

Sunday

October 1, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, 10/2

7:00 a.m. For my guardian angel by
Bob Zednick

Tuesday, 10/3

7:00 a.m. Matthew Falco by
Terry & Matt Kurzius

Wednesday, 10/4

7:00 a.m. Catherine Jaworski by
the Nowicki family

Thursday, 10/5

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Weiss by
her children

Friday, 10/6

7:00 a.m. In honor of Ron & Maureen
Shea by Margaret Levidy

Saturday, 10/7

5:00 p.m. William Drumgould by
Barbara Carlisle

Sunday, 10/8

8:30 a.m. Aldona & Eduardas Pocias by
Amuras Petravicius

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Antonia Troia by Enza
DiStefano

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in
memory of **Tony Payer** as requested by **the
St. John's choir.**

Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, September 24

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

Regular Collection: \$4,491.57

Children's: \$ 29.72

Under: \$2,478.71

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.

Blessing of The Animals



The annual **Blessing of the
Animals** will take place on
**Saturday, 10/7, at 12 noon in
front of the church.** This
traditional observance of the
feast of St. Francis of Assisi is

meant to include all **cats and dogs**...no
exotic pets please! Anyone interested,
please join us on Saturday.

Knights of Columbus

October Breakfast Cancelled

Due to scheduling conflicts the Council
Breakfast will not be held in October.
Council 2544 would like to thank the Saint
John's community for their support in all of
our efforts!

High School Youth Group

All 9th through 12th graders - please join us
Sunday, 10/8 at 7pm in the **Parish Center**
for a Youth Group Launch Party!! Come see
what Youth Group is all about!

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in
memory of **Tony Payer** as requested by
Nina DiQuollo.

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:

Our Church Cleaners

Thank you for your participation!

Union Catholic High School

Open House

Union Catholic HS, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ, is holding an Open House on **Wednesday, 10/4 at 7:00 p.m.** "Early Bird Tours" will begin at 6:15 p.m. For more information, contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or bjhornton@unioncatholic.org.

Altar Rosary Prayer Group Meeting

St. John's Altar Rosary Prayer Group will hold their meeting on **Monday, 10/9**. The rosary will be prayed at **7 p.m.** in the **church** and the meeting will follow in the auditorium. Refreshments will be served. You may bring a friend and please use the elevator.



Prayers for Our Service Members

Please pray for the following parishioners who are currently serving in the Military:

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Paul Frabizzio
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.

New Jersey Right to Life Car and Gift Card Raffle

Please support New Jersey Right to Life's Annual Car and Shop Rite Gift Card Raffle. Proceeds go to New Jersey's largest prolife organization, whose work saves the lives of the unborn, elderly, and disabled from conception to natural death. Tickets are \$10.00 each. 1st Prize- 2018 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued over \$43,000, 2nd Prize- Shop Rite Gift Card valued at \$1,000.00, 3rd Prize- Shop Rite Gift Card valued at \$750 and 4th Prize- Shop Rite Gift Card valued at \$500. **Tickets will be on sale outside the church after all masses the weekend of October 7/8.**

American Sign Language

Volunteer Needed

St. Bernadette Church in Parlin is looking for a volunteer sign language interpreter to work one on one with a 1st grade CCD student. If you are able to volunteer or know of someone who can, please contact Lorna Francis in the Religious Education Office, 732-727-4343.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: mshmhope@mshmhope.org

SCRIPTURE SERIES: MEET & PRAY WITH ST.

PAUL - This new Bible study offers an opportunity to enter more deeply into an understanding of God's word through prayer, study, reflection and sharing. \$20-\$30/Session As You Are Able. **Monthly on the following Fridays from 1-3 p.m.:** 10/6 - *First + Second Letters to the Thessalonians*, Presenter: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM; 11/3 - *Letter to the Galatians*, Presenter: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM; 12/1 - *Letter to the Philippians*, Presenter: Eileen P. Smith, RSM; 1/5 - *First Letter to the Corinthians*, Presenter: Nancy Kennedy; 2/2 - *Second Letter to the Corinthians*, Presenter: Laura M. Arvin, OP.

Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

Bishop Ahr High School, 1 Tingley Lane, Edison will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser on **Thursday, 10/5 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.** in the **High School cafeteria.** Cost is \$10.00 for Adults, \$7.00 for Students and \$4.00 for Children under 12. All funds will go to help two needy children, David Santos, a baby born with congenital heart problems and Sadie Ally, a 4 year old with a Wilms tumor. For tickets or info, please call: (732) 549-1108, ext. 648.

