

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 20

- 7:00 am James Mondoro
by George & Rosemary Deene

Tuesday, January 21

- 7:00 am Ronald Shea
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Wednesday, January 22

- 7:00 am Grace DiCairano
by Catholic Daughters
Court Regina Coeli #940

Thursday, January 23

- 7:00 am James Duhamel
by Rosemary & George Deene

Friday, January 24

- 7:00 am Raymond Applegate
by Dianne Applegate

Saturday, January 25

- 5:00 pm Thomas Lynch
by June & Bob Gray

Sunday, January 26

- 8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &
Gloria Herrera
by Pat & Dan and Nola &
Francisco Seader
- 10:30 am Richard Winkelman
by Michele, Bill &
Patrick Alford

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Ed & Jean
Marren by
Jeff & Karen Marren.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2019 Sunday, January 12

Regular Collection: \$4,180.00

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.

St. John's Youth Group

St. John's Youth Group is being revived! Our first meeting is Sunday, February 2nd, 12:00 - 1:00 in the church auditorium. Come and see what we can build together, for our community, our faith, and, our families. Fellowship, fun and games are just the beginning. All students, grades 9 through 12 are welcome. For more information please email stjohnshsyg@gmail.com.

Adopt-A-Priest Program

Have you prayed for your priest today? To adopt a priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

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

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...”Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God’s plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don’t let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others. We are thankful for the efforts of

Our Home Bound Ministers



High Rollers and Honeymooners Get Ready!

If you are an experienced gambler or just looking to try out your luck for the first time, Saturday, February 8th is a date to mark on your calendar. The Eighth Annual Casino Night is an opportunity to enjoy an evening out with friends and neighbors.

The Casino Night will be held in the auditorium. Admission is \$35 and players must be at least 21 years old. Event and 50-50 raffle tickets are available after all Masses. For more details on the event, please see our 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 2nd 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.

St. Ann School Open House

The Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week is at 10am on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at St. Ann's Church. Following Mass is a pancake breakfast in the St. Ann School cafeteria, 29 Second Avenue, Raritan. We will have an **Open House from 11:30am-1:00pm** that same day.

St. Ann School has distinguished itself by adopting the Catholic Classical Education method, the only K-8 elementary school to offer a classical liberal arts education in the Diocese of Metuchen and throughout the local NJ region.

This is a great opportunity to come and see what St. Ann Catholic Classical School is about. Discover the differences between the classical method and the modern method of education. Come to understand the benefits of classical education for your child's learning experience. Learn why this approach best honors and advances the personal dignity and faith journey of your child.

Invite friends and family members who have grade school children to come to St. Ann's Open House on January 26. For additional information contact Kelly Albright at (908) 725-7787.



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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

‘Speak the Truth in a Million Voices. It is Silence That Kills.’

Are you feeling overwhelmed by all the turmoil in our world? St. Catherine of Siena helps us find inspiration for these troubling times. **Wed., Feb. 5, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 as you are able) Presenter: Laura M. Arvin, OP

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 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.

2020 Call to Action Day

Over 120,000 postcards have been mailed to our NJ State Legislators over the past year urging them to pass the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" which would ban abortion past 20 weeks gestation in NJ by the year 2020. Studies show that this is when babies in the womb feel pain. We are asking everyone to call your New Jersey State Legislators (Senator and 2 Assembly(wo)men) on Jan. 24 and ask them for their response to our postcards. There are currently no restrictions on abortion in New Jersey at all! Urge them to advance this bill (A3452/S2026) now! For a listing of legislators and a sample phone message, visit: <http://babiesinthewombfeelpain.com/>

**New deadline established for NJ
Independent Victim
Compensation Program**

The Diocese of Metuchen is among the five Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey to announce a six-week extension for those, who as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Diocese, who may still want to file a claim through the Independent Victims Compensation Program (IVCP).

The deadline for the registration of new allegations has been extended until Jan. 31, while the deadline for the submission of all claims has been extended until Feb. 15. Those survivors, who as minors were the victim of clergy sexual abuse and who now wish to pursue a claim through the IVCP, can begin the claims process by going to www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com.

The IVCP operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution and the administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially. Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Anyone who is a survivor of sexual abuse by a priest or deacon of the Diocese is encouraged to participate in the IVCP.



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE
SUNDAY READINGS**

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2020**

“John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... I did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he be made known to Israel. I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him... ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’”

The words of John the Baptist echo daily as we prepare to receive the Eucharist. Our attention is directed to the uplifted host and we are informed of the great fact that our saving Lord is present before us. How well do we know Him? How present is He to us? Two short questions capture an immense truth. I know Him, but need to know Him better. What is in my head needs to transform my heart.

The Real Presence of Jesus in this sacrament of His love calls me to a more intimate union with Him. I look forward to His coming to me; I receive Him with deep reverence, and cling to Him.

As John saw Jesus coming to him and spoke so clearly, may our word of thanks for His coming to us be as deep and meaningful. ‘Your love and your grace give unto me and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more.’ (St. Ignatius of Loyola)