

Sunday

January 6, 2019



The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Monday, 1/7

7:00 a.m. Pat Nagel by
John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

Tuesday, 1/8

7:00 a.m. Henry Janssen by
Mike & Barbara Gleason

Wednesday, 1/9

7:00 a.m. Pat Wenzel by Jayne & Roger
Lendach & Rose Marsjanik

Thursday, 1/10

7:00 a.m. Pat Nagel by
the Hummel family

Friday, 1/11

7:00 a.m. Special Intention by
Rosary ladies

Saturday, 1/12

5:00 p.m. Isabel Sandifer & Elmer
Yambor by brother Fran

Sunday, 1/13

8:30 a.m. Jane & Joseph Kotz by
Matt & Terry Kurzius
10:30 a.m. Joe Branston by Joan Bayer

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in
memory of Pat Nagel by Sylvia Switzer.

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, December 23

Regular Collection: \$5,960.00
Children's: \$ 32.00

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.**

Gift Basket Raffle Winner

Congratulations to **Patty
Salmon**, the winner of the
Music Ministry's Christmas
Gift Basket raffle! Thanks to
all who contributed to help raise funds for
our instrumental musicians for the
Christmas and Easter liturgies.



Ozanam Shelter Needs Your Help!

Ozanam Shelter is housing 50+ children
ranging from infant-17 years old. They are
in great need of diapers, baby wipes, baby
ointment, and cases of bottled water.
**Please drop off items to the Parish
Center and label them "OZANAM."**

This week our Chapel candle is lit in
memory of Vincent Fitzgerald by John &
Jeanne.

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:

Edwin Lopez and The Music Ministry for their contribution to our Christmas liturgies.

Thank you for your participation!

Spirit & Truth, Linden

Join Catholics in their 20s, 30s & 40s for Holy Hour & fellowship at **8:00pm Fridays**. Location: **McGuinness Center next to St. John the Apostle, Ridgeview Terrace at Valley Road, Clark, NJ**. Visit <https://m.facebook.com/groups/6354198182?ref=bookmark> for more info and updates.



**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.

Rosary Corner

ALL ARE INVITED

The Rosary is prayed every weekday following the 7:00 a.m. Mass and Novena.

BLOCK ROSARY: Monday, 7:00 p.m., 511/515 Lincoln Ave.; Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., 607 Third St.

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. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

BLUE ARMY ROSARY CELL

Where: 511 Lincoln Avenue, Dunellen

When: Every Tuesday – 10: a.m.

All are welcome. Bring your children & grandchildren.

For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

Adopt-A-Priest Program

Have you prayed for your priest today? To adopt a priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

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



Be Bold, Get Cold!

Bishop Ahr Polar Plunge

The Sixth Annual Bishop Ahr High School Polar Plunge is scheduled for **Sunday, January 27, 2019!** Please support this important fundraising event. You can learn more about it by visiting our website: bgahs.org/polarplunge. Thank you for your continued support!

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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending 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 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.



Travel In The Footsteps of St. Paul

This year gift the gift of travel! Journey with Rev. John P. Alvarado, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, NJ on a pilgrimage to Greece, the Greek Isles and Ephesus in Turkey — **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL**, **September 22-October 1, 2019**. Travel by land and sea visiting Thessaloniki, Central Greece, Athens, Mykonos, Patmos, Crete, Ephesus, Santorini, Corinth and more. **Peter's Way Tours**, code: 9490, www.petersway.com, 800-225-7662. For full details visit the TRAVEL link at: churchofthesacredheart.net.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by
Rev. William J. Reilly

The Epiphany of the Lord **January 6, 2019**

“Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh.”

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now? Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It's our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy - because we have a Savior, hope - because our world can become better, happiness - because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can't wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. “They departed for their own country by another way.”