Hero's Walk for Life

Saturday, 10/7, 9am-12pm, Merrill Park, Iselin (Rain or Shine). Benefitting the lifesaving work of Life Choices Resource Center. CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS PROVIDED. DJ, Refreshments, Games – Family Fun. No Distance or Time Restrictions! Be a HERO and Make the Difference in the Life of an unborn child - \$200 raised provides 1 free ultrasound! Register or DONATE today @ www.LifeChoicesRC.com or download a pledge form. Call (732) 516-0911 or TEXT 848-229-7634 with questions.

Blood Drive and

Free Health Screenings

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen, 218 Dunellen Ave., will be holding two programs on **Saturday 10/7.** There will be a **Community Blood Drive from 9 am – 1 pm** and **Free Health Screenings from 10:30 am – Noon.** Walk-ins are welcome for the Blood Drive; please arrive 15 minutes early to sign in for the Screenings. The Health Screenings are provided by St. Peter's University Hospital Community Mobile Health services and include blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol. To be a blood donor, please bring an I.D. with signature and make sure you eat and drink water before you arrive – NO caffeine! You must weigh over 110 pounds and be in general good health. 16 and 17 year olds need to have parental consent. There will also be a free car wash starting at 9:30!

Be A Champion for

Catholic Charities

Champions for Catholic Charities is a community of individual, parish and corporate benefactors who support Catholic Charities' vital programs and services for our neighbors in need. Here are 2 ways to help: 1) join us for the **2017 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner** being held on **Monday evening, October 16** at the Palace in Somerset Park and/or 2) purchase a **Champion 50/50 Raffle** ticket. For more information call 732-562-2438, email champions@diometuchen.org or visit www.diometuchen.org/champions. With your help, Catholic Charities is making a real difference in the lives of so many.

Bishop Ahr HS Open House

Bishop George Ahr High School, One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ 08820 is holding a Fall Open House on **Sunday, 10/15, from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.** Come meet our faculty, tour our new facility, hear about our technology, learn about our sports, clubs and organizations. Student guides and brochures available. Refreshments served. 7th graders are encouraged to get an early start! Call Bishop Ahr for further info or directions, (732) 549-1108 X620, or visit us on the Web at bgahs.org.

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 10/1:

First: Ezekiel 18:25-28;

Second: Philippians 2:1-11;

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Registration: No registration will be accepted after September 1. Registration for the next school year will begin in the spring.

We offer a monthly Family Catechesis program from 6-8 pm for children in grades 1-7; both children and at least one parent are required to attend each session. However, the adult portion of our program begins at 6:30 pm and is open to all adults in our parish. Each adult session is a stand-alone presentation and does not require homework. Adults without children in our program need only call our office to pre-register to reserve a seat. Confirmation (8th Grade) meets 2-3 times per month on Sunday Mornings; children only.

Upcoming Family Catechesis:

Session Placement and calendars for the school year were emailed to all parents in July. If you did not receive your information, please contact the office.

Family Catechesis 2017-2018 dates*:

Mondays: 9/18, 10/2, 11/13, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/19, 4/9, 4/30.

Tuesdays: 9/19, 10/3, 11/14, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/20, 4/10, 5/1.

**Please review your calendar for inclement weather make up dates, as well as all Grade 2 additionally required sacrament prep dates.*

Confirmation Class schedule on Sundays from

11:30-1PM: 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10. For all requirements, and also all 2018 dates, please refer to your calendar.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 732-968-2621; Stjev@verizon.net.

Holy Savior Academy's First Annual Designer Bag Bingo

Join us for our first annual Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, 10/20 at Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Avenue. Doors open at 6:30 PM. \$20 per person --table reservations accepted for parties of 10 or more. 10 Bingo games! Tricky Tray! 50/50! Tickets available at the school from 8AM-2:30PM. BYOB. Coffee/Tea/Water provided. Credit cards accepted night of event. 18+ ONLY at event; facility is NOT wheelchair accessible. For questions or more information contact: trickytrayhsa@gmail.com.



Union Catholic High School

Viking Spooktacular

Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ will be hosting their annual Viking Spooktacular 5K and 1 Mile Children's Costume Trek on **Saturday, 10/28**. Runners/Walkers Welcome! For more information, call 908-889-1600, ext. 392 or email racedirector@unioncatholic.org. To register online, visit raceforum.com/unioncatholic.

Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Concert

Save the date! Sacred Heart Church, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, proudly announces the return of their Christmas Concert. This year's concert will feature The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea under the direction of Fr. Alphonse Stephenson, on **Sunday, 11/26 at 3:00PM** in the **Church of the Sacred Heart**. Tickets \$30/General Admission, \$25/Seniors, \$15.00/Students under 17. Call 908-756-0633 ext. 147 to purchase your tickets before they sell out!

