



**Family Sharing:** PACT families have been given the *Operation Rice Bowl* materials for use at home and additional family handouts. Copies of these materials are available in our Religious Education Office.

**East Days**

Our annual **St. Patrick's celebration** will be held on Sunday, March 13th at the 10:00 am Mass. Following Mass, all are invited to join us for a social in Szelest Hall featuring tea, soda bread, Irish dancing and bagpipes.



**Feast of St. Joseph**

On Saturday, March 19th, we will have a parish liturgy at 8:30 am followed by a breakfast social featuring St. Joseph's bread and pastries in the Spiritual Formation Center.



**Archdiocesan Faith Events**

**February 27th "Alive in Christ: Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy"** — A Day of Reflection sponsored by the **Women's Commission** of the Archdiocese at Seton Hall University 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Keynote speakers Leah Darrow and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT  
For information and registration go to [www.rcan.org/womcom](http://www.rcan.org/womcom) or call 973-497-4545

**March 5th "Be Not Afraid—Trust in His Mercy" A Catholic Men's Conference** at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 9:00 am and ends at 1:30 pm. Speakers include: Patrick Madrid, Best-selling author "Why be Catholic?" and Gus Lloyd, Host of Seize the Day radio show in the Catholic Channel XM Radio. There is also a Spanish speaking track for the day. Contact [DeaconJohn@stmaryslumont.org](mailto:DeaconJohn@stmaryslumont.org) for information.

**Social Outreach/ Corporal Works of Mercy**

One of the disciplines of Lent involves "alms giving" or helping those in need. There are many opportunities for social outreach in our parish community. Here are some Lenten opportunities:

**Lenten Giving Tree** - Our parish will collect items for St. Clare's Home for Children, which is a part of the AIDS Resource Foundation in Newark. Please take a tag off the Lenten tree and return it with the item to church before the end of Lent. Tags are available the first weekend of Lent, February 13-14.

**Feeding the Hungry:**

**Monthly Food Collection** - Feb. 20-21 and March 5-6. Your generosity through gifts of food and money help to keep our food pantry stocked and will enable us to make baskets to distribute to local needy families for Easter.

**Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen** - Sunday, Feb 21 and March 20th - PALAD will feed the homeless at the shelter in Newark. Everyone is welcome to join this effort. For further information call Mitch Carretas (201) 384-3894 or Malu Canlas (201) 387-9140.

**St. John's Parish in Newark** - On Friday, Feb 12 and March 11 a group of our parishioners will go to feed the hungry. As always we also bring white socks with us as well. Call the parish office for further information.

**Hackensack Walk-in Shelter** - Our next trip to Hackensack Walk-in Shelter will be April 20, 2016. Watch the bulletin.



**NJ Food Bank Work Morning** - Saturday, March 19th, join us for a few hours of work at the NJ Food bank in Hillside, NJ. We will leave St. Mary's parking lot at 7:45 am and return by 12 noon. Call Deacon John Sylvester at 201-387-6889 or email him at [DeaconJohn@stmaryslumont.org](mailto:DeaconJohn@stmaryslumont.org) to sign up or for more information. Sign-ups must be in by March 15th.



**Operation Rice Bowl**

Rice bowls are available in the church and are being distributed to children of our PACT/ Religious Education families. Not containers for our "spare change," these bowls are to help our children to understand that as they make sacrifices, they can help others. Participation in the Rice Bowl program is very important as *Catholic Relief Services* continues to work to aid those affected by disasters around the world. 25% of what is collected stays right here in our archdiocese. To find out more visit <http://orb.org>.

**Eco-Palms**

One half of our usual palm order is Eco-Palms. By purchasing Eco-Palms for our Palm Sunday celebration we play a role in protecting forests, local jobs, and sustainable livelihoods in the harvesting communities.



**Crafts for Cancer**

On the Sundays of Lent our children from Liturgy of the Word with children will collect craft items. These items will be donated to Tomorrow's Children and Hackensack Medical Center.

**L-Walk -- Easter Flower and Palm Cross Sale**

Our youth group will be selling Easter flowers and palm crosses on the weekends of March 12-13 and Palm Sunday weekend March 19 -20th.

**Bereavement Support Group** - February 18 and March 17 and the third Thursday of every month. All meetings are held in the Parish Office from 7:00 - 8:15 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Parish Office at 201-384-0577 or just walk in on any third Thursday.

**Evening Prayer and Reflection on the Wednesdays of Lent**

Our Social Justice committee will offer Evening Prayer and 5 reflection sessions on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Center in the school.

Feb 10th : Simple Supper

Feb 17th: "The Francis Effect" reflections on our Pope and the Jubilee Year of Mercy.  
Feb 24th - Laudato Si - On Care for Our Common Home —What does this encyclical say and what does it mean for us? Presented by our very own Dr. Bill Masciello.

Mar 2nd - Haiti - presented by Fr. Jack Martin  
Mar 9th - Social Justice - How does one live it? Presented by Carol Fay, chairperson of Religious Studies at the Academy of the Holy Angels

Mar 16th - "Power of the Individual: The Spirit of One Can Change So Many."  
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**" CALLED AND GIFTED FOR THE THIRD MILLENNIUM"**

**THE SPIRITUALITY OF MINISTRY**

*A Morning of Reflection for Ministers*  
Saturday, March 12  
9 am - 12 noon  
Spiritual Formation Center

A true morning of reflection about ministry and our call to ministry. Not necessarily concerned with the "nuts and bolts" this morning will offer participants the opportunity to look at why we minister, and the joys and challenges of ministry. This morning is open to everyone, those in liturgical ministry, catechetical ministry and those interested in ministry.  
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**Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Churches**

Archbishop Myers has designated the following churches in the Archdiocese of Newark as Pilgrimage Churches during the Jubilee Year of Mercy:



**Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart** -89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ 973-484-4600. *The Holy Door is open Sunday - Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Saturday 4 - 7 p.m.*

**Our Lady of Mercy** - Freeman Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 201-391-5315. *The Holy Door is open daily from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Confession is available on Saturday, 9 - 9:30 a.m., 1 - 1:30 p.m., Monday 7 - 7:30 p.m.*

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** - 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, NJ 973-778-7405. *The Holy Door is open Monday - Friday 6:30 - 8:45 a.m., 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., Saturday 4 - 7:45 p.m., Sunday 6:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., 6 - 8 p.m. Confession is available Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m., Saturday 1 - 2 p.m., Thursday before First Friday 7 - 8 p.m., and First Fridays 7:30 a.m., 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.*

**Saint Francis Xavier** - 243 Abington Avenue West, Newark, NJ 973-482-8410. *The Holy Door is open Saturdays and Sundays.*

**Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus**—131 East Edgar Road, Linden, NJ 908-862-1116. *The Holy Door is open Monday - Friday 6 - 8 p.m., Saturday 4 - 6 p.m., and Sunday 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Also available by appointment. Confession is available weekdays from 7 - 7:30 a.m., Saturday 4 - 4:45 p.m., and First Fridays 6 - 7 p.m.*

**Divine Mercy Parish** - 232 Central Avenue, Rahway, NJ 732-388-0082. *The Holy Door is open daily from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 7 - 8 p.m. (beginning on Ash Wednesday). Also available upon request.*

**Our Lady of Mercy** -40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City, NJ 201-434-7500. *The Holy Door is open every Weds 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*