

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

11:30 PM CAROL SING

12 Midnight

NATIVITY OF THE LORD ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

MASSES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sunday, December 29, 2019

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Regular Mass Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 AM

Sunday, January 5, 2020

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Regular Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 12, 2020

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Regular Mass Schedule

by Jeanne & John Fitzgerald

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am Angelo Sereno
by Uncle Sal & Aunt Santa
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Al Geigel
by St. John's Choir

Monday, December 23

7:00 am Timothy Mack
by the Mack family

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm Sylvia Craig
by husband George
6:00 pm William Drumgould
by Barbara Carlisle
Midnight Raymond Applegate
by Dianne & children

Wednesday, December 25

8:30 am Roberto Loo Hernandez
by Manny & Lynne Jacalan
10:30 am Ted Yanushefski
by wife Connie

Thursday, December 26

7:00 am Gerard E. Cunningham
by his children

Friday, December 27

7:00 am Marion Maier
by Marion & Joseph England

Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm Frances Terry & Eileen T. Dosch
by Christine Ritter

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am Gerald Buczynski
by Saint John's Parish
10:30 am Ann & Vincent Fitzgerald

Sacrificial Offerings 2019 Sunday, December 15

Regular Collection: \$5,182.00

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on
December 24 and December 25 and at
Noon on December 26.

Gift Basket Raffle

St. John's Music
Ministry is holding a
raffle for a beautiful
Christmas 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.



Oplatek Wafers

OPLATEK Christmas Wafers are
available in the vestibule of the Church.
The suggested offering is \$3.00. Please
place your donation in the Poor Box.

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Gerard E. Cunningham
by his children.*

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of
Joan & Ed Marren
by Jeff & family*

and treasure. With grateful hearts we thank:

Our Church Cleaners

for their efforts.

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 Parish 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

From Social Concerns

Thank you to our many Santas who will surely bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas. Our Giving Tree gifts were picked up this past Sunday for distribution to those less fortunate. Thank you again!

Thank you to our parishioners and staff who volunteered for the Annual FISH Hospitality Program Christmas Party that was held on December 14. A wonderful time was had by all!

Altar Server Training

Altar Server training will be held this Sunday, December 22, immediately following the 10:30 am Mass. If you have served before and want a refresher or you have never served but want to see if you would like to, please join us. You must have received Communion and be in at least third grade, however there is no maximum grade level. If you think you might be interested or God is calling you to serve please come see what Altar Serving is all about.

Holy Hour For Religious Freedom & Persecuted Christians

A Holy Hour for Religious Freedom will be held every Sunday at 7:00 pm 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.

attend a small reception afterwards. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center around 3:00 pm. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.



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.

Bus Trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 am. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm. Passengers will



Rosary Corner

ALL ARE INVITED

The Rosary is prayed every weekday following the 7:00 am Mass and Novena. **BLOCK ROSARY:** Monday, 7:00 pm, 511/515 Lincoln Ave.; Wednesday, 10:00 am, 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.

BLUE ARMY ROSARY CELL

Where: 511 Lincoln Avenue, Dunellen
When: Every Tuesday – 10 am
All are welcome. Bring your children & grandchildren. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

Adopt-A-Priest Program

Have you prayed for your priest today? To adopt a priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea at (732) 968-0136.

more, please call the Fish Hotline, 732-356-0881, and leave a message for Debbie.

Van Drivers and Ride-Along Helpers – should be at least 18 years of age and able to lift 60 pounds. People who can commit to a regular schedule and those who can be called to fill in as required are both needed. To learn more, please call the Fish Hotline, 732-968-0081 and leave a message for Lisa.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or email: mshhope@mshhope.org

GOT CHANGE?

We all have changes in our lives, both minor and major. We'll talk about finding God in changing times and places, and how to best try to discern God's will for us when we are faced with making a decision.

Mon., Jan. 13, 7-9 pm (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenter: Mary Foy

Mary serves as pastoral associate at St. Joseph Church, North Plainfield and as a project manager for RENEW International.



FISH In Need of Volunteers

Fish is in urgent need of the following:

Telephone Volunteers – work at home, returning calls from potential clients and scheduling appointments. Hands-on training is provided by our Telephone Chairperson. Volunteers work from 9 am – 5 pm one day per month. Some work additional days when needed. To learn



Fourth Sunday of Advent – Called to be Saints

A Reflection by Pope Francis

Sanctity is something God gives us. Indeed, it is precisely in living with love and offering one's own Christian witness in everyday affairs that we are called to become saints in the conditions and the state of life in which we find ourselves. Be a saint by living out your life with joy. Are you married? Be a saint by loving and taking care of your spouse and Christ did for the Church. Are you an unmarried, baptized person? Be a saint by carrying out your work with honesty and competence and by offering time in the service of your brothers and sisters. God gives you the grace to become holy. God communicates himself to you. Always, in every place, one can become a saint, that is, one can open oneself up to the grace which works inside of us and leads us to holiness. Be a saint by becoming a visible sign of God's love and of his presence alongside us. Every state of life leads to holiness! In your home, on the street, at

work, at church, in that moment and in your state of life, the path to sainthood has been opened. It is God alone who gives us the grace. The Lord asks only this, that we be in communion with him and at the service of our brothers and sisters.

For reflection: How might I strive for greater holiness by responding to God's grace in my daily life?