

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 11/17

8:30 a.m. Marge Kugelman by Lynn & Gary Guthreau

10:30 a.m. Nina Mondoro by Joe Mondoro

Monday, 11/18

7:00 a.m. Escolda Scudiero by Sue Confalone

Tuesday, 11/19

7:00 a.m. John Mack by the Mack family

Wednesday, 11/20

7:00 a.m. Special Intention by James Boob

Thursday, 11/21

7:00 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez by Lynne Jacalan

Friday, 11/22

7:00 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez by Manny & Lynne Jacalan

Saturday, 11/23

5:00 p.m. Stanley Meyers by his children

Sunday, 11/24

8:30 a.m. Donna Kugelman by Lynn & Gary Guthreau

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's & Adolph Giacomarra by his family

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, November 10

Regular Collection: \$4,390.58

World Day of the Poor

November 17, 2019 marks the third annual World Day of the Poor. In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us "that the poor are not statistics to be counted, but people to be encountered." We are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. And to recognize Christ in those who we meet or whose stories we hear.

In this year's World Day of the Poor message, Pope Francis reflects on Psalm 9:19, "The hope of the poor will not perish forever." He considers the suffering of millions of people who experience poverty, noting that they maintain hope in the Lord in a very real way because he assures them of his faithfulness. Pope Francis challenges us to be authentic witnesses of Christian hope and to accompany the poor through a personal and constant commitment over time.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

There will be a second collection next weekend. Proceeds benefit community projects on the local and national level by addressing the social issues of poverty. Please be as generous as your means allow. To learn more about the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development visit www.usccb.org/cchd

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 in our parish benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of time, talent and treasure. With grateful hearts we thank:

Our Altar Servers

for their efforts.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Social Concerns has begun their Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please help fill our baskets with donations of turkey, stuffing, yams, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce and other goodies. Donations may be brought to the Parish Center or left in the Thanksgiving Donation bins found at the Church entrances. **Please return all items by November 18.** Thank you for your generosity!

St. John the Evangelist Parish,

Dunellen presents...

Kick Start Your Faith!

Our final presentation will be on **Wednesday, November 20 from 6:30-8 pm in the Church.** Rev. Msgr. Charles Cicerale, will speak about *The Eucharist Alive!* All are welcome!

You're Invited

Bishop Checchio will install Monsignor Benwell as the pastor of St. Mary-Stony Hill, Watchung on **Sunday, 12/8** at the **11:15 Mass.** All are invited to attend the Mass.

Pre-Baptism Class

Our next pre-baptism class will be held on **Wednesday, November 20 at 7PM** in the **Parish Center.** First-time parents who wish to have their children baptized should contact the Parish Office to register.



**Thanksgiving
Basket Raffle**

The Music Ministry is selling tickets for their Thanksgiving Basket Raffle after all Masses.

The winner will be drawn on Tuesday November 26th. Proceeds will benefit music ministry. Tickets are 1 for \$1; 3 for \$2; 10 for \$5. Thank you for your support.

SCRIP Program

Give the gift that gives twice. If you are thinking of gift cards for Christmas, consider supporting the parish SCRIP program. We receive a percentage of the gift card as a rebate.

The last order for SCRIP before Christmas is due on **November 24**, with a **pick up date of December 8**.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Casino Nite Committee is looking for new members. This *Fun*-raiser provides great opportunity for a community gathering and support for our ministries. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Nicholson at nich425@msn.com or 908-256-0172.

Education Workshop

The Hispanic Evangelization Office of the Diocese of Metuchen invites all parents and educators to the workshop: "Educating Children in the Catholic Faith in a Non-Christian Society" to be held in Spanish on **Saturday, 11/23** at the **St John Neumann Pastoral Center**. Cost: \$10, limited space. For more information or to register, please call the Diocese at 732-243-4573.

**Catholic Charities-
Diocese of Metuchen**

Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen.

A donation box is located in our parish parking lot. If you have an item that is too big to fit in the donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home. Proceeds support the ministries of Catholic Charities.



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**
- U.S. 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.

**Awakening Year – Personal
Consecration Opportunity**

Looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed? Looking to develop a deeper relationship with Our Lord? Want to grow in holiness, but are too busy? Set aside just 15 minutes a day for nine days during this Awakening Year to deepen your faith and make a consecration on a personal level to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe. Read, reflect and pray daily with the story of Our Lady and St. Juan Diego. On the ninth day, you are invited to pray the personal consecration prayer, committing yourself to be an active Catholic and sharing your Catholic faith with others. This consecration is easy to fit in your schedule! Just pick the nine days to do this individually or get a small group together! To find out more about this personal consecration and to access the resource, go to www.lightingheartsonfire.org, click on prayers, select Personal Consecration and begin today!

Hope through Education

Hope through Education, a newly incorporated independent nonprofit, was formed to significantly increase the tuition assistance available to low-income families living in Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties, to allow them the chance to choose the best school for their child regardless of their ability to afford the full cost of tuition. Hope through Education has the approval of Bishop James F. Checchio, who stands in support of its mission.

The nonprofit is staffed, operational and already at work to increase the number of scholarships available to families with the greatest financial need. Information on how to apply will be available shortly.

For more information, please contact Hope through Education at info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE
SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2019**

“You know how you must imitate us...we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat.”

‘Imitation is the greatest form of flattery’ but often it can lead others astray. The lack of truthfulness in government, lies and deceit in business, use of performance enhancing drugs in sports become the norm, not the exception. ‘Everyone is doing it’ is the response, but does not make it right.

Paul’s exhortation and example called and challenged his hearers not to be so easily persuaded to laziness, a capital sin, but to labor intensely for the Lord. What he lived and taught was to remedy what he saw as contrary to a Christian life.

His words are directed to us as a model, an example to follow. Jesus is our leader, Paul our teacher, and we eagerly accept the challenge to be a model for others. Can we say that? ‘Do as I say or do as I do.’

