

Sunday

May 5, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 5/6

7:00 a.m. Carmela Cannavacciuolo by
Cosimo & Lina

Tuesday, 5/7

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

Wednesday, 5/8

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

Thursday, 5/9

7:00 a.m. William Saul by
Cathy & Ed McDowell

Friday, 5/10

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

Saturday, 5/11

5:00 p.m. Angelo DiStefano by wife Enza

Sunday, 5/12

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Jane Zilg by John, Danielle &
Travis Zilg

10:30 a.m. Caroline Saverino by
John & family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
William Hill by Ann Hill.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, April 28

Regular Collection: \$3,974.12

Easter Collection to date: \$14,918.50

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 during the monthly coffee/doughnut reception in the church auditorium after each of the morning Masses this Sunday. 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.

Parish Office/Mass Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 5/16. Also, from Tuesday, 5/14-Friday, 5/17 there will be a Communion Service in place of the 7 a.m. daily Mass while Monsignor is away on retreat.

*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:

Our Children's Liturgy of The Word Facilitators

Thank you for your participation!

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.



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.



**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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required;

call 908-753-2091 or e-mail:

msmhope@msmhope.org

SACRED POWER OF THE DRUM

Exposure to drumming may cause sudden outbursts of joy, happiness, energy, creativity, awareness and spontaneous healing! Come, experience it!

Tue, May 14, 7-9 p.m. (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Presenter: Barbara Woodzell

Mercy Associate and Third Order Carmelite, Barbara is a musical therapist who works with Seniors & Special needs Children using sound healing on drums & chants.

Our Lady of Fatima

Candlelight Procession

All are invited to attend the 18th annual Candlelight Procession on **Sunday, 5/19, at 7:30 pm at 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.

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.

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!

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), diocesan Director of Vocations, will be happy to meet or speak with you.

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 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.

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.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Third Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2019**

“But Peter and the apostles said in reply, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’”

When people wonder how to get started in learning about the Catholic Church, or to read the bible, the clearest answer is found in this or any other sermon of St. Peter and St. Paul in the Acts of the Apostles. These teachings from the bible introduce us to Jesus Christ and His saving mission. Because of my encounter with Jesus through the announcement of Peter, I am moved to learn more as He accompanies me.

The talks summarize what is most important – Jesus is Savior, He died and rose, and has been glorified. I suggest that you look at similar teachings, which will provide the foundation of this great time of Easter. Look at the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2,3,4,9,19. These are called the kerygm, or the announcing sermons of Peter and Paul.

