

Sunday

May 26, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 5/27

7:00 a.m. Larry Engel by
Dianne Applegate

Tuesday, 5/28

7:00 a.m. Robert "Duke" Snyder by
John Zilg

Wednesday, 5/29

7:00 a.m. Robert "Duke" Snyder by
Dianne Applegate

Thursday, 5/30

7:00 a.m. Gerard Buczynski by
St. John's Parish

Noon Eugene Giardino by
Peggy Ulmes

7:30 p.m. Pat Nagel by Cathy &
Paul Canevari

Friday, 5/31

7:00 a.m. Jonah Kreiss-Papalski by
John Kreiss

Saturday, 6/1

5:00 p.m. Larry Engel by Bill, Pat &
Will Hughes

Sunday, 5/26

8:30 a.m. Mary Malloy by Bill, Pat &
Will Hughes

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Bruce Wilson by Dianne
Applegate & family

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, May 19

Regular Collection: \$4,443.75

Campaign for Human Development:
\$921.00

The Week Ahead

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, 5/27** in observance of Memorial Day.

Mass will be celebrated at **7:00 am** in the **Chapel**.



May 30 is Ascension Thursday, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be held at **7:00 am**, **12 noon** and **7:30 pm**.



There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic Communications Campaign. 50% of your donation will remain in our diocese. Information and envelopes may be found at the church exits.

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Eugene Rabouin by the Chester family.

This week our Chapel candle is lit in thanksgiving for South Plainfield Meineke by Mary Jo Tyson.

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 Stewardship Committee

Thank you for your participation!



Coffee & Doughnut Reception

The monthly Coffee & Doughnut reception will take place next **Sunday, 6/2, after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the Church auditorium.** All are welcome to join us!

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

Parish Goal: **\$32,000**
Pledged as of May 17: **\$27,418 (86%)**
Paid as of May 17: **(78%)**

There is still time to assist Bishop Checchio in seeing to the many pastoral and spiritual needs of our diocesan family. For information on how you can make a gift to the Appeal, please contact the Parish Office (732-968-2621; stjev@verizon.net) or the diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development (732-562-2438). Every gift helps the parish and Diocese reach its goal and every gift is greatly appreciated.

Altar Prayer Group Meeting

St. John's Altar Prayer Group will meet on **Monday, 6/3 at 6:30 pm in the Church** to pray the Rosary. We will have our meeting in the auditorium. Please bring a covered dish to share with the members. Coffee and dessert will follow. Kindly use the elevator and you are welcome to invite a friend.



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.

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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: mshhope@mshhope.org

ARE YOU LIVING TODAY WELL?

Today's fast-paced and competitive culture does not allow for the time or space to live in a self-reflective way. Now more than ever we need to reflect on our humanity and our relationship with our Creator and all those with whom we come in contact every day. We need a "spirituality of the heart," which is all-embracing and down-to-earth. **Tue, Jun 11, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 as you are able). Presenter: G. Edwin Reitter. *Ed, a spiritual director and supervisor of spiritual directors, has given numerous retreats and been involved in many parish-based ministries.*

"I, TOO, DISLIKE IT"

So begins Marianne Moore's delightful commentary on the nature of poetry. In this lively, interactive program, we'll look at the works of Billy Collins, James Wright, Natasha Trethewey, Kay Ryan, and Robert Frost to illustrate what makes this art form so likable. We'll celebrate the joy of language used with such passion and intensity that it may inspire your own writing. Lunch is included. **Sat, Jun 29, 9:30 a.m.-3p.m.** (\$45-\$55 as you are able) Presenter: Dr. Carolyn Martin. *Carolyn is a former teacher at Mount St. Mary Academy and Georgian Court University. Her poems and book reviews have appeared in publications throughout North America and the UK.* www.carolynmartinpoet.com

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

Marriage Encounter Weekend

With Father's Day fast approaching, why not give your husband the special gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **July 26 - 28**. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

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.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019**

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine, but that of the Father who sent me’... ‘the Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.’”

Some recall famous farewell speeches. Others refer to them as pep talks. In business we find motivational speakers. The gospel of John in Jesus' priestly talks, offers us all three.

How special to realize that because of my dedication and commitment, I am a living dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. How special to know that the Spirit is teaching me today, as a missionary disciple of a loving God. How special, because of my many cares and distractions that I am reminded of what is of value, the treasure hidden in the field, the pearl of great price. Jesus is not just preparing me for His departure, or entrusting His mission to me, but expects me to carry it out by what I say and do.

