

Sunday

April 15, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 4/16

7:00 a.m. Mary Nagel by
Pat Nagel & family

Tuesday, 4/17

7:00 a.m. Gerardo & Giovanna Giordano
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

Wednesday, 4/18

7:00 a.m. Antonio V. Forte by Deacon
Glenn & Julie Robitaille

Thursday, 4/19

7:00 a.m. Betty Hummel by David,
Patricia & children

Friday, 4/20

7:00 a.m. Michael Schramm by
Patricia & Reynold Salmon

Saturday, 4/21

5:00 p.m. John Saupp by the
Szulczewski family

Sunday, 4/22

8:30 a.m. Butch Spagnola by
Dianne Applegate & family
10:30 a.m. Cathy Genova by Aunt Enza

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Eddie Warren by Jeff, Karen & family.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, April 8

Average needed from weekly offerings to
cover expenses **\$7,000.00**

Regular Collection: \$5,807.37

Children's: \$ 49.70

Under: \$1,192.63

Sunday, April 1

Easter Collection: \$22,028.62

Holy Land Collection: \$705.00

Children's Collection: \$ 54.02

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.**

The Gift Book Program 2018

Many thanks to Tom Sheenan and **The
Sheenan Funeral Home; St. John's
Rosary Altar Prayer Group; the Catholic
Daughters Court Regina Coeli; the Shea
Family; and Edgar Chavez and the
Britland Auto Body** for their generosity in
funding the **Gift Book Program**. Thank
you also to our volunteers who distributed
the books after Easter Masses.

Calendar Raffle



The winner of \$50
for Week Two, ticket #1380
is: **Mary Reuter.**

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of
Charlie DeLayo by the Duhamel family.*

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:

Patricia Hummel & family for coordinating the Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you for your participation!



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
U.S. Marine Pvt. Dante Parente
U.S. Army Off. Candidate Casey Patrick Wenzel

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



May Crowning

St. John's Altar Rosary Group will celebrate the Blessed Mother with the living rosary on **Monday, 5/7, at 6:30 p.m. in the church.** Mass will follow at 7pm, followed by the May Crowning and then we shall enjoy refreshments in the auditorium. You are welcome to invite a friend.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Spring Blood Drive on **Tuesday, 5/8, from 2 pm – 7:30 pm** at the **Council Hall, 647 Grove Street.** All donors will receive a t-shirt and a chance to enter a raffle of 1 to 4 gift cards. Please schedule your appointment today: www.rwjuhdonorclub.org or contact Harry Buttito at 732-207-8193 or @jofrdy@aol.com. Walk-ins welcome! Please eat and bring a photo ID.

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$26,284.92 and payments totaling \$22,581.64 from 134 parishioners. This represents 82.1% of your \$32,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts!

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.

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.

Spring Admissions Events

Are you looking for something more in a high school? Meet our people, tour our campus, and discover the Immaculata Difference at our upcoming Spring Admissions events! **8th Grade Students: Tuesday, 4/17, 7pm-8pm; Transfer Students: Tuesday, 4/24, 7pm-8pm.** Hosted at **Immaculata High School, 240 Mountain Ave., Somerville.** RSVP at www.ImmaculataHighSchool.org/Hour



Holy Savior Academy

Spring Splendor Tricky Tray

Win Disney Hopper Passes, gift cards, designer bags, American Girl, QVC studio tour, housewares, jewelry and more. **Saturday, April 21, doors open at 6PM.** Admission: \$25/per person and includes: 25 level 1 tickets, water, coffee/tea & dessert. Raffle value ticket pack presale for \$30 (\$35 at door) includes: 1 sheet level 2 tickets, 10 level 3 tickets and 1 level 4 ticket. For admission tickets or value packs see Mrs. Haluszka in the school's office or mail a check for Holy Savior Academy (please include "For Tricky Tray committee", your name and phone number/email address in the envelope) to Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield NJ 07080. For seating arrangement requests or questions, email: trickytrayhsa@gmail.com

Bishop Ahr High School

Designer Pocketbook Bingo

Bishop Ahr High School is having its Annual Designer Pocket book Bingo Fundraiser on **Friday, 4/27. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the games begin at 7:30 p. m.** There are a limited number of tickets being sold, please don't wait until the last minute! Order forms can be found on the Bishop Ahr High School website, www.bgahs.org, or by contacting Barbara Herbert at 908-403-2642.



THE DEACON BEACON

Baptism Part II

Hmmm...where were we? Oh yes, baptism.

Least respected...Have you been to a baptism lately? The last one I went to-not performed, went to as one of the congregation-was at a Mass. It was comparable to going to a football game. People were standing on the pews, eating and picnicking as if they were in the stands. People were actually "climbing" over the priest to take pictures as he was trying to administer the Sacrament! Sounds pretty bad huh? I don't even want to get into the "after" parties. What happened? First let's discuss the place. A church is a holy place. It does not have to be a church to make it holy. Any place where God's presence is makes it holy. Remember Moses and the burning bush? What did God tell him? "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground". (Exodus 3:5.) It's not just places either; it could be angels, people, and objects. Any being, or thing used in God's presence to worship Him or be used by Him becomes holy. Check this out, in the Book of Joshua it is written that he is standing next to Jericho the day before Israel attacks it. He confronts a man standing before him with a drawn sword. The "man" identifies himself as the commander of the army of the Lord. He tells Joshua, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." All through the old and new testaments of the Bible this is evident. Hey, makes for great summer reading. Look, when I do a baptism I let everyone know that the place they are in is holy. It's God's house, **He** makes it holy. But even though it's sacred, it's a place of refuge for His children. It is a place to relax, reflect, and be comfortable and be still in. Although it is His house, it is also ours, and He wants us to be at home. "Our" home is in His presence. Hmmm...you're probably thinking, "Deacon

Phil has finally gone off the deep end, what a shame". Well you could be partly right, but bear with me. Being in God's presence is joyful. We don't have to have serious, dour faces on. Jesus constantly compares being in God's presence (Heaven) to a wedding. What do you do at a wedding (other than over eating and drinking)? You're happy, you're dancing, eating and drinking, there's music and laughter...people there's...**JOY!** **Everything** during that baptism becomes holy, especially the children. Nothing there is blessed or done by the priest or deacon. It is all God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit who are invoked upon to bless the water and in turn the children. Amen.

Until next time...may Jesus keep you smiling, may God's grace shine on you and always pray for our newly baptized!

Deacon Phil

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 4/15:

First: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;

Second: 1 John 2:1-5a;

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



Night At The Races

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield, NJ will sponsor a "Night at the Races" on **Saturday, 4/28** in the **Holy Savior Academy cafeteria, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ. Doors open at 6PM** – games begin at 7PM. Cost is \$25 per ticket. Refreshments will be served. Come, enjoy a fun night. Bring your friends. For information and tickets call Helen @ 908-754-6632 or Tina @ 908-561-8924.