

## Sunday

October 7, 2018



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 10/8

7:00 a.m. Doris Freyer by Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #940

## Tuesday, 10/9

7:00 a.m. Adolph Giacomarra by Giacomarra family

## Wednesday, 10/10

7:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE – Jane & Joseph Kotz by the Kurzius family

## Thursday, 10/11

7:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

## Friday, 10/12

7:00 a.m. Special Intention by Nonna Rovito

## Saturday, 10/13

5:00 p.m. The Kleinhans, Sheridan & Petto families by their children & family

## Sunday, 10/14

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's & Jane & Joseph Kotz by Kurzius family

10:30 a.m. Vincent Fitzgerald by John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

## Sacrificial Offerings 2018

### Sunday, September 30

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

**Regular Collection: \$4,578.58**

**Children's: \$ 24.00**

**Under: \$2,421.42**

### From Msgr. Benwell

In the event you didn't hear my announcement last weekend: I have consulted with a number of parishioners over the last couple months, and all agree with me that since both our Sunday collections go into the same general operating fund, it makes sense to have *one* parish collection each weekend. I think this will improve the flow of the Sunday liturgy and will certainly be a help to those who count and record the collection. There will be a second collection from time to time when there is a special diocesan or national collection, e.g. Mission Sunday, the Palm Sunday collection for our retired priests. I am not, of course, asking you to give less to the parish (!), but to use one less envelope, putting whatever you are able to give to the parish in the one collection. Thank you for your understanding.

Tuesday afternoon through Thursday afternoon of this week, the priests of the Diocese will gather in Spring Lake for our annual convocation. These days are part-retreat, part-continuing formation, and part-fraternity building. Please say a prayer that it is a Spirit-led, productive convocation. I will remember you all in my Masses on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no parish Mass on those days; I am grateful to Deacon Mike Gleason and Deacon Glenn Robitaille for celebrating Communion Services in place of our regular Masses. God bless you this coming week!

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Angela & Vincent Pileggi by daughter Rosina.*

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Pat Nagel by Coleen Mendez & family.*

### **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**

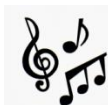


Fostering stewardship is a way of life. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his/her time, talent and treasure. We gratefully acknowledge and salute:

### **The Golf Outing Committee**

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.



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](http://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

### **Altar Rosary Prayer Group Meeting**

St. John's Altar Rosary prayer Group will hold their first meeting on **Monday, 10/8 at 6pm. Rosary will be prayed in the church and the meeting will follow in the auditorium.** Please use the elevator. Refreshments will be served and you are welcome to invite a guest.

### **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=bookmark> for more info and updates.



### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Adoration@diometuchen.org) or call 732-765-6445.

### **Fall Open House**

**Bishop George Ahr High School, One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ,** invites you to a **Fall Open House** on **Sunday, 10/14** from **1:00 – 4:00 P.M.** Meet our faculty, tour our facility, and hear about our technology. Learn about our sports, clubs and organizations. Student guides, brochures available, refreshments served. All are welcome! 7<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to get an early start! Call Bishop Ahr for further info or directions, (732) 549-1108 X620 or visit us on the Web at [bgahs.org](http://bgahs.org).

### **World Apostolate of Fatima Celebration**

The World Apostolate of Fatima Celebration will take place on **Saturday, 10/13**, at our **Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt.View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ.** Celebrate the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and her request to not offend the Lord our God, and to continue to pray the rosary every day for peace. Place your petitions before Our Lady. Visit the Holy House USA with crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto; the actual baldacchino and altar over which the last great apparition of Fatima took place; and the largest extant piece of the tree upon which Our Lady stood at Fatima. **10:30 am: Confessions start; 12:00 pm: Rosary Procession; 12:30: Guest Speaker** Rev. Luke Fletcher, C.F.R.; **1:15 pm: Holy Mass** with Celebrant Most Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio, followed by Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fatima Farewell Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Brown Scapular Enrollment. Note: talks at the Holy House USA concerning relics and Fatima at **10:30 a.m.**, and following Divine Mercy Chaplet **till 5 p.m.** For more info: [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com) 908-689-1700



### **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!)

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

**AN EVENING WITH BROTHER MICKEY MCGRATH**

Join us for an evening with Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS as he shares his paintings and stories in a most unique and fun experience which celebrates saints who walked the streets and forests of NY State and Philadelphia: Frances Cabrini, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Kateri Tekawitha, Marianne Cope, Dorothy Day, Katharine Drexel and John Neumann. Discover some new faces of Jesus in your heart through the lives of these wise and holy women and men, each offering us hope and joy in these turbulent and anxious times. **Wed., Oct. 24, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.** (\$25 registration fee-registration required)



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

**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 diocesan 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](mailto: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.

**Honoring Those Who Serve and  
Protect Us: The Blue Mass**

Bishop Checchio invites ALL the faithful of the Diocese to join him at the 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Tribunal@diometuchen.org).