

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday

March 25, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 3/26

7:00 a.m. Myriah Goff by Pat Nagel

Tuesday, 3/27

7:00 a.m. Lillian Alford by Anne Haley

Wednesday, 3/28

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Tamaro by Altar
Rosary Prayer Group

Thursday, 3/29

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, 3/30

3:00 p.m. Solemn Passion of the Lord
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 3/31

7:00 p.m. James Marks by
St. John's Staff

Sunday, 4/1

8:30 a.m. Vanda & Antanas Petraviciiai
by son Amuras
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Vincenzo DiMaggio by family
Noon Lillian Alford by
the Sheenan family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Edward & Joan Marren by Jeff, Karen & family.*

Sunday, March 18

Average needed from weekly offerings to
cover expenses **\$7,000.00**
Regular Collection: \$5,269.98
Children's: \$ 64.75
Under: \$1,730.02

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.**



Holy Week Schedule

The schedule of services for Holy Week is
as follows:

**Palm Sunday – 3/24, 5pm; 3/25, 8:30,
10:30**

Holy Thursday – 3/29, 7 p.m.

Good Friday – 3/30, 3 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – 3/30, 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 3/31, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 8:30, 10:30 and 12 noon.

***PLEASE NOTE: The Blessing of the Food
will take place on Holy Saturday, 3/31, at
12 noon in the CHAPEL.***

*****There will be no Children's Liturgy of
The Word on Palm Sunday, 3/25 or
Easter Sunday, 4/1.*****



Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us outside the Parish Center for
our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Easter
Sunday, 4/1, following the 10:30 Mass.**
All children 9 and under are welcome to
participate.

Let's Not Forget

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"

Easter Baskets

We welcome donations of hams, turkeys and non-perishable items to include in our Easter baskets for families in need. Bring donations to the **Church or Parish Center by Monday, 3/26.**

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!

Collection for

Retired Diocesan Priests

The second collection today is for the Fund for our Retired Diocesan Priests. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our 30 retired priests, as well as, our active priests upon their retirement. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priests who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years. Let's not forget.



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 **2/16 through 3/30**. They will be held between **5:30 - 7:30 PM** at the **Council Home on Grove Street, Dunellen**. All are welcome to attend.

Altar Rosary Group Meeting

St. John's Altar Prayer Group will meet on **Monday, 4/2 at 7pm**. The rosary will be prayed in the Church and the meeting will follow in the Auditorium. Coffee and cake will be served and you are welcome to invite a friend. Please use the elevator.

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
U.S. Marine Lnc. Cpl. Thomas Tyler Lizak
U.S. Army Pfc Sean Parente

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

Stations of The Cross

Bishop George Ahr High School invites all who are interested to join in praying the Stations of the Cross on **Tuesday, 3/27** at **7 p.m.** in the **BGA Little Theatre**. You are also invited to join us for a Simple Soup Supper served before the Stations in the BGA Cafeteria from 5:30-6:30 p.m. So that we can prepare for supper call 732-549-1108, ext. 648 and let us know the number of people who will be joining us. There is no cost but a free will offering will be accepted and given to Elijah's Promise and TASK – the soup kitchens where the BGA students volunteer.

Bishop Ahr High School Spring Open House

Bishop George Ahr High School, One Tingley Lane, Edison, will be holding a Spring Open House on **Tuesday, 4/17, beginning at 7 p.m.** All are welcome! Meet our faculty, tour our facility, hear about our technology, and learn about our sports, clubs and organizations. Brochures available. Refreshments served. Call Bishop Ahr High School for further information or directions: (732) 549-1108, x. 620. Or visit us on the web at bgahs.org.

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal ***Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World***

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$21,504.92 and payments totaling \$18,254.01 from 106 parishioners. This represents 67.2% of your \$32,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts!

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or email: msmhope@msmhope.org.

RESURRECTION JOY: SEEING THE WORLD WITH NEW EYES St. Ignatius invites us to “find God in all things.” What newness is springing to birth in this Easter season that was buried under winter snow? This evening will help you uncover the newness that is awakening in you. **Wed, Apr 25, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20– 30 As You Are Able) Presenter: Laura M. Arvin, OP

T'AI CHI CHIH SERIES

T'ai Chi Chih, a moving meditation is easy to learn and do. It is a powerful compliment to Centering Prayer. The first 10 Movements will be taught, supported by handouts. Those familiar with the form will discover a deeper flow while beginners will learn the basics. **Mondays, Apr. 16, 23, 30, 7-8:30 p.m.** Presenter: Sister Antonia Cooper, OSF Sister Antonia has been presenting TCC internationally since 1981, and is currently on the Franciscan International Leadership Team.

St. Pio Comes to The Diocese of Metuchen

Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his passing, **Tuesday 4/17** from **9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** in the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm St., Metuchen**. Bishop James F. Checcio will lead a prayer service at 1 p.m. A Mass in honor of St. Pio will be celebrated at 7 p.m. by Fr. Timothy A. Christy, Vicar for Evangelization and Communications for the Diocese. For information about the public veneration, please call 732-548-0100 or email info@stfranciscathedral.org.



Holy Week

Thank you Jesus for changing my heart...

So what's up? I want to thank all of you for reading the Beacon. For your input, feedback and "gentle" criticism, I truly appreciate it. Please remember that I write the Beacon to help us spiritually to grow, have thoughts and insights to "chew" on and get a feel for where we are in our lives as Christians. Please feel free to pass it on to your family, friends and neighbors of any faith.

I'm the "Guy"

The following is a reflection I gave during one of my formation classes, it was called, "I'm the guy."

I'm the guy who has to have a front row seat at a concert, game or show...but sits all the way in the back during Mass. I'm the guy who will be 30 min. early for a meeting, or an hour early for a movie...but show up 30 min. late for Mass. I'm the guy who doesn't mind dropping a few hundred "dead" presidents on the lottery, or football pool...but drops a dollar in the collection basket...yep, I'm the guy. I'm the guy who spends an hour looking for the finest threads to wear for clubbing or going out on a date...but throws on the first thing I see to wear to Mass. I'm the guy who'll sing along with the radio, or knows the top 10 songs on the Billboard chart by heart...but won't open my mouth to sing in church. I'm the guy who'll volunteer for everything...but won't volunteer any time to my parish, I'm way too busy...yep, I'm the guy. I'm the guy who'll repeat a dirty joke, or talk about my Boss...but won't repeat a homily, or talk about my faith. I'm the guy who stays until the last credit falls at a movie...but leaves right after the Eucharist at Mass. I'm the guy who'll run my kids to baseball, cheerleading or soccer...but won't run them to church...yep, I'm the guy. I'm the guy who can get myself up to go to work or the gym...but has to be woken up for church. Sigh, yes I'm the guy. Then like Mary in the gospel...I sat beside the Lord at his feet and he spoke to me (Luke 10: 38-42). He reminded me of all the times He wasn't late, but right on time. How He sat in the front row

of my birth, baptism, heartbreaks and joys. How He blessed me so I had what I needed. How He constantly prays for me before His Father. How He waits for me all the time and so much more...yep, He's **the** guy. Praise God I'm no longer "that" guy... So, what kind of guy, or gal are you?

Until next time... may Jesus keep you smiling, may God's grace shine on you and always remember to pray for each other. Luv ya!

Deacon Phil

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 3/25:

First: Isaiah 50:4-7;

Second: Philippians 2:6-11;

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

Thanks to all families who contributed items to fill the Easter Blessing Bags. Know that you brought a smile to many faces at Mcauley Hall Healthcare Center.

Easter Blessings !!!

