

Sunday

February 11, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 2/12

7:00 a.m. Lillian K. Alford by
Mary Snyder

Tuesday, 2/13

7:00 a.m. Bruce Smith by
Szulczewski family

Wednesday, 2/14

7:00 a.m. JoAnne Marren Hnilicka by
Dianne Applegate & family
Noon Ray Applegate by Bob Zednick
7:00 p.m. Luis Tan by Juanita Brewer

Thursday, 2/15

7:00 a.m. Violet Capozzi by Anne Haley

Friday, 2/16

7:00 a.m. Al Geigel by
Matt & Terry Kurzius

Saturday, 2/17

5:00 p.m. Joan McLoughlin by
Peggy Ulmes

Sunday, 2/18

8:30 a.m. Robert Walsh by
Cathy & Tony D'Ovidio
10:30 a.m. Al Rifino by
Missy & Roy Hennessy

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Ray
Applegate by Dianne & children.*

Sunday, February 4

Average needed from weekly offerings to
cover expenses **\$7,000.00**
Regular Collection: \$8,281.71
Children's: \$ 57.25
Over: \$1,281.71

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.**



Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday services
will take place on **2/14** at **7
a.m., noon, and 7 p.m.** in the **Church.**

**Also, please remember that Daily Masses
will take place at 7 a.m. in the Church
during Lent.**

Knights of Columbus Events

Breakfast is back! Come join the Knights of
Columbus for a community breakfast on
Sunday, 2/11 from **8 a.m.-12 noon** in the
St. John's auditorium. The menu will
consist of an omelet station, potatoes,
pancakes, juice, pastries, bacon, and more.
**Also, the Knight's Monthly Breakfast will
be cancelled during Lent due to the Lenten
Fish Fries. Breakfasts will resume on **April
8th**. Thank you!**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding
their Lenten Fish Fries on all Fridays during
Lent, **2/16-3/30**, from **5:30-7:30 pm** at the
Council Home on Grove Street, Dunellen.
All are welcome to attend.

*This week our Chapel Candle is lit in memory of Ray
Applegate by Dianne & children.*

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"

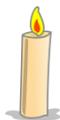
Time, Talent and Treasure



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:

Kathy & John Nicholson and the Casino Night Committee

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.

Casino Night



Casino Night a Success!

Thank you to all of the donors, sponsors, and participants for the Sixth Annual Casino Night! The event was a success and raised funds for facility improvements. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

Scrip Profit

Our scrip profit for this month was \$155. Thank you for your participation!

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend of **February 24/25**, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

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.



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.

Senior Bible Study Classes

The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Metuchen is sponsoring Senior Bible Study Classes on **Wednesdays, 1/24-3/21**, from **10:30 a.m-12:30 pm** in the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway**. Registration fee is \$5 per session. The classes, which will concentrate on all three readings of the following Sunday's liturgy and how to use the Bible as a prayer book, will be presented by Fr. Greg Uhrig. For more information or to register, call (732) 562-1990, ex. 1705 or email: amatos@diometuchen.org.

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.

VALENTINE'S DAY: It's Not Just For Couples

"Everyone is called to holiness, to grow in love." Pope Francis' counsel is especially significant on the feast of love - Valentine's Day. A light supper is included. **Tue., Feb. 13, 5:30-9 p.m.** (\$45-\$55 As You Are Able) Presenters: Staff

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, so we have sufficient seating and after Mass refreshments.

Valentine's Day is Every Day

No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **April 20-22**. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information. Visit us at www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

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.

Readings for Sunday, 2/11:**First: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46;****Second: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1;****Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

Saturday evening Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will begin once monthly on **February 24th** at the **5 pm Mass**. The March date for Saturday evening CLOW is March 24th. At that point we will re-examine, based on attendance, if there is a need for twice monthly.



**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 For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit

www.vnahg.org

The sound of silence...is a grace filled one.

So what's up? We tend to forget that there are some really, really, good Priests and Pastors out there who truly deserve our support and prayers. Remember, the ones closest to God are attacked the hardest. Let's continue to pray for their sanctity, and to withstand Satan's attacks and temptations. Not just them, but all our religious and ministers of the Church of God. You probably missed me and Deacon Mike this past weekend. We were on our annual Deacons Retreat.

Noise: Have you ever wondered how our parents, grandparents and great grandparents survived without **IPODS, cell phones, Xboxes, computers** and (gasp!) even the **TV**? Today it just seems that almost everyone is either plugged in or jacked up to something! I mean, could you imagine great grandma at the dinner table cranking out tunes on her IPOD while you're sitting there shaking your head? Yet how many of us are doing just that. We are getting out of touch with reality. If I'm on the IPOD blasting out my ears, how do I hear the sounds of life...the birds chirping and singing, the children playing, the stores opening in the morning? We used to associate sounds and smells with growing up. Remember the smell of fresh baked bread as you walked by the Italian bakery, or the sounds of Mr. Sullivan opening up the grocery store? We need some silence...God can't get through if we can't hear Him. What would you think if you saw Jesus jamming on his MP3 player, or checking his cell phone while you were trying to pray to him? I figured as much.

Until next time... may Jesus keep you smiling, may God's grace shine on you and always take the **time** to thank our Pastor for serving us. Luv ya!

- Deacon Phil

