

Sunday

April 22, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 4/23

7:00 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez by
Manny & Lynne Jacalan

Tuesday, 4/24

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Wednesday, 4/25

7:00 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez by
Manny & Lynne Jacalan

Thursday, 4/26

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

Friday, 4/27

7:00 a.m. Kimberly Travers by
Wednesday Bible
Study Group

Saturday, 4/28

5:00 p.m. Jaw Switzer by family

Sunday, 4/29

8:30 a.m. Nina Mondoro by
husband Joe

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
John Byk by Juanita Brewer

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Mario Criscuolo by Frances.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, April 15

Average needed from weekly offerings to
cover expenses **\$7,000.00**
Regular Collection: \$4,076.75
Children's: \$ 36.00
Under: \$2,923.25

**American Bishops Overseas Appeal
\$963.00**

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.

MARRIAGE BANNS I



Kristen Gloede
&
Miguel Martinez

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Larry
Engel by St. John's staff.*

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:

The Arts & Environment Committee

Thank you for your participation!

Calendar Raffle



The winner of \$75 for Week Three, ticket #1341 is: **Connie Roscoe.**



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.rwjhdonorclub.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 \$26,792.42 and payments totaling \$23,464.14 from 139 parishioners. This represents 83.7% of your \$32,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts!

Holy Savior Open House

Holy Savior Academy, the Diocesan Regional Catholic PreK – 8th Grade School, is holding a spring open house on **Tuesday, 4/24** from **6pm to 8pm** at **149 South Plainfield Avenue South Plainfield, NJ**. For more information or to visit the school, call 908-822-5890 or email info@holysavioracademy.com

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

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

MAN TO MAN

Men have unique roles in life...husbands, fathers, grandfathers, the single life and religious life... We're pushed and pulled in a thousand directions by responsibilities, stress, loss and by joys. Where can we find time to reflect on the loss and gain of our lives? ***For all men-young, old and in between.*** Join our group over coffee or tea for life affirming discussions and prayer to find God in our lives and to make a difference in our own worlds. **4th Tuesday monthly beginning Tue, April 24, 7-9 p.m. Free-Will Offering.** Facilitators: Jerry McKenna, environmentalist & teacher and Bob Christie, academic & administrator.

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.

Charismatic Mass

On **Thursday, 5/3** at **7:30 PM**, A Charismatic Mass followed by prayers for healing will be celebrated at **St. Francis Cathedral, 32 Elm Ave & Main Street, Metuchen, NJ** by Father John Campoli, a priest of the Voluntas Dei Institute and His Love Ministries. Father Campoli will offer healing prayers following the Mass. Members of the Body of Christ Prayer Group will also be available to pray. For more information contact Pam: pzgendlek@comcast.net or 732 491-6042



5K and Family Fun Run

The Holy Savior Academy 5K and Family Fun Run will take place **Saturday, 6/2**. The race starts and ends at the school at **149 South Plainfield Avenue in South Plainfield**. **Check in at 7:30 a.m. and race/walk starts at 9 a.m.** The course is USATF certified, flat and fast - perfect for a family run! All proceeds from the event benefit the students of Holy Savior Academy. For more information, please visit www.hsa5k.com. **Early bird registration ends May 4** so register today!



THE DEACON BEACON

Baptism Part III

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

Easily forgotten... Do you remember your Baptism? You're probably wondering, "Come on Deacon Phil are you out of your mind"? Yes, maybe. Look, I know most of us were baptized as babies. It's a trick question. Parents really should revisit a child's Baptism with them as soon as the child is old enough to understand. Actually, it's the parents' and godparents' responsibility to do this. In the ROBFC, the celebrant (priest or deacon) states, "Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present this Child for Baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit he (she) is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love. On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him (her) up in the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him (her) is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his (her) heart." Sigh, we do take our sacredness for granted. I really wish you could see what I see when I'm performing a baptism, people rolling their eyes, looking around at the church, checking their texts. Unbelievably this sometimes includes the parents and the godparents. It's as if they want to be somewhere else. Going through the motions does not translate into understanding what you are actually participating in. Your child should be asking questions like, "why did I have to wear a white garment, why is my godfather holding a candle, why did the celebrant have to pour the water **three** times?" Hmm, got you wondering huh? That's the idea. You know, I have a Protestant friend that reads the Beacon every week. When she read the first part of this series she was amazed how it pertained to her own faith and even her church had gotten away from the basic fundamentals of Baptism. For the Catholic it is the first sacrament into the circle of Spiritual life, and the circle closes with all the symbols of

Baptism present once again. For any Christian it is the beginning of a new faith journey. Ok, so when you get home today or sometime this week, break open the picture albums, pull out the "white garment" and/or candle if you still have them and take a stroll down memory lane. **Next week:** Breaking down the Rite!

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

Deacon Phil

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 4/22:

First: Acts 4:8-12;

Second: 1 John 3:1-2;

Gospel: John 10:11-18



ATTENTION: Parents of First Holy Communicants!

Students will meet for a one hour Sacramental Session on Monday, April 23rd. The session will run from 6-7pm upstairs in the Parish Center. Parents need not attend and children do not have to bring their books.