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CONTACT: **STEPHANIE: 732-283-2300**

WELCOME! You are invited to become a part of our parish family and an active member of parish life.

REGISTRATION

To enable us to better serve you, **all parishioners** are asked to register at the Parish Office. Family members over the age of 18 should register as individuals. To receive a letter of recommendation or a character reference you should be registered for at least three months.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Please remember to put all pagers and cell phones on **SILENT ALERT** before Mass begins. Please be sure to extinguish all cigarettes and use the ashtrays on either side of the plaza. Smoking is not permitted in the church.

THANK YOU!

MEMORIALS

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be lighted for a week at a time in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** may be provided for a week at a time in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the parish office for more information.

“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord... knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment.”

Sick Relatives and Friends...

Helen Nalewajko, Elizabeth Clebock, James Hutter, Sr., Stanley Laurich, Alice Greco, Willie Choy, James Kilker, Pauline Karanicola, Michael D. McMahon, Baby Joseph R. Trzepla, Mary Herrold, Jason Bastkom, Jennifer Perez, Henry Mlodgenski, Maryann Swiak, Karen Zaborny, Mary Ann Osmulski, Dorothy Glynn, Josephine Sitar, Linda Obertz, Jean Barry, and all those in hospitals, sick at home and in nursing homes; may they always be assured of our prayers.

Names may be placed on this list for a four-week period and will be removed after that time unless a call is received to request a continuation. Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the General Intercessions of the Mass.



ANNOUNCING OPENING DAY:

Grades 1 - 4: Monday, September 27th

CLASS TIME for Grades 1-4: 3 to 4:30 PM
All children will assemble in the church *except for GRADE ONE, who will go directly to their classrooms.* Welcome back!

GRADE EIGHT: SERVICE AWARENESS WORKSHOP for Grade Eight (Phase II) of the Confirmation Journey will be held on September 30th from 8 to 9:30 PM in Lourdes and Fatima Halls. The candidates should be accompanied by the sponsor or parent. A day of **SPIRITUAL SHARING** for candidates and sponsors, which includes the Sunday liturgy (Mass) will be held at the Consolata Mission Center from 12 to 4 PM according to the following schedule:

September 26th: CCD Classes 8-1 & 8-2
St. Cecelia's students, last names A-L
October 3rd: CCD Classes 8-3 & 8-4
St. Cecelia's students, last names M-V

GRADE TWO: On Wednesday, October 6th, a brief meeting for parents of Grade 2 students in the Religious Education Program will be held from 7 to 7:30 PM in your child's classroom. *This meeting is not optional; at least one parent is expected to be present.*

GRADE SEVEN: On Thursday, October 7th, a meeting for all candidates in Phase I of the Confirmation program will be held from 8 to 9:30 PM in Lourdes Hall. At least one parent or guardian should accompany the candidate.

CONFIRMATION 2004: Our Parish Family will celebrate Confirmation on Saturday, October 16th, at 4:30 PM. All those who have completed Phase I and Phase II of the Confirmation Program are expected to gather on October 5th at 6:30 PM. Details were mailed in June.



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE...

Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, especially *John S. Anderson*, asking God through our prayers to reward them as only He can with Light, Happiness and Eternal Peace.



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 11:30 AM Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month. Benediction is at 2 PM.

Nocturnal Adoration is on **First Fridays** from **8 to 9 PM**.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION will be held on Friday, October 1st, in the church, beginning at 8 PM. Everyone is invited to join us for one hour of devotional prayer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3639 NEWS:

GENTLEMEN: Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference! The Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community, supporting your local Catholic church while enriching your own faith, and protecting and enhancing your family life. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about our Council, please visit our table after Masses on October 9th & 10th and/or come to our open house on Thursday, October 28th, at 8:30 PM at 116 Grand Street, Iselin (behind the fire house on Green Street). If you have any questions, please call Grand Knight Joe Parascando at 732-283-0880.

50's NIGHT will be held on Saturday, October 30th. \$25/person includes hot buffet, open bar, and music. Call John Parascando, 732-283-0290, for tickets.

