

Sunday

May 19, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 5/20

7:00 a.m. Robert "Duke" Snyder by
Mary Lou Chingery

Tuesday, 5/21

7:00 a.m. Stanley & Margaret Meyers by
Kenneth & Andrea Meyers

Wednesday, 5/22

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

Thursday, 5/23

7:00 a.m. Bob "Duke" Snyder by
Eileen & Lou Capozzi

Friday, 5/24

7:00 a.m. Marion Maier by Marion &
Joseph England

Saturday, 5/25

5:00 p.m. Francesco Guida by
the Tolomeo family

Sunday, 5/26

8:30 a.m. Pat Nagel by the Cronin family
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Stanley Meyers by his children

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Rita Ward by Pat & Nola Seader.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, May 12

Regular Collection: \$4,449.02

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.**

Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed for Memorial Day, **Monday, 5/27**. It will re-open on **Tuesday, 5/28**.



Spring Basket Raffle Winner

Congratulations to **Maureen Naturile**, the winner of the St. John's Music Ministry Spring Basket Raffle! Thanks to everyone who participated and helped us to enhance the Easter liturgies.

This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Helen & Ted Chester by the Chester 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:

Frank Torok
our Website Manager

Thank you for your participation!



**Pray
for the
Military**

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
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.



Immediate Need for Volunteers

Fish, Inc. Dunellen Area, the local service organization is in immediate need of volunteers for the following:

- **Van Drivers** - Drivers are needed to make pick-ups at local supermarkets. Drivers must be over the age of 21, possess a clean driving record and able to lift 50 lbs.
- **Clothing Room Sorters** - Individuals needed to help sort and hang clothing.
- **Spanish Translator** - Volunteers to assist Spanish speaking clients in the Clothing Room.

Interested individuals should call the **Fish Hotline at 732-356-0081** and leave a message for Lisa.

Holy Hour For Religious Freedom & Persecuted Christians

A Holy Hour for Religious Freedom will be held **every Sunday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Eucharistic Adoration chapel in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center at 50 Van Winkle Place in Piscataway. Participants are invited to silently pray the rosary and other special prayers for the intentions of Christians world-wide who are being persecuted for their faith.

Rosary Corner

ALL ARE INVITED

The Rosary is prayed every weekday following the 7:00 a.m. Mass and Novena. **BLOCK ROSARY:** Monday, 7:00 p.m., 511/515 Lincoln Ave.; Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., 607 Third St.

What is a Block Rosary? Neighbors gathering in each other's homes for a half hour to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, for the local community and for each other's intentions. Please consider having a Block Rosary in your home. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

BLUE ARMY ROSARY CELL

Where: 511 Lincoln Avenue, Dunellen

When: Every Tuesday – 10: a.m.

All are welcome. Bring your children & grandchildren. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

Adopt-A-Priest Program

Have you prayed for your priest today? To adopt a priest or for more information please call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

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 or call 732-765-6445.

Memorial Day Masses

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano, will celebrate an outdoor Memorial Day Mass at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 5/28 rain or shine, on the grounds of Resurrection Cemetery, Hoes Lane and Park Ave., Piscataway. At the same time, Rev. Msgr. John Fell will celebrate Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, 840 Cranbury South River Road, Jamesburg. A wreath laying ceremony will also be held.

All are welcome. For more information, contact the Cemeteries Office at 800-943-8400 or cemeteries@diometuchen.org or visit the website at www.diometuchen.org/cemeteries.

Pentecost Vigil

Come Holy Spirit Come! Join us for a Pentecost Vigil at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen. Come with an open heart, expecting God to do great things in your life, and through your prayer a fresh new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Diocese of Metuchen during this Year of Awakening. The Vigil Mass will begin at 7 pm followed by all-night Adoration, life changing speakers, Confession, inspiring music and fellowship. **Benediction is at 6:30 am.** Come at any time and stay as long as you wish! Join our mailing list to prepare for this event!

For more information and to join the mailing list visit www.diometuchen.org/pentecost

Awakening Nights

Awakening Nights are happening now all around the Diocese of Metuchen. It's an Evening of Prayer, Preaching and Testimony centered on the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Blessed Mother points to Christ and desires to lead each one of us into a deep and vibrant relationship with Him. Come and learn more!

Upcoming services: **Tuesday, 5/ 21 at 7p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Three Bridges**

For a complete list of Parish Awakening Nights all throughout the Diocese of Metuchen visit <https://lightingheartsonfire.org/parish-awakening-nights>

All are welcome. Don't miss out on the grace!

Prayer and Support for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at **St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, NJ on June 5, July 3, Aug.7, Sept.4, Oct.2, Nov.6 and Dec.4.**

Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture.

For more information please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 19, 2019

"After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news in that city, and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, 'It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.' They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith."

When they reached their home base, Antioch, they called the church together and celebrated how God had worked through them, and brought others to the Lord. How God had 'opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.'

How exciting as the life of the first Christian communities developed and grew. The Spirit of God was at work, using these two apostles, and with the power of the Spirit present, growth took place. But we do not stifle the Spirit. Today, as church, we open doors of welcome. We cannot be complacent, but excited, that the same Lord who called them, calls us to do the same thing. Why not ask someone to join you at church or bible study. Why not invite someone to return to the practice of the faith. It might be the only thing they are waiting for. Let God use you. God works through us.

