

Sunday

July 16, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, 7/17

7:00 a.m. Fred Herzog by
Glenda Herzog

Tuesday, 7/18

7:00 a.m. Josephine Vargo by
Catholic Daughters Court
Regina Coeli #940

Wednesday, 7/19

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Buniak by
the Johnson family

Thursday, 7/20

7:00 a.m. Mary Kowalchik by
Mack family

Friday, 7/21

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

Saturday, 7/22

5:00 p.m. Sylvia Craig by husband

Sunday, 7/23

8:30 a.m. Family & friends of Bob
Zednick by Bob Zednick

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Bill Hughes, Sr. by Bill, Pat &
Will Hughes

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in
memory of **Josephine Vargo** as requested
by **Karen Marble**.

Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, July 9

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

Regular Collection: \$5,377.14

Children's: \$ 21.62

Over: \$1,622.86

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.**



Super Summer Raffle & Bake Sale

We will be holding the Super Summer Raffle
& Bake Sale on **Saturday, 7/22 after the 5
pm. Mass and Sunday, 7/23 from 9 am-
noon.** Raffle tickets are \$1 each and are
available in the Parish Office. 1st prize, 25%
of ticket proceeds, 2nd prize, 15% of ticket
proceeds, 3rd prize, 10% of ticket proceeds.
Prizes will be drawn on 7/23 at noon. If you
would like to donate to the bake sale,
please contact Marilyn Gonzalez at (908)
205-8211. Baked items can be brought to
the church auditorium on Saturday, 7/22
between 1-3 pm. For further information,
call the Parish Center, (732) 968-2621.



The profit from the Calendar
Raffle was **\$2,900**. Thanks for
your participation!

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in
memory of **Jim Garabo** as requested by
Fran Furino.

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!



MARRIAGE BANNS II

John E. Mapa
&
Angeline Macalalag



Payers for Our Service Members

Please pray for the following parishioners who are currently serving in the Military:

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Paul Frabizzio
U.S. Navy Lt. Michael Bartilotti
U.S. Army Pvt. Luke Harshaney
U.S. Army Pvt. Raymond C. Pizzigoni

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, 8:00 p.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.

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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: msmhope@msmhope.org

WHOLLY ME: LIVING FULLY IN THE NOW

A women's retreat looking at the important connection between mind, body, and spirit. Be fully present in the moment! Sister Judith will explore the concept of mindfulness and how one's thoughts affect not only our emotions, but our physical well-being and our spirituality as well. **Sat., Jul 22, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.** Lunch included. (\$45-\$55 As You Are Able)
Presenter: Judith Blizzard, CSSF

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 sponsored by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **September 15-17, 2017**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).



Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen** on **Sunday, 9/17 at 4:00 PM**. Application forms may be secured by contacting the parish office or by logging on to the diocesan website: <http://diometuchen.org/marriage-enrichment/>. Kindly note that this form can be typed on and printed out but cannot be forwarded. If you wish to keep the information it must be SAVED AS a word document in your computer. Forms must be signed by your priest, pastoral minister or deacon and returned to the Family Life Office by the parish office. Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until the deadline for registration Friday, September 1st. A confirmation letter with further details will be sent once your application has been processed. For further information, please call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990 x 1705 or 4573 / mfonseca@diometuchen.org

Saint Padre Pio Celebration

A celebration of Saint Padre Pio will be held on **Friday, 7/28, at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Old Bridge, NJ**. The celebration will begin with a **Mass at 7 pm** celebrated by Fr. Chester H. Carina, pastor of Most Holy Redeemer, followed by a **conference at 7:45 pm** featuring guest speaker Fr. John Aurilia, OFM. Cap., personal secretary of Padre Pio. Join us at Most Holy Redeemer, 133 Amboy Road, Matawan. For information: (732) 566-9334.

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 7/16:

First: Isaiah 55:10-11;

Second: Romans 8:18-23;

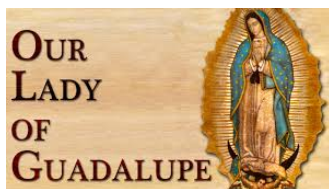
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Registration: *Registration for 2017-2018 is in progress. Our early registration discount period is now past. Please register by June 1 to avoid late fees.*

We offer a monthly Family Catechesis program for children in grades 1-7; both children and at least one parent are required to attend each session. However, the adult portion of our program begins at 6:30 pm and is open to all adults in our parish. Each adult session is a stand-alone presentation and does not require homework. Adults without children in our program need only call our office to pre-register to reserve a seat. **Confirmation (8th Grade) meets 2-3 times per month on Sunday Mornings; children only.**

All Classes have concluded for this school year.
Happy Summer!

For more information, please contact Coleen Cucci at 732-968-0233; Coleen.Cucci@verizon.net



Saint Cecilia Parish is having a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, **December 9 – 14, 2017**, to be there for the Feast Day and the beautiful Mass of Roses on December 12th. Price is \$2049.00 per person including air from Newark. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass every day. For a flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.



THE DEACON BEACON

*"God will never allow a righteous one to stumble."
- Psalm 55:23, NAB*

The definition of **RIGHTEOUS**. 1: acting in accord with divine or moral law: free from guilt or sin. 2. Morally right or justifiable <a **righteous** decision>

Wow, this is a tough one. Not the verse, but the definition. Considering that no one is without sin except the Lord, how do we have an inside with the Father so that God will not allow us to fall? Actually, the secret is in the first part of the definition, "acting in accord with divine or moral law". It's hard to believe that people like Peter and Paul fit this category considering that Peter denied the Lord, and Paul tried to kill off his disciples; and the fact is they both did fall...to themselves. God allowed both of them to stumble because both of them were full of themselves and were not living in accord with the divine, in this case...Jesus. But once they both had a life changing experience with the Lord, they were soon living in accord with him. After that, neither of them stumbled again. Don't get me wrong, they had a few missteps, but Jesus did not allow them to fall. It works for us too. As long as we live in accord with Jesus, we fulfill the divine laws: love God with all your heart, with your entire mind and with all your soul; and love your neighbor as yourself. Then we too can live righteously. Ummm, may I point out that God makes us righteous, we don't. Yep, it's just that simple. So keep your mind on the Lord and He will be with you every step of the way, and if you start to trip...He'll quickly catch you, so you don't fall.

Until next time....pray for your Guardian angel, that's the other one holding you up...luv ya!

Deacon Phil