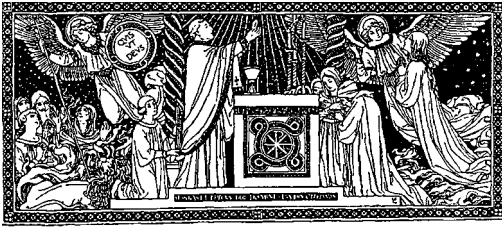


THE PARISH FAMILY OF ST. CECELIA CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN!!!

Friday, October 29th, in Lourdes Hall
from 5:30 to 9:30 PM
(doors open at 5:15 PM)
Tickets \$6/adult;
children age 12 & under free
(accompanied by an adult).

J4F ADULT GROUP: Our first Retreat meeting is this Thursday, September 30th, at 7:30 PM in the church conference room. We have a great group so far and still have room on our team. Let us be prepared this Advent to make way for the Lord in our hearts. Refreshments will be served. Call Denise at 732-754-8876 or e-mail us at J4F_CYA @yahoo.com.

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH FAITH-SHARING GROUP: *“The recognition of His presence needs to affect our attitude toward objects, vegetables, plants, animals, and especially people.”*
For more information, please contact bzmak@comcast.net.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 27th: St. Vincent de Paul

7:00 AM NO MASS (Priests' Convocation)
 9:15 AM NO MASS (Priests' Convocation)
 *1:00 PM NO MASS (Priests' Convocation)

TUESDAY, September 28th: St. Wenceslaus, Ss. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

7:00 AM NO MASS (Priests' Convocation)
 9:15 AM NO MASS (Priests' Convocation)

WEDNESDAY, September 29th:

Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:00 AM NO MASS (Priests' Convocation)
 9:15 AM NO MASS (Priests' Convocation)

THURSDAY, September 30th: St. Jerome

7:00 AM Mary (Molly) Munroe req Family
 9:15 AM Joseph O'Donnell req Family

FRIDAY, October 1st: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

7:00 AM Anna Hiltwein req Family
 9:15 AM Purgatorial Society
 ** 2:00 PM Marie, Warren & Arline DeRing req Janet

SATURDAY, October 2nd: Guardian Angels

8:00 AM Nicholas Luongo req Barbara & Bob Kraft
 4:30 PM Edward Kelly, Jr. req Florence Kelly

SUNDAY, October 3rd:

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 8:30 AM Henry Wyzkowski & Edward Nigowski
 req Wife Lottie
 10:00 AM William J. Reider
 req Anne Banks & Don Reider
 11:30 AM William J. Reider
 req Anne Banks & Don Reider
 5:00 PM John Hudak req Dorothy & George Solovay

*MASS CELEBRATED AT VETERANS HOME

**MASS CELEBRATED AT ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

VETERANS HOME: Monday, October 4th

1:00 PM Josephine Pellegrino req Helen & Dominic Derasmo

ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER: Friday, October 8th

2:00 PM Stanley Toczynski req St. Cecelia Golden Knights



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week
IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY HOFFMAN
 requested by Ann Solovay



The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** this week is
IN MEMORY OF JOHN PAULIKAS
 requested by Quinn Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Last Sunday our faithful stewards gave: \$14,018.00
Collection for the week of September 21, 2003: \$16,107.05
 Peter's Pence Collection: \$2,861.00
 Last year: \$3,139.30

*"Give and gifts will be given to you;
 a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing,
 will be poured into your lap."*



Welcome...

On Sunday, September 19th,
 the Parish Family of St. Cecelia
 joyfully welcomed
 through the saving waters of baptism
 the following children:

Dylan Matthew Brett
Samantha Cate Budzyn
Kelly Jordyn Chesky
Jorrel A. Rajan
Ryan Samaroo
Iayna Marlena Wright



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are delighted to announce that the following Catechists who have shared their faith with the children of our Parish Family for many years were honored at 7 PM Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis:

Five years as a Catechist: Patricia Maliniak, Adele Rackley, Gemma Murphy

Ten years as a Catechist: Marilyn Lewis, Ramon Esteban, Claire Guatta

We offer them our profound gratitude for their dedication to our children and our faith. May God bless them, and all who minister in our Religious Education Program!

Another way to participate in the religious education of our parish family is to become a LECTOR - one who proclaims the readings from sacred scripture at our weekend Masses. Is this an area in which you can minister? If so, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number. A meeting to discuss a Lector's responsibilities, training, and scheduling will be held in the near future.

