

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE

The parishes of Our Lady of Mount Virgin, **Sacred Heart** and Saint Joseph (BB) are sponsoring a bus which will leave from the Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish Center parking lot (on Drake Avenue). The bus will leave at 7:00AM, **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**. Pilgrims must be in the parking lot, ready to board the bus by 6:40AM. The bus will be returning to the parking lot at approximately 8:30PM. **The cost is \$30 per person.** Pilgrims should bring a bagged lunch and dinner. Limited food is available at the Shrine, and the bus will be making only a "rest stop". We will not be stopping at a restaurant. **There are 3 open seats**. Checks should be made out to *Church of the Sacred Heart*. To reserve a seat on the bus, please contact the parish office and speak with Ralph Quaglia at 980-756-0633 X142.

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS** - The Diocese of Metuchen invites all to the 2016 HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS on **Friday, October 28**, at 7:30PM, 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.

## PAPAL QUOTE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - THEME 6: Solidarity

- We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

"It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral — and not simply economic — act. Hence *the consumer has a specific social responsibility*, which goes hand-in-hand with the social responsibility of the enterprise. Consumers should be continually educated regarding their daily role, which can be exercised with respect for moral principles without diminishing the intrinsic economic rationality of the act of purchasing... It can be helpful to promote new ways of marketing products from deprived areas of the world, so as to guarantee their producers a decent return. #66," Encyclical Letter, **CARITAS IN VERITATE**, Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth, Benedict XVI, June 29, 2009.

## THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

**PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE:** "Lord Jesus, Carpenter and King, supreme Sovereign of all peoples, look with tender mercy upon the multitudes of our day who bear the indignities of injustice everywhere. Raise up leaders in every land dedicated to Your standards of order, equity, and justice. Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, the grace to be worthy members of Your Mystical Body, laboring unceasingly to fulfill our vocation in the social apostolate of Your Church. Sharpen our intellects to pierce the pettiness of prejudice; to perceive the beauty of true human solidarity. Guide our minds to a meaningful understanding of the problems of the poor, of the oppressed, of the unemployed, of all in need of assistance anywhere. Guide our hearts against the subtle lure of earthly things and undue regard for those who possess them. May we hunger and thirst after justice always. Amen." *Catholic Prayers Online*



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### *"Mercy Changes the World!"*

On **World Mission Sunday, October 23**, Pope Francis invites each of us to promote change that our world so needs. God's Mercy, "the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12) can bring about that change.

On this upcoming 90th World Mission Sunday, our diocesan family will join our sisters and brothers around the world as we gather at the Lord's Table. With them we shall celebrate our common vocation as missionaries. Our own prayers and financial sacrifices, through the Churches missionary arm, The Propagation of the Faith, will help to continue the work of the Mission Church, in more than 1,100 missionary dioceses.

*In the words of Pope Francis, as we witness to Christ and serve the poor*

*"Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity."*

I echo these words of our Holy Father, as I ask you, please, to open your hearts as you and I connect on World Mission Sunday with every corner of the globe. You can continue this connection with the Mission Church all year long, through MISSIO, (online at [missio.org](http://missio.org)).

I am grateful for your generous heart and spirit. I ask our Lord to bless you and your loved ones as we share the joy of the Gospel and help those spiritually and physically needy, on this upcoming World Mission Sunday.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

*+ James F. Checchio*

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

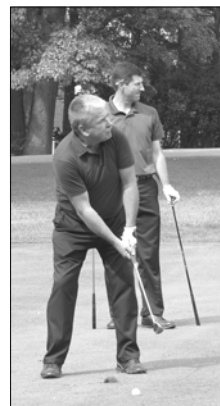
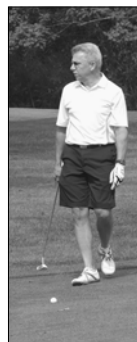
**O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings  
of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart,  
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
offered throughout the world, in  
reparation for my sins, for the  
intentions of all my relatives and  
friends, and also for the intentions of our  
Bishop James and the Holy Father. Amen.**



*"Anything we do, without offering it to God, is wasted." — St. John Vianney*

**PRIESTS CONVOCATION** — Our bishop gathers with the priests of the Diocese of Metuchen this week for prayer, sharing faith and the business of the diocese as it relates to the clergy and their pastoral responsibilities. The priests will be meeting from Tuesday afternoon through Thursday afternoon. As Fr. John will be away, a Communion Service will be celebrated here in church by Deacon Wayne this Wednesday and Thursday morning. Fr. John will carry and offer the Mass intentions as he celebrates Mass with the bishop and priests during the Convocation. Please pray for our priests this week that the Holy Spirit may be at work in them.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CLOTHING BIN** - As the weather turns colder, please donate unwanted jackets, coats, gloves and socks by placing them in our clothing bin. Gently used clothing, bedding, shoes and even small household items will be acceptable for the bin that is **now in our church parking lot**. SAVE your items for drop-off here at Sacred Heart Church parking lot year 'round.



## MEMORY DISORDERS

*Dementia and Alzheimer's  
Compared to Normal Memory Changes*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 — 6:30PM**

First Baptist Church of South Plainfield  
201 Hamilton Boulevard

Guest Speaker from  
St. Peter's University Hospital Speakers Bureau

*Stephanie Fitzsimmons*

EdD, MSN, RN, APRN-BC  
Director, Adult Communities and Adult Day Center

This program will discuss the normal memory changes that come with age compared to Dementia and Alzheimer's.

Tips and resources for caregivers on communicating and caring for a loved one with Dementia.



**For information and to register, call:  
908-510-0313**

*Thank you* to our 2016 golfers, sponsors and incredible committee members and volunteers for this year's most successful and thoroughly enjoyable 7th Annual Parish Golf Outing.