

Sunday

November 18, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 11/19

7:00 a.m. Zachary Bunsu by
the Zadroga family

Tuesday, 11/20

7:00 a.m. Timothy J. Mack by
Mary Ellen Mack

Wednesday, 11/21

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

Thursday, 11/22

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Tammaro by
Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Friday, 11/23

7:00 a.m. John Carlisle by
mother Barbara

Saturday, 11/24

5:00 p.m. Adolph Giacomarra by
Giacomarra family

Sunday, 11/25

8:30 a.m. Barbara Zionkowski by
husband Ed

10:30 a.m. Stanley Meyers by
his son & daughter

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Howard Hartfelder by Barbara*

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, November 11

Regular Collection: \$ 4,713.00

Children's: \$ 18.50

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.**

Parish Office Closing/ Holiday Mass Schedule

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, 11/22** in observance of Thanksgiving. Daily Mass on that day will take place at **9:00 a.m.** in the **church**. The Parish Office will re-open on Monday, 11/26.

Gift Basket Raffle

St. John's Music Ministry is 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!

MARRIAGE BANNS I



Christopher Kopko
&
Laura Bullard

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Mary
& William Benwell by 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:

Ron Fojtlin & Matt Kurzius for doing the clean-up

Thank you for your participation!



Altar Prayer Group Christmas Party

St John's Altar Prayer Group will hold their Christmas Party on **Tuesday, 12/4 at 12 noon at Carpaccio's Ristorante on Rt. 28 in Middlesex.** The cost is \$21. If interested please call Santa at (732) 968-5281.

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



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 2nd 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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

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

ADVENT EVENING: WHAT QUESTIONS BRING YOU CLOSER TO GOD?

Exceptional teachers ask great questions. It would be safe to venture that there is no greater teacher than Jesus Christ and while we say that Jesus is the answer, in the Gospels we find that Jesus was a teacher who asked many questions. In fact, throughout the four Gospels Jesus asks over 100 questions. These questions continue to stir in the hearts of those who seek the truth and seek to grow closer to God. Come explore a few of these questions and grow closer to God together. A light supper is included. **Wed., Nov. 28, 6-9 p.m.** (\$45-\$55 as you are able).

Presenter: Allan Wright
Principal of Koinonia Academy, Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University and author of 12 books

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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **January 25-27**. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.



Be Bold, Get Cold!

Bishop Ahr Polar Plunge

The Sixth Annual Bishop Ahr High School Polar Plunge is scheduled for **Sunday, January 27, 2019!** Please support this important fundraising event. You can learn more about it by visiting our website: bgahs.org/polarplunge.

Thank you for your continued support!

**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



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 to review itineraries.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018**

“Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took His seat forever at the right hand of God. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.”

Jesus is our high priest. When we come to mass our priest leads us in prayer, but he acts only in the person of Christ. It is Jesus who offers the sacrifice of Calvary. Sometimes we know the priest quite well. At times a visitor or missionary celebrates the Eucharist for us. How special it is that we have someone to, in the words of St. Peter, ‘to lead us to God.’

May we reflect for a moment on the person of the priest? Pray for him, offer him your friendship and support, express your gratitude for his role in leading, teaching, preaching and living the gospel. Encourage others to follow Christ on the service of the community. Remember your priests who have died, asking the Lord to reward them for their ministry. Although a priest is often at our side at moments of sickness and death, it is often said that the priest dies alone. Pray for priests.

