

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, 149 SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ

LENT TO EASTER 2017

DAILY MASS: Monday: 7:00PM preceded by Eucharistic Holy Hour at 6:00PM; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 9:00AM

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: Saturday, April 1: 10:00 - 11:30AM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 10:00 - 11:30AM & by appointment.

PARISH BOOK CLUB: Tuesdays: 1:00PM, Annex Building (soup & bread served) or Tuesdays: 7:30-8:30PM, Parish Center — BEGINNING March 7, *facilitated by Mrs. Louise Timko*, read and discuss "Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelly (RSVP to 908-756-0633 x143)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday evenings: 7:00PM (March 3 - April 7)

LENTEN FISH DINNERS: Fridays: 5:00 to 7:00PM in the Holy Savior Academy Cafeteria (March 3 - April 7) Admission: \$10/adults, \$9/Seniors, \$5/children, pay at door. *Take-out available.*



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF

THE LORD — April 8, Saturday

Vigil: 5:00PM, April 9, Sunday: 9:00 & 11:30AM (11:15AM - *Palm Procession*)

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK —

April 10, Mass: 9:00AM; † *Chrism Mass at St. Francis Cathedral*: 7:30PM

(No Eucharistic adoration or evening Mass at Sacred Heart)

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF

HOLY WEEK — April 11 and April 12, Mass: 9:00AM

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

- ✦ **HOLY THURSDAY**, April 13 — **Morning Prayer** - 9:00AM; **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** - 7:30PM; **Night Prayer** - 11:30PM
- ✦ **GOOD FRIDAY**, April 14 — **Morning Prayer** - 9:00AM; *Ecumenical Service of "The Seven Last Words of Christ, St. Stephen Lutheran Church* - 12Noon-3:00PM; **Stations of the Cross** - 2:00PM **THE PASSION OF THE LORD** - 3:00PM; **Rosary-Sorrowful Mysteries** - 7:00PM
- ✦ **HOLY SATURDAY**, April 15 — **Morning Prayer** - 9:00AM; **Food Blessing** - 12Noon **EASTER VIGIL** — **Mass**: 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY — THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 16— **Masses**: 9:00AM & 11:30 AM; *Ecumenical Sunrise Service* - 6:30AM at Spring Lake Park

FR. JOHN PREPARES FOR PILGRIMAGE

Twenty-two pilgrims will be leaving for the Holy Land on Sunday, March 19. The ten-day journey will take them across Israel in the footsteps of Jesus. From the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to the Judean Desert, across the waters of the Galilee and Jordan, down the cobblestone streets of Jerusalem and Nazareth ... this and much more will be the spiritual experience of the pilgrims who will be carrying your petitions and praying for you as you pray for them.

Next week there will be a basket placed at the front of the church near the side-altar of the Sacred Heart. You may write your intentions and place them in the basket. These will be lifted in prayer with each Mass offered daily at the holy sights to be visited.

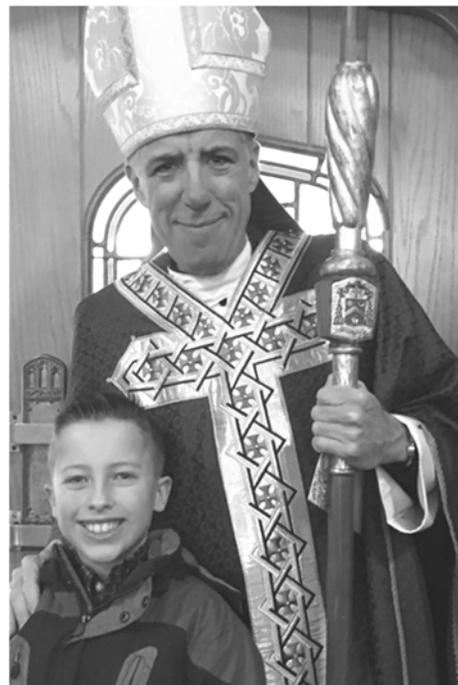
While Fr. John is away, a visiting priest, Rev. Newman Egbo, will be here to assist with the basic daily spiritual needs of the parish, *ie.* daily Mass, funerals, confessions, spiritual counseling, etc. Rev. Desmond Newman Egbo was ordained by Bishop Gregory Ochiagha in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Orlu in Igboland, Nigeria on December 30, 2006. He is a priest of the Secular Institute of Schoenstatt Fathers, their home-base is in Germany with priests ministering worldwide. Fr. Newman's brother, Alex, is a

parishioner of Sacred Heart and some of you will remember Fr. Newman from past visits. May we welcome him to our parish and offer him our hospitality for the ten days that Fr. John will be in the Holy Land.

Please remember to place your petitions in the basket near the Sacred Heart side-altar.



BISHOP VISITS SACRED HEART CHURCH - Last Sunday, February 26, Bishop James Checchio returned to our parish church to celebrate the 9:00AM Mass. Bishop James was ordained in The Church of the Sacred Heart last May and has been busy, among many other things, with visiting every parish in the Diocese of Metuchen. He has recently completed the circle and has returned to where his episcopal story began. The bishop has also completed his first Pastoral Letter which grew out of the experience of these visits and his vision for our faith family of the Church of Metuchen. This Pastoral Letter can be found on the diocesan



website diometuchen.org and will also be published in an upcoming special edition of the *Catholic Spirit* for March 4-5. Following morning Mass, Bishop Checchio greeted every parishioner who waited on a long line to speak with him.

Pictured: James "the Elder" our bishop meets James "the Younger" our parishioner.

PILGRIM STATUE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA - The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima made her final stop for the month of February in the Church of the Sacred Heart on Friday, February 26. Twenty-one churches across the Diocese of Metuchen were visited. The Custodian, William Sockey, spoke several times throughout the day of prayer, song, and petition sharing the history and stories of Our Lady of Fatima. People presented religious items to be touched to the statue for blessing. The prayer concluded after 1:00PM outside at the Marian Shrine where the collection of petitions was ritually burned and prayed over.



PHOTO: Custodian, William Sockey, presents items to be touched to the image of Our Lady.



"Joy is not necessarily the absence of suffering, it is the presence of God." — Sam Storms



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