

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 5

- 8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &
Michael Duggan
by Joe Cowan & Lourdes Luis
- 10:30 am Antonino DiMaggio
by Enza DiStefano & family

Monday, January 6

- 7:00 am Alfonso Appicelli
by Sharyn Szulczewski & family

Tuesday, January 7

- 7:00 am Dorothy Moritz
by Catholic Daughters Court
Regina Coeli #940

Wednesday, January 8

- 7:00 am Joseph M. Curry
by Terry & Matt Kurzius

Thursday, January 9

- 7:00 am Barbara Carlisle
by Bill & Pat Hughes

Friday, January 10

- 7:00 am All the Souls in Purgatory
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

Saturday, January 11

- 5:00 pm Robert St. Laurent
by family

Sunday, January 12

- 8:30 am Jane & Joseph Kotz
by Matt & Terry Kurzius
- 10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &
Antonino DiMaggio
by Mary & Joe Berres

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Dolores Mulvaney by
Dunellen American Legion.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2019 Sunday, December 22

Regular Collection: \$4,529.00

Opportunities for Memorials

There are no Saturday evening or Sunday Masses available in the 2020 Mass Book; only Daily Masses remain. In addition to Mass intentions, you may also remember your loved ones with weekly sanctuary candles available in the Church and/or Daily Mass Chapel. The suggested donation for a Sanctuary Candle is \$10.00.



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.

Adopt-A-Priest Program

Have you prayed for your priest today? To adopt a priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea at (732) 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

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you. We are thankful for the efforts of

Edwin Lopez and Our Music Ministry



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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer Upcoming Programs: Got Change?

We all have changes in our lives, both minor and major. We'll talk about finding God in changing times and places, and how to best try to discern God's will for us when we are faced with making a decision.

Mon., Jan. 13, 7-9 pm (\$20-\$30 as you are able) Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or email: msmhope@msmhope.org

Presenter: Mary Foy

Mary serves as pastoral associate at St. Joseph Church, North Plainfield and as a project manager for RENEW International.

Rosary Corner

The Rosary is prayed every weekday following the 7:00 am Mass and Novena in the Parish Chapel, all are invited.

Block Rosary

What is a Block Rosary? Neighbors gathering in each other's homes for a half hour to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, for the local community and for each other's intentions. Please consider having a Block Rosary in your home or join us on Monday at 7:00 pm, 511/515 Lincoln Avenue or Wednesday at 10:00 am, 607 Third Street. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

Blue Army Rosary Cell

Where: 511 Lincoln Avenue, Dunellen
When: Every Tuesday – 10 am
All are welcome. Bring your children & grandchildren. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.



FISH In Need of Volunteers

Fish is in urgent need of the following:

Telephone Volunteers – work at home, returning calls from potential clients and scheduling appointments. Hands-on training is provided by our Telephone Chairperson. Volunteers work from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. one day per month. Some work additional days when needed. To learn more, please call

the Fish Hotline, 732-356-0081, and leave a message for Debbie.

Van Drivers and Ride-Along

Helpers – should be at least 18 years of age and able to lift 60 pounds. People who can commit to a regular schedule and those who can be called to fill in as required are both needed. To learn more, please call the Fish Hotline, 732-356-0081 and leave a message for Lisa.

Holy Hour For Religious Freedom

A Holy Hour for Religious Freedom is held every Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Eucharistic Adoration chapel at the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center at 50 Van Winkle Place, 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.

Bus Trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. Passengers will attend a small reception afterwards. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center around 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

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 marriage. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. Upcoming Weekend: February 21-23, 2020

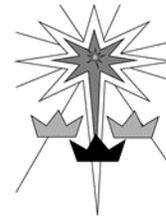
For information and to register: call Rich Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno at 732-672-0748 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

Adult Enrichment Classes

The Diocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation will be offering Adult Enrichment classes each Wednesday starting January 8, 2019 from 10 a.m to 11:30 a.m. at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D., will serve as the instructor. The topic will be "Apologetics of the Catholic Faith." The reading assignments will be from The Catechism of the Catholic Church.

All are welcome! There is no fee to attend, but registration is required.

Call Angela at 732-562-1543 to register



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020

"God's secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages, but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now coheirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel."

This great day in the life of the church, tells us more than the jealousy of a threatened king, the ardent search of the wise men from the east, and their discovery of the Savior and Mary His Mother. The event has allowed so many rich traditions to develop to enhance our faith. The number of visitors with three gifts for royalty, priesthood and eventual anointing in death, the star directing them like a GPS, and the humility of these rich visitors coming before the infant.

The message to use Paul's words is 'no less than this'. I am included as a coheir, I have life in the Lord because He is my Savior. I am sent, like them on a different route to bring my experience of Jesus Christ to others. It is no less than this. May I offer the gift of self, the richness of my faith, and travel the journey with others in this new year.