

## Sunday

February 18, 2018



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 2/19

7:00 a.m. Emil & Mary Kowalchik by  
Mary Ellen Mack

## Tuesday, 2/20

7:00 a.m. C.L. Rovito by  
Francisco Rovito & family

## Wednesday, 2/21

7:00 a.m. Al Geigel by  
Lynn & Gary Guthreau

## Thursday, 2/22

7:00 a.m. Andrew Gross by  
Mary Lou Chingery

## Friday, 2/23

7:00 a.m. Mary Kane by Gwen Kane

## Saturday, 2/24

5:00 p.m. Isabel Sandifer &  
Elmer Yambor by brother Fran

## Sunday, 2/25

8:30 a.m. Mary Anderson by Bill, Pat &  
Will Hughes

10:30 a.m. Mario Criscuolo by the  
Switzer family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of  
William Drumgould by Barbara Carlisle.*

## Sacrificial Offerings 2018

### Sunday, February 11

Average needed from weekly offerings to  
cover expenses **\$7,000.00**  
**Regular Collection: \$5,658.81**  
**Children's: \$ 24.10**  
**Under: \$1,341.19**

### 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.**

### Lenten Masses

**\*\*All Daily Masses will take place at 7 a.m.  
in the Church during Lent.\*\***



### Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will  
be holding their Lenten Fish  
Fries on all Friday's during Lent, beginning  
on **2/16 through 3/30**. They will be held  
between **5:30 - 7:30 PM** at the **Council  
Home on Grove Street, Dunellen**. All are  
welcome to attend.

### Casino Night 50-50 Winners



Congratulations to the  
winners of our Casino Night  
50-50 drawing...

1st Place	<b>Mike Sciametta</b>	\$438
2nd Place	<b>Margie Dornbierer</b>	\$262
3rd Place	<b>Trish Nolfi</b>	\$175

### **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:

**Ron Fojtlin, Bob Guidi, Donna Frabizzio & Ruth Gruber, our new counters**

Thank you for your participation!



Thank you to **Barbara Carlisle** who is donating this year's Easter Candle in memory of Johnny Carlisle, Bill Drumgould and Howard Hartfelder.

### **Rosary Altar Prayer Group Meeting**

St John's Altar Prayer Group will meet at **12 noon on Monday, 3/5**. The rosary will be prayed in the church and the meeting will follow in the auditorium. We will discuss the May crowning. Please bring a sandwich and the coffee and dessert will be provided. You are welcome to bring a guest.

### **2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

#### ***Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World***

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here at Saint John's. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, February 24/25, which has been designated as ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend***. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$6,628.92 and payments totaling \$5,786.63 from 37 parishioners. This represents 20.7% of your \$32,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts!

## **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.



**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**

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

### **Holy Mass in Spanish**

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, (600 Harris Ave, Middlesex, NJ), invites you to celebrate the Holy Mass in Spanish **Every Sunday at 1:30 pm.** For more information please call the parish office at 732-356-2149 ext. 1001.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL MONTE VIRGEN, (600 HARRIS AVE, MIDDLESEX, NJ), TE INVITA A CELEBRAR LA SANTA MISA EN ESPAÑOL TODOS LOS **DOMINGO A LA 1:30 PM.** Para más información puedes llamar a la oficina parroquial 732-3256-2149 ext. 1001.

## **Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer**

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:** Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or email: [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org).

### **THE WOOD AND THE STONE**

All of us suffer grief and God embraces our pain. Through music and guided meditation, Gerard and Mary hope to provide a sense of hope in the love of God, regardless of how bleak things look.

Will be held in Mount Saint Mary Parlor

**Fri, Mar 9, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-30 As You Are Able)

Presenters: Gerard and Mary Chiusano

Jerry, published music composer, is a director of music at St. Joseph, N. Plainfield. He gives liturgical workshops nationally. Mary, teacher and text-writer, collaborates with her husband in this production and in an Advent program, Waiting for Love.

### **Immaculata HS Memorial Mass**



On **Sunday, 2/25 at 1:00 pm** in the **IHS Gymnasium**, Immaculata will hold its Annual Spartan Memorial Mass.

This is a moving liturgy in which all deceased Spartans -- students, faculty, and staff-- are honored. All are welcome. If you plan to attend, please contact [mjtufaro@immaculatahighschool.org](mailto:mjtufaro@immaculatahighschool.org), so we have sufficient seating and after Mass refreshments.

### **Immaculata Admissions Event**

Join us at Immaculata High School for our 2018 Winter Admissions Event on **Thursday, 3/1** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** and experience the Immaculata difference. RSVP requested. For information check our website: [www.ImmaculataHighSchool.org/Difference](http://www.ImmaculataHighSchool.org/Difference).

## **Whole Community Catechesis**

**Readings for Sunday, 2/18:**

**First: Genesis 9:8-15;**

**Second: 1 Peter 3:18-22;**

**Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

Just a reminder ...

**On Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm,**  
we will be having the

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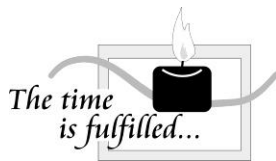
FIRST COMMUNION

SACRAMENT PREP SESSION

aka The Blessing Cup Retreat

Held in the Auditorium.

- **ALL GRADE 2 CHILDREN AND AT LEAST ONE PARENT must attend.**
- Children should bring a sketch of their cup design to this session
- *play clothes or smocks recommended.*
- No books needed



## **Pilgrimage To Holy Land - Israel/Jordan**

Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus, Moses & Mary.  
11 DAYS, **NOV 6-16, 2018.** \$2790. + \$590 Airline Taxes, Fuel Surcharge, RT Airfare from Newark, Daily Breakfast/Dinner, great Hotels, Tips for Guided Tours, Deluxe Motor Coach Driver & More. FR ABE ORAPANKAL, Pastor, St John Neumann, Spiritual Director/ Tour Chaplain.  
Please Call Juliet Banaag Hobson, 732-439-2835.

## **Men's Weekend Retreat – “An Invitation To Personal Discipleship”**

Please join men from our parish family for a retreat at **Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, 3/9-3/11**, led by Rev. Steve Pugliese, S.J. and Judy Schiavo and sponsored by Garibaldi/Tighe – Our Lady of the Mount – Sacred Heart. It will offer you a time to relax, reflect and grow closer to God. This year's theme is “An Invitation To Personal Discipleship” – what is Jesus asking of you in the Gospels? The weekend includes preached reflections for prayer, optional private consultations, celebration of Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Healing, and so much more. It is truly a wonderful experience and the cost is a free will offering. To register call 973-539-0740 or visit [www.loyola.org](http://www.loyola.org).

## **Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer**

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is inviting individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers to join our team in Monmouth, Middlesex and Ocean Counties. There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, companionship, administrative support, pet therapy, or any alternative therapies (i.e. Reiki, Meditation.). We are also seeking volunteers interested in providing support calls to our patients and family members from our offices in Holmdel or Toms River. Training will be provided by members of the Hospice team. **Please call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933 or email your contact information: [pauline.depalma@vnahg.org](mailto:pauline.depalma@vnahg.org)** For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit [www.vnahg.org](http://www.vnahg.org)