

## Sunday

November 11, 2018



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 11/12

7:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

## Tuesday, 11/13

7:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

## Wednesday, 11/14

7:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

## Thursday, 11/15

7:00 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

## Friday, 11/16

7:00 a.m. Doris Freyer by  
Dianne Applegate

## Saturday, 11/17

5:00 p.m. Donna Jean Rabke by  
Gwen Kane

## Sunday, 11/18

8:30 a.m. Nina Mondoro by husband  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &  
Marge Kugelman by Lynn &  
Gary Guthreau

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of  
David Raabe by Dianne Applegate & family.*

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Henry  
Janssen by Barbara Carlisle.*

## Sacrificial Offerings 2018

### Sunday, November 4

Regular Collection: \$7,215.45

Children's: \$ 30.25

Holy Day Collection: \$1,063.00

### 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.**

### From Msgr. Benwell

I am very pleased and very grateful to report that our annual Golf Outing was a great success, contributing \$15,723.53 to our operating fund. I thank all who supported our parish by golfing that day, sponsoring a tee, donating an item for the auction, buying a raffle ticket, or volunteering in some way. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the committee that spent many hours planning and seeing to the many details that go into an event like this: Chair Nina DiQuollo, Gary and Lynn Guthreau, Bill Hughes, Matt and Terry Kurzius, Jane Lendach, Pat Nagle, John and Kathy Nicholson, Tom Sheenan, and Nancy Stoll. Our next fundraiser: Casino Night, Saturday evening, 2/9.

This coming week I'll be taking the last days of my vacation. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in place of the 7 am Mass Monday through Friday. Once again I'm grateful to Deacons Mike Gleason and Glenn Robitaille for filling in for me while I'm away from the parish.

My prayers for the week ahead,

Msgr. Benwell

## 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"



### Thanksgiving Basket Drive

Please help us fill our Thanksgiving Baskets with donations of turkeys, stuffing, yams, instant potatoes, gravy, canned veggies, cranberry sauce and other "goodies". You can drop off donations at the Parish Center or bring to the Church by 11/18. Thank you for your generosity!

### 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:

### **Sue Lester for coordinating the All Souls liturgy**

Thank you for your participation!

## Parish Office Closing

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, 11/15**. The office will re-open on Monday, 11/19.

### Gift Basket Raffle

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



**on sale this 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!

### 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."**

### Best Advent Ever

Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent you'll receive an email with:

- Short, inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life.
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey.

To sign up visit:

[BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18](http://BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18)



### **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.

### **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](mailto:sacredheartigi@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **Mass and Healing Service**

**St. James Church, Woodbridge**, will be holding a mass and healing service on **Wednesday, 11/14** at **7 pm**. Father John Campoli, I.V. Dei Director of His Love Ministries will celebrate Mass. Following the Mass, Father John will pray for special blessings and healing for those present. For information, call Maryann (732) 803-7466 (please leave a message).

### **Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer**

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required;** call 908-753-2091 or email: [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org).

### **HOW DO YOU FIND GOD?**

Through this **interfaith program**, explore how people of the major world religions—Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist, find meaning through their faith, prayer, and lived experiences. **Wed., Nov. 14, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 as you are able) Panel: Swami Brahmananda Saraswati, Father Jack Zamboni, Sky-Young-Wick, Gulmakai Popal Saleh, and Cantor Michelle Rubel  
Facilitator: Rev. Anthony Randazzo  
*Rev. Anthony is a happy priest and the pastor of Holy Trinity, Westfield*

### **GRIEF RECOVERY**

*Learning a process to deal with grief*  
Gentle 4-step experiential process for resolving grief caused by loss. **Sun., Nov. 18, 1-5:30 p.m.** (\$45-\$55 as you are able)  
Facilitator: Mary Jo Kearns, RSM

**Prayer and Support for Families  
Affected by Mental Health Issues**

A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at **St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, NJ** on **Thursday, 11/15** and **Wednesday, 12/19** with 2 sessions at **10 am** and **7 pm**. Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture. For more information please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities 732-765-6432 or email: [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com)



**Greece Pilgrimage**

Join us for an 11 day Greece Pilgrimage including a 3 day Greek Isles Cruise from **March 19-29, 2019**. \$3,279 - from Newark. Pilgrimage host: Fr. David Kosmoski, St. Andrew Church, Avenel, NJ. Visiting: Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Patmos, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Mykonos...and Ephesus in Turkey. Arrangements by Nawas Travel, Darien, Ct. Also we are happy to announce the Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe including the Passion Play of Oberammergau, **May 18-28, 2020**, \$3,949.00. Call (732) 634- 4355 for brochures or visit [www.standrewparish.com](http://www.standrewparish.com) to review itineraries.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY  
READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 11, 2018**

**“Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling His disciples to Himself, He said to them, ‘Amen I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributions to the treasury. For they have contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.’”**

The scriptures feature widows and their gifts. A few drops of oil and a little flour, or two cents. What could these simple elements teach us? Don't be too quick to judge. Consider the state of life, without husbands, with their own felt needs. Yet these simple gifts represented them, their life, perhaps their family too. But the Lord recognized their willingness to give of themselves.

How often when we are asked to support our church do we calculate, complain, and even feel insulted that we are asked to give? Whose church is it? It is mine and the Lord's. What do I have that was not a gift for me? Nothing. Many times when a parent is carrying his shoeless baby when leaving church I ask another person if they have a dollar. Readily they reach to answer my request. We then joke that the people did have shoes. They respond as we should, like today's widows.

