

Sunday

October 21, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 10/22

7:00 a.m. Doris Freyer by Pat Nagel

Tuesday, 10/23

7:00 a.m. Matilde Santiago by
the Geigel family

Wednesday, 10/24

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Schneider by
Catholic Daughters Court
Regina Coeli #940

Thursday, 10/25

7:00 a.m. Sandy Fogler by
Ron & Donna Fojtlin

Friday, 10/26

7:00 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Gilbert by
Nanny & Pop Pop

Saturday, 10/27

5:00 p.m. Butch Spagnola by
Tony & Cathy D'Ovidio

Sunday, 10/28

8:30 a.m. Walter Guthreau by
Lynn & Gary Guthreau
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Timothy J. Mack by
Mary Ellen Mack

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Larry Heiberg by Donna at Devine's.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, October 14

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

Regular Collection: \$4,946.87

Children's: \$ 23.36

Under: \$2,053.13

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.**

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.



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will
be holding a Blood Drive on
**Thursday, 10/25, from 2-7:30 pm at 647
Grove Street, Dunellen**. All donors will
receive a t-shirt and be entered in a raffle to
win one of four gift cards valued at \$25
each. To donate you must please eat and
bring a photo ID, weigh at least 110 pounds
and be in good health. For additional
information and/or to schedule an
appointment, please contact Harry Buttito,
jofrdy@aol.com or (732) 207-8193.

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Pat
Nagel 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:

**Frank Torok, our
Website Manager**

Thank you for your participation!

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.

Rosary Prayer Group Meeting

St John's Rosary Prayer Group will hold their November meeting on **Tuesday, 11/6 at 6pm.** We will pray the rosary in the church and then conduct our meeting in the auditorium. Please use the elevator. You are welcome to bring a guest. Refreshments will be served.

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.



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.

Vote Expected on NJ Assisted Suicide Bill – Action Required!

On Monday, October 29, the New Jersey General Assembly very likely will vote on the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act (A1504). The bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill individuals considered to have six months to live. The facts are clear - in California, in Vermont and in Oregon - states that have passed assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals expensive healthcare coverage but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. In an era of cost control and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as a financial liability for the insurance company, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by reducing costs. Please contact your state legislators and tell them that you oppose A1504. Visit <https://www.votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/57657/Respond> and send your message.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required;

call 908-753-2091 or email:

msmhope@msmhope.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

Substance Abuse Panel Discussion

On **Tuesday, 10/30**, from **6:30-8:30 pm** at **Cumberland County College - Luciano Conference Center, 3322 College Drive, Vineland, NJ**, NJTV, in collaboration with Cumberland County Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services and Vineland Health Department, presents a panel discussion about the complexities of addiction, impact of substance abuse on families, options for treatment and challenges for those in recovery. *NJTV News* Correspondent Briana Vannozi along with health professionals, city and county officials, and individuals treated for substance use disorder will discuss what causes addiction; coping with trauma among families struggling with substance abuse, treatment options and recovery programs such as drug-court, and how drugs could be hiding in plain sight at home and more. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. Admission is free, pre-registration recommended to guarantee a seat. RSVP now on www.eventbrite.com, by email at betancourts@njtvonline.org, or on [Facebook/NJTVonline](https://www.facebook.com/NJTVonline). If you can't attend you can watch it online on the [NJTVonline Youtube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuhY_qV50ys), www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuhY_qV50ys.

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>.