

Sunday

October 8, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, 10/9

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

Tuesday, 10/10

7:00 a.m. **Richard Bartilotti, Sr. by
Nancy & Rick Chesler & family**

Wednesday, 10/11

7:00 a.m. **Julie Meyers by Miller family**

Thursday, 10/12

7:00 a.m. **Richard Leandri by
Paul Dominick**

Friday, 10/13

7:00 a.m. **Kleinhans, Sheridan & Petto
families by children & family**

Saturday, 10/14

5:00 p.m. **Ruth, Andrew & Bertha by
husband & son**

Sunday, 10/15

8:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. John's &
Roberto Loo Hernandez by
Manny & Lynne Jacalan**

10:30 a.m. **Joseph & Jane Kotz by
Kurzius family**

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

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in memory of **Yolanda Giacomarra** as requested by **St. John's Staff**.

Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, October 1

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

Regular Collection: \$7,793.47

Children's: \$ 72.61

Over: \$ 793.47

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.

Golf Outing Raffle

Winners



1st Prize: Deacon Phil Gonzales - \$647.50

2nd Prize: Nina DiQuollo - \$388.50

3rd Prize: Joan Nowicki - \$259.00

The total collected from the raffle was \$2,590: half paid out to the three winners and half (\$1,295) for St. John Church.

High School Youth Group

All 9th through 12th graders - please join us **TONIGHT, Sunday, 10/8 at 7pm** in the **Parish Center** for a Youth Group Launch Party!! Come see what Youth Group is all about! For more information, email us at: stjohnshsyg@gmail.com.

Altar Rosary Prayer Group Meeting

St. John's Altar Rosary Prayer Group will hold their meeting on **Monday, 10/9**. 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.

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 Golf Outing Committee

Thank you for your participation!

Come Join The St. John's Choir

St. John's Music Ministry is starting regular choir rehearsals for our upcoming Christmas Eve masses. First rehearsal will take place in our church sanctuary on **Tuesday evening, 10/17** from **7:30 to 9:00 pm**. Singers of all levels of experience are welcome. Please enter the church by the First Street back door.



**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

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

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. To register online, visit raceforum.com/unioncatholic.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: msmhope@msmhope.org

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: 100th ANNIVERSARY

In what ways are the appearances of Our Lady at Fatima still relevant to us today?

Wed., Oct. 11, EITHER 9:30-11:30 OR 7-9 p.m.
(\$20-\$30 As You Are Able)

Presenters: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM & Eileen P. Smith, RSM

HOW DO I LIVE MY FAITH?

This 3 week series will revolve around Ron Rolheiser's *Sacred Fire* book. How can I live as a mature disciple? Together we will unpack the wisdom of this book. **Mon., Oct. 23, 30, and Nov. 6, 1-2:30 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 As You Are Able)

Presenter: Laura M. Arvin, OP

Bishop Ahr HS Open House
Bishop George Ahr High School, One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ 08820 is holding a Fall Open House on **Sunday, 10/15**, from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. Come meet our faculty, tour our new facility, hear about our technology, learn about our sports, clubs and organizations. Student guides and brochures available. Refreshments served. 7th 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.

Come Pray For Those
Who Serve and Protect

Bishop James F. Checchio cordially invites all the faithful in the Diocese to join him at the annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and town from across Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties. The Mass will take place on **Thursday, 10/12 at 10:30 a.m.** in the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen**. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all our dedicated local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. For more information, call (732) 562-2463 or visit: diometuchen.org/2017-blue-mass.

Holy Savior Academy's First
Annual Designer Bag Bingo

Join us for our first annual Designer Bag Bingo on **Friday, 10/20** at **Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Avenue**. **Doors open at 6:30 PM**. \$20 per person --table reservations accepted for parties of 10 or more. 10 Bingo games! Tricky Tray! 50/50! Tickets available at the school from 8AM-2:30PM. BYOB. Coffee/Tea/Water provided. Credit cards accepted night of event. 18+ ONLY at event; facility is NOT wheelchair accessible. For questions or more information contact: trickytrayhsa@gmail.com.

An Evening With

Dr. Robert J. Wicks

THE SIMPLE CARE OF A HOPEFUL HEART:
Enhancing Resilience, Compassion and Personal Well Being. **Wednesday, 10/18, 7-9 pm** in **Mercy Hall**, under the chapel on the grounds of the Mount Saint Mary Complex, 1651 U.S. Highway 22, Watchung. Following presentation, book-signing of his latest book: *Night Call: Embracing Compassion and Hope in a Troubled World*. \$25 per person registration fee. To register or for more information, call: 908-753-2091/ email: msmhope@msmhope.org.

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 10/8:

First: Isaiah 5:1-7;

Second: Philippians 4:6-9;

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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 (8th 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.

Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Concert

Save the date! Sacred Heart Church, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, proudly announces the return of their Christmas Concert. This year's concert will feature The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea under the direction of Fr. Alphonse Stephenson, on **Sunday, 11/26 at 3:00PM** in the **Church of the Sacred Heart**. Tickets \$30/General Admission, \$25/Seniors, \$15.00/Students under 17. Call 908-756-0633 ext. 147 to purchase your tickets before they sell out!



St. Andrew Church

Christmas Bazaar

Join us for our Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, 12/2**, from **10 a.m.-3 p.m.** (9:30 for Religious Education students) in the **St. Andrew Church Hall, 244 Avenel Street, Avenel**, sponsored by St. Andrew's Altar-Rosary Society. Crafts, Basket Raffles, Great Food and Much More! Free gift wrapping for children plus pictures with Santa, storytelling with Mrs. Santa, games and more. Don't miss it...a great day for the entire family!

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonapartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or email: Lumina@postabortion.org.

Do you believe that Catholic Education is important? Do you have financial skills, property management skills, fund raising abilities, the desire to see Catholic education make a difference in our world? Holy Savior Academy Board of Trustees needs you! We are looking for new board members and/or committee members. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Father George Farrell at Fathergeorgef@aol.com or at 908-756-3383 x15