

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 27

- 7:00 am Yolanda & Adolph Giacomarra
by Giacomarra family

Tuesday, January 28

- 7:00 am James A. Mondoro
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Wednesday, January 29

- 7:00 am Ronald Shea
by St. John Altar Rosary Society

Thursday, January 30

- 7:00 am Grace DiCairano
by Ann Hill

Friday, January 31

- 7:00 am Roberto Loo Hernandez
by Lynne Jacalan

Saturday, February 1

- 5:00 pm James Ritter
by Christine Ritter

Sunday, February 2

- 8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Richard Winkelman
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes
- 10:30 am Anthony & Rose Marsjanik
by family

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Ronald Shea by the Shea family.

**Sacrificial Offerings 2019
Sunday, January 19**

Regular Collection: \$3,979.00
Foundation for
Catholic Education: \$ 654.00

Catholic Spirit Drive

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of The Catholic Spirit and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.



Coffee & Doughnut Reception

The monthly Coffee & Doughnut reception will take place next Sunday, 2/2, after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the Church auditorium. All are welcome to join us!

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 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

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission. We are thankful for the efforts of

The Knights of Columbus

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.



You Don’t Want to Miss This!

Our annual Casino Night is a fun night out and has something for everybody! If you are an experienced gambler or just looking to try out your luck for the first time, join us on Saturday, February 8th. 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.

Catholic Daughters Meeting

Court Regina Coeli #940 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on **Sunday** February 9, 2020 at 2 pm in St. John's Auditorium. We are looking forward to many exciting activities. Come and see what we do. Dues are \$25.00. We look forward to women sharing more ways to help in the community and support those in need. For more information please contact Beth Willoughby at bethlby72@verizon.net.

Blue Army First Friday Devotion

Begin your new year with Our Lord. Honor his request to St. Margaret Alacoque to spread devotion in the world for nine First Fridays, beginning Friday, February 7, in reparation for the offenses against his Most Sacred Heart. Please join us - the world needs this. Confessions 10:00 am; Holy Rosary 11:30; Mass 12:00 N; Exposition 12:45; Benediction 1:30. Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd. E, Asbury, NJ 08802 908-689-1700, ex. 224.



Choral Reading Session

The Metuchen Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will hold a Choral Reading Session with World Library

Publications (WLP) on Sunday, February 9 from 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Mary, Mother of God Parish, 157 South Triangle Road, Hillsborough. There is no cost to attend. We will welcome WLP clinician MaryBeth Kunde-Anderson to share new music and songs with us. Participants **MUST** register by February 2 to receive a packet of music. To register, visit diometuchen.org/NPM

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.

Immaculata HS Memorial Mass

Immaculata High School will host its Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, February, 23, 2020 at the Immaculata Gym at 1 p.m. This Mass, which has been celebrated annually for 16 years, remembers all alumni, teachers, religious, and students who ever went to the high school and have passed away. This moving liturgy is well attended by families and classmates. To see the list of deceased, go to https://www.immaculatahighschool.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_95331/File/Advancement/Alumni/deceased_list.pdf . If you plan to go to this Mass, please RSVP by <https://www.immaculatahighschool.org/>

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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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26, 2020

“As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.”

There must have been something special in the meeting of the two sets of brothers with Jesus. Had He met them before? Why did He call these four, and not someone else? Did they understand what He was calling them to, and what being ‘fishers of men’ meant? How were they able to leave their father and business?

Jesus continues to walk with us, not by the Sea of Galilee, but He does. He calls all without exception for His work. We find Him, not only at church but on our block, at the mall, during the PTA meeting, at the ball field, and in our parish life. Do you recognize Him? We never know why, how or when, the same Jesus summons us but the task is the same as that which was given to the brothers. What if they had refused? Where would we be today? What is He asking of me?

