

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, January 13

Regular Collection: \$4,351.00

Children's: \$ 15.50

Together in Charity \$ 52.00

Sunday

January 20, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 1/21

7:00 a.m. Henry Janssen by
Donna & Ron Fojtlin

Tuesday, 1/22

7:00 a.m. Kathryn Solomon by
Arlene & Kevin

Wednesday, 1/23

7:00 a.m. Pat Nagel by Altar Rosary
Prayer Group

Thursday, 1/24

7:00 a.m. Ray Applegate by Dianne

Friday, 1/25

7:00 a.m. Audrey Nagy by
the Hummel family

Saturday, 1/26

5:00 p.m. Blaise DiGiampaolo by
the Chapleski family

Sunday, 1/27

8:30 a.m. Ray Applegate by Dianne

10:30 a.m. Adolph & Yolanda
Giacomarra by family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Anita DeSorbo by the Switzer family.*

Poor Box Collection

Monies collected in the poor boxes located in the Church entryway are used for the needy in our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. **Please be as generous as your means allow.**

Holiday Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed on Martin Luther King Day, **Monday, 1/21**, and will re-open on Tuesday, 1/22.



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, 2/9** is a date to mark on your calendar. The Seventh 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.

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Mario
Criscuolo by Franca Criscuolo.*

St. John Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry for those less fortunate is in need of the following food products: Dry pasta, cereals, tomato sauce, canned soups, canned meats, canned fruit and juice. Please note that all foods that are donated to St. John's will be brought to the FISH Food Pantry located on New Market Rd., Piscataway. Thank you in advance for your continued 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 Pastoral 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"

Time, Talent and Treasure



Fostering stewardship is a way of life. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his/her time, talent and treasure. We gratefully acknowledge and salute:

Our Altar Servers

Thank you for your participation!



**Pray
for the
Military**

Prayers for Our Service Members

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

U.S. Navy 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 Recruit Timothy Francisco
US Marine Pvt. 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.



Knights of Columbus

Deacons Brunch

The Knights of Columbus Assembly 1775 will be holding their Third Annual Communion Brunch honoring the deacons of St. John's, Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Mount Virgin for their ministry and service to our parishes on **Sunday, 2/10** at **Our Lady of Fatima. The brunch will follow the 11:30 Mass in the Cafeteria, beginning at 12:45.** Cost is \$25.00 per person. For tickets contact Jeff Marren at (609) 577-1202 or email at koc2544_dunellen@yahoo.com.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **January 25-27**. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required;

call 908-753-2091 or e-mail:

msmhope@msmhope.org

MID-WINTER MUSINGS

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?" - *John Steinbeck*

Warm your soul with reflections on hope in winter, with an opportunity to journal and share your own musings. **Wed., Jan. 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m. OR 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Facilitator: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM

Holy Savior Academy Open House

Holy Savior Academy, **149 South Plainfield Ave, South Plainfield**, will hold its Annual Open House on **Sunday, 1/27 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm**. For more information, please visit their website: www.holysavioracademy.com.

Vatican II and The Church of The Third Millennium

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation is pleased to present Vatican II and The Church of The Third Millennium, **10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** on three consecutive **Wednesdays, 1/23, 1/30 and 2/6** in the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway**. Based on a video series entitled Vatican II and The Church of The Third Millennium with Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz, Ph.D., this course, presented by Fr. Greg Uhrig, will offer an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the challenges facing the Catholic Church today. Open to all ages. No charge and no registration required. For more information call (732) 529-7933 or email guhrig@diometuchen.org.

Prayer Service for Those Touched by the Pain of Addiction or Loss

Many of us struggle to comfort and support our brothers and sisters who have suffered as a result of addiction and/or loss of a family member to an overdose. In an effort to offer spiritual support, a Prayer Service will be held on **Wednesday, 1/30 at 7 p.m.** at **St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 463 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ**. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Pastoral ministers will be present at the service to listen to and speak with participants and to offer healing resources. All are welcome. Call (732) 243-4574 for more information.

Ecumenical Prayer Service to Celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

All are invited to join Bishop Checchio at the Ecumenical Prayer Service to Celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Thursday, 1/24 at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen**. Bishop Checchio will be joined by representatives of the Episcopal, Lutheran and Orthodox communities in New Jersey for this service. This year's theme for the Week of Prayer is "Justice, Only Justice, You shall Pursue" (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20), which was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity which are recognized as common needs throughout the world. All are welcome to attend!

Retrouvaille Weekend

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut
down?
Have you thought about separation or divorce?
Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and
renew their marriages sponsored by the Office of
Family Life, Secretariat of Pastoral and Family Life,
Diocese of Metuchen. Retrouvaille consists of a
weekend experience for married couples (no group
discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The
upcoming weekend is **February 8-10**. All inquiries are
confidential. For further facts, contact the Family Life
Office, (732) 243-4573, Rick (732) 236-0671 or
Annette Colasuonno, (732)672-0748.

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

If you were sexually abused by a member of the
clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or
you know of someone who was, you are encouraged
to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by
contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908)
930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more
information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan
website: [https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-
abuse](https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse).

24 Hour Prayer Line

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has
a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for
special needs. If you, a family member or friend
would like to be remembered in prayer for a
temporary or permanent illness, please call us and
leave a detailed message at (732) 765-6431 or
send an email to our office:
catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY
READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019

**“There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and
the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his
disciples were also invited to the
wedding...the mother of Jesus told him ‘they
have no wine.’ His mother said to the
servers, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’...and his
disciples began to believe in him.”**

It is easy to remember the first miracle as told by
John. Like all weddings there was an invitation,
and they were present. A near crisis caused
Mary to intervene. She directed the difficult
moment to be converted into a miracle,
instructing the waiters what to do. Using what
was at hand, water and jars enabled Jesus to
transform the situation. The result was a
newfound belief for those who accompanied Him
to the wedding.

We too are invited to be with Jesus at the
Eucharistic banquet. Jesus directs us ‘do this in
memory of me’ and our own faith is
strengthened and renewed by His presence.
Mary knows the crises in our lives, of family,
injustice, illness. Although the words spoken by
Mary in the scriptures are the last we read, she
too speaks to us ‘do whatever he tells you.’ Her
presence and intervention or intercession in our
behalf still has meaning ‘pray for us now and at
the hour of our death. Amen.’

