

## Sunday

April 29, 2018



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 4/30

7:00 a.m. Special Intention by Lina

## Tuesday, 5/1

7:00 a.m. Charles Jager by  
the Nagel family

## Wednesday, 5/2

7:00 a.m. Rose Patti by  
the Chapleski family

## Thursday, 5/3

7:00 a.m. Louise Graves by  
Craig & Diane Neunert

## Friday, 5/4

7:00 a.m. Andy Murray by  
Ruth Payer & Doreen Sekora

## Saturday, 5/5

5:00 p.m. Joan Rosiak by  
John & Gail Hummel

## Sunday, 5/6

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &  
Clem Santy by Lynn & Gary

10:30 a.m. Angelo DiStefano by family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of  
Roberto Loo Hernandez by Manny & Lynne Jacalan.*

## Sacrificial Offerings 2018

### Sunday, April 22

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

**Regular Collection: \$4,855.06**

**Children's: \$ 33.52**

**Under: \$2,144.94**

### 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.**



### American Legion Poppies

Members of the Dunellen  
American Legion Post 119 will  
be selling Poppies after all  
masses this weekend. The donations will  
be used to fund Veterans events and to  
send care packages to our troops. Thank  
you in advance for your support!

### 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, 5/7 during the monthly  
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.

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of  
Roberto Loo Hernandez by Manny & Lynne Jacalan.*

## 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

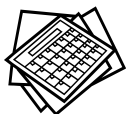


Fostering stewardship is a way of life. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his/her time, talent and treasure. We gratefully acknowledge and salute:

## **Edwin Lopez & The Music Ministry**

Thank you for your participation!

## Calendar Raffle



The winner of \$75 for Week Four, ticket #407 is:  
**Barbara Nagel.**

## **MARRIAGE BANNS II**



Kristen Gloede  
&  
Miguel Martinez

## Mother's Day Gift Basket



The St. John's Music Ministry will be selling chances for a Mother's Day

Gift basket after all Masses beginning this weekend. Proceeds go toward instrumental musicians for the major liturgies. Don't miss your chance to treat Mom!



## 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.

## 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

### *Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World*

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$27,172.42 and payments totaling \$23,844.14 from 141 parishioners. This represents 84.9% of your \$32,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts!



### **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](http://www.rwjuhdonorclub.org) or contact Harry Buttito at 732-207-8193 or [@jofrdy@aol.com](mailto:@jofrdy@aol.com). Walk-ins welcome! Please eat and bring a photo ID.

### **Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer**

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required;** call 908-753-2091 or email: [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org).

### **WOMEN: YESTERDAY, TODAY and TOMORROW**

#### **(A Day for Women)**

*What does it mean to be a woman in today's world?* Using the Book of Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, we'll examine the common experiences of women across the ages. The story of Ruth and Naomi is a powerful account of a relationship that shaped not only their lives, but also the lives of women around the globe and across different religious beliefs and practices. The day will include presentation, sharing, quiet reflection and lunch. **Sat, May 5, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.** (\$45-55 As You Are Able) Presenter: Eileen McGovern, SSJ. Sister Eileen, a Sister of St. Joseph of Philadelphia, is a spiritual and retreat director.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.hsa5k.com). Early bird registration ends May 4 so register today!

### **“There’s Always More...”**

A course in Christian Maturity, “**There’s Always More ...**,” is being offered by The Body of Christ Prayer Group at **St. Francis Cathedral, 528 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ,** in the Community Room, located below the Cathedral. Enter from Cathedral parking lot on Library Place. **8 pm to 9:30 pm - Thursday evenings.** More Love: May 17, 24 & 31, 2018; More Power: June 14, 21 & 28, 2018. Join us & experience more love of God & more power of the Holy Spirit in your life. For information - contact Tom 732-549-4740; [mockofam@optonline.net](mailto:mockofam@optonline.net).



**Baptism Part IV**

Breaking it down!

**What's in a name?** Ok, so let's go through the Rite...step by step. The first question asked is, "What name do you give your child?" I enjoy science fiction and fantasy. Every now and then there is some truth and enlightenment. My favorite is stories of dragons. Dragons never reveal their names for fear that the one who knows it may have power over them, or that it may be too awesome to understand. Hmm...where do they get this stuff anyway? Would you believe the Bible? This is exactly what happens with the angels, and it is only in certain circumstances that they reveal their names. Examples are in Genesis, Tobit, Daniel and the Gospels. The other thing about names is who they align to. An example is: Horace, son of Wendell, son of Bruce, King of Prussia. What am I driving at? Names are important! Don't think so? Hmm, why does God change Abram's name to Abraham or Sarai's name to Sarah? How's that Bible reading going? A Christian or suitable name is given to the child for the simple fact that this child will reflect the glory of God. What do I mean by suitable? Names like Moon Unit 2, Snickers, Knicks, Rainbow Bright, etc. really do not reflect God's Glory. Think about it...naming a child after the first "object" you see? Sigh, Wooglywoo just doesn't cut it either. Names have purpose and in a lot of cases believe it or not ...God gets to choose. (John the Baptist, Jesus, Saul, who He changed to Paul, etc.). The second question asked is "What do you ask of God's Church for..." I covered this earlier. Just remember that we are the Church and we are the ones the parents are asking. Then the parents respond, "BAPTISM!" Ok people check this out...this is a moment of great joy and pride! We should be shouting so all the community can hear the responses. Oh I never shout or

to their games and concerts and I do hear the parents...they can get pretty loud. Well, that's the way it should be at the Baptism, all the community should be able to hear the responses. Other responses the parents can use are, "faith," "the grace of Christ," "entrance into the Church," "eternal life." See you next week.

**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, 4/29:**

**First: Acts 9:26-31;**

**Second: 1 John 3:18-24;**

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2018-2019 academic year is now open. Please obtain registration info from our office or call Terry at 732-968-0233.