

Sunday

March 10, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 3/11

7:00 a.m. Mary Duhamel by
Sandy & Tom Reed

Tuesday, 3/12

7:00 a.m. Marijean K. Cunningham by
her children

Wednesday, 3/13

7:00 a.m. Esolda Scudiero by Jane Mills

Thursday, 3/14

7:00 a.m. Esolda Scudiero by
Cosimo & Lina

Friday, 3/15

7:00 a.m. Anna Fitzgerald by
Anne Marie Hill

Saturday, 3/16

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

Sunday, 3/17

8:30 a.m. Betty & Nick Hummel by
Dave, Patricia & children
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Joseph & Josephine Mannino
by daughter Enza

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Marijean K. Cunningham by her children.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, March 3

Regular Collection: \$6,392.06

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.**

Mass Intentions

There are a limited number of weekday Masses without intentions for 2019, beginning in October. We would like to fill these intentions before opening the 2020 Mass Book. Thank you.

Memorial Options

In addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones, you may also remember them with Sanctuary Candles which are available weekly in either the Church or Daily Mass Chapel. Please contact the parish office with your request. The suggested donation for a weekly Sanctuary Candle is \$10.

Rosary Altar Meeting Rescheduled

The Rosary Altar meeting originally scheduled for 3/4 was rescheduled due to the snow. **It will now take place on Monday, 3/18 at noon.** The rosary will be prayed in the church and lunch will follow in the auditorium. Please bring a sandwich. The dessert and coffee will be provided. You are encouraged to bring a friend.

This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Rose Marsjanik by Clem & Jerry.

From Msgr. Benwell

Pope Francis' Lenten Message continued:

The Destructive Power of Sin
The root of all evil, as we know, is sin, which from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God and with others. This rupture of communion with God likewise undermines our harmonious relationship with the environment in which we are called to live. Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests, to the detriment of other creatures.

Once God's law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over. The sin that lurks in the human heart takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. It leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment, due to that insatiable covetousness which sees every desire as a right and sooner or later destroys all those in its grip. (Pope Francis)

Next week: The Healing Power of Repentance and Forgiveness.

Prayerful good wishes for the week ahead.

- Msgr. Benwell

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

To date, the Diocese of Metuchen has received pledges totaling **\$9,594.97** and payments totaling **\$6,944.46** from **48** parishioners. This represents **30%** of our parish goal of **\$32,000.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass and Adoration During Lent

Please note that all Masses during the season of Lent will be **in the church**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent will be held on Friday, beginning after the 7:00 am Mass. Adoration will conclude with Benediction after Stations of the Cross.

Stations Of The Cross

The ancient devotion of Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on the Fridays of Lent at **7:00 pm** in the **church**.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Help Build a Civilization of Love

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. 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, March 16/17, 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.

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:

Sue Kelly, our bulletin editor

Thank you for your participation!



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



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 **3/8 through 4/19**. They will be held between **5:00 - 7:00 PM** at the **Council Home, 647 Grove Street, Dunellen**. All are welcome to attend.



**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
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
US Marine Pvt. 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.

Pilgrimage With Bishop Checchio

You are invited to join our bishop on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico, in preparation for the Consecration of our diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The pilgrimage will take place from **October 20-24**. For more information, call 732-562-1990 or email Evangelization@diometuchen.org.

Just a Reminder...

Our March Monthly Sessions will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, March 11th and 12th in the Auditorium**. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required;

call 908-753-2091 or e-mail:

msmhope@msmhope.org

“SO, HOW’S IT GOIN?” - Examining the Examen for Beginners and the Rest of Us

Join us as we look at the Examen, a way to prayerfully reflect on the events of our lives and see how God is present in them, as taken from the Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola. We'll explore the 5 steps of this process and see how it can not only be a “rear-view mirror” for our day, but also a “windshield” to help us see the road ahead, in as little as 10 minutes. No experience necessary!

Mon, Mar 18, 7-9 p.m. (\$20–\$30 as you are able).

Presenter: Mary Foy

Mary currently serves as pastoral associate at St. Joseph Church, North Plainfield and as a project manager for RENEW International.

Project Child Find

Project Child Find is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist with the identification of unserved and underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth to age 21. Project Child Find develops and distributes information about Early Intervention Services and Special Education Programs in our area. Parent inquiries may be made to the Dunellen School District Office of Special Services at 732-968-0885, ext. 16 and the Green Brook School District Department of Student Services at 732-968-1171. All calls received are confidential.

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the chapel of the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 11:45 am**. Mass follows at 11:45. Adorers and intercessors are needed. For more information or to volunteer, call Laura Ferreras, 732-529-7932. To submit a prayer request, email Adoration@diometuchen.org or call 732-765-6445.

Treasures Of The Church at OLMV

On **Saturday, 3/16, at 12:30 pm**, Our Lady of Mount Virgin parish, Middlesex, will be hosting a presentation on, and an exposition of, Sacred Relics, called Treasures of the Church. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with a very special Vatican collection of over 150 relics, including St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. Those attending will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through ministry.

IHM Discernment Retreat

Discernment Retreat, **Friday, 3/22 (6pm)-Sunday, 3/24 (1pm), Villa Maria House of Studies, 220 IHM Drive, Malvern, PA 19355**. Experience a weekend retreat at the IHM Motherhouse with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters and novices. Single young women ages 18-35 are invited to come for a weekend of prayer, spiritual conferences, meals, and times of recreation with the sisters. Daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and Eucharistic adoration are included in our weekend retreat. **Contact: Sister Marianne at 610-889-1553 or ihmvoc@gmail.com**