

Sunday

June 24, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 6/25

7:00 a.m. Alfred Geigel by
Mary & Bob Snyder

Tuesday, 6/26

7:00 a.m. Larry Engel by
Greenbrook Seniors

Wednesday, 6/27

7:00 a.m. Helen Aguiar by Catholic
Daughters Court Regina
Coeli #940

Thursday, 6/28

7:00 a.m. Alfredo Aguinaldo by
his daughter

Friday, 6/29

7:00 a.m. Mary Lamanec by the
Creveling family

Saturday, 6/30

5:00 p.m. Catherine Jaworski by
the Nowicki family

Sunday, 7/1

8:30 a.m. Robert Shea by the
Hummel family
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Ellen Harrigan by
her grandchildren

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in
memory of **Howard Hartfelder** by
Barbara.

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, June 17

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

Regular Collection: \$5,156.81

Children's: \$ 13.50

Under: \$1,243.18

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! - Fr. Jay

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.**

Calendar Raffle



The winner of \$200
for Week Twelve, ticket #568
is: **Madeline Janssen.**

This week our Chapel candle is lit in
memory of **Catherine Stengle** by **Sue
Kelly.**

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 Calendar Raffle Committee

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



Summer Bake Sale

St. John's will host their popular Summer Bake Sale after all Masses on **6/23** and **6/24** in the Church Auditorium. Please join us and enjoy all of the wonderful baked treats!



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
U.S. Army Recruit Timothy Francisco

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 \$31,255.42 and payments totaling \$29,939.90 from 165 parishioners. This represents 97.7% of your \$32,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts!

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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or email: msmhope@msmhope.org.

MAN TO MAN

Men have unique roles in life...husbands, fathers, grandfathers, the single life and religious life... We're pushed and pulled in a thousand directions by responsibilities, stress, loss and by joys. Where can we find time to reflect on the loss and gain of our lives? ***For all men-young, old and in between.*** Join our group over coffee or tea for life affirming discussions and prayer to find God in our lives and to make a difference in our own worlds.

4th Tuesday monthly - 6/26, 7-9 p.m. | Free-Will Offering. Facilitators: Jerry McKenna, environmentalist & teacher and Bob Christie, academic & administrator

Marriage Encounter

Why not take the opportunity this summer to enrich your marriage? 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. For registration and information call **1-732-904-9636**. Visit us at aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.



From the Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities

Save The Date! - Our Christmas party for children and young adults with special needs will take place on **Saturday, 12/15 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.** More information to follow.

24 Hour Prayer Line - Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24-hour prayer line for those who desire prayers for any need. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer temporarily or permanently, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Become An Apostle of Prayer - Our intercessory prayer ministry is open to anyone interested in joining their prayers to those of other members for the intentions of the thousands of people who request special prayers. Please call 732-765-6432 or e-mail: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com for more information.

More Resources - We have a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflection as well as other resources for people with disabilities, family members and caregivers. To access our page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities. For an extensive list of resources available within our



THE DEACON BEACON

Symbols continued...Colored Garments

Most of us have a fascination with clothes. We have TV shows about them, magazines and so much more. From the inexpensive, to the outlandish...clothes are another way we express ourselves. So, is it a small wonder that God should be involved in the garment district? Like candles, garments are used in worship and represent different things. Even their colors are chosen for specific reasons- white: life, joy, purity, holiness. Black: sadness, grief, evil, death. Purple, red and gold: royalty and sacredness, and so on. The vestments worn by the priest and deacon during Mass and sacraments have a color significance: green-ordinary time; red-Pentecost, Corpus Christi, martyrs; White-Easter, Christmas, baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc; purple-Advent and Lent, and so forth. Sigh, as I write this I'm day dreaming of walking down the catwalk in the latest vestment wear...ooh, la la! Sigh, back to reality. In the early Church when someone decided they wanted to join the community they would be baptized at the Easter Vigil. They were separated from the rest of the community and had to wear a drab, gray robe. This represented their present life. The life they were making the choice of leaving. They would receive a full body immersion in these clothes...three times. Once baptized, they would then change into a white garment signifying their new life, call to holiness and the joy of becoming a new creation in Jesus Christ. Today, many churches still practice this especially for those going through RCIA, but most of the time the child is already in a white garment. It still means the same thing; the person has become a new creation clothed in Christ. The white garment is an outward sign of Christian dignity. With the help of family, friends and the church community by word and example, that dignity is to be taken unstained into the everlasting life of heaven. Yeah right, big deal, sure, you say. Come on, Deacon Phil, we all know this isn't possible. You're right, that purty white is sure to get a staining. Sometimes a real bad one; one you would think could never come clean, no matter how many times you wash that white

out every stain, it's Him. First, He puts it in the wash and adds the blood of the cross. This makes the garment blood red, but removes all those sinful stains, even the deep down nasty ones. Then, He rinses in the Holy Spirit, which makes the garment white again. Then the angels spin you around for the "spin" cycle, and finally God takes you out of the wash and sighs, "My, aren't you purty!"

You will be forever in my heart and in my prayers. 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.