

Sunday

March 31, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 4/1

7:00 a.m. Mary W. Duhamel by Jayne & Roger Lendach & Rose Marsjanik

Tuesday, 4/2

7:00 a.m. Giovanni Elefante by Cosimo & Lina

Wednesday, 4/3

7:00 a.m. Anna Fitzgerald by Jay Castillo & family

Thursday, 4/4

7:00 a.m. Esolda Scudiero by Anne Marie Hill

Friday, 4/5

7:00 a.m. Henry Janssen by Bill & Pat Hughes

Saturday, 4/6

5:00 p.m. Edward Boniakowski by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Sunday, 4/7

8:30 a.m. Doris Freyer by Anne Haley
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's & James O'Brien by Tony & Cathy D'Ovidio

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Rose Marsjanik by Francis Criscuolo.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, March 24

Regular Collection: \$5,194.01

Message From Msgr. Benwell

I hope your Lenten journeys are going well. I want to alert you to two changes in the parish Lenten schedule.

Since a number of our parishioners prefer to attend parish activities during the daytime, on Friday, April 12, there will be the celebration of Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm in the church in addition to the evening Stations at 7:00 pm. I hope these two opportunities to take part in this venerable devotion will assist your preparation for Holy Week, which begins the following Monday.

I regret that the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) will not be offered next Saturday morning, April 6. Confessions will be heard next Saturday afternoon at the regularly scheduled time, 4:00 to 4:45 pm.

Blessings for the week ahead.

- Msgr. Benwell



Coffee & Doughnut Reception

The monthly Coffee & Doughnut reception will take place next **Sunday, 4/7, after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the church auditorium.** All are welcome to join us!

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 Counters

Thank you for your participation!

Rosary Altar Meeting

St. John's Rosary Altar Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday, 4/4 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **church** to pray the rosary. The meeting will follow in the auditorium. Dessert and coffee will be served. Please invite a friend. Kindly use the elevator.

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 **5:30 - 7:30 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 LCpl. 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.

Religious Education News

The April Sessions of Family Catechesis will meet on **Monday, April 1st/ Tuesday, April 2nd** from **6-8pm** in the **Auditorium**. This is a full family session with Colleen Rayner. No text books needed.

The First Holy Communion Blessing Cup Retreat will be held on **Wednesday, April 10th** from **6-8pm** in the **Parish Center**.

The Confirmation Retreat will be held at **Guardian Angels Parish Center, Edison** on **Friday, April 12th** from **5:15-9:30pm**. Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors are required to attend. If the sponsor is unable to attend due to distance, another adult must attend the retreat with the Candidate.

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.



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.

FOOTSTEPS IN THE GARDEN

A Women's Retreat

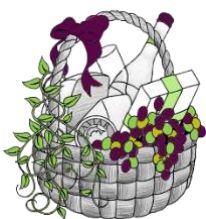
Do you ever wonder what God is doing and has done in your life, even without your help? In scripture, God says, "You will be like a watered garden." (Is 58:11-12). The blooms in the garden take root in the silence. Although the garden needs tending and harvesting, often in our busyness we miss the beauty that comes on its own and the footsteps of the One who scatters seeds of hope. Come to spend time in the garden of your life. **Fri., Apr. 12, 6:45- 9:30 p.m. & Sat., Apr. 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** (\$100 for overnight guests; \$75 for commuters)

Facilitators: Paulette Cicero and Ellen Murphy
Experienced spiritual and retreat directors

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.



Music Ministry Spring Basket Raffle

Step into Spring with our Music Ministry's Annual Spring Basket Raffle! **Tickets will be available at all Masses March 30, April 7 and April 14.** The winning ticket will be drawn on April 16. 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.

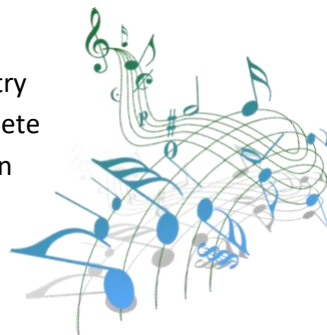
Easter Egg Hunt

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/phum@optonline.net.



Music Ministry Memorial Donation

Memorial donation opportunity is available to enhance our music ministry during the Easter Triduum. Should you wish to participate, please complete the bottom of this form and return it with your cash donation or check in an envelope marked "Music Memorial." We ask that memorial requests be submitted no later than April 11, 2019.



Thank you for your support of our Music Ministry.

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Please return this portion with your donation. *Thank you.*

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

This donation is made IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF (please circle):

