

Dynamic Catholics at The Church of the Sacred Heart

A Message from the Parish Pastoral Council:

What is a Dynamic Catholic? A Dynamic Catholic is an individual who consciously practices his/her faith in the areas of Prayer, Study, Generosity, and **Evangelization**.

EVANGALIZATION – THE 4th SIGN OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

The members of the Parish Pastoral Council of the Church of the Sacred Heart were introduced to the Dynamic Catholic Book Program founded by Matthew Kelly over one year ago. This program is dedicated to inspire Catholics to improve the way we practice our Catholic faith. How? One way is to read a good Catholic book. Or, listen to a good Catholic book!

Through the generosity of several parish groups the Altar Rosary Society, the Knights of Columbus, the Columbian Squires, the Fil -Am Association of Sacred Heart (FAASH), and private donors, the PPC was able to give each parish family a Christmas gift, which was the CD **Becoming the Best Version of Yourself**.

In our recent bulletins, the PPC has been reminding our parishioners of the CD and of the Four Signs of Dynamic Catholics.

The PPC would like to provide each family with another CD or book this Christmas but we need your help. If you are able to support this effort with a donation of ANY amount the PPC would be most appreciative. And your donation would meet two of the Signs of Dynamic Catholics: Generosity and Evangelization.

If you would like to be a Private Donor, you may place your donation in the Suggestion Box in the foyer of the parking-lot-side door. A member of the PPC checks that box on a regular basis. Or if you have any questions please email Eileen at 142oaktree@comcast.net

If you borrowed a book or CD from the blue box in the parking lot foyer, please return it for other parishioners. If you like the idea, let us know by putting a note in the Suggestion Box. We have a few CDs left from the gift at Christmas. Please take one if you didn't get it. Perhaps you haven't had a chance to listen to yours yet. Take it out of that drawer and listen, we believe you will like it. What would make you the *best version of yourself*?

Let's all renew our commitment to **Becoming the Best Version of Yourself**.

Join us as we continue to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful church.

FAASH 25TH ANNIVERSARY - The Filipino American Association of Sacred Heart (FAASH) of South Plainfield,



founded in 1990, will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary at a formal dinner dance fundraising event on Saturday, October 31 at *The Imperia* on 1714 Easton Avenue in Somerset, from 7-11:00PM. Everyone is welcome to join us celebrate this momentous occasion. A donation of \$60 is requested for each adult guest, \$20 for children 12 years and

below. Net proceeds will go towards the various parish and community projects of FAASH. For more information or to *RSVP*, please contact William Co 908-912-4567, Beth Delacruz 908-412-1648, or Pat Lapitan 908-906-7245). Check us out on Facebook (find "FAASH South Plainfield") or at www.facebook.com/faash.southplainfield

SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA & COMPANION MARTYRS FESTIVAL — The

Filipino Apostolate of the Diocese of Metuchen cordially invites you to a festival in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila & Companion Martyrs on Sunday, October 4, at 4:00PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen.

CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE —

On Saturday, October 24, the Diocese of Metuchen will be sponsoring a conference with expert speakers who will address a variety of life issues including: *Corragio!* The Courage to Honor Sickness, Disability and the End of Life, Modern Prenatal Care, Pornography's Attack on Marriage, Family and Life, Hope for Healing the Culture. The speakers will give practical information as well as thought-provoking testimony of real life experiences. The conference will also feature exhibits

of products and services which pertain to some of these issues. At the St.
John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway, 8:30AM-3:30PM. \$25 fee includes lunch and handouts. To register please visit http://diometuchen.org/critical-life or call 732-562-1990 x1629 or 1543, Limited seating.



The Diocese of Metuchen invites one & all to celebrate

2015 HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS - Friday, October 9, at 7:30 PM, Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Avenue,



Metuchen. We celebrate our Faith! Sisters and Brothers Together! Sent forth to Evangelize! For information call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 732-243-4573.

MISA DE LA HISPANIDAD 2015 - Viernes, 9 de Octubre,

7:30 PM, Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Avenida, Metuchen. ¡Celebremos nuestra Fe! ¡Hermanas y Hermanos Juntos! ¡Enviados a Evangelizar! Para más información llame a la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano: 732- 243-4573.

DIVORCE AFFECTS EVERYONE ... IT HAPPENS, AND

IT HURTS - This program, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. The group will be meeting Wednesday evenings for eleven weeks at St. James Church, Pastoral Center, 184 S. Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge. Dates: October 21, 2015 to January 27, 2016. Time 7:00 - 8:45PM. Contact: Ro Bersch.

A RETREAT FOR THOSE FACING SERIOUS

ILLNESS - Gennesaret, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of October 16, 17 & 18, at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearney. The retreat will begin Friday at 1:30PM, and end with a closing prayer service Sunday at 1:30PM. There is no cost for the retreat. For more information call Hilare 732-566-7237 or Peggy 908-499-7677.

2015 BLUE MASS - Monday, October 26, at 10:30AM, at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Assembly of Officers and Procession begin at 9:30AM. Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski invites all the faithful in the Diocese to join him at this Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from communities and towns from across the Diocese. Come to represent your parish and town to support and pray for all our dedicated law enforcement officials and to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. There will be a special tribute to fallen State Trooper Anthony Raspa. Luncheon in the Cathedral Community Room following the Mass. For more information email: communications@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-2463.

MOMS - Are you a mom seeking to connect with other Catholic moms, deepen your faith and find support in your vocation as a mother? The St. Francis MOMS Group (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) meets twice a month on Wednesday mornings at St. Francis in Metuchen. Join us for prayer, guest speakers, sharing and talks on topics that relate to you as a Catholic mom. FREE CHILDCARE is available during the meetings. For more information contact Sandra at 732-494-0265.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE - For the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 20, at the Somerset County Vocational & Technical School, North Bridge Street, & Vogt Dr., Bridgewater. Advance tickets \$35/\$30. Sponsored by St. Ann Parish in Raritan. Call 908-725-1008 x104 to reserve your ticket!

THE FINAL WEEKEND - The South Plainfield Knights

of Columbus Council #6203 have extended their 12th Annual



Fall Mum Sale. The Knights will be selling high quality chrysanthemums in various colors at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad located at 2506 Plainfield Avenue, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM, this Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd & 4th. Prices are \$7 for 8

inch pots and \$25 for large pots with beautiful blooms. *For large Mum orders*, call Gerry Butrico to arrange selection and delivery <u>908-346-0320</u>. This fundraiser supports the Knights various charitable works.

TO ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN, PLEASE CONTACT BON VENTURE SERVICES, 1-800-883-4343.



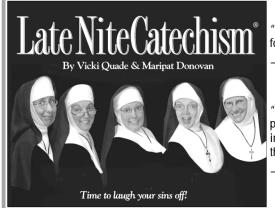
SILVER & GOLDEN

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows and receive a personalized certificate from Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 4:00PM

Application forms may be secured by contacting the parish office or by logging on to the diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org. Forms must be signed by a pastoral minister and returned to the Family Life Office by the parish office. Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until the deadline for registration is THIS Monday, October 5.. A confirmation letter will be sent once your application has been processed. Formal invitations and seating tickets will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to the celebration. Tickets are not required for guests. Everyone is welcome to attend this joyous event.



"A habit forming hoot"

— The Catholic Explorer

"An uproarious piece of interactive theatre!"

— The NY Times

OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN PARISH

600 Harris Avenue, Middlesex

Saturday, October 17, at 7:00PM Tickets \$30 at the OLMV Parish Center For more information call 732-356-2149.