

Sunday

November 5, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, 11/6

7:00 a.m. **Charles Parenti 1st**
Anniversary by Paul Dominick

Tuesday, 11/7

7:00 a.m. **Joseph Lipke by Rosemary Ng**

Wednesday, 11/8

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

Thursday, 11/9

7:00 a.m. **Charlotte Gavant by**
Rosemary Ng

Friday, 11/10

7:00 a.m. **In honor of Andrius**
Petravicius by
Amuras Petravicius

Saturday, 11/11

5:00 p.m. **John Maier by Marion & Joe**

Sunday, 11/12

8:30 a.m. **Edward Chabok by**
Bob Zednick
10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. John's &**
Ann Greaney by Gwen Kane

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Ray Applegate** by **Dianne**.

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in memory of **Mary Lou D'Andrea** by **St. John's Choir**.

Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, October 29

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

Regular Collection: \$5,577.22

Children's: \$ 45.85

Under: \$1,422.78

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.

MARRIAGE BANNS III



Edward J. Buhler
&
Gina M. Pizzigoni

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.

Rosary Corner

ALL ARE INVITED - The Rosary is prayed every weekday following the 7:00 a.m. Mass and Novena. **BLOCK ROSARY:** Monday, 7:00 p.m., 511/515 Lincoln Ave.; Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., 607 Third St. What is a Block Rosary? Neighbors gathering in each other's homes for a half hour to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, for the local community and for each other's intentions. Please consider having a Block Rosary in your home. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

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"

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:

Terry Kurzius

Thank you for your participation!



**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.

Charismatic Mass

On **Thursday, 11/9 at 7:30 pm** a Charismatic Mass followed by prayers for healing will be celebrated at **St. Francis Cathedral, 32 Elm Ave & Main Street, Metuchen.** Father William J. Smith, K.C.H.S, Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading, NJ is the celebrant and will offer healing prayers following the Mass. Members of the Body of Christ Charismatic Prayer Group will also be available to pray. For more information call Pam: 732 491-6042

Union Catholic Information Night
If you missed Open House or want a closer look, join us for an Information Night on **Wednesday, 11/8, 7 p.m. at Union Catholic HS, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains.** For more information, contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or bthornton@unioncatholic.org.

2017 Autumn Tricky Tray
Treat yourself to a great evening out with family and friends—great food, music and prizes galore to win! Join us for the 2017 Autumn Tricky Tray benefiting the Foundation for Catholic Education on **Friday, 11/10** at the **DoubleTree by Hilton, 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, NJ.** No one under 18 will be admitted. No admission tickets sold at the door. Admission tickets are \$60 and include a 3-course sit-down dinner. **Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner is at 6:30 pm, and we begin calling prizes at 8:00 pm.** For reservations and details on Tricky Tray Tier Ticket and Bundle prices, email tricky.tray@diometuchen.org, call 732-562-2438 or purchase online at www.diometuchen.org/trickytray. 2017 Autumn Tricky Tray proceeds support tuition aid for deserving children attending a Catholic school in the Diocese of Metuchen.



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.



Turkey Lurkey Bingo
St. Ann School, 29 Second Avenue, Raritan, is hosting Turkey Lurkey Bingo on **Saturday, 11/18** from **5-9 p.m.** in the cafeteria. Must be 18 years or older to enter. We are **PRE-Selling Dinner tickets NOW for \$20 each;** they will be \$25 at the door. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Bingo games will have CASH payouts. Basket Raffle tickets will be \$10 for 1 or \$20 for 3. For more information or to purchase your tickets please call 908-725-7787.

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, 11/5:

First: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10;

Second: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13;

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

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

"Those who love me I also love, and those who seek me find me." - Proverbs 8:17, NAB

The Trinity is ever present. Today's verse is about love and searching. No matter which "one" you're searching for, you'll still find the other two. When I was a teenager my mom always told me, "whatever you're searching for, you're bound to find it." This was in reference to looking for trouble, and of course...my mom was right; and so is this proverb. When one is looking, they can also be looking in all the wrong places. Sometimes we can search a lifetime for something or someone staring us right in the face. When we search for God, we find Jesus and the Holy Spirit, when we search for Jesus, we find the other two. All three are one and each one is in all three. Jesus invited us into the Trinity and vice versa. We can't love God and not love Jesus. We can't love Jesus and not love the Holy Spirit, and so forth. But that is precisely what some of us try to do, love one...without loving the others. In a search to find God, we will eventually find Jesus and the Holy Spirit as well.

Now about this "love" thing; if I hate God, does that mean He hates me? Not exactly. When one loves God, they get a glimpse of a love that is infinite. It is amazing to learn one's capacity to love and forgive. Jesus gave us a look of this kind of love and forgiveness. When we love God He gives us the same capacity and the same gift He gave His son...the Holy Spirit. When we love Jesus, he gives us the same gift. One who hates God will not realize this because they have themselves cut off from God. In other words, when we love God and He loves us...nothing is hidden.

Until next time...keep your heart on the Trinity and keep praying ...luv ya!
Deacon Phil