

## **Sacrificial Offerings 2019**

### **Sunday, January 20**

Regular Collection: \$3,927.65

Children's: \$ 5.35

Foundation for Catholic Education  
\$ 513.00

Together in Charity \$ 191.00

## **Sunday**

January 27, 2019



Mass Intentions

### **Monday, 1/28**

7:00 a.m. **Georgette Claffy by  
the Hummel family**

### **Tuesday, 1/29**

7:00 a.m. **Audrey Nagy by  
Barbara Kreiss**

### **Wednesday, 1/30**

7:00 a.m. **Pat Nagel by  
the Woerner family**

### **Thursday, 1/31**

7:00 a.m. **Charles Bleakley by  
the Spagnolo family**

### **Friday, 2/1**

7:00 a.m. **Audrey Nagy by  
Michele Rabouin & family**

### **Saturday, 2/2**

5:00 p.m. **James Ritter by  
Christine Ritter**

### **Sunday, 2/3**

8:30 a.m. **John DiQuollo by Nina**

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. John's &  
Mariana Lucido by Mr. & Mrs.  
DiMaggio**

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

### **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.**

### **Coffee & Doughnut Reception**



The monthly Coffee & Doughnut reception will take place **next Sunday, 2/3, after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the Church auditorium.** All are welcome to join us! This month's reception is hosted by the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

### **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, 2/9.** 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  
Clotilda D' Souza by the Miller family.*

### **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**

**Many thanks to our bulletin advertising sponsors. Please continue to support them in 2019:**

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### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2019-2020**

### **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

### **ONLINE APPLICATION**

### **PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2018**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may attend one of two Application Workshops that are scheduled for January 23 and February 7 at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy from 2 to 4 pm, and from 6 to 8 pm. A Spanish translator will be available.

Español:

### **AYUDA PARA MATRICULA**

### **ESCUELA CATOLICA 2019-2020**

### **PROCESO DE SOLICITUD ABIERTO**

Familias interesadas en solicitar ayuda de matrícula para acudir a una escuela elemental o superior de la Diócesis de Metuchen pueden hacerlo ya. El proceso de solicitud está disponible en línea vía "FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment". Los formularios deben completarse (incluyendo evidencia de documentos) en o antes del **31 de marzo de 2019**. La solicitud está disponible en inglés y español.

Familias que necesiten apoyo para completar la solicitud en línea, o que necesiten acceso a la tecnología para solicitar, pueden asistir a uno de los dos talleres de solicitud programados para el 23 de enero y el 7 de febrero en Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy de 2 a 4 pm, y de 6 a 8 pm. Un traductor de español estará disponible.

### **Holy Savior Academy Open House**

Holy Savior Academy will have its annual open house this **Sunday, 1/27** from **12:30-2:30 PM**. Come meet our faculty and families, visit our classrooms, science lab and MakerSpace. We offer Pre-K through 8th grade education with Full Day Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 options, Athletics, Drama, Enrichment Clubs and, most importantly, a place for children to grow and thrive. We are Holy Savior Academy and we look forward to meeting you! 149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

### **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.

### **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>.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com)

## **Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration is now being held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m. Daily Mass is held at 11:45 a.m. For information or to volunteer, call Laura Ferreras, (732) 529-7932. To submit a prayer request, call (732) 765-6445 or email [Adoration@diometuchen.org](mailto:Adoration@diometuchen.org).

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 27, 2019**

**“Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eye witnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.”**

Our weekly reflections are entitled ‘His Word Today.’ Week after week we hear the gospel proclaimed, we spend time reading the daily meditations, and today we are reminded where this good news originates.

St. Luke addresses a Lover of God, as his name is translated, and he writes to him and for us. He informs us with the what and why, what he intends to do and why. The church then jumps to chapter four introducing us to the mission of Jesus as He proclaimed it in His own town of Nazareth.

As He unrolls the prophet of Isaiah telling of liberty for captives, recovery from blindness, freeing the oppressed and announcing the good news, He says in our words ‘this is happening today.’ The mission of Jesus is the mission of the church today, calling all to carry out what Pope St. John Paul II says ‘is still far from completion.’ As Jesus was sent, so are we as Missionary Disciples.

