

## Sunday

April 28, 2019



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 4/29

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

## Tuesday, 4/30

7:00 a.m. Mary Duhamel by  
Rose Marsjanik

## Wednesday, 5/1

7:00 a.m. Robert "Duke" Snyder by  
Joe Cowan

## Thursday, 5/2

7:00 a.m. Robert "Duke" Snyder by  
Gwen Kane

## Friday, 5/3

7:00 a.m. Edward Kane by Gwen Kane

## Saturday, 5/4

5:00 p.m. Father Roch by Fran Furino

## Sunday, 5/5

8:30 a.m. Pat Nagel by  
Colleen Mendez & family

10:30 a.m. Francesco Guida by the  
Criscuolo family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of  
Paul Maurer by Dianne Applegate.*

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Rose  
Marsjanik by Cathy & Tony D'Ovidio.*

## MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

I hope everyone had a blessed and enjoyable Easter Sunday. I thought all the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter were inspiring and our church looked beautiful. I received many compliments about both. On your behalf, I thank Edwin Lopez, our Director of Sacred Music, and all involved in our music ministry for the time and hard work they put into enhancing our celebrations during these most sacred of days. Once again, Chantal Reffler and her helpers made our church a space worthy of the praise and worship of our great God.

To date, our Easter Collection totals \$13,806.93; the collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday totals \$1,004.46; thank you for your generous support of our parish.

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Mark your calendars: On Sunday, May 19, at the 10:30 Mass, we will celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Deacon Mike Gleason's ordination to the diaconate; a reception will follow in the Auditorium. More details about this special occasion will be forthcoming.

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On this Divine Mercy Sunday we are reminded that "the face of God is mercy" (Pope Francis) and therefore mercy is the sign of a strong church. If we are to be credible Christians we need to reflect Our Lord's love and compassion—as individuals, as a parish, as a diocese, as a Universal Church. Our diocese, through its many programs and ministries, impacts for the better the lives of thousands throughout the year. With only weeks remaining in the Bishop's Annual Appeal, our parish has reached three-quarters of its goal. If you have not done so, please consider a gift to the Appeal and helping those advocating respect for life, our seminarians, Catholic Charities' emergency and counseling services, to name just a few of the Appeal's beneficiaries. Appeal envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Thank you for your consideration.

Have a blessed week,

Msgr. Benwell

### **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:

### **Edwin Lopez and the Music Ministry**

Thank you for your participation!

### **Daily Mass Schedule**

As of this week, Daily Masses have resumed at **7 a.m. in the Chapel.**

### **Ministry Fair & Monthly Reception**

Have you thought about how you can share your time and talent with the parish community? Come to the Ministry Fair on **Sunday, 5/5 during the monthly coffee/doughnut reception after each of the morning Masses in the church auditorium.** At the Ministry Fair you can learn about the many ways you can participate in ministries or committees.

### **May Crowning**



St. John's Altar Rosary Prayer Group will pray the Rosary on **Monday, 5/6 at 6:30 in the church.** Mass will follow at 7pm and the May Crowning will take place immediately following Mass. Refreshments will be served in the auditorium. All are invited.

### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **April Blood Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their April Blood Drive on **Tuesday, 4/30 from 2-7:30 pm at 647 Grove Street, Dunellen.** Please eat and bring a photo ID. All donors will receive a t-shirt and will be entered into a raffle to win 1 of 4 gift cards valued at \$25.00 each! For additional information and/or to schedule an appointment please contact Harry Buttito, [jofrdy@aol.com](mailto:jofrdy@aol.com) or 732-207-8193.

### **Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets**

Spiritual Bouquet Cards for Mother's Day are available at the Church entrances. Those enrolled will be remembered during Mass the week of 5/12.

### **Gift Book Program 2019**

Many thanks to Tom Sheenan and **The Sheenan Funeral Home**; Rich Hendricks and **The Dunellen Hotel**; Cliff Vail and **Harty Brothers Carpet & Vinyl Co.**; Edgar Chavez and **Britland Auto Body**; **St. John Rosary Altar Prayer Group**; **The Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli** and **Signature Gifts by Maureen** for their generosity in funding the Gift Book Program.



