

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, February 2

- 8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &  
Richard Winkelman  
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes
- 10:30 am Anthony & Rose Marsjanik  
by family

### Monday, February 3

- 7:00 am John DiQuollo  
by loving children

### Tuesday, February 4

- 7:00 am Ronald Shea  
by George & Rosemary Deene

### Wednesday, February 5

- 7:00 am James Duhamel  
by Gail & Jeff Woerner

### Thursday, February 6

- 7:00 am Ronald Shea  
by Dave, Trisha & kids

### Friday, February 7

- 7:00 am James Duhamel  
by the Hummel family

### Saturday, February 8

- 5:00 pm Daniel Nunzello  
by Ramon Aldarondo

### Sunday, February 9

- 8:30 am Katherine Tagliatella &  
Josephine D'Ovidio  
by Tony & Cathy D'Ovidio
- 10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &  
Dorothy Moritz  
by Nancy & Rick Chesler & family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in  
memory of Guiseppa & Guiseppa Mannino  
by Enza DiStefano & family.*

## Sacrificial Offerings 2019 Sunday, January 26

Regular Collection: \$4,656.85  
Foundation for  
Catholic Education: \$ 118.00

### Catholic Spirit Drive

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of The Catholic Spirit and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

### Monthly Youth Mass

Starting in February, the 10:30 AM Mass on the First Sunday of the month will be a Youth Mass served by the teens of our parish. Service opportunities include lectors, greeters, ushers, gift bearers, choir members and altar servers. Any teen in 8th grade confirmation prep through High School that is interested in serving or wants to learn more please contact Patricia Hummel at [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com).

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the month of February Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday 2/8 and 2/22 and every Sunday during the 10:30 AM Mass. Following the Opening Prayer at Mass, all children PreK to 4th grade are invited to join our catechists to hear the Liturgy of the Word proclaimed in a child friendly language.

**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”.

**Stewardship: A Way of Life**

*“...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...”LUKE 2:22*

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It’s easy to be Catholic then; it’s harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others? We are thankful for the efforts of

Our Lectors



**Time Is Running Out!**

Next Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00pm – 11:00pm, is the Eighth Annual Casino Night. There are still a few tickets left for purchase. Admission is \$35 in and includes a \$70 chip voucher, hors d’oeuvres, soft drinks, coffee and desserts. The event is BYOB. You can also purchase 50-50 tickets for \$5. Tickets are available after Mass this weekend. For more details on the event, please see our website.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Catholic Daughters Meeting**

Court Regina Coeli #940 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on Sunday February 9, 2020 at 2 pm in St. John's Auditorium. We are looking forward to many exciting activities. Come and see what we do. Dues are \$25.00. We look forward to women sharing more ways to help in the community and support those in need. For more information please contact Beth Willoughby at [bethlby72@verizon.net](mailto:bethlby72@verizon.net).

### **Blue Army First Friday Devotion**

Begin your new year with Our Lord. Honor his request to St. Margaret Alacoque to spread devotion in the world for nine First Fridays, beginning Friday, February 7, in reparation for the offenses against his Most Sacred Heart. Please join us - the world needs this. Confessions 10:00 am; Holy Rosary 11:30; Mass 12:00 N; Exposition 12:45; Benediction 1:30. Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd. E, Asbury, NJ 08802 908-689-1700, ex. 224.



### **Choral Reading Session**

The Metuchen Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will hold a Choral Reading Session with World Library

Publications (WLP) on Sunday, February 9 from 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Mary, Mother of God Parish, 157 South Triangle Road, Hillsborough. There is no cost to attend. We will welcome WLP clinician MaryBeth Kunde-Anderson to share new music and songs with us. Participants MUST register by February 2 to receive a packet of music. To register, visit [diometuchen.org/NPM](http://diometuchen.org/NPM)

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

#### **‘Speak the Truth in a Million Voices. It is Silence That Kills.’**

Are you feeling overwhelmed by all the turmoil in our world? St. Catherine of Siena helps us find inspiration for these troubling times. Wed., Feb. 5, 7-9 p.m. (\$20-\$30 as you are able) Presenter: Laura M. Arvin, OP

#### **Ho Hum, It’s Lent Again. Make This Year Count.**

Come for a day of personal and communal reflection that will help you enter this season through the images and scripture of Lent. Lunch is included. Sat., Feb. 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (\$50-\$60 as you are able) Presenter: Honora Nolt, OP. Sr. Honora is an Associate Director at RENEW International.

### **Immaculata HS Memorial Mass**

Immaculata High School will host its Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, February, 23, 2020 at the Immaculata Gym at 1 p.m. This Mass, which has been celebrated annually for 16 years, remembers all alumni, teachers, religious, and students who ever went to the high school and have passed away. This moving liturgy is well attended by families and classmates. To see the list of deceased, go to [https://www.immaculatahighschool.org/Us erFiles/Servers/Server\\_95331/File/Advancement/Alumni/deceased\\_list.pdf](https://www.immaculatahighschool.org/Us erFiles/Servers/Server_95331/File/Advancement/Alumni/deceased_list.pdf) . If you plan to go to this Mass, please RSVP by [https://www.immaculatahighschool.org/advancement/events/spartan\\_memorial\\_m ass](https://www.immaculatahighschool.org/advancement/events/spartan_memorial_mass).

**Catholic School 2020-2021  
Tuition Assistance**

**Online Application Process Open**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2020. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

**Escuela Católica 2020-2021  
Asistencia de Matrícula Proceso de  
Aplicación en Línea Abierto**

Las familias interesadas en solicitar asistencia con la matrícula para acudir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen, pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora a través FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment en la dirección electrónica <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) antes del 31 de Marzo de 2020. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y en español.

Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o necesiten acceso a una computadora para postularse deben comunicarse directamente con su escuela.



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE  
SUNDAY READINGS**

**HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**The Presentation of the Lord  
February 2, 2020**

**“Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen Christ of the Lord. He came in the spirit into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus...he took Him into his arms and blessed God...”**

How many times have we been to the celebration of a baptism. As a child is presented to the Lord, he is not just baptized, but the same Lord who was in the temple for Simeon, comes to the child and those present for this wonderful meeting.

Rather than attend and pray during the baptism, try to realize that there is new life being born before our eyes. The person becomes a dwelling place for God, to begin a life long journey as a disciple. He leaves the church a temple of the Spirit, who moved Simeon also to be there with Jesus' parents. Rather than take Him into our arms, may we take Him into our hearts and present Him to the world in which we live.