

## Sunday

May 27, 2018



Mass Intentions

### Monday, 5/28

9:00 a.m. Andres Billones by brother

### Tuesday, 5/29

7:00 a.m. Larry Engel by  
Eileen & Lou Capozzi

### Wednesday, 5/30

7:00 a.m. Constancia Ranjo by daughter

### Thursday, 5/31

7:00 a.m. Stanley Meyers by  
his son & daughter

### Friday, 6/1

7:00 a.m. Special Intention of Lynne

### Saturday, 6/2

5:00 p.m. Anthony Payer by  
Karen Marble

### Sunday, 6/3

8:30 a.m. John Confalone by wife Sue  
10:30 a.m. Anthony Payer by  
St. John's Choir

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of  
Eddie Marren by Jeff, Karen & family.*

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

## Sacrificial Offerings 2018

### Sunday, May 20

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

**Regular Collection: \$5,048.17**

**Children's: \$ 34.84**

**Under: \$1,951.83**

### 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 Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on  
Memorial Day, **Monday 5/28** and will re-  
open on Tuesday, 5/29.

### Reception for Deacon Phil



Please join us **this Sunday,  
5/27, after the 10:30 Mass** for  
a reception honoring Deacon  
Phil and wishing him well as he  
moves on from St. John's.

### Calendar Raffle



The winner of \$100  
for Week Eight, ticket #113 is:  
**Alexander Ridder.**

### **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 Children's Liturgy of The Word Facilitators**

Thank you for your participation!



### **Coffee & Doughnut Reception**

The monthly Coffee & Doughnut reception will take place next **Sunday, 6/3 after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the Church auditorium.** All are welcome to join us!



**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 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.

### **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.

**Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer**  
**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:** Registration required;  
call 908-753-2091 or email: [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org).

**POETRY AS SACRAMENT OF ATTENTION AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

Bring a poem that woke you and made you grateful. Participants will be given an opportunity to write one to add to the Universe's abundance!

**Wed, Jun 6, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-30 As You Are Able)

Presenter: Mary Bilderback, RSM

Sister Mary, a Mercy Sister, is a member of the GCU Biology Department who loves and writes poetry.

**Our Lady Of Czestochowa**  
**Feast Of St. Anthony**

Our Lady of Czestochowa parish, 909 Hamilton Blvd. South Plainfield, is holding their annual Feast of St. Anthony celebration from **June 5-9, Tuesday - Thursday 6-10PM, Friday 6-11PM, Saturday 1-11PM**. Homemade Polish, Italian and Vietnamese foods, plus American Classics. Great Rides & Games. For information call 908-756-1333.



**Date Nights For A Joyful Marriage**

The St. Ann Catholic Marriage Ministry presents: an invitation to newlywed couples or married several years...Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage! **Saturday 6/9, 6:30 – 9:00 PM**. Dinner and Dessert /\$35 per couple. Location: **Catholic Church of St. Ann, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, NJ. 08869, Church meeting room**. For more info/ RSVP - Ron & Tammi Allen 908-581-5113. Pay by cash or check, send to: 'Catholic Church of St. Ann 'Date Nights'.



**St. Ann's Italian Festa**

The Catholic Church of St. Ann, 45 Anderson St., Raritan, will be holding their Italian Festa from **June 13-16, Wednesday-Thursday 6-10 pm, Friday 5:30-10:30 pm, Saturday 5-11 pm**. All food prepared fresh daily in our own kitchen. Free admission, free parking, local DJ nightly, rides and games, delicious food and drink! Many Italian specialties and much, much more! For additional information please call Jim Wilson, 917-488-9835.

**Bishop Ahr HS**

**Summer Camp Program**

Bishop George Ahr High School Summer Camp Program information is now available. Please check the Bishop Ahr High School website, [www.bgahs.org](http://www.bgahs.org), for complete information. You may also call the school at 732-549-1108, ext. 620 for information or with any questions. Bishop Ahr High School is very excited about offering students a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of interesting and innovative summer classes.



