

Sunday, September 29

Regular Collection: \$4,311.74

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 10/6

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Weiss by family
10:30 a.m. Mary St. Laurent by family

Monday, 10/7

7:00 a.m. John Seccafuto by Sharyn Szulczewski & family

Tuesday, 10/8

7:00 a.m. Adolph Giacomarra by family

Wednesday, 10/9

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, 10/10

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, 10/11

7:00 a.m. Pearlie Wimberly by Sharyn L. Szulczewski & family

Saturday, 10/12

5:00 p.m. William Drumgould by Barbara Carlisle

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

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Julie Morris Meyers** by **Pat & Bill Morris**.

This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of **Yolanda Giacomarra** by **Giacomarra family**.

From The Pastor

Dear Friends,

Since I arrived at St. John's, I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you about the various needs of our parish – both the spiritual and the temporal. As your priest, I, along with Deacon Glenn, are very able to attend to the spiritual needs of our community. I will, however, need your assistance with the temporal.

I would like to establish a committee of persons with backgrounds in construction, project management, HVAC, maintenance, electrical and plumbing. The purpose of this committee would be to assess the overall condition of the interior and exterior of the Church and Parish Center buildings, and to create a master maintenance plan so that we may all have a better understanding of our future needs and plan accordingly.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please email me at stjev@verizon.net with your name, contact information and background area. You may also call the parish office and leave your information with the parish secretary.

I believe that together we can do good work to take our parish into the future.

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:

Lynn & Gary Guthreau for scheduling the Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Thank you for your participation!

Daily Mass Notice

Please Note: There will be NO daily Mass on **Wednesday, 10/9** and **Thursday, 10/11** due to a Diocesan Priest's Convocation. **A Communion Service will be held both days in the Chapel at 7 a.m.**

NJ Right To Life Raffle

New Jersey Right to Life will sell raffle chances at **all Masses next weekend**. First prize is a 2020 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at over \$40,000. Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest Pro-Life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket! The cost is \$10.

October – the Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. All are invited to join the Altar Rosary Prayer Group in the recitation of the Rosary on **Thursday, 10/10 at 6:30pm in the Church**. A meeting will follow in the auditorium.

Pre-Baptism Class

Our next Pre-Baptism class will be held on **Wednesday, 11/20 at 7:00pm** in the **Parish Center**. Pre-Baptism class is required for parents who wish to have their first child baptized. Please contact the Parish Office to register.



New Altar Servers

Serving at the Altar during Mass is a great way for boys and girls to develop their faith and service to the Church. If you are in the 4th grade and up and have received First Holy Communion, please complete the information below and drop it in the collection basket or email it to stjev@verizon.net. Training dates will be determined after sign-ups. Thanks!

Name:

Address:

Home Phone Number:

Grade/School:

Parent email:

Dunellen Public School District
Child Find Notice

The Dunellen School District provides special education and related services to disabled children/students ages 3-21 who are in need of special education. If your child demonstrates a delay in communication, motor skills, social/emotional and/or delayed development, they may be eligible for special education and related services. For additional information, please contact the Special Education Department at 732-400-5900, x1050.



**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 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**
- US 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.

**Be a Champion
for Catholic Charities**

Champions for Catholic Charities is a community of individual, parish and corporate benefactors who support Catholic Charities' vital programs and services for our neighbors in need. Here are 2 ways to help: 1) join us for the **2019 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner** being held on **Thursday evening, October 17** at the **Palace in Somerset Park** and/or 2) purchase a **Champion 50/50 Raffle** ticket. For more information call 732-562-2432, email champions@diometuchen.org or visit <https://diometuchen.org/champions>. With your help, Catholic Charities is making a real difference in the lives of so many.

2019 High School

Open House Dates

Attention Middle School students and families, come and see what we are really about!
#OurPurposeOurSchools

St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Open House – **Sunday, 10/13 – 1-4pm**

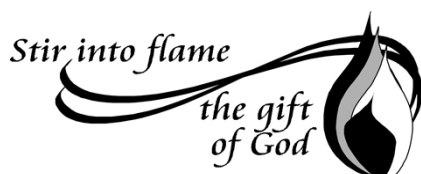
Saint Joseph High School
Open House – **Sunday, 10/20 – 11:30am-2pm**

Immaculata High School
Open House – **Sunday, 10/27 – Noon-4pm**

Mount Saint Mary Academy
Open House – **Sunday, 10/27 – Noon-4:30pm**

Bereavement Facilitator Training

Whether your parish is seeking to start a new bereavement ministry, or you would like to learn more about the grief process and how to support those in bereavement, you are invited to attend one of the offered Bereavement Facilitator Trainings. The trainings will cover a range of topics including Christian funerals, the grief process, communicating with the bereaved, leading support groups and beginning a parish bereavement program. Training will take place at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center** on **Saturday, 10/12 or Friday, 11/8** from **10:00am to 3:00pm**. For more information please email family.life@diometuchen.org



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE
SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time
October 6, 2019**

“I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give you a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake, but bear your share of the hardship for the gospel, with the strength that comes from God. Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”

We all need reminders. Emails are sent about meetings, calls made about a dentist appointment, a light on the dashboard to check the oil. Each one has importance and serves a good purpose.

Paul resorts to a reminder and uses the example of a flame. We know a small spark has great potential to become a blazing inferno. Blowing gently on embers from a barbecue can create a fire. The old song ‘it only takes a spark to get a fire going’ is real.

The same image was directed to Timothy, reminding him of the hands asking for the Spirit to ordain him. The same imposition of hands occurred for us at our baptism and confirmation. Yes, we too have the gift of power, love and self control. Am I ready to stir it into a flame?

