

**Sacrificial Offerings 2020**  
**Sunday, March 8**

Regular Collection: \$4,456.00  
Bills Paid This Week: \$5,828.54

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, March 15**

8:30 am Thomas Nilla by Nancy Danyov  
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Dorothy  
Maritz by the Hodulik family

**Monday, March 16**

7:00 am Dorothy Russo by the family

**Tuesday, March 17**

7:00 am William Hill by Ann Hill & family

**Wednesday, March 18**

7:00 am Fr. Virgil Tolentino – living intention  
by Sue Ellen Bibby & Jeanette Horai

**Thursday, March 19**

7:00 am Clifford Vail III (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by Mom & Dad

**Friday, March 20**

7:00 am Enzo Limongelli by John Zilg

**Saturday, March 21**

5:00 pm Betty & Nick Hummel by  
Dave, Trish & family

**Sunday, March 22**

8:30 am George Weiss by family  
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &  
Ronald Shea by Ann Hill

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

**Scrip Orders Due**

Place your orders for Easter. Next scrip  
order is due **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** for delivery on  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>**.



**Altar Servers Needed**

We are looking for more Altar Servers and will be holding training this month. Anyone interested in learning more about being an Altar Server please contact the Parish office or Religious Education Office [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) or call 732-968-2621 ext 13.

**Youth Choir Practice**

Anyone interested in singing in the Youth choir please stay for a brief practice after the 10:30 Mass on Sundays.

**Monthly Youth Mass**

The next Youth Mass will be **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Any teen interested in serving or wanting to learn more please contact Patricia Hummel at [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com). Service opportunities include lectors, 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.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal 2020**

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 8,510.26 and payments totaling \$ 6,234.68 from 49 parishioners. This represents 26.6% of your \$ 32,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts

**Stewardship: A Way of Life**

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".



**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**
- U.S. Navy IT2 Kenneth Millman III**

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.



**Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry**

The Knights of Columbus Friday Night Lenten Fish Frys are back! These are held each Friday night during Lent, **beginning Friday, February 28th**. We serve from **5:30-7:30 pm**. For those who don't enjoy fish, we will be serving a meatless Italian dinner option. Also new this year, join us for 5 Friday dinners and get the 6th FREE! Take out meals are available, call 732-968-2544. Credit cards are accepted. Proceeds from our events help us support St. John's & Our Lady of Fatima Parishes as well as local charities. Thank you for your support of Knights of Columbus Council #2544.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 5:00 pm Mass on **Saturday, 3/22** and every Sunday during the 10:30 AM Mass. Following the Opening Prayer at Masses, 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.

**Catholic Daughters**

**"A Tribute to Elvis" Fundraiser**

Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #940 Annual Fundraiser will be "A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS THROUGH THE YEARS" performed by Jim Barone. The event will be held on **Saturday, 4/25** at the **Columbian Club of Dunellen, 647 Grove Street**. Doors open at **6:00 pm** and the show will begin at **7:30 pm**. Limited seating is available. Cost is \$35.00 per person, which includes the entertainment, light snacks, dessert and coffee. You are welcome to bring food to this event. Contact Jayne Lendach 908-313-5248 for reservations and to send payment.

### Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

### 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 offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey. There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers through home visitation, companionship, administrative support, pet therapy, or phone calls from one of our offices. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive Mondays: **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and April 6<sup>th</sup>** from **10 am till 3:00pm** at **VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1 Holmdel, NJ**. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. **Advanced registration is required, please call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933**. For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit [www.vnahg.org](http://www.vnahg.org)

### 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action*

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2020 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 21/22, 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.

### The Diocese of Metuchen will observe "24 Hours for the Lord"

In response to Pope Francis' universal call, a number of parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen will host "24 Hours for the Lord," beginning **March 20**. All are invited to deepen their friendship and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Penance, as they take a more intentional and serious walk with Him during this holy season of Lent. To view the full schedule of times and locations for "24 Hours for the Lord," please visit: [www.diometuchen.org/24HoursForTheLord](http://www.diometuchen.org/24HoursForTheLord). For more information about individual events at each location, please contact the parish directly.



**St. John the Evangelist, Dunellen**

**Weekday Mass**

7:00 am

**Confessions**

4:00 pm-4:45 pm on Saturdays

Adoration on Fridays 7:30 am to 7:00 pm and then the Stations of the Cross will follow.

**St. Mary, Stony Hill**

**Confessions:**

11:00 am – 12:00 Noon on Saturdays

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm on Saturdays

**Weekday Mass**

Monday – Thursday 7:00 am

Friday – 12:10 pm

**St. Luke, North Plainfield**

**Confessions**

4:00 PM – 4:45 pm on Saturdays

9:00 AM – 9:45 am on Sundays

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

**St. Joseph, North Plainfield**

**Weekday Mass**

12:10 in the Chapel (99 Westervelt Ave)

**Confessions:**

11:00 am – 11:45 am on Saturdays

**Stations of the Cross**

Following Friday 12:10 Masses in English (Chapel)

Following Friday Holy Hours in Spanish (Chapel)

**Thursday Holy Hours**

7:00 pm in the Church

3/5 Taize Prayer for Peace

3/12 – A Time of Prayer

3/19 – St. Joseph Day

3/26 – Holy Hour

**24 Hours for the Lord**

March 20-21

**Inter-parish Penance Service  
Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm at  
St. Joseph Church. Several priests  
will be available for confession**