

## Sunday

June 2, 2019



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 6/3

7:00 a.m. Robert "Duke" Snyder by  
Ruth Gruber

## Tuesday, 6/4

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

## Wednesday, 6/5

7:00 a.m. Michael & Esolda Scudiero by  
Cathy & Ed McDowell

## Thursday, 6/6

7:00 a.m. Mary Lou D'Andrea by  
Cathy & Ed McDowell

## Friday, 6/7

7:00 a.m. Gerald Buczynski by  
St. John's Staff

## Saturday, 6/8

5:00 p.m. Sylvia Craig by  
husband George

## Sunday, 6/9

8:30 a.m. Fred Herzog by  
Glenda Herzog

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &  
James Fenton by  
Cliff & Diane Vail

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of  
Julie Morris Meyers by Pat & Bill Morris.*

## Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, May 26

Regular Collection: \$4,134.35

### 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.**

### A Special Thank You

*To my Family, the Community of St. John the Evangelist:*

*I wish to thank each and every one of you for the marvelous reception you gave me and my family, in recognition of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my ordination to the Diaconate...It was deeply inspiring and comforting. Every one of you were most generous and caring. Barbara and my family are truly grateful for this.*

*I, your deacon, am forever grateful to you for your love, your devotion and generosity to me, personally; and to each of you, I say thank you so very much. I love you!*

*With all my love, I remain yours in Christ,*

*Deacon Mike*

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Al Geigel by St. John's Staff.*

## **St. John Food Pantry** **Summer Needs**

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following: dry pasta, rice, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, low/no sugar canned fruit, no/low sodium canned vegetables and soups, tomato sauce and fruit juice. Food donations support our parish food pantry, for our neighbors in need as well as FISH Food Pantry on New Market Road in Piscataway. Thank you for your continuous 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 Home Bound Ministers**

Thank you for your participation!



The American Legion Post 119 in Dunellen would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the poppies.

We would also like to especially thank Monsignor Benwell for his prayer for the Veterans at the Memorial Day Services.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Rosary Corner**

ALL ARE INVITED

The Rosary is prayed every weekday following the 7:00 a.m. Mass and Novena.

**BLOCK ROSARY:** Monday, 7:00 p.m., 511/515 Lincoln Ave.; Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., 607 Third St.  
What is a Block Rosary? Neighbors gathering in each other's homes for a half hour to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, for the local community and for each other's intentions. Please consider having a Block Rosary in your home. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

### **BLUE ARMY ROSARY CELL**

Where: 511 Lincoln Avenue, Dunellen

When: Every Tuesday – 10: a.m.

All are welcome. Bring your children & grandchildren. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

### **Adopt-A-Priest Program**

Have you prayed for your priest today? To adopt a priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.



### **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 be 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.

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

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:** Registration required;

call 908-753-2091 or e-mail:

[msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.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](http://www.carolynmartinpoet.com)*

### **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.

### **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](http://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](mailto:Adoration@diometuchen.org) or call 732-765-6445.

### **Are You Being Called To The Diaconate?**

The Diocese of Metuchen is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class will begin in spring 2020. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, you are invited to attend a General Information Meeting on **Tuesday, 6/25 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway**. Applications for the 2020 class will be accepted near the end of this summer. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office (732) 562-2423.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

### **HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter or The Ascension of the Lord June 2, 2019**

**"The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus receive my spirit.' Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord do not hold this sin against them,' and when he said this he fell asleep."**

On many occasions we are touched by an event. Someone does something heroic, or shows great kindness. We might not remember their name or the circumstance. The two individuals singled out by St. Luke we remember, one for his heroism and one for his eventual conversion.

The deacon Stephen suffered martyrdom. Saul eventually met the Lord and became the great St. Paul. Like Jesus at Calvary, Stephen entrusted his life to the Lord and offered forgiveness for his murderers. The persecutor became the great preacher and apostle.

As we reflect upon the life of the early church, may we see that Christians are persecuted in countless places today. Martyrdom continues in Syria, Iraq. St. Oscar Romero in El Salvador, and the Oklahoma priest Blessed Stephen Rother in our own time tell us the blood of Christians is still being shed. As members of the body of Christ, we pray for all who suffer as victims of religious oppression, and offer our own forgiveness to those who offend us. Jesus promised the apostles and promises us: 'stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.'

