

Sunday

November 12, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, 11/13

7:00 a.m. Felisa Tan by Juanita Brewer

Tuesday, 11/14

7:00 a.m. Nina Beegle by Nancy & Rick Chesler and family

Wednesday, 11/15

7:00 a.m. Richard Bartilotti, Sr. by Nancy Escalante

Thursday, 11/16

7:00 a.m. Joan Rosiak by Pat Nagel

Friday, 11/17

7:00 a.m. Clem Santy by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Saturday, 11/18

5:00 p.m. Stanley Meyers by his son & daughter

Sunday, 11/19

8:30 a.m. Nina Mondoro by Joe Mondoro

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's & Marge Kugelman by Lynn & Gary

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Alfred D'Ovidio** by **Tony & Cathy D'Ovidio**.

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in memory of **Anne & Ed Sheenan** by **Dianne & Tim**.

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.**

High School Youth Group

Youth Group meeting **Sunday, 11/19, 7-8pm** in the **Parish Center**. All 9th-12th Graders welcome. If you have any questions about Youth Group please feel free to email stjohnshsyg@gmail.com.

From the Pastor's Desk

In addition to our annual Angel Giving tree, our parish has been invited to participate in "Gift Giving" for the Diocesan Christmas gathering for Special Needs, Disabled Children and Young Adults in December. Gift cards from Target, Walgreens, Kohl's, Walmart and ShopRite are requested. Purchase cards through our Scrip Program by **November 20th** and St. John's will profit as well. Mark your donation and we'll deliver it for you!! Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Breakfast is back! Come join the Knights of Columbus for a community breakfast on **Sunday, 11/19** from **8 a.m.-12 noon** in the **St. John's auditorium**. The menu will consist of an omelet station, potatoes, pancakes, juice, pastries, bacon, and more.

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 11/19. 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:

Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #940

Thank you for your participation!

Gift Basket Raffle

St. John's Music Ministry will be holding two raffles for beautiful Gift Baskets in the coming weeks, with proceeds to help pay for our instrumental musicians for the Christmas and Easter liturgies. **Tickets for the first basket will be on sale after all Masses beginning this weekend.**



Calendar Raffle



The winner of \$75 for Week 1, ticket #1159, is: **Rita Keating**

Fourth Annual Casino Night



On **February 10**, we will be hosting our Fourth Annual Casino Night. You or your business can support the event by being a donor, sponsoring a table, or donating a prize to the raffle. Contact the Parish Office at (732) 968-2621 to make a donation.

Information on tickets for the event will be available in January.



**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.

Holy Hour For Religious Freedom & Persecuted Christians

A Holy Hour for Religious Freedom will be held **every Sunday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Eucharistic Adoration chapel in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center at 50 Van Winkle Place in Piscataway. Participants are invited to silently pray the rosary and other special prayers for the intentions of Christians world-wide who are being persecuted for their faith.

World Day of The Poor

Bishop James F. Checchio invites all of the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen to join him for an Evening of Prayer for World Day of the Poor on **Sunday, 11/19 at 5 p.m.** in the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen**. At the end of the 2015-16 Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis established the "World Day of The Poor", a new celebration to be held annually on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. In unity with the Holy Father, we will gather as a faith community for Evening of Prayer. All are welcome. This will be an occasion for our community to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel and an opportunity for those who work to aid, care for and comfort those in greatest need to be affirmed, inspired and sent forth with a renewed commitment to building a "culture of encounter" and bringing people together across differences with tenderness and solidarity. Please consider attending. For information visit: diometuchen.org/world-day-of-the-poor.



Christmas Concert At Sacred Heart

The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea opens its Christmas Season in concert at the **Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, NJ** on **Sunday, 11/26 at 3:00PM**. Conducted by Rev. Alphonse Stephenson, allow this world-class orchestra to lift your spirits and leave you singing. General Admission: \$30, Seniors: \$25, Students: \$15. For inquiries and ticket purchase call: 908-756-0633 x110 or x147, 732-549-9633, or 908-757-7298.

Union Catholic Scholarship Exam

Union Catholic High School will be holding a Scholarship Exam on **Saturday, 12/2 at 9:00 a.m.** and **Sunday, 12/3 at 1:00 p.m.** There is no make-up for this exam. The exam fee is \$30.00. To register for the Scholarship Exam and for more information regarding scholarship opportunities, call the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, exts. 302 or 328 or visit our website at <http://m.unioncatholic.org/admissions>.

St. Ann Parish Christmas Concert

St. Ann Parish is pleased to announce our Annual Christmas Concert with Father Alphonse Stephenson's Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea. The concert will be held at **2 p.m.** on **Sunday, 12/17** at the **Somerset County Vocational & Technical School, Bridgewater**. Advance Tickets only are available now by calling the Rectory Office at (908) 725-1008, ext. 104.

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 11/12:
First: Wisdom 6:12-16;
Second: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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.



THE DEACON BEACON

"The angel of the Lord, who encamps with them, delivers all who fear God."

- Psalm 34:8 NAB

Do you believe in angels? The bible talks about them. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are just three of the angels mentioned in scripture, but there are many, many more. Even Jesus talks about them. I honestly can tell you from my own experiences that I have seen, spoken to and have been touched by them. We even have T.V. shows about them; remember "Touched By An Angel"? So what's the point? Today's Psalm is about our Guardian Angels. They are there to protect us, guide us and help as much as possible. I say as much as possible because like God, they will not interfere with free will. Even the fallen angels know that. They can tempt and influence, but they can't force us to do anything. They need our consent, our yes.

Do we fear God? I mean love Him the way Jesus said, "With our whole mind, heart, soul and being?" For if we do then the angels have our back. Anyone who's a friend of God is a friend of an angel...the good ones anyway. They are fighting for us (See Daniel), protecting us (See Exodus), helping us in our daily lives (See Tobit) or wreaking havoc (Job). They live to love and serve God. So be careful, they are neutral (See Exodus and Joshua). If you love Jesus and fear God, then your angel will fight to the death for you. But they need your help; they need your faith and they need your prayers. They are not to be worshipped or served and THEY will tell you as much; worship God, He alone is worthy.

By the way, how do you say thank you to your Guardian Angel? By giving God the Glory, alleluia!

Until next time...pray! The angels bring your prayers and petitions before God! Luv ya!
Deacon Phil