Sacrificial Offerings 2020 Sunday, March 1

Regular Collection:\$5,217.00Ash Wednesday:\$2,001.00Bills Paid This Week:\$942.00



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 <u>stjohnpcl@gmail.com</u> 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 5th**. Any teen interested in serving or wanting to learn more please contact Patricia Hummel at <u>stjohnpcl@gmail.com</u>. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 8

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Jim Mondoro by Nancy & Robert Dombroski
10:30 am Clara Heldt by the Confalone family

Monday, March 9

7:00 am Ronald Shea by John & Gail Hummel

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 am Rev. Msgr. William Haughney by Ann Mooney Hill & family

Wednesday, March 11

7:00 am Sergio Perez by John, Danielle & Travis Zilg

Thursday, March 12

7:00 am Patricia Urenovich by Pat, Bill & Will Hughes

Friday, March 13

7:00 am Florence Begedza by the Szulczewski family

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm Winnie Whalen by the Patronick, Woerner & Dowd families

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

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Edward W. Marren by Jeff & Karen Marren.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."



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.



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 2nd 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 IT#2 Kenneth Millman III

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

St. Mary's Slavic Dinner

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will resume their Slavic Dinners on Wednesday, 3/11 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 **PM**. The dinner will be held in the **St**. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ. The cost is \$15.00 for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5.00 for Children (8 and under) and includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. Each month a special entrée will be specially selected and prepared by St. Mary's chef John Pagano. Dinners are held on the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year. Orders to go are available. For more information contact: St. Mary's at 908-725-0615. The next dinner will be held on Wednesday, 4/15.

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

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend of March 21/22, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer Upcoming Programs Registration required: call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: <u>msmhope@msmhope.org</u>

IN CHRIST ALONE: The Celtic Way

Discover 10 prayerful practices that are core to Celtic spirituality. What makes Celtic Christian Spirituality special? Come experience the ways that great Celtic Christians sought God and how these practices can bring us to God today. **Wed.**, **Mar. 11, 7-9 pm.** Presenter: Eileen P. Smith, RSM (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

BOOK OF THE MONTH: Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom by John O'Donohue. Fri, Mar. 13, 1-2:30 pm. (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING: Modern Day Discipleship

Lent is a season of renewal and conversion. Balancing prayer, discernment and action is essential for following Jesus today. **Sat.**, **Mar. 14, 10 am – 3 pm**. Lunch included. (\$50-\$60 as you are able) Presenter: Jim Choma



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. 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

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