

Sunday

January 21, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 1/22

7:00 a.m. Nicholas Puleio by
the Szulczewski family

Tuesday, 1/23

7:00 a.m. Mary Anderson by
Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Wednesday, 1/24

7:00 a.m. Ray Applegate by Dianne

Thursday, 1/25

7:00 a.m. Hank Rosenthal by
Joshua M. Szulczewski

Friday, 1/26

7:00 a.m. Ruth & John Mack by
Mary Ellen Mack

Saturday, 1/27

5:00 p.m. Yolanda & Adolph Giacomarra
by the Giacomarra family

Sunday, 1/28

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Al Rifino by George &
Rosemary Deene

10:30 a.m. David Raabe by
Liz & John Hennessy

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in
memory of **Anthony Marsjanik** by
Marsjanik/Lendach families.

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, January 14

Average needed from weekly offerings to
cover expenses **\$7,000.00**

Regular Collection: \$3,580.30

Children's: \$ 61.38

Under: \$3,419.70

**Diocesan Collection – Together in
Charity: \$957.45**

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.**



Altar Servers Needed!

We are currently in need of altar servers.
Any boys or girls from 3rd grade and up who
are interested are welcome to serve. If your
child is interested please contact the Parish
Office.

Calendar Raffle

The winner of \$150
for Week 11, ticket #1547 is:
Robert Cihanowyz.



This week our Chapel Candle is lit in
memory of **Anthony Marsjanik** by
Marsjanik/Lendach families.

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:

Amuras Petravicus

Thank you for your participation!

High School Youth Group Meeting

The St. John's High School Youth Group will be meeting on **Sunday, 1/21, 7-8 PM** in the **Parish Center**. All high school students are welcome. Also, mark your calendars for the NJ Youth Rally at Great Adventure on 5/20. More info will be available as the date gets closer. If you have any questions about Youth Group please email stjohnshsyg@gmail.com.

Fourth Annual Casino Night



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 10** is a date to mark on your calendar. The Sixth 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.



**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

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

RCIA: 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Decision Making

Making decisions is not always easy. Sometimes we have second thoughts about what we are doing. Sometimes we hesitate, waver. Sometimes we need to affirm a choice we have already made. So it is with God's call to come closer to him. Maybe we are eager to respond but afraid that there will be a price to be paid. Perhaps we may just want to maintain the status quo because we are unwilling to invest the energy and time that it would require. Do you or someone you know hear God calling to come closer? Typically, the call from God is indicated in the desires and hopes of our hearts. The RCIA Inquiry Sessions are opportunities to gather, ask, learn, pray, ponder and discern. We invite all who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received BOTH Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. For more information call RCIA at 732-562-1990 x 1633.

Holy Hour For Religious Freedom & Persecuted Christians

A Holy Hour for Religious Freedom will be held **every Sunday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Eucharistic Adoration chapel in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center at 50 Van Winkle Place in Piscataway. Participants are invited to silently pray the rosary and other special prayers for the intentions of Christians world-wide who are being persecuted for their faith.

Holy Savior Academy Open House

Our deanery school, Holy Savior Academy, is holding its annual Catholic Schools Week **OPEN HOUSE** on **Sunday, 1/28** from **Noon to 2pm** at **149 S. Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield.** Holy Savior Academy serves students in grades Pre-K3 through 8th and welcomes children from all cultures and faiths. Come meet our students and staff and learn more about us, OR Contact us at 908-822-5890 or info@holsavioracademy.com.

Senior Bible Study Classes

The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Metuchen is sponsoring Senior Bible Study Classes on **Wednesdays, from 1/24-3/21, at 10:30 am – 12:30 pm** in the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway.** Registration fee is \$5.00 per session. The classes, which will concentrate on all three readings of the following Sunday's liturgy and how to use the Bible as a prayer book, will be presented by Fr. Greg Uhrig. For more information or to register, call (732) 562-1990, ex. 1705. or email amatos@diometuchen.org.

Stress In Your Marriage?

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 Secretariat of Pastoral and Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 9-11, 2018.** All inquiries are confidential. For further information, contact the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

Marriage Encounter Weekend

For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a 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 26-28.** 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 details.

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 1/21:

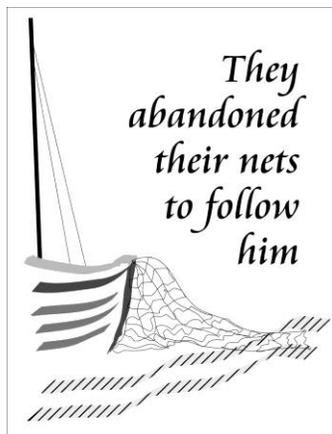
First: Jonah 3:1-5, 10;

Second: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

The following parish children received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation last Saturday, January 13th. Please keep our children in your prayers as they prepare for First Holy Communion.

Henri Ben Younes-Millot, Chase Chango, ,
Luciana Cornejo, Andrew DaCruz, Colin
DaSilva, Randell Dela Cruz, Angela Sophia
DiLello, Vanessa DiLello, Maxwell Dubrow,
Colin Duggan, Sean Finch, Sienna Fucito,
Mackenzie Hughes, Jason Jankowski,
Gabiella Laranjeiro, Johnathan Lockhart,
Sean Mack, Kayla Maio, Patrick Martin,
Mark Munoz, , Lucas North, Gianna Paltjon,
Madeline Portik, Vianna Randazzo, Isabella
Rivera, Grace Schroeder, Jordyn Singleton,
Olivia Videla, Anthony J. Webster, Joseph
Yesalavich, Gabriela Zumbado



THE DEACON BEACON

Do you love me?

Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" It's a question he asks each one of us. Notice he asks this three times. To love someone takes a lot of work and sacrifice...I want you to really think about this, because it does. Ultimately Peter would be sacrificing his life, but in this love affair...Jesus does all the work. Making the work joyful, giving us the strength to keep going when we feel we just can't go on. This is the Jesus we meet in the Sacrament of reconciliation. Jesus doesn't criticize Peter, nor does he throw in his face what Peter has done to him. He loves Peter and also knows that Peter is bound to his denial of him and needs to be healed. Being in sin binds the fruit of grace that the Spirit will bring...and Peter won't be ready for it and neither will we. Sometimes we have to keep coming back regularly (just as we do when we go to see a doctor). But we have to be like Peter too. Notice he doesn't make excuses for what he's done, nor does he try to run. Jesus already knows. In saying yes to the Lord's three questions Peter acknowledges his sin, is sorry for it, realizes that he has hurt the Lord and doesn't want to hurt him again, and is ready to move on. Like I said, Jesus already knows but he wants to hear it from our own lips and we need to hear it too, we need to move on. Satan loves when we wallow in our sins, preventing the Holy Spirit from taking us to the next level. Having us believe that we're the worst and God wants nothing to do with us. Jesus loves us, and wants everything to do with us. Do we love him?

Until next time... may Jesus keep you smiling, may God's grace shine on you and always pray for our Pastor ...he loves us and so do !!

Deacon Phil