

Sunday

February 10, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 2/11

7:00 a.m. Gary Ferruggia by
Terry & Matt Kurzius

Tuesday, 2/12

7:00 a.m. James Kesse by Marsha Nolan

Wednesday, 2/13

7:00 a.m. Audrey Nagy by
the Kubik family

Thursday, 2/14

7:00 a.m. Sylvia Craig by
husband George

Friday, 2/15

7:00 a.m. Anna Fitzgerald by
Fran Maurer

Saturday, 2/16

5:00 p.m. Emma Roussis by
Lynn & Gary Guthreau

Sunday, 2/17

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Timothy Kavanaugh by the
Lockwood family

10:30 a.m. Sussana & Salvatore
DiStefano by Enza DiStefano
& family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Clotilda D'Souza by the Miller family.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, February 3

Regular Collection: \$6,283.00

Children's: \$ 7.15

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.**

Catholic Daughters

Anniversary Celebration

The Catholic Daughters of America will host their Anniversary Celebration in conjunction with a Baby Shower for Life Choices in Metuchen on **Sunday, 2/17** from **2-4 pm** in the Parish Auditorium. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. A gift for the baby shower is appreciated. For information about the event, please contact Donna Fojtlin at 732-968-3713.

Donate On The Parish Website

Did you know you can now donate to St. John's directly on the parish website,



stjohnsdunellen.org? Just click on the "donate" link and fill out the form. All donations will be anonymous. If you wish to be acknowledged, you can contact the parish secretary. Consider this quick and easy method to make your donation today!

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

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:

Our Homebound Ministers

Thank you for your participation!



Come Join The St. John's Music Ministry!

The St. John's Music Ministry invites singers of all levels of experience to join our Choir in preparing for the upcoming Holy Week Liturgies. Regular rehearsals will be held in the church on **Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 pm** beginning on **2/26**. Please enter the church using the First Street entrance. We look forward to you joining us as we make joyful noise to the Lord!

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Help Build a Civilization of Love

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will again be conducted during Lent and our parish can earn a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over. Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports our Cultural Diversity Ministries and enhances the work of forming our youth. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**An invitation to
the Men of the Parish**

A Loyola silent retreat is about hearing God's Word, "You are my beloved son", and in that wonderful hearing being given profound rest for the soul and interior strength and enlightenment. Consider making a silent retreat at the **Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, March 8-10, 2019**. The retreat begins with supper at **7:00 pm on Friday** and concludes on **Sunday at 12:30 pm**. For more information or to register, call Tony Pugliesi, 908-419-8392.



**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
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 e-mail: msmhope@msmhope.org

NAMELESS YET KNOWN: *Identifying with the Unnamed People in Scripture*

Scripture is filled with "anonymous" people who encounter Jesus and are healed or transformed. What do these unnamed people have to say to me? Do I see my story in theirs? Come for an evening of reflection to learn how your journey mirrors the encounters of some of the nameless women and men who meet Jesus. **Tue., Feb. 12, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 as you are able) Presenter: Laura M. Arvin, OP

Catholic School 2019-2020 Tuition

Assistance Online Application

Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2018**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may attend one of two Application Workshops that are scheduled for January 23 and February 7 at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy from 2 to 4 pm, and from 6 to 8 pm. A Spanish translator will be available.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE
SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 10, 2019**

“Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts! He touched my mouth...and said ‘See now, that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for me?’ ‘Here I am, I said, send me.’”

The call of the prophet and the new vocation of the fishermen can be the image of the call that Jesus makes for us today. We need to respond to the invitation He graciously gives us, to be sent to announce His message. It is easy for us to make excuses, to hesitate, or even flee.

The ‘unclean lips’ of Isaiah were purified to prepare him for his role. Our own lips are unclean when we use them to criticize, speak ill of others, or complain, or even use bad language. We can use the same tongue to pray, praise and show others His presence in our lives.

Peter speaks for us all as he says: ‘but at your command I will lower the nets.’ What a surprise, leading him to the humble confession ‘depart from me Lord for I am a sinful man.’ Jesus responds with the familiar phrase ‘Do not be afraid...from now on...they followed Him.’

May we identify with Isaiah, seeking what the Lord asks of us. May we leave our tangled nets, acknowledge the Lord’s call and forgiveness, and follow Him.

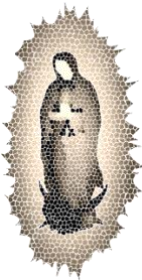
24 Hour Prayer Line

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at (732) 765-6431 or send an email to our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is now being held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m. Daily Mass is held at 11:45 a.m. For information or to volunteer, call Laura Ferreras, (732) 529-7932. To submit a prayer request, call (732) 765-6445 or email Adoration@diometuchen.org.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage
Information Meetings**



In preparation for the Consecration of The Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bishop James F. Checchio will lead a pilgrimage to Mexico to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, October 20-24, 2019. Information meetings will be held on **Monday, 2/11** and **Tuesday 2/19 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway.** An additional meeting will be held on Saturday, 2/23, 10 a.m. Come and learn all the details. All are welcome.

