

Sunday

June 17, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 6/18

7:00 a.m. Triduum

Tuesday, 6/19

7:00 a.m. Triduum

Wednesday, 6/20

7:00 a.m. Triduum

Thursday, 6/21

7:00 a.m. Special Intention by
Bob Zednick

Friday, 6/22

7:00 a.m. William P. Hatton by
wife Eleanor

Saturday, 6/23

5:00 p.m. The Mooney & Hill families by
Ann M. Hill

Sunday, 6/24

8:30 a.m. Betty Engel by family
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Angelo DiStefano by family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Herb Moritz by John & Jeanne Fitzgerald.*

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

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, June 10

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

Regular Collection: \$5,237.21

Children's: \$ 6.50

Under: \$1,762.79

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:

I have been assigned by the Bishop to be
pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in
Bernardsville, effective 7/2. My final
weekend here at St. John's will be 6/30 and
7/1. Thank you all for your support over the
last 10 years and God bless you!

Reception for Father Jay

Please join us for a farewell reception for
Father Jay **after the 10:30 mass on
Sunday, 7/1 in the church auditorium.**

Best Wishes to Terry Kurzius

After 18 years of dedicated service to St.
John's parish, Terry Kurzius has decided to
retire. We thank her and wish her well as
she moves on!

Father's Day Gift Basket

Congratulations to **Ro and George Deene,**



the winners of the St. John's
Music Ministry Father's Day Gift
basket. Thank you to all our
parishioners for your continued
support of the Music Ministry!

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:

**Kate Guzzi and Nina DiQuollo
for coordinating the monthly
coffee & doughnut receptions**

Thank you for your participation!

Help Wanted

Religious Education Admin Assistant

Seeking energetic and organized individual to join the Religious Ed team.

~Candidate will provide a variety of administrative support functions.

~10 hours per week

~Knowledge of Word / Excel / Google a plus

Forward resume to stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Super Summer Raffle Returns

Remember our Super Summer Raffle drawing takes place on **Sunday, 6/24**. Please be sure to return your tickets to the Parish Office before then to have your chance to win!

Calendar Raffle



The winner of \$150 for Week Eleven, ticket #598 is: **Jayne Lendach**.



Calling All Bakers!

St. John's will host their popular Summer Bake Sale after all Masses on **6/23** and **6/24**. Please consider sharing your culinary talents by donating baked goods. **Sweet and/or savory baked goods may be dropped off at the Church Auditorium on Saturday, 6/23 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.** If you have any questions, kindly call Joan (908) 917-9205 or Eileen (908) 334-2154. We truly appreciate the time, talent and treasure of our wonderful parish bakers!



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.

Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is inviting individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers to join our team in Monmouth, Middlesex and Ocean Counties.

There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, companionship, administrative support, pet therapy, or any complimentary therapies. We are also seeking volunteers interested in providing support calls to our patients and family members from our offices in Holmdel or Toms River. Training will be provided by members of the Hospice team.

Please call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933 or email your contact information: pauline.depalma@vnahg.org

For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit www.vnahg.org

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.

Spirit & Truth, Linden

Join Catholics in their 20s, 30s & 40s for Holy Hour & fellowship at **8:30pm Fridays**. Location: **McGuinness Center next to St. John the Apostle, Ridgeview Terrace at Valley Road, Clark, NJ**. Visit <https://m.facebook.com/groups/6354198182?ref=bookmark> for more info and updates.

Career Specific Information Session

The College of Saint Elizabeth, **2 Convent Road, Morristown, NJ**, invites you to attend their Career Specific Information Session on **Wednesday, 6/20 at 6 p.m.** in **Santa Rita Hall**. Careers covered will include Education, Applied Behavior Analysis, Theology and Justice Studies (Criminal Justice). RSVP today to (800)210-7900 or advance@cse.edu.

Mass for Healing from the Opiod Epidemic

The Diocese of Metuchen's Family Life Office will sponsor a Mass for the Mercy of God: for healing from the effects of the opioid epidemic, celebrated by Fr. Timothy A. Christy on **Thursday, 6/28 at 7 p.m.** in **Saint John Neumann Pastoral Center Chapel, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway**. Any person or family whose life has been touched by the pain of addiction or loss, or who seeks the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the struggle to recovery is welcome. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the Mass. For information, visit diometuchen.org/healingmass, email: family.life@diometuchen.org or call (732)243-4573.



I hope you've been enjoying the series!

Symbols continued...Candles

I enjoy candles. They set the mood, they relieve the mood. They're romantic and spiritual. They can also be scary, and they can be used to heal and protect. Scented candles are the rage...thanks to aroma therapy we now have smell added to our visual. Candles have been used for centuries for good and evil purposes when it comes to worship and rituals, but like I've told you before, when it comes to spiritual, good or bad, the power is in the faith. And like any symbol, different candles and colors represent different things. White: holiness, purity, good. Black: evil, bad, but can be used for good. Red: vibrant. Blue: subdued, and so forth. During Baptism a white candle is used. Its purpose is very much the same as the Easter candle which is lit and processed into the church during the Easter Vigil. The candle is lit outside and then carried into the church in stages. Everyone in the church has a white candle. The Easter candle as well as the Baptismal candle represents the light of Christ. When the Deacon carries the candle into the church he stops at the entrance and sings, "Christ be our light", and we respond, "thanks be to God". This is done two more times, at the center of the church and at the front of the altar. While this is happening, all the other candles are being lit from the Easter candle. This is very important because it signifies the fact that the light of Christ is being carried by every believer and "that" light resides in each and every one of us. It would be very difficult for the dark one to extinguish that light with so many of us carrying it. The Easter candle is lit every Sunday during Easter, at every Baptism and Funeral Mass. The Baptism candle is lit from the Easter candle by the godfather. The child receives the "light of Christ"; this light is to be kept burning brightly. Votive candles are lit in the church to remember a loved one, for intercessions, and for favors. As I said before, they are visual symbols. Don't forget about Advent and Lenten candles. Might I suggest using candles (preferably white, but please use what you'd like) during your own personal prayer. It can only enhance it. Oh, and by the way...the candles lit at the altar signify

its holiness, as well as when they are used during special liturgies to signify its sacredness.

Next week...Colored Garments

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

Welcome to the...

Spirituality Reading Room



Book 1 Discussion

Tuesdays -- July 24th & 31st -

10-11:30am or 6:30-8pm

7 Keys to Spiritual Wellness -

Joe Paprocki

Book 2 Discussion

Mondays--August 6th & 13th—

10-11:30am or 6:30-8pm

My Life with the Saints -

James Martin, SJ

Come to one or both book discussions

Cost: \$5-11 per book (depending on quantities ordered).

Sign up at stjohnpcl@gmail.com no later than June 30th. Please designate session time and which book (#1, #2, or both) you are interested in.