Finally, you may remember that John Rozembajgier, one of our diocese's seminarians, was stationed in our parish for his Summer 2001 assignment. John then went on to complete his studies for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome. This past May 29th, Father John was ordained to the priesthood at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen. We have invited Father John to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Cecelia's on Sunday, October 17th, at 11:30 AM. There will be a brief reception in Lourdes Hall immediately following Mass. All parishioners are invited to the Mass and then to Lourdes Hall to congratulate Father John on his ordination to the priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please plan to join us!

V. SCHOOL CHOICE: WHAT EFFECT WOULD IT HAVE ON EXISTING AND FUTURE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS?

Fifth in a series highlighting the position of the New Jersey School Choice Alliance on school choice.

Critics of school choice frequently use "scare tactics" to frighten unknowing individuals with respect to current and future nonpublic schools. Currently, nonpublic schools, including Catholic schools, must comply with all government regulations on fire and safety, compulsory attendance and core curriculum to name a few. More significantly, these schools are directly accountable to parents, who can easily remove their children from the schools if the school's standards and results are not to their liking.

Inaccurate information also exists in order to alarm individuals about the creation of new nonpublic schools. Such new entities would be governed by existing legislation which protects consumers against fraud and ensures the civil rights of students. However, without school choice, who protects those students currently attending schools that are deemed "failing" under either the "academic" or "safe environment" standards imposed by the federal No Child Left Behind Act?

Another misrepresentation of school choice involves the inaccurate portrayal of existing nonpublic and charter schools as unable to accommodate the influx of new students under a school choice plan. Quite the opposite is true, with existing capacity being bolstered by the ability of nonpublic school buildings, closed for financial reasons, to be re-opened to welcome new students. Additionally, experience in cities like Milwaukee and Cleveland suggests that new, appropriately regulated educational options will be provided through school choice legislation.

Because all school choice legislation is voluntary, schools would not be forced to abandon their educational mission by participating in school choice programs if the governing board of the school chose not to do so. After all, isn't the whole concept of school choice about the freedom to choose – a right currently denied many students in our state and nation?

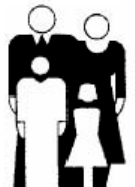
NJ SCHOOL CHOICE PETITION

We, the undersigned, are taxpayers and residents of New Jersey. We believe that all children are entitled to a government-funded education through grade 12, regardless of race, creed, color, disability, economic status, or address.

We believe that it is parents who are best suited to determine the most effective option for educating their children, and that funding for education should follow children to the school of their parents' choice.

We believe that it is the quality of instruction, not just the quantity of money spent, that guarantees a thorough and efficient education for every child.

Therefore, we request that you, our legislative representatives adopt a parental school choice program that offers viable options for students to attend traditional public schools, charter schools, nonpublic schools, or home schools, according to their needs.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

A BLOOD DRIVE is being held this Sunday, September 26th, from 8 AM to 1:30 PM in Lourdes Hall. Please consider donating, since blood supplies are extremely low.

HOUSEMATE NEEDED: Looking for housemate in Iselin. Furnished room and bath provided with access to kitchen. Call Patricia at 732-283-1241.

BABYSITTER NEEDED: Caring person needed to care for 9-yr-old boy from 5:30-8:30 AM in his Iselin home. Please call Barbara Coleman, 732-512-7540.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The **ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST** will be held on Sunday, October 3rd, in Lourdes Hall following the 8:30 AM Mass. Tickets are \$12/adults and \$6/children (age 12 and under). Guest speaker is Carolyn Hughes, former staff writer for the Catholic Spirit. All are invited to attend. Call LaVerne (732-574-1882) for tickets and information.

BOBBY BYRNE NIGHT is Saturday, November 20th, at 7 PM in Lourdes Hall. Tickets are \$25/person (adults only). Reserved tables for parties of 8 - 10 (entire table must be paid for in full). Others, first come, first served. Come join us for an entertaining evening of Broadway, Irish Ballads, etc. Tickets and info call Gloria 732-512-9140. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!!

