

Sunday

February 25, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 2/26

7:00 a.m. Lillian K. Alford by
Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Tuesday, 2/27

7:00 a.m. Patricia Lorenc by
Mike & Barbara Gleason

Wednesday, 2/28

7:00 a.m. Lillian Kim Alford by
Mallory Horowitz & family

Thursday, 3/1

7:00 a.m. Adamina Deliz by
the Quinn family

Friday, 3/2

7:00 a.m. Thomas Kodankandath by
Vincent Kodankandath

Saturday, 3/3

5:00 p.m. Joseph & Scott Patronick by
Patronick, Dowd & Woerner
families

Sunday, 3/4

8:30 a.m. Catherine Jaworski by
Dianne Applegate & family
10:30 a.m. Michael Scudiero by
wife Esolda

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Mary Kane by daughter Gwen.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, February 18

Average needed from weekly offerings to

cover expenses **\$7,000.00**

Regular Collection: \$5,210.43

Children's: \$ 18.00

Under: \$1,789.57

Ash Wednesday: \$1,035.00

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.**



Coffee & Doughnut Reception

The monthly Coffee & Doughnut reception will take place next **Sunday, 3/4, after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the Church auditorium.** All are welcome to join us! This month's reception is hosted by the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

Casino Night



Our profit for this year's Casino Night is \$9,663.56. Thank you to all who supported our event by attending, sponsoring, purchasing raffle tickets, or donating a prize. We look forward to our 7th Annual Casino Night in 2019!

Calendar Raffle

The Calendar Raffle profit was \$3,300. Thank you for your participation!

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:

Bob & James Guidi for helping with the Calendar Raffle

Thank you for your participation!

Scrip Orders

Scrip orders are due on **Monday, 3/5** with pickup the weekend of 3/18.



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.

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

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$8,423.92 and payments totaling \$7,081.63 from 48 parishioners. This represents 26.3% 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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or email: 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 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.

Knight of Columbus 4th Degree 2nd Annual Communion Brunch



The Knights of Columbus will have their annual communion brunch **after the 11:30 Mass** on **Sunday, 3/4** in the **Our Lady of Fatima Cafeteria**. This year we will be honoring Sir Knight Al Tuttle for his many years of service to The Knights Of Columbus 3rd & 4th Degree, Our Lady Of Fatima and The Boy Scouts of America. Tickets are \$25.00. Please contact Jim Whelan at 973-632-2387 to purchase tickets. For more information send an email to koc2544_dunellen@yahoo.com.

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.

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 2/25:

First: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Second: Romans 8:31b-34;

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Just a reminder...

All First Holy Communicants ---

The Blessing Cup Retreat with potter Ray Boswell will be held

NEXT MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26th
from 6-8pm in the Auditorium.

No books needed.

A parent / guardian must accompany each child.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



THE DEACON BEACON

2nd Sunday of Lent

Talent: Everyone has a talent and no it's not associated with America's Got Talent, Dancing With The Stars, So You Think You Can Dance and Dance Crew, etc. There are all kinds of talents: music, singing, art, reading, storytelling, cooking, dance, listening, praying etc. just to name a few. Some are everyday things that everyone just can't do and some are extraordinary. One thing is for certain... all talent is God given. Some of us don't even know what our talents might be...so we need to pray that the Spirit will help us in discerning them. The other thing that is certain is that God given talents were designed to: 1) Glorify and praise God and 2) edify the Church. Again, I did not make this up, the Old and new Testaments attest to this. Biblical greats such as: Moses, Aaron, David, Daniel, Peter, Paul, etc. and don't forget the saints had talents that were endowed to them by God. Some, like Peter had to grow into them, but the end result is the same, they glorify God and edify and enhance the Church. Here's a story to give you an idea of what I'm throwing down...a kid I grew up with was called OOgly. The OO was for Ogle and the gly was for ugly. OOgly wasn't really ugly, in fact he was handsome...but he had enormous eyes like a gold fish. (Children can be rather unkind with nick names.) There was nothing this kid could do, as far as talent went, he had none...or so we thought. All kids grow up and OOgly was no exception, and although we were in our teens, we still called him OOgly. Well, one Sunday during Mass there was a child who would not stop crying. He cried and cried. OOgly looked at the kid and started whirling his eyes! Now one of two things is going to happen...you see something like this and it scares the living heck out of you or you start laughing you're head off. Thank God it was the latter. The kid laughed himself quiet and snuggled up to ol' OOgly! He had finally found his talent. No, it wasn't whirling his eyes, it was a deep love and concern for children. He became one of the most successful Youth Ministers I've ever known. Get the point?

What's next? Until next time...may Jesus keep you smiling, may God's grace shine on you and always pray for the Spirit to show us the way...luv ya! - Deacon Phil