

JULY 14, 2019

Sunday

July 14, 2019
Mass Intentions

Monday, 7/15

7:00 a.m. Bob "Duke" Snyder by
Jeff Marren & family

Tuesday, 7/16

7:00 a.m. In honor of Audreen Gilholly
by Cathi & Bob

Wednesday, 7/17

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

Thursday, 7/18

7:00 a.m. Nina Mondoro by Joe Mondoro

Friday, 7/19

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

Saturday, 7/20

5:00 p.m. Furino/Garabo families by
Fran Furino

Sunday, 7/21

8:30 a.m. Pat Nagel by
George & Ro Deene

10:30 a.m. Tony Payer by
wife Ruth & family

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Mario Criscuolo by family.*

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Mary
Lou D'Andrea by St. John's Choir.*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE A RISK?

Jesus' message is very simple - everlasting life is ours - if we are willing to take the risk of sharing our love. Our world tells us that love must be selective and carefully parceled out - after all, we have only so much to give. It is easy to confess love for "mankind" in general - but not so easy to love individuals, especially "certain" individuals, specifically. Jesus teaches us that anyone who needs our love is our neighbor. Isn't there someone in your world - home, family, work, school, neighborhood, acquaintance, whom you can love enough to invite to hear more about Jesus and His message of love and the Catholic Faith Family whose mission it is to live out Jesus' love? We invite you and your "neighbor" to an RCIA Inquiry Session. Inquiry sessions DO NOT assume a commitment to join the Catholic Faith family. Inquiry sessions are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Faith. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have never received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are invited. For more information, please contact the parish office at 732-968-2621.

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, June 30

Regular Collection: \$3,993.50

Sunday, July 7

Regular Collection: \$5,319.74

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:

**Catholic Daughters, Court
Regina Coeli #940**

Thank you for your participation!



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.

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.

NJ Independent Victim Compensation Program

The Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey have established the Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of their diocese. The IVCP is open to claims through **December 31, 2019**. The IVCP will be independently administered by two noted compensation experts who have administered varying compensation programs, including the Penn State sexual abuse claims, and the 9/11 and the Boston Marathon bombing compensation funds. The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation, and resolution of individual claims, and will operate independently of dioceses and church-affiliated institutions. The program's administrators will have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim within the guidelines of an established protocol. They alone will determine the amount of any compensation.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim. The implementation of the IVCP is an important step in aiding victims in seeking justice and healing as we journey together as a Church toward a new day. Anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse by a priest or deacon of the Diocese of Metuchen is encouraged to participate in the IVCP.

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 for more information.

Pastoral Musicians Summer Skills Enrichment Seminar

All pastoral musicians are invited to attend a Summer Seminar for Skills from **9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m., on **Saturday, July 27** at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 105 Summer Road, Three Bridges**. Hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Worship and the Metuchen Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM), this seminar will develop the basic skills necessary for music ministers, including vocal and instrumental music and liturgy. The day will begin with Morning Prayer, followed by breakout sessions. After breakout sessions, the group will reconvene for a panel discussion and lunch. Advance registration is requested. The cost to attend is \$35/person for advance registration and \$40/person for onsite registration. Lunch is included. This seminar is the second in a three-year series held the last Saturday in July of 2018, 2019 and 2020. For more information and to register, please visit diometuchen.org/NPM.

Retrouvaille Weekend

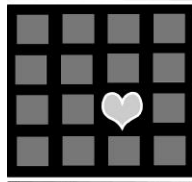
Stress in Your Marriage! Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: **August 23-25, 2019**
For more information call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1543

TO REGISTER: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

Who was neighbor to the injured?



The one who was compassionate!

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A Reflection from Sunday Connect Loyola Press

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. The lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The

listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer, who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is now being held in the **chapel** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway**. Adorers and intercessors are needed **Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m.** Daily Mass is held at 11:45 a.m. For information or to become an adorer, call Laura Ferreras, (732) 529-7932. To submit a prayer request, call (732) 765-6445 or email Adoration@diometuchen.org.