### **Altar Rosary Bake Sale**

The Altar Rosary Prayer Group will be having a bake sale after all masses the weekend of **5/11 & 5/12** (Mothers Day!). Proceeds will be used to support donations toward books (Christmas/Easter) and other activities that the Altar Rosary Prayer Group supports. There will be small servings of items in the \$1-\$5.00 range, as well as some cakes.



### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **American Legion Poppies**



The American Legion Post 119 will be selling poppies after all Masses on the weekend of **May 4 and 5**. We appreciate all the support for our Veterans, and current service women and men.

### **Dunellen Sponsor's Club, Inc. Martin W. Kriek Scout Hut**

The Sponsor's Club, serving the youth of Dunellen since 1956, will hold a Pancake Breakfast at the **Dunellen Hotel** on **Sunday, 5/5 from 8:00-11:30 am**. Tickets are available at the door: \$15.00/Family; \$5.00/Adult; \$3.50/Child or Senior.

### **Our Lady of Fatima Candlelight Procession**

All are invited to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Candlelight Procession on **Sunday, 5/19**, at **7:30 pm** at the **Our Lady of Fatima Church, 501 New Market Road in Piscataway**. The Rosary will be recited in the church for those unable to walk in the procession. Rosaries, candles and handkerchiefs are available for a small donation. Please join us. For information call Roberta at 732-245-9124.

### **Something New!**



You may have noticed something new in the parking lot. It is a donation bin for Catholic Charities. Please help us continue our mission of helping the needy by donating clothing, shoes, and household items. 100% of the proceeds from your donations support the ministries of Catholic Charities. Your generosity is appreciated. If you have a large pick up, need a receipt, or have a question please call our toll free number 877-343-3651. Thank you & God Bless!

## **New to the Parish?**

### **Need to register your child in Religious Education?**

Registration for **NEW** students in our Religious Education Program begins on **April 6th** and runs through **May 15th**. We have a Family Catechesis Program which meets once monthly on a Monday or Tuesday evening from 6-8pm. Please email [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) or call the office at 732-968-0233 for further information or to obtain registration materials.

### **Project Child Find**

Project Child Find is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist with the identification of unserved and underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth to age 21. Project Child Find develops and distributes information about Early Intervention Services and Special Education Programs in our area. Parent inquiries may be made to the Dunellen School District Office of Special Services at 732-968-0885, ext. 16 and the Green Brook School District Department of Student Services at 732-968-1171. All calls received are confidential.

### **Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the **chapel of the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 11:45 am**. Mass follows at 11:45. Adorers and intercessors are needed. For more information or to volunteer, call Laura Ferreras, 732-529-7932. To submit a prayer request, email [Adoration@diometuchen.org](mailto:Adoration@diometuchen.org) or call 732-765-6445.

### **Are You Considering A Priestly Vocation?**

Despite the cultural assaults against Gospel values and the scandals that have beset the Church in recent years—perhaps *because of them* and the desire to be part of a Catholic rebirth and revitalization—more men are entering the seminary than in recent memory. It was not long ago that the total seminarians for the Diocese of Metuchen numbered just six. This year, Bishop Checchio will ordain six men—three to the priesthood and three to the transitional diaconate (the final step before priesthood).

If the priesthood is something you have been thinking and praying about, you might be interested in the following:

- The “Quo Vadis Discernment Retreat,” **June 25-27**, for young men between ages of 14-17.
- Ordination to the (Transitional) Diaconate, **June 15, 10:30 am, St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen.**
- Ordination to the Priesthood, **June 22, 10:30 am, St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen.**

Fr. Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez (732-562-2453; [mtabera@diometuchen.org](mailto:mtabera@diometuchen.org)), diocesan Director of Vocations, will be happy to meet or speak with you.

### **Pilgrimage With Bishop Checchio**

You are invited to join our bishop on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico, in preparation for the Consecration of our diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The pilgrimage will take place from **October 20-24**. For more information, call 732-562-1990 or email [Evangelization@diometuchen.org](mailto:Evangelization@diometuchen.org).