

Sunday

October 28, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 10/29

7:00 a.m. Doris Freyer by
Eileen & Lou Capozzi

Tuesday, 10/30

7:00 a.m. Labrador family by
Mark & Gilda Spazian

Wednesday, 10/31

7:00 a.m. Rosalie Altadodeno by
Enza DiStefano

Thursday, 11/1

7:00 a.m. Deceased members of
Szulczewski & Saup families
by Szulczewski family
Noon Brian Doll by Garabo &
Furino families
7:00 p.m. Al Geigel by Weiss family

Friday, 11/2

7:00 a.m. George & Elizabeth Weiss by
the Weiss/Santullo family
7:00 p.m. Commemoration of the
Faithful Departed

Saturday, 11/3

5:00 p.m. Jessica Dusault by
the Applegate family

Sunday, 11/4

8:30 a.m. Catholic Daughters Court
Regina Coeli #940
10:30 a.m. Angela DiStefano by family

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, October 21

Average needed from weekly offerings to
cover expenses **\$7,000.00**
Regular Collection: \$4,443.00
Children's: \$ 14.60
Under: \$2,567.00

Mission Sunday: \$1,204.60

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.**

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Masses for All Saints Day, **Thursday, 11/1**,
will take place at **7 a.m., Noon, and 7 p.m.**
in the church. A special Mass will take
place to commemorate the faithful departed
on All Soul's Day, **Friday, 11/2**, at **7 p.m.**
in the church.



Coffee & Doughnut Reception

The monthly Coffee &
Doughnut reception will take
place next **Sunday, 11/4**, after the **8:30
and 10:30 Masses in the Church
auditorium.** All are welcome to join us!
This month's reception is hosted by the
Music Ministry.

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

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Al
Walcott 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:

**Mary Lou Chingery, our
Coordinator of Social Ministry**

Thank you for your participation!

Gift Basket Raffle

St. John's Music Ministry will be holding a raffle for a beautiful Thanksgiving Gift Basket **starting next**



weekend after all Masses. Proceeds will help pay for our instrumental musicians for the Christmas and Easter liturgies. The drawing for this prize will be on Tuesday, 11/20, so don't miss your chance to win!

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.

Ozanam Shelter Needs Your Help!

Ozanam Shelter is housing 50+ children ranging from infant-17 years old. They are in great need of diapers, baby wipes, baby ointment, and cases of bottled water.

Please drop off items to the Parish Center and label them "OZANAM."

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.



**Pray
for the
Military**

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.

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.

Taste Of The World

Need an evening of **fine food, libations, entertainment and fellowship?** Come to Taste of the World, **Monday, 11/ 5 from 6:30-9:30 PM, Martinsville Gardens, 1801 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville, NJ**, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Watchung-Warren to raise money for its many causes, which include local causes such as donating to the food pantry in Somerville, the Center for Great Expectations, Hearts of Watchung, administering scholarships that go to graduates of Mount Saint Mary every year, giving college scholarships to graduating students of Watchung Hills Regional High School, sponsoring a Special Needs Children's Holiday party every December, giving each third grader in Watchung and Warren their own personal dictionary, support for homeless veterans and global causes for disaster relief, eradication of polio, surgeries for children born with congenital defects, and clean water projects. Tickets may be purchased through the club website, www.wvrotaryclub.com. Questions, please call Linda Pregonzer at 908-244-5250.

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>.

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>.



A SHOUT OUT...to our SACRAMENTAL SEVENS!!!

On Saturday, 10/20, from 10am-3pm, twenty-one of our seventh graders engaged in a retreat with Fr. Edmund Luciano, former Youth Director for the Diocese. For the service aspect of the retreat, our students rolled 40 place-settings of flatware, sorted / bagged 75 winter coats, made 70 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and loaded up the sandwiches into snack bags with juice and fruit. The lunch bags had previously been decorated in our most recent family catechesis session. While the coats will be donated to FISH, the Ozanam Shelter will benefit from the snacks and flatware. Ozanam is presently housing 50+ homeless children. Thanks Sacramental Sevens for all your efforts!!!

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.

Union Catholic Information Night

If you missed Open House or want a closer look, join us on **Wednesday, 11/7 at 7 pm** at **Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains** and learn how UC's faith-based environment can support you on your journey to college and throughout life! Be Fearless, Be Faithful, Be Ready! #UCFUTURE READY. For more information, contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or bthornton@unioncatholic.org.

In God's Image:

Catholic Faith Sharing Group

In God's Image, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at **Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield**, meets the **2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM** in the **Annex Building**. Our next meeting is **11/14**. The group is open to LGBT adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, contact Fr. John at [\(908\) 756-0633, ext 125](tel:9087560633) or the group may be reached by contacting (908) 822-5895 or by emailing sacredheartigi@gmail.com.



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan

Please join Fr. Gerardo from St. Thomas the Apostle in Old Bridge NJ on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan, **January 14-25, 2019**. Price \$3,400 per person, double occupancy. Health Care included. For more info contact Fr Gerardo: gpaderson@gmail.com or (732) 251- 4000 or call Deacon Tom (732) 610-5434.