YOUTH GROUP (Grades 9-12): THANK YOU to Megan Sostak, Laura Valente, Justyna Kolodziej, Mary Roderick, Kaitlin McGeehan, Matt DiSavino, Katie Blaha, Kevin Blaha, Amy Bachley, and Danielle Abrantes for their service at Hand-in-Hand last Sunday. Your assistance was awesome! Please attend our meeting this Sunday evening from 7 to 8:30 PM in the youth ministry office (Trailers C & D at St. John Vianney). We will discuss all the activities for this year. Can't wait to see you then.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (18-35): *Breaking Bread Bonding Lives* will take place on Sunday, October 10th. We will gather for the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Cecelia's. After Mass, we will head over to the Galaxy Diner for brunch and discussion on the readings and how they fit into our lives. All young adults ages 18-35 - single or married - are welcome to attend.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet on Sunday, October 10th, after the 8:30 AM Mass and brief prayers in the church for the canonization of our founder, Blessed John Vercelli. Following the prayers, there will be a short meeting in school room 101. All adults are invited to join us for the prayers and the meeting.

EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIR will take place on Thursday, September 30th, for 7 to 9 PM at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. For further information, call the Catholic Schools Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1300.

Join in the LIFE CHAIN on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2 TO 3:30 PM, Green Street at Oak Tree Road, rain or shine.

The 150th ANNIVERSARY OF POLISH PAROCHIAL MINISTRY IN THE U.S. (founding of the first Polish church in America) will be celebrated on Sunday, October 31st, at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen. Procession is at 2:30 PM, Mass at 3 PM, and reception to follow. Bishop Bootkoski will be the celebrant. For information, call 732-721-0040.

CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE: Saturday, October 9th, in Piscataway; Please call Jennifer, 732-562-1990 ext. 1629, for information or reservations.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP AND WITNESS FOR LIFE: Monday, October 18th, in Trenton; call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 to register and to obtain bus information.



Today's warning from the prophet Amos parallels the parable of the rich man in the Gospel. The point is not that he was a bad person, but that he was so comfortable and complacent with having the finer things in life that he was oblivious to others' needs. The sad truth is that the pattern would repeat itself in

his family members. The sad truth today is that we still have the words and actions of prophets to guide us – both ancient and present-day – but we are often oblivious. Do we who are living comfortably stop to think about the 'scandal of poverty' around the globe? There is enough food to feed everyone on the planet, so why is there so much hunger? **Stewardship: A Disciple's Response** tells us "the most basic and pervasive obstacle to solidarity is sheer selfish lack of love." It isn't that we don't want to love; sometimes we just don't notice the person 'lying at our door.'

Stewardship & Spotlight shines on: 

SPECTRUM FOR LIVING - Middlesex

Founded in 1983, this non-profit agency provides supportive housing and other services at 29 sites in 3 NJ counties for persons with physical and developmental disabilities. SFL-Middlesex joined the organization in 1987 and now has four facilities in Edison.

On Saturday, October 9th, from 10 AM to 3 PM, the families of Spectrum for Living residents will sponsor a Yard Sale/Craft Show at the campus, 100-300 Spectrum Drive, Edison. The organizers are accepting tax-deductible donations of gently-used items for the yard sale; please contact Linda Freda, 908-832-5957. Spaces for independent artisans/vendors who wish to sell their crafts are also available for rent (\$10); please contact Judy Garrity, 732-247-1417.

No items to donate? Not a craftsperson or vendor? You can still support SFL-Middlesex by attending the sale/show!

If you'd like to share your time and talent with this or any of our parish's many opportunities for stewardship - or there's an idea that you'd like to present - please fill out and return this coupon to the Parish Office or call the office and leave your name and number.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

e-mail/ALT. PHONE: _____

Please contact me about: _____

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

...events taking place on our Parish campus - the school, the church, or the hall.

September 27, 2004

	CCD Opening Day, Grades 1-4	
12:30 pm	Seniors	Lourdes Hall
7:15-8:15 PM	Families of Nazareth (faith-sharing)	Conference room

September 28, 2004

10:00 am	Legion of Mary	Conference room
11:00 am	Bingo	Lourdes Hall
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria

September 29, 2004

4:30-6 PM	Youth Choir rehearsal	Church
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
7-9 PM	AA, Al-Anon, STEP	Rms 103, 105, Fatima Hall
7:30-8:30 PM	Adult Choir	Church

September 30, 2004

5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
6-9 PM	Boy Scouts	Rms 101 & 105
7-9 PM	Faith & Hope Sharing (small faith community)	Chapel
7-9 PM	J4F	Conference room
7:30-10 PM	CCD Meeting (Grade 8)	Lourdes Hall
7:30-9 PM	Faith Sharing Through Scripture (Bible Study)	Rm 103

October 1, 2004

5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
8 PM	Nocturnal Adoration	Church

October 2, 2004

after 8AM Mass	Novena	Church
9 AM-8 PM	Golden Knights	Gym

October 3, 2004

4:15 pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Church
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Please note that meetings may be subject to change or cancellation.

