

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, January 12**

- 8:30 am Jane & Joseph Kotz  
by Matt & Terry Kurzius  
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &  
Antonino DiMaggio  
by Mary & Joe Berres

**Monday, January 13**

- 7:00 am Dolores Hughes  
by Betty Lockwood

**Tuesday, January 14**

- 7:00 am Mary Ann Havas  
by Eileen & Lou Capozzi

**Wednesday, January 15**

- 7:00 am Dot Moritz  
by Michele Rabouin & family

**Thursday, January 16**

- 7:00 am Ronald Shea  
by the Payer family

**Friday, January 17**

- 7:00 am James Duhamel  
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

**Saturday, January 18**

- 5:00 pm Harold Webber  
by June & Bob Gray

**Sunday, January 19**

- 8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &  
Michael Duggan  
by Joe Cowan & Lourdes Luis  
10:30 am Roger Peterson  
by Sharyn Szulczewski & family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Ann  
Fitzgerald by  
John & Jeanne Fitzgerald.*

**Sacrificial Offerings 2019**

12/22/19: \$4,529.00  
12/29/19: \$3,542.00

**Sacrificial Offerings 2020  
Sunday, January 1**

Solemnity of Mary: \$2,408.00

**Family Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a family breakfast on January 19 in the Auditorium of St. John The Evangelist Church in Dunellen. We will serve from 8:00AM to 12 noon. This is an "all you can eat" buffet including eggs, pancakes, French toast, potatoes, bacon, and sausage, as well as a full omelet station. The cost is \$10 for adults, children under 6 eat free. New this year... family prices!

**Monthly Youth Mass**

Starting in February, the 10:30 AM Mass on the First Sunday of the month will be a Youth Mass served by the teens of our parish. Service opportunities include lectors, greeters, ushers, gift bearers, choir members and altar servers. Any teen in 8th grade confirmation prep through High School that is interested in serving or wants to learn more please contact Patricia Hummel at [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com).

Next Scrip order is due on 1/19/20 with a pick up date of 2/2/20.

**St. John Food Pantry**

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following: dry pasta, rice, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, low/no sugar canned fruit, no/low sodium canned vegetables and soups, tomato sauce and fruit juice. Food donations support our parish food pantry, for our neighbors in need as well as FISH Food Pantry on New Market Road in Piscataway. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

**Social Concerns**

Do you know a needy person or family? Could one of your neighbors benefit from assistance with food and/or other essentials? Please call the Parish Center, 732-968-2621, in confidence, and we will do whatever we can to help. Please continue to bring men’s toiletries, tooth brushes, and large and medium thongs or slippers for the Ozanam Men’s Shelter. Articles may be left in the vestibule. Thanks for not forgetting the “guys”.

**Stewardship: A Way of Life**

*And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17*

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others. We are thankful for the efforts of

Chantal Reffler and the  
Art & Environment Committee



**Mark Your Calendar!  
Casino Night is February 8th**

The Eighth Annual Casino Night is soon approaching! This popular event includes roulette, craps, black jack, and a raffle. Admission is \$35 and includes a \$70 chip voucher, hors d’oeuvres, soft drinks, coffee and desserts. The event is BYOB. You can also purchase 50-50 tickets for \$5. Must be 21 and over to participate. Event and raffle tickets will be sold after all masses.

We are also seeking donors and gift donations for the event. Contact the Parish Office at (732) 968-2621 to make a donation. Additional information is on the parish website.



**Prayers for Our Service Members**

Please pray for the following parishioners who are currently serving in the Military:

- U.S. Navy Reserve Lt. Michael Bartilotti**
- U.S. Army Pvt. Luke Harshaney**
- U.S. Army Pvt. Raymond C. Pizzigoni**
- U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Ed Sella**
- U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Paul Frabizzio**
- U.S. Marine Mer. Cpl. Thomas Tyler Lizak**
- U.S. Army Pfc. Sean Parente**
- U.S. Marine Pvt. Dante Parente**
- U.S. Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Casey Wenzel**
- U.S. Army Spec. 4 Timothy Francisco**
- U.S. Marine LCpl. Stephen Wright**
- U.S. Marine Pvt. José Citron**

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

## Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

Martha and Mary: Models of Hospitality

The two sisters, Martha and Mary, are found in three prominent stories in the Bible, all of which give us a glimpse into their personalities and provide reflection for our lives today.

**Mon., Jan. 27, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenter: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM



9 Days for Life 2020 will take place Tuesday, January 21 - Wednesday, January 29.

9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Sign up to receive the novena by email or text message at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

## Discover Scotland 2020

Join Rev. John P. Alvarado and the Sacred Heart Travelers to experience Scotland this September 27-October 6 in all of its autumn color and glow, from the highlands to the lowlands, to the coastal cliffs and roaring sea, to the rolling hills and bustling cities. An information session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4 at 2:00PM in the Sacred Heart Annex Building. For full trip details visit

[churchofthesacredheart.net](http://churchofthesacredheart.net) and click the Scotland link. As a vital member of the United Kingdom, Scotland is celebrating its 750th year of independence. Join us for the adventure and the celebration.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE  
SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY  
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 12, 2020**

**“You know the word that he sent to the Israelites, as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”**

The sights and sounds at the Jordan River are so familiar. The conversation of Jesus with His cousin, His desire to show full unity with humankind, the dripping water, the peace dove, the voice from the cloud. But the baptism did not end there. Jesus climbed up the bank and began His ministry.

One day when we were baptized, we began our missionary journey. Baptism for us is not an event, but our own first encounter with Jesus Christ. We were anointed with holy chrism, Christened, with power became dwelling places of the Holy Spirit and we move from the baptismal font to do the same work as Jesus ‘to go about doing good.’ Unfortunately, like a battery that is not used, it loses its power if not used, but like Jesus, God is with us to restore and enable that latent power. May we renew our lives and our baptismal call.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 12, 2020

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last month we consecrated our Diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe with the intention to live our faith more boldly and to use our Blessed Mother as an inspiration to accomplish great things. We now take a step forward together with a renewed sense of mission and commitment to live the Gospel message.

The work of our Catholic schools is a living example of the Gospel message. To see the students, our teachers, administrators and our principals, dedicated to education and service gives me great joy and hope that we can provide a future for our children. A future that is a demonstration of God's kingdom at work, where disciples are formed and our youth are prepared to serve the community under God's blessings of mercy and justice.

There is a special collection next weekend (January 18/19) that supports the *Foundation for Catholic Education's* annual scholarship program. This program provides needs-based grants to children attending a Catholic elementary or high school in our Diocese. Thanks to the generosity of our faithful to this collection last year we were able to provide larger scholarships to students and send over 79 children to one of our schools in September.

Your gift makes an impact and provides great promise to so many young lives. Your sacrifice makes it possible for families to send their children to a school with a safe and nurturing environment while still being provided an academically rich educational experience with an emphasis on character development.

Our children are our future and our hope. The gift of a Catholic school education can forever change a child's life. I invite you to consider supporting this effort and to please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Checchio". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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

P.S. We celebrate the ministry of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which runs from January 26 – February 1, 2020. If you are interested in giving your children or grandchildren the benefit of a great Catholic education, please visit <https://diometuchen.org/csw>.