## THE DEACON BEACON

### Symbols continued

There are two oils used during baptism. First is the oil of catechumens and then the sacred chrism (also known as Anointing Oil). In the Old Testament oil was used in a cereal offering. The person would pour it on the fine flour to be offered in order to give the flour consistency. Then they would put frankincense on it and burn it on the altar, thus becoming a sweet-smelling oblation to the Lord. (LV2: 1-3) Definition of CATECHUMEN: 1. A convert to Christianity receiving training in doctrine and discipline before baptism.

2. One receiving instruction in the basic doctrines of Christianity before admission to communicant membership in a church. So here's Deacon Phil's spin: The child is an offering to God by the parents. The child represents the fine flour; siftable, no spiritual consistency. When marked on the breast with the oil, the child now gains spiritual consistency and is ready for the next oil in the baptism. Now the sacred chrism: Chrism is used in the administration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, in the consecration of churches, chalices, patens, altars, and altar-stones, and in the solemn blessing of bells and baptismal water. The head of the newly-baptized is anointed with chrism, the forehead of the person confirmed, the head and hands of a bishop at his consecration, and the hands of a priest or Deacon at his ordination. So are the walls of churches, which are solemnly consecrated, anointed with the same holy oil, and the parts of the sacred vessels used in the Mass which come in contact with the Sacred Species, as the paten and chalice. If it be asked why chrism has been thus introduced into the functions of the church liturgy, a reason is found in its special fitness for this purpose by reason of its symbolical significance. For olive-oil, being of its own nature rich, diffusive, and abiding, is fitted to represent the copious outpouring of sacramental grace, while balsam, which gives forth most agreeable and fragrant odors, typifies the innate sweetness of Christian virtue. Oil also gives strength and suppleness to the limbs, while balsam preserves from corruption. Thus anointing with chrism aptly signifies that fullness of grace and spiritual strength by

which we are enabled to resist the contagion of sin and produce the sweet flowers of virtue. "For we are the good odor of Christ unto God" (2 Corinthians 2:15). Ahhh... now the child not only becomes, "a sweet-smelling oblation to the Lord", but becomes sacred. This also has roots in scripture. (Cf. Ex30: 22-33)

**Next week... Water Until next time...** may Jesus keep you smiling, may God's grace shine on you and always pray for God's grace. Love ya! Deacon Phil (22)

**Whole Community Catechesis**  
**WELCOME A New Addition to our Religious Ed Program!!!! We will now be offering KINDERGARTEN beginning this September! If you are interested in registering your child, please email [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) prior to June 15th.**

**Best Blessings to our 25 Confirmandi!!!!**



Last Friday evening our eighth graders were confirmed by Bishop Checchio, who reminded all of us to seek out the guidance of the Holy Spirit when making our decisions. Please remember our students in your prayers:

Ryan *Blaise* Accomando, Colin *Sebastian* Bayait, Justin *Francis* Bayait, Kristina *Hope* Ciliberto, Matthew *Sebastian* Da Cruz, Ryne Jarret *Sebastian* Dela Cruz, Owen *Michael* Duggan, Abigail *Elizabeth* Eder, Anna *Angela* Hommas, Kevin *Sebastian* Keneally, Mason *Padre Pio* La, Jessica *Bernadette* Maurigi, Joseph *Christopher* Pizzigoni, Katelyn *Elizabeth* Plank, Juliana *Valentina* Rau, Allison *Vitus* Redzinski, Jackson *Francis* Standridge, Lillian *Sebastian* Stuart, Joseph *Anthony* Tolomeo, Ryan *Sebastian* Trecozzi, Gillian *Cecilia* Trotta, Aidan *Genesius* Tunison, Serena *Catherine* Valentinuzzi, Calmar *Sebastian* Walker and Paige *Helen* Witzel.