BULLETIN E-MAIL ADDRESS: stceceliabulletin@yahoo.com.

Deadline for information is Monday evenings by 9 PM; thank you for your cooperation.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office for all information and to make arrangements. Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class is required.

MARRIAGE: Make arrangements **one year** in advance of the proposed wedding date. One party must be a parishioner. Participation in a Pre-Marriage Preparation Program is required; call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Urgent sick calls at any time; contact the Parish Office. Regular communion calls to the sick, aged or homebound should be arranged in advance through the Social Concerns Office.

EDUCATION

ST. CECELIA'S SCHOOL

Phone: 732-283-2824

MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITED



Served by the Religious Teachers Filippini, the mission of St. Cecelia School is to form the heart, mind and spirit of its students according to Gospel values, ever aware of the unique, God-given gifts within each child.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Phone: 732-283-2816

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 8:30 AM-8:30 PM

Tuesday through Thursday: 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

CLASSES for grammar school students are held on **Mondays at 3:00, 5:45 & 7:25 PM.**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS for the continuing religious education of adults are held periodically throughout the year.

R.C.I.A.: For information about becoming a Roman Catholic, contact the Parish Office.

DEVOTIONS

NOVENA to St. Jude and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after 8 AM Mass on Saturday

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY Sunday 4:15 PM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 4th Sunday after 11:30 AM Mass; **Benediction** at 2PM.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION every First Friday from 8 to 9 PM.

SOCIETIES/ORGANIZATIONS

BIBLE STUDY (Faith Sharing Through Scripture):

Thursdays 7:30 PM, Faculty Room

CELEBRATE LIFE COMMITTEE:

New members always welcome.

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH MOVEMENT:

Mondays, 7:15-8:15 PM in the Conference room.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY:

2nd Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass, Room 101

J4F - Just 4 Fun:

1st and 3rd Mondays ; ages 21-35

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS:

2ND & 4TH Thursdays; Membership: call Dan Neroda 732-283-0290

LEGION OF MARY:

Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Church Conf. Rm.

ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY:

1st Monday after the 1st Sunday after

7 PM Mass

SENIOR CITIZENS:

2nd and 4th Monday of the month,

12:30 PM in Lourdes Hall

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Phone 732-283-1775

Tues/Weds/Thurs 10 AM to 2 PM

Saturday 2 PM to 6 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Monday and Friday CLOSED

THE 2004 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: "Together - One Family in Christ"

Your generosity, combined with that of your fellow parishioners, will help us to achieve our parish goal of \$96,800. Last year, \$94,711 was pledged from 2,054 households. With your generosity Bishop Bootkoski can provide the financial support necessary for the offices, ministries, and agencies of the Diocese of Metuchen. **Thank you!**

ST. CECELIA'S SCHOOL ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY is still accepting NEW, UNUSED items or handmade crafts. Please contact Kathy (732) 636-4862 or Gloria (732) 512-9140 or drop your donations off in the school office.

ALTAR SERVERS ALERT...

TRAINING FOR CURRENT SERVERS: All altar servers who wish to continue in this important ministry must attend the training session/retreat/pizza night this Friday, October 1st. If you cannot make it, please call the parish office and leave a message for Fr. George.

TRAINING FOR NEW SERVERS: Would you like to be an altar server? Any boy or girl in the 4th- 12th grade is invited to participate in this important ministry. We will have training sessions on two Thursdays, October 7th & 21st, 2:30 to 4:30 and 7 to 9 PM. Come to one each day. We are excited about having a new crop of servers!

RELIGIOUS TEACHERS FILIPPINI

SENIOR SISTERS' CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sunday, November 7th, from 12 to 4 PM at Villa Walsh Auditorium
455 Western Avenue, Morristown NJ (opposite the Nat'l. Guard Armory)
Handmade crafts, novelties, paintings, baked goods,
baskets, great raffles, and good food.

