hear about technology, learn about sports, clubs, organizations and lots more. Call 732-549-1108 x620 or visit www.bgahs.org.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

MARRIED COUPLES:

You can enhance your marital romance and build a better marriage! It is never too late to experience the joy natural family planning methods can bring to your relationship. Both spouses are taught to understand the nature of fertility and work with it, either to plan a pregnancy or to avoid a pregnancy...NFP becomes a shared commitment!

ENGAGED COUPLES:

If you are interested in beginning your life together as husband and wife by loving one another naturally it is never too early to learn about natural family planning.

Call the Family Life Office (732) 562-1990 Ext. 1624 or e-mail familylife@diometuchen.org for more information or to register for classes at a location nearest your home.