
MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 10

- 7:00 am James Duhamel
by Bob & Nancy Dombroski

Tuesday, February 11

- 7:00 am Ronald Shea by Karen Marble

Wednesday, February 12

- 7:00 am James A. Mondoro
by Andreama Gerardi

Thursday, February 13

- 7:00 am Ronald Shea
by Melanie & Joe Assante

Friday, February 14

- 7:00 am Leni Becker
by Glenda Herzog

Saturday, February 15

- 5:00 pm Margaret Spreen
by the Patronick, Woerner &
Dowd families

Sunday, February 16

- 8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &
Dot Moritz
by Kim Rabouin Wood
- 10:30 am Richard Winkelman
by Terry & Matt Kurzius

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Rose Marsjanik by Marsjanik family.*

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of
Anthony Marsjanik by Marsjanik family*

**Sacrificial Offerings 2019
Sunday, February 2**

Regular Collection: \$5,701.75

From the Pastor's Desk

Our phone system has changed so when you dial the parish number, 732-968-2621, you'll first hear the church greeting message followed by instructions to contact the following: the Parish Office, the Religious Education Program, or to hear our Mass schedule. The former phone number, 732-968-0233, for the Religious Education Program is no longer available so you need to follow the greeting message instructions to contact Religious Education.

Monthly Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass will be Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 AM. Any teen interested in serving or wanting to learn more please contact Patricia Hummel at stjohnpcl@gmail.com. Service opportunities include lector, greeters, ushers, choir members, and altar servers.

Give the Gift of Faith

Churches are dependent upon the generosity of others to fulfill their mission of spreading the Good News as mandated by Christ on the day of his Ascension. To perpetuate our church's mission in our area, please consider putting St. John the Evangelist Church in your will or making a donation of appreciated securities (stocks, mutual funds, bonds) or making a recurring or onetime gift using your bank account, credit or debit card. More information regarding these types of planned giving may be found by contacting the Diocesan Office of Stewardship & Development at 732-562-2432 or at <http://diometuchen.plannedgiving.org/>. Thank you.

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.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

We are thankful for the efforts of

Bill Reuter

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

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 Nolty, OP. Sr. Honora is an Associate Director at RENEW International.



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.

St. Mary's Slavic Dinner

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will resume the Slavic Dinners on Wednesday, February 12 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The dinner will be held in the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ. The cost is \$15.00 for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5.00 for Children (8 and under) and includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. Each month a special entrée will be specially selected and prepared by St. Mary's chef John Pagano. Dinners are held on the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year. Orders to go are available. For more information contact: St. Mary's at 908-725-0615. The March dinner will be held Wednesday March 11.

Attention Men of the Parish

We tend to take for granted most of the gifts that God has given us. We can lose perspective on the fact that we have nothing whatsoever to complain about, that we have wonderful wives and children, an abundance of God given talents and abilities, physical health, material possessions well beyond what we really need and the privilege of being an American citizen among many other blessings. A retreat helps us to more deeply realize how blessed we really are. It allows us to step out of our busy world to slow down and reflect on God's presence in our lives. There is no better way to experience the peace that comes to us in this regard. There is an upcoming Men's Retreat at Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown on March 6 – 8, starting with super at 7:00 PM on Friday and ending at 12:30 PM on Sunday. A weekend you'll cherish for the rest of the year. Please call me for more information and reservations – Tony Pugliesi, 908-419-8392.

Catholic Press Month

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.

Stress in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. **UPCOMING WEEKEND: February 21-23, 2020**
For Information and to Register: Call Rich Colasuonno: 732-236-0671
Or Annette Colasuonno: 732-672-0748 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

Hope through Education

Hope through Education, a newly incorporated independent nonprofit, was formed to significantly increase the tuition assistance available to low-income families living in Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties, to allow them the chance to choose the best school for their child regardless of their ability to afford the full cost of tuition. Hope through Education has the approval of Bishop James F. Checchio, who stands in support of its mission. The nonprofit is staffed, operational and already at work to increase the number of scholarships available to families with the greatest financial need. Information on how to apply will be available shortly. For more information, please contact Hope through Education at info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

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 become an adorer, call Laura Riccardi, (609) 578-0841. To submit a prayer request, call (732) 765-6445 or email Adoration@diometuchen.org.

Catholic School 2020-2021 Tuition Assistance

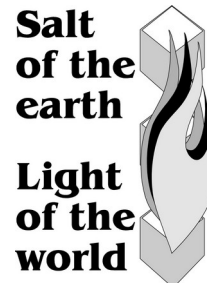
Online Application Process Open

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.

Holy Hour for Priests

Holy Hour for Priests will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. All are welcome. For information, email priest.personnel@diometuchen.org.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2020

“I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God....You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world.”

We are so accustomed to read the letters of St. Paul, or travel with him on his journeys, to consider this itinerant preacher as one who had it all together. As we listen to him today, he placed his trust on the Lord, the Spirit and God's good grace or power. Although he denies the use of persuasive speech, our Christian lives are molded and formed by his great teaching. As I listen to the homily at mass, may I ask that that same Spirit and power be on the lips and in the heart of the preacher, to assist me in my growth as a disciple.

May the image of salt and light, strengthen and guide me as the words and Spirit move my heart.