

# Sunday

November 19, 2017



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 11/20

7:00 a.m. **Joan & Ed Marren by the Loving family**

## Tuesday, 11/21

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

## Wednesday, 11/22

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

## Thursday, 11/23

9:00 a.m. **Timothy Mack by the Mack family**

## Friday, 11/24

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

## Saturday, 11/25

5:00 p.m. **Theresa Zielinski by family**

## Sunday, 11/26

8:30 a.m. **Dominick Mauro by Woerner family**

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. John's & Barbara Zionkowski by husband**

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Edward W. Marren by brother Jeff.**

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in memory of **Brian Doll by your friends at Devines.**

## Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, November 5

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

**Regular Collection: \$7,279.79**

**Children's: \$ 73.05**

**Over: \$ 279.79**

**All Saints Day: \$1,032.36**

Sunday, November 12

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

**Regular Collection: \$6,463.39**

**Children's: \$ 24.65**

**Under: \$ 536.61**

### 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.

### Thanksgiving Mass

Please note: The Mass on Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, 11/23**, will be

at **9 a.m. in the church.**



### 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.

### 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:

**Mary Lou Chingery**

Thank you for your participation!

### High School Youth Group

Join us in the Parish Center this **Sunday, November 19th**, from **7-8 pm**. We will be working on a service project in honor of World Day for the Poor. Please bring a donation for the Thanksgiving food baskets or for the food pantry if you are able. If you have any questions about Youth Group please email [stjohnshsyg@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshsyg@gmail.com)



### Knights of Columbus Breakfast Cancelled

The Knights of Columbus community breakfast scheduled for this **Sunday, 11/19**, has been cancelled. Breakfasts will resume in January.

### 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.** The drawing for this prize will be on Tuesday, 11/21, so don't miss your chance to win!



### Calendar Raffle



The winner of \$75 for Week 2, ticket #260, is: **Nancy Stoll.**

### 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

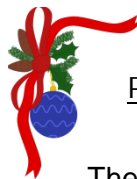
Please pray for the following parishioners who are currently serving in the Military:

**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.



### Diocesan Office For Persons With Disabilities Christmas Party

The Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is preparing for its annual Christmas Party **on Saturday, 12/16, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane**. We ask that you contact us ASAP to reserve a place for you and/or your group (children/young adults with special needs & their families/caregivers) at (732) 765-6432 or [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com).

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, 11/19:**  
**First: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;**  
**Second: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6;**  
**Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

**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 (8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Stjev@verizon.net).



## THE DEACON BEACON

*"The Lord is your guardian; the Lord is your shade at your right hand." - Psalm 121:5, NAB*

Psalm 121 is a short Psalm. It is only eight verses long, and titled the Lord My Guardian. It is a song. Let me sing it to you, shhhh.....

"I raise my eyes toward the mountains. From where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. God will not allow your foot to slip; your guardian does not sleep. Truly, the guardian of Israel never slumbers or sleeps. The Lord is **your** guardian; the Lord is **your** shade at your right hand. By day the sun cannot harm you, nor the moon by night. The Lord will guard you from all evil, will always guard your life. The Lord will guard your coming and going both now and forever."

Isn't that a beautiful song? It requires a deep understanding that the protection being afforded here is not based on the physical but on the spiritual. Jesus spent a lot of time trying to get us to understand that our relationship with God is not only physical, but spiritual. So much so, that God would allow the body to die in order to save something of much more value to him...our souls. Understand that those who have faith can cross that border not only in spirit, but in body. Jesus showed us this through his many miracles. He spent time on this because it's something that's important to us, but he also wanted us to realize that there is something much more powerful in our lives...and that's our guardian. If we trust in the words of this song, the Lord will help us to realize that He guards us always...even in death, and that even death cannot harm us.

Until next time...please rely on the Lord regularly...luv ya! Deacon Phil