

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 10/13

- 8:30 a.m. The Kleinhans, Sheridan & Petto families by Gerard Cunningham & Suzanne Petto & family**
- 10:30 a.m. Vincent Fitzgerald by John & Jeanne Fitzgerald**

Monday, 10/14

- 7:00 a.m. Paul Maurer by Eileen Capozzi**

Tuesday, 10/15

- 7:00 a.m. Nicholas Rosado by Szulczewski family**

Wednesday, 10/16

- 7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Weiss by family**

Thursday, 10/17

- 7:00 a.m. Rose Marsjanik by Diane & Cliff Vail**

Friday, 10/18

- 7:00 a.m. Rose Marsjanik by Lynn & Gary Guthreau**

Saturday, 10/19

- 5:00 p.m. Butch Spagnola by family**

Sunday, 10/20

- 8:30 a.m. Helen Guthreau by Lynn & Gary Guthreau**
- 10:30 a.m. Jane & Joseph Kotz by Terry & Matt Kurzius**

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **The Kleinhans, Sheridan & Petto families.**

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

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, October 6

Regular Collection: \$5,578.50

From The Pastor

I begin by thanking those who have come forward to assist with the formation of a committee to review the overall condition of our parish property and continue to encourage and invite others to join us. Our first meeting will take place in November, and I will be in touch with suggested dates and times.

Partnered with this committee, I would like to increase and broaden the membership of the Parish Finance Council. The diocesan guidelines for Parish Finance Councils state that, "The Finance Council must operate consistently from what can be described as a value system influenced more by the Gospel than by any secular business philosophy." Our money management must be measured in terms of mission and ministry to the parish community as opposed to profit and loss. We are also responsible for the legacy of St. John's Church ensuring that it will continue to be a presence for future generations. A finance council member should be an active member of the parish with a background or expertise in finance, investment management, business ownership/management, property management, purchasing, engineering, marketing, human resources or the law. If you are interested in joining the Finance Council, please contact me at stjev@verizon.net or leave a message at the parish office.

Yours in Christ,
 Father Alphonsus

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 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:

The Golf Outing Committee

Thank you for your participation!

Office Holiday Closing

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, 10/14** in observance of Columbus Day.

World Mission Sunday 2019

We are baptized and sent! Next weekend is World Mission Sunday. During this Extraordinary Missionary Month we are called through our baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice and material support. Baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world we can...

PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work, and OFFER financial help and charity in next week's special collection for World Mission Sunday for the vulnerable communities of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Thank you in advance for your sacrificial gift.

Knights News

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual fund drive for individuals with special needs on the weekend of **October 19-20**. Members of the Knights will be outside of church before and after each Mass to accept your donations and to answer any questions you may have. Through your generosity we contribute to county ARC programs, St. Peter's University Hospital For Keeps program, and Special Olympics. Please know that 100% of money collected goes directly to these organizations. Thank you for your support.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive will take place on **Thursday, 10/24** from **2:00 to 7:30 pm** at the **Council Hall, 647 Grove Street, Dunellen**. Please contact Harry Buttito at 732-207-8193 for an appointment and/or additional information.



Music Ministry

St. John the Evangelist Music Ministry invites singers of all levels of experience to join the choir in preparation for our upcoming Christmas Eve Liturgies. Regular rehearsals will be held in the church on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm beginning October 22**. Please enter the church using the elevator door on First Street.

All Souls Remembrance Mass

The Parish All Souls Remembrance Mass will take place on **Saturday, 11/2 at 12 Noon**. All are invited to attend on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Additional envelopes may be found at the church exits.

Commission for Historical Records

Are you interested in history...church history...St. John's history? Father Alphonsus is looking for one or two parishioners who would be interested in taking on the role of Parish Historian. This person would help us to preserve our parish history as we enter into our 140th year of service to the communities of Dunellen and Green Brook. An annual workshop, presented by the Diocese of Metuchen, provides training and assistance. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

St. John the Evangelist Parish,

Dunellen presents...

Kick Start Your Faith!

Feel like you need a spiritual boost? Don't remember or understand some Catholic basics? What's the big deal with Reconciliation? Is the Eucharist a living thing in your life? Join us for a 4-week program to help you rejuvenate your faith. **Wednesday evenings ~ 6:30-8pm in the Church.**

October 23, 2019

Clarifying the Misconceptions

(The Immaculate Conception, The Incarnation, The Ascension, The Assumption, Purgatory, Limbo, Transubstantiation, etc.)

*Presented by Rev. Msgr. William Benwell,
St. Mary - Stony Hill, Watchung*

October 30, 2019 The Role of the Saints

*Presented by Rev. Edmund A. Luciano, III,
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bridgewater*

November 13, 2019

The Mercy of Reconciliation

*Presented by Rev. Msgr. John Fell, St. John
Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway*

November 20, 2019 The Eucharist Alive!

*Presented by Rev. Msgr. Charles Cicerale,
St. James, Woodbridge*

Villa Walsh

Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Religious Teachers Filippini will host their annual Christmas Bazaar on **Sunday, 11/ 3** from **Noon-5 pm** at **Villa Walsh, 455 Western Ave., Morristown**. The event features unique gifts, crafts, baked goods and much more. Come and enjoy pizza frittatas in our Food Court as well as homemade Italian sandwiches and desserts. Please come and show your support for the retired teachers and the Senior Sisters housed in the infirmary.



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.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13, 2019**

“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, is a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the Word of God is not chained. Thus I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.”

At every Eucharist, or in a quiet reflective moment, God speaks to us through the scriptures. We open our hearts to what the Lord has to say, and gently, softly, His word moves us to a deeper union with Him. For this to happen, it requires several steps. I begin by acknowledging that God is addressing me, at this moment, in this text. I simply ask ‘Lord what do you wish for me to take from this reading today?’ I wonder how the power of the word may direct my life.

Think for a moment. If each person in our parish community would ask these questions and seek the Lord’s response, our lives would be radically changed, our concern for those around me would grow and the unchained word would spread more effectively in my world. God speaks, I hear and listen, and others allow their response to blend with mine to obtain the salvation in Christ Jesus.

