

# Sunday

October 22, 2017



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 10/23

7:00 a.m. **Butch Spagnola by Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #940**

## Tuesday, 10/24

7:00 a.m. **Richard Bartilottise by Nancy Escalante**

## Wednesday, 10/25

7:00 a.m. **Gregory Marranca by Paul Dominick**

## Thursday, 10/26

7:00 a.m. **Larry Ciba by Joe & Marie**

## Friday, 10/27

7:00 a.m. **Butch Spagnola by Mark Treffinger**

## Saturday, 10/28

5:00 p.m. **Timothy Mack by Mary Ellen**

## Sunday, 10/29

8:30 a.m. **Walter Guthreau by Lynn & Gary**

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. John's & Sandra Seidle by sister Chrissy & family**

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Charlie Delayo** as requested by **the Duhamel family**.

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in memory of **Theresa Desposito**.

## Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, October 8

Average needed from weekly offerings to cover expenses **\$7,000.00**  
**Regular Collection: \$5,362.40**  
**Children's: \$ 59.11**  
**Under: \$1,637.60**

Sunday, October 15

Average needed from weekly offerings to cover expenses **\$7,000.00**  
**Regular Collection: \$6,704.02**  
**Children's: \$ 69.36**  
**Under: \$ 295.98**

### 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.

### High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group is in the process of planning a trip to a Haunted Hayride in October and a 5K fun run/walk in early November. Any 9th -12th grader interested in details please email: [stjohnshsyg@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshsyg@gmail.com).

### Altar Rosary Prayer Group Meeting

St. John's Altar Rosary Prayer Group will hold their meeting on **Monday, 11/6**. 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. We will discuss our Christmas party. Please be prepared to pay this evening.

### Scrip Orders Due

Scrip orders are due on **Monday, 10/23** for pickup on **Sunday, 11/5**.

### 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 Calendar Raffle Committee**

Thank you for your participation!



### MARRIAGE BANNS I

Edward J. Buhler  
&  
Gina M. Pizzigoni

### 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**

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.



### Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a blood drive on **Thursday, 11/2** from **2-8 pm** at the **Knights of Columbus Hall, 647 Grove Street, Dunellen**. Please eat and bring a photo ID.

### 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.



Union Catholic HS  
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](mailto:racedirector@unioncatholic.org). To register online, visit [raceforum.com/unioncatholic](http://raceforum.com/unioncatholic).

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer  
**UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required;** call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org)

**AN EXPERIENCE OF T'AI CHI CHIH: A Moving Meditation**

Learn a simple, non-martial form of T'AI CHI CHIH, which is an excellent preparation for Centering Prayer. **Tue., 10/24, EITHER 9:30-11:30 a.m. OR 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 As You Are Able) Presenter: Sr. Antonia Cooper, OSF. Sister Antonia has been presenting TCC internationally since 1991, and is currently on the Franciscan International Leadership Team.

**SPIRITUALITEA - A Tea Party for Ladies!**

Join us for a luncheon and an inspirational talk. **Sun., 10/29, 1-3 p.m.** (\$40-\$50 As You Are Able) Hostesses: Brigitte Pincelli and Mary Jo Kearns, RSM. Brigitte is a former corporate trainer and currently a certified spiritual director.

Bishop Ahr HS Open House  
Bishop George Ahr High School, One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ 08820 is holding a second Open House for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders on **Thursday, 10/26**, at **7 pm**. Call Bishop Ahr for further info or directions, (732) 549-1108 X620, or visit us on the Web at [bgahs.org](http://bgahs.org).

Grief Through The Holidays  
Roundtable

Please join Hunterdon Hospice for a Grief Through the Holidays Roundtable on **Thursday, 10/26**, from **6:30-8 pm** at **Hunterdon Regional Community Health Building, 215 Route 31 South, Flemington** (next to Yesterday's Treasures Thrift Shop). In this unique **FREE** event, Hunterdon Hospice's team of bereavement specialists will share tips and techniques to help you weather holiday grief. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to: [enakahara@hhsnj.org](mailto:enakahara@hhsnj.org) or 908-788-2573. Walk-ins also welcome.

Immaculata Open Home

Save the date for Immaculata High School's premier Fall Admissions Event, "Immaculata Open Home", on **Sunday, 10/29**. Grand welcome is at **12 pm**, event closes at **3 pm**. RSVP to [ImmaculataHighSchool.org/OpenHome](http://ImmaculataHighSchool.org/OpenHome).

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Resource Fair  
Veterans and their families are invited to this **FREE** event on **Saturday, 11/4** from **10 am-1 pm** at the **Hunterdon Medical Center, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington**. Learn about local resources and services available in Hunterdon & nearby counties. Veterans, bring military discharge papers to see what you may qualify for! The event will feature a veterans recognition ceremony; over 40 experts from local, state & federal agencies; wellness demonstrations; VA on-site claims clinic; new educational breakout sessions, plus refreshments and door prizes. For information, contact: 908-788-2573 or [rgerminsky@hhsnj.org](mailto:rgerminsky@hhsnj.org).

Villa Walsh Senior Sisters Sale

Villa Walsh will host their annual Christmas Bazaar Extravaganza on **Sunday, 11/5**, from **12 noon-5 pm** at **Mother Ninetta Hall, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown**. The event will feature unique gifts, crafts, a Money Raffle, baked goods and much, much more! There's also a Food Court that includes pizza frittatas made right on the premises 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.

## Whole Community Catechesis

### Readings for Sunday, 10/22:

**First: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6;**

**Second: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b;**

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21**

**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 (8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Stjev@verizon.net).



## THE DEACON BEACON

*"God alone is my rock and salvation, my secure height; I shall not fall." - Psalm 62:7 NAB*

During my stint in the Navy on the USS Connole FF-1056, I had to replace the aircraft warning lights; the red lights that you can see at the highest point of the ship's mast to prevent aircraft from hitting it. (Also found on towers and buildings, etc.) It was dangerous work and I was the only one willing to do it. But this particular day would be different. As I hung changing the light a terrible storm was coming through. I was ordered to stay up because it was more dangerous for me to climb down. At first I thought my shipmates were out of their minds, but the force of the wind and the pelting rain proved difficult...I could fall, and it was about 14 floors down. I was holding on to the mast top for dear life and my team was afraid it would snap due to the force of the wind. Suddenly I felt a calm peace surround me and heard my chief whisper over my radio to let go. "Do you trust me?" he asked. "No" I replied, "but I do trust God." I no longer heard the wind, felt the beating rain...just the calm. I prayed and let go. I had turned my harness into a make shift sling and just hung. I don't know how long I was up there but it was so peaceful... you guessed it, I fell asleep.

All good sailors check their equipment to make sure it can deliver; but many don't check their faith to see if God can. We put our trust in people and things that are here today and gone tomorrow, not trustworthy or reliable, and we do the same with our salvation. God alone is secure and will not allow us to fall; God alone saves and is steady as a rock.

Until next time...if we put our hope in God, we shall not fall. ...luv ya!  
Deacon Phil