

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, October 7

Average needed from weekly offerings to cover expenses **\$7,000.00**
Regular Collection: \$6,042.00
Children's: \$ 22.60
Under: \$ 958.00

Sunday

October 14, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 10/15

7:00 a.m. Alfred Geigel by
Nancy & Bob Dombroski

Tuesday, 10/16

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Weiss by family

Wednesday, 10/17

7:00 a.m. Bruno Spazian by
Mark & Gilda Spazian

Thursday, 10/18

7:00 a.m. Kathy Jupina by
Bev & Phil Kasper

Friday, 10/19

7:00 a.m. Butch Spagnola by
wife Jackie & family

Saturday, 10/20

5:00 p.m. Ruth, Andrew & Bertha
Yambor by husband & son

Sunday, 10/21

8:30 a.m. Helen Guthreau by
Lynn & Gary Guthreau
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Jo Anne Marren Hnilicka by
Nancy & Rick Chesler & family

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

NJ Right to Life Raffle

The NJ Right to Life Raffle will be at St. John's this weekend, 10/13 and 10/4, selling Raffle Tickets for a 2019 Volvo SUV before and after all the Masses. Tickets are \$10 each. Thank you for your continued support.

Bishop's Mass

Bishop Checchio will be visiting St. John's to celebrate the **8:30 Mass on Sunday, 10/28**. Please make an effort to attend if you can and show our bishop that our parish is active and enthusiastic.



Fall Golf Classic

The total collected for the golf outing 50/50 raffle was **\$2,310**. The winners were:

First Place: **Barbara Leonardis** - \$577.50

Second Place: **Jackie Ortiz** - \$346.50

Third Place: **Jayne Lendach** - \$231.00

Thank you for supporting the Golf Outing!

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of
Katherine Tagliatella by Cathy & Tony D'Ovidio.*

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:

Lynn & Gary Guthreau for scheduling the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Thank you for your participation!

From The Music Ministry



St. John's Music Ministry invites singers of all levels of experience to join our choir in singing for our Christmas Eve liturgies. Regular rehearsals will be held in the **Church Sanctuary on Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:00 pm beginning 10/16.** Please enter the Church by the back door along First Street.

Catholic Daughters Pocketbook Bingo



Court Regina Coeli #940, Catholic Daughters of the Americas is excited to host their Annual Designer Bag Bingo!!! We'll be playing for 10 designer bags including BRAHMIN, Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade and Vera Bradley. The bingo will be **Friday, 10/26 at St. Luke's Church, 300 Clinton Ave., North Plainfield. Doors open at 6:30 PM with the games beginning at 7 PM.** Other activities happening during the evening are 50/50, Tricky Tray, and Wine Pull. Bring refreshments and soft drinks or wine! The cost is \$35 per person. Advanced reservations only. Last year's event sold out! Please call or email Anne Haley 732-917-1563, ash210@comcast.net.

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=bookmarks> for more info and updates.



Please support our Scrip fundraiser. You can purchase gift cards to use for everyday purchases such as groceries, birthday presents or get an early start on some Christmas shopping. Either way the Church will receive a percentage from each gift card purchase. You can visit shopwithscrip.com and explore what is available. Forms and information are available in the back of the church. Following are the deadlines for 2018:

Order due by 10/15 - Pick up 10/29
 Order due by 11/5 – Pick up 11/19
 Order due by 12/3 – Pick up 12/17



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.

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the **Chapel of the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 11:45 am.** Mass follows at 11:45. Adorers and intercessors are needed. For more information or to volunteer, call Laura Ferreras, 732-529-7932. To submit a prayer request, email Adoration@diometuchen.org or call 732-765-6445.



Chamber Chorale Concert

The Caritas Chamber Chorale will present a concert entitled “Peace and All Good,” focusing on the peace and good in all of us, on **Saturday, 10/20, at 7:30 pm** at **Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church, 600 Harris Avenue, Middlesex.** The Caritas Chamber Chorale is dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor through the art of sacred music. Your freewill offering will—in its entirety—benefit the Adorno Fathers’ St. Francis Caracciolo Mission and its Gianni Diurni Primary School in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa. (Note from Msgr. Benwell: I have attended the Chorale’s concerts and highly recommend the experience!)



Viking Spooktacular 5K and 1 Mile Children’s Costume Trek

Come join us on **Saturday, 10/27** at **Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ.** Runners/Walkers Welcome! For more information, call 908-889-1600, ext. 392 or email racedirector@unioncatholic.org. To register online, visit www.raceforum.com/unioncatholic.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or email: mshhope@mshhope.org.

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC:

AN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL CRISIS

Join us for this two-part series in which the first session will take a loving look at the reality of the opioid epidemic while delving into our belief in inherent human dignity. Is there a spiritual message for ourselves and our world? The second session will deal with a hopeful response to what can be done about the problem of substance abuse and addiction in the light of our identity as people loved by a merciful God. **Mon., Oct. 29 & Mon., Nov. 5, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 per session as you are able)
Presenter: Elizabeth Scanlon, RSM, Director of Visitation Community Outreach Foundation

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 website: <https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse>.

Christmas Party for Children with Disabilities

The 3rd Annual Diocesan Christmas Party for Children and Young Adults with Disabilities will be held on **Saturday, 12/15**. Due to limited space, this is a ticket only event and pre-registration is required. Please contact the Office for Persons with Disabilities by emailing: 2018domchristmasparty@gmail.com or by calling (732) 765-6432 for more information. Please register by **October 31st**. We will graciously accept donations from parishioners who wish to contribute towards gifts for this event. (Checks only please, no toys or gift cards). Thank you for your generosity.

Annual Senior Sisters Sale

Villa Walsh will host their annual Christmas Bazaar Extravaganza to benefit the Religious Teachers Filippini on **Sunday, 11/4** from **12 noon-5 pm** at **Villa Walsh, Mother Ninetta Hall, 455 Western Ave., Morristown**. The sale will feature unique gifts, crafts, a money raffle, baked goods and much, much more. There's also a food court for nourishment while you shop. Come and enjoy their pizza frittatas made right on the premises as well as luncheon packages of homemade Italian sandwiches and desserts. You won't be able to resist their home baked cakes, pies, cookies and Italian pizzelles along with their traditional pangiallo. Please come and show your support for the retired teachers and the Senior Sisters housed in the infirmary.

Honoring Those Who Serve and Protect Us: The Blue Mass

Bishop Checchio invites ALL the faithful of the Diocese to join him at the 17th Annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns across our four counties. The Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 11/7** at **10:30 am** at the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen**. For more information, please call 732-562-2435 or visit <http://diometuchen.org/2018-blue-mass>.

Annulment Information Nights

Information sessions on Annulments will be held at **St. James Church, Basking Ridge (184 South Finely Avenue)** on **Wednesday, 11/7**, and at **St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Kendall Park (45 Henderson Road)**. The sessions will be identical in content and will begin at **7:00 pm**. These presentations will be led by members of the diocesan Tribunal staff in a confidential and sensitive atmosphere. They are intended for those who have experienced the pain and anguish of divorce and wish to learn more about the Annulment process. For more information, please contact 732-529-7589 or Tribunal@diometuchen.org.