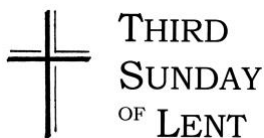


Sunday

March 24, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 3/25

7:00 a.m. Isabel Gonsalves by
June & Bob Gray

Tuesday, 3/26

7:00 a.m. Esolda Scudiero by St. John's
Altar Rosary Group

Wednesday, 3/27

7:00 a.m. John Jaworski by
the Nowicki family

Thursday, 3/28

7:00 a.m. Larry Engel by
Lynn & Gary Guthreau

Friday, 3/29

7:00 a.m. Lillian Conrad by
Marsha Nolan

Saturday, 3/30

5:00 p.m. Myriah Goff by Nagel family

Sunday, 3/31

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Charles Fitzgerald by Lynn &
Gary Guthreau

10:30 a.m. Doris Freyer by
Terry & Matt Kurzius

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Esolda Scudiero by Francis Criscuolo.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, March 17

Regular Collection: \$5,411.22

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.**

Casino Night – Thank You

This year's Casino Night netted the parish's operating fund **\$9,397.34**. Deepest thanks to all who attended; to all our sponsors and prize donors; and to Kathy and John Nicholson and their dedicated team for all the time and energy they put into making this year's Casino Night a great success.



Spring Gift Basket Raffle

The St. John's Music Ministry will be raffling off a beautiful spring gift basket. **Tickets will be on sale before and after all masses beginning next weekend.** Cost is \$1 for 1 ticket, \$2 for 3 tickets and \$10 for 5 tickets. Proceeds will go toward hiring instrumentalists for our Triduum liturgies so take a chance and support a great cause!

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Mary
Lou D'Andrea by St. John's Choir.*

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:

Our Ushers

Thank you for your participation!

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Help Build a Civilization of Love

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg



Hunt **following**

the 10:30 Mass on Easter Sunday, 4/21 around the

Parish Center. All children 9

and under are invited to participate. No registration is necessary. If you are interested in donating, candy/prizes may be dropped off at the Parish Center. If you have any questions please contact Patricia Hummel, [908-922-6037](tel:908-922-6037)/phum@optonline.net

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.



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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: msmhope@msmhope.org

SPIRITUALITY OF WELCOMING THE STRANGER

Join us for an evening with **Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R.** Friday, 4/9 in Mercy Hall at 7 p.m. Free-will Donation, registration required. Cardinal Tobin, a Redemptorist priest, was named Cardinal in 2016, and serves as the Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey. He is vocal in support of immigrants and the Christian call to treat all people with respect, compassion and dignity.

Men's Lenten Afternoon of Prayer with Coach Shurmur

St. James Parish in Basking Ridge will host a Men's Lenten Afternoon of Prayer featuring Coach Pat Shurmur, head coach of the NY Giants, as guest speaker. The event will take place on **Saturday, 3/30** beginning at **2pm in the church** and will conclude with Mass at 4pm celebrated by Bishop James Checchio. The event is free, but registration is required. For more information and to register visit <http://diometuchen.org/mens-group> or call 732-562-1543.

Oasis 2019

Day of Prayer for Women

Avis Clendenen, author and speaker, will present "Weaving a Tapestry of Holiness" on **Saturday, 4/6** from **9:30am to 3:00pm**, hosted by the Religious Teachers Filippini at **Villa Walsh in Morristown**. The day includes two multimedia conferences, rosary recitation, Mass and reconciliation. The cost is \$15 and you should bring your own lunch. For more information and to register contact Sr. Elaine Bebyn, MPF at 973-538-2886, x143 or by email srelaine@villawalsh.org.

Chrism Mass

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese at the **Cathedral of St. Francis in**



Metuchen on Monday, 4/15, beginning at **4:00 pm**. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the Rites of Anointing and the priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and his people. All are encouraged to join in this ancient, grace-filled event.

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.

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.

Encounter With Christ

The *Cursillo 10th Annual Encounter With Christ* will be held at **Mary, Mother of God Parish, 157 South Triangle Rd, Hillsborough, on Saturday, 4/16 from 8 am to 3 pm.** Our distinguished speakers will be **Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** (Saint Joseph Friary, New York, NY) and **Deacon Sal Bonfiglio, OFS (Secular Franciscan Order).** The theme of the Encounter is *"Our Lady of Guadalupe – Star of the New Evangelization"*.

This year, the Metuchen Cursillo Movement is pleased to sponsor The Awakening, a multi-parish event that will help to prepare us for the diocesan consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will be an inspirational day of Talks, Music, Prayer, Lunch, Adoration, Confession, and celebration of the Mass. *There is no charge for the event; but a free will offering will be accepted.* ALL ARE WELCOME. To register, please log on to <http://metcursillo.org/events-encounter.htm>.

Encounter Christ through Cursillo (pronounced "kur-see-yo"). Please see our web site www.metcursillo.org for more details.



*Moses,
you're standing
on holy ground.*