

## Sunday

May 6, 2018



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 5/7

7:00 a.m. **Caroline Saverino by Saverino family**

## Tuesday, 5/8

7:00 a.m. **Aurora Bediones by daughter & son-in-law**

## Wednesday, 5/9

7:00 a.m. **Elefante Giovanni by Lina Giordano**

## Thursday, 5/10

7:00 a.m. **Joan & Ed Marren by Jeff Marren & family**

Noon **Anthony Payer by the Hummel family**

7:00 p.m. **Joan Beekman Hackett by Kathleen Waldron**

## Friday, 5/11

7:00 a.m. **Annie Thomas Kodankandath by Vincent Kodankandath**

## Saturday, 5/12

5:00 p.m. **Deceased members of Schreiber & McDowell families by the McDowell family**

## Sunday, 5/13

8:30 a.m. **Margaret Omert by Tony & Kathy D'Vidio**

10:30 a.m. **Margaret Meyers by her son & daughter**

## Sacrificial Offerings 2018

### Sunday, April 29

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

**Regular Collection: \$4,680.82**

**Children's: \$ 67.75**

**Under: \$2,319.18**

**Latin American Mission/Eastern Europe/Catholic Home Mission \$750**

### 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.**

### ***From the Pastor's Desk....***

Deacon Phil has accepted a job transfer effective 7/1/18. Phil will be serving his final Mass here at St. John's at 10:30 on Sunday, June 24. We are planning a reception to honor Phil and thank him for his years of service to St. John's on Sunday, May 27 after the 10:30 Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special gathering.

Please keep Deacon Phil and his family in your prayers.

**\*PLEASE NOTE – Ascension Thursday, 5/10, is a Holy Day of obligation. Masses will take place at 7 a.m., Noon and 7 p.m. in the Church.**

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

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

## 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 Catechists & Aides

Thank you for your participation!

### Scrip Orders

Scrip orders are due on **Monday, 5/7**.

### Calendar Raffle



The winner of \$100 for Week Five, ticket #783 is:  
**Linda Ambrosio.**

## MARRIAGE BANNS III



Kristen Gloede  
&  
Miguel Martinez

### 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 this **Sunday, 5/6 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.

### 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 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 \$27,952.42 and payments totaling \$25,127.89 from 150 parishioners. This represents 87.4% 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 [@jofrady@aol.com](mailto:@jofrady@aol.com). Walk-ins welcome! Please eat and bring a photo ID.

### **Our Lady of Fatima**

#### **Candlelight Procession**

All are invited to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> annual event on **Sunday, 5/20,** gathering at the **Our Lady of Fatima Church, located at 501 New Market Road in Piscataway, NJ at 7:00pm.** Our guest presider will be Father Timothy Christy, Vicar of Evangelization and Communications for the Diocese of Metuchen. The procession begins at 7:30pm. 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.

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

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

### **SOUND HEALING ON DRUMS**

"While the musician was playing the power of the Lord came upon him" (Kings 3:13). Join us for a night of drumming and chanting that will heal your body mind and spirit! Let's praise God on cymbals and drums and bask in the healing when it comes! **Tue, May 15, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-30 As You Are Able) Presenter: Barbara Woodzell, Mercy Associate Barbara, a Mercy Associate and Third Order Carmelite, is a musical therapist using sound healing on drums and chants to work with seniors, special needs children and all who love to be transformed through music.

### **Mother's Day Gift**

With Mother's Day fast approaching, why not give your wife 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 20 - 22.** Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information. Visit us at: [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org) for more information.

### **"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 V**

The Rite continued

**ROBFC 77.** The celebrant speaks these words to the parents: "You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" Do you? Did you? Did you realize this meant coming to Mass every Sunday with your child? Teaching your child to pray? Explaining the liturgy to them? Teaching your child how to respect others and themselves? Notice what's mentioned are only the two commandments that Jesus gave us, not the ten given to Moses. The reason being is that when the Ten Commandments of God are broken down, there are only these two. By doing just these two all the others fall into place and are kept. The parents respond, "We do". (Loud enough for all present to hear)

**78.** Then the celebrant turns to the godparents and addresses them: "Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?" THIS is a very big deal. Parents should choose godparents carefully. Many times this is not the case. This is a huge spiritual responsibility being undertaken. The godparents should want the best for the child spiritually. The choice should be based on the fact that the people chosen are practicing Catholics. Yes, PRACTICING! They should be active in the Christian community. Sometimes I have a couple whose closest friends are not Catholic, but are still practicing Christians. In a case like this they can't be listed as Godparents on the Baptism certificate, but they can be Christian witnesses. This is very important also. Put simply, they should want what's best spiritually for the child **and** the parents, to help the parents as Christians. They should be familiar with the Catholic faith, concerned whether the parents are going to church, receiving Christ in the Eucharist, etc. The godparents respond, "We are". (Loud enough for all present to hear)

**79.** The celebrant continues: "N (child's name), the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for

Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents and godparents to do the same." Wow! This is the first symbol of baptism. This is also where I'll leave off.

**Next week...Symbols**

**Until next time...** may Jesus keep you smiling, may God's grace shine on you and always pray for our priests, especially our pastor! Love ya! - Deacon Phil

**Whole Community Catechesis**

**Readings for Sunday, 5/6:**

**First: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;**

**Second: 1 John 4:7-10;**

**Gospel: John 15:9-17**



Thirty two children received the Eucharist for the first time yesterday, May 5th. We as a Religious Education Program congratulate them on receiving this second Sacrament of Initiation into our Catholic Church. It is our hope that receiving Jesus through the Eucharist will heighten their fascination with Our Lord. Please remember the following First Communicants in your prayers:

**Henri BenYounes-Millot, Chase Chango, Luciana Cornejo, Andrew DaCruz, Colin DaSilva, Randell Dela Cruz, Sophia Dilello, Vanessa DiLello, Maxwell Dubrow, Colin Duggan, Sean Finch, Sienna Fucito, Mackenzie Hughes, Jason Jankowski, Gabriella Laranjeiro, Johnathan Lockhart, Sean Mack, Kayla Maio, Patrick Martin, Mark Munoz, Lucas North, Gianna Paltjon, Madeline Portik, Vianna Randazzo, Isabella Rivera, Grace Schroeder, Jordyn Singleton, Olivia Videla, Anthony J. Webster, Joseph Yesalavich, Janina Wendland, Gabriela Zumbado.**