

Sunday

July 2, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, 7/3

7:00 a.m. Ray Applegate by
Mike & Barbara Gleason

Tuesday, 7/4

9:00 a.m. Joseph Maier, Jr. by
Moya & Tom Flanagan

Wednesday, 7/5

7:00 a.m. Theodore Kotz by
Ann Marie Hill

Thursday, 7/6

7:00 a.m. John Confalone by wife Sue

Friday, 7/7

7:00 a.m. In honor of Ron & Maureen
Shea by Carolyn, Jock, Elle
& Quinn

Saturday, 7/8

5:00 p.m. Ruth Yambor by
husband, son & daughter

Sunday, 7/9

8:30 a.m. Wayne Hall by Joe Mondoro
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
John Confalone by wife Sue

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in
memory of **Eugene Rabouin** as requested
by **Chesler family**.

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in
memory of **Ed Sheenan** as requested by
Dianne.

Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, June 25

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

Regular Collection: \$4,860.47

Children's: \$ 12.00

Under: \$2,139.53

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.**



Holiday Schedule

Daily Mass on **Tuesday, July
4th**, will be held at **9 a.m.** in the
Church.

Also, the Parish Office will be closed on 7/4
for the holiday and will re-open on
Wednesday, 7/5.



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.

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:

Amuras Petravicius

Thank you for your participation!

Calendar Raffle



The winner of \$250 for Week Thirteen, ticket #1543, is: **Kay Mancini.**

Save the Date!

St. John's Annual Fall Golf Classic will be held on **Sunday, 10/1** at Rutgers

University Golf Course in Piscataway. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event!



Prayers 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.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal **Ambassadors for Christ**

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$32,677.42 and payments totaling \$29,709.78 from 173 parishioners. This represents 102.1% of your \$32,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts!

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

PRAYING THROUGH OUR ANGER, FRUSTRATION AND FEAR

How do you deal with negative feelings? Come to this experiential program and deal with them through a prayerful process. **Wed, Jul 12, EITHER 9:30-11:30 a.m. OR 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 As You Are Able)
Presenter: Eileen P. Smith, RSM

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

Eucharistic Reparation Event

The World Apostolate of Fatima and the Blue Army Shrine invites you to our Eucharistic Reparation Event in honor of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima, **Thursday, 7/13- Sunday, 7/16** at **The Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 674 Mountain View Road, Asbury, NJ**. The weekend will include evening mass followed by all night adoration; daily Sacrament of Reconciliation; "The Message of Fatima" peace talk; a Youth Mass and much more. For information contact: Mena Shaddow, (908)303-8859/nonnamena@comast.net or Dorothy Carollo (908)689-1700, ext. 224/dorothy@c@bluearmy.com.

Our Lady of Fatima Day of Prayer

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Peter's Parish, Pt. Pleasant Beach is organizing a special event for the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady appearing at Fatima. We are inviting every Rosary Society in the state of New Jersey to join us for a day of prayer on **Friday, 9/29, from 10 am. – 3 pm. at our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Washington, NJ**. We need to have an approximate number of people who plan to attend this event by 7/15. To register, please contact: Ellen Conaghan (732)322-1873/mecon27@aol.com.

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, 7/2:

First: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a;
Second: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11;
Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

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



Immaculate Conception Church, 35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ, is hosting REBOOT LIVE! , a life-changing event for parish and family featuring internationally acclaimed Speaker & Author, Chris Stefanik on **November 7, 2017 from 7-9:30PM.** We expect this event to sell out fast. Tickets just \$20! Sign up today. For more information or to purchase your ticket: www.reallifecatholic.com/REBOOT or call 908.725.1112.



THE DEACON BEACON

“Though you once were far away from God, now you have been brought near to Him because of the blood of Christ.” Ephesians 2:13, NAB

We all were far away, thanks to Adam. Baptism brought us a little closer. But it's the blood of Christ that brings us closest. In blood there is life and death. Without it we can't live and yet we're so quick to shed it. It's expensive and it's cheap. Regardless of religion, or belief...no one has the right to shed what God Himself has deemed precious. But only the blood of Christ saves. As God's greatest creation we were never intended to be separated from Him. Think of sin as leaving daddy. Remember the prodigal son...when we sin, we leave God's presence; but when we repent in the sacrament of reconciliation, and receive the body and blood of Christ, we reclaim our place as the sons and daughters of God. Any fool can take a life, but only real men and women can preserve it, body and soul. Anyone can shed blood, but only children of God realize how precious it truly is. Those who act against others brutally and use religion, politics and/or false ideals are nothing more than cowards hiding behind Satan. If the ones whose name we commit these crimes in were alive, they would judge us harshly. There will always be evil in the world and Satan to influence the atrocities we read or hear about daily. Whether on foreign soil or our own we need to pray to keep the balance. We need to realize that Jesus shed his blood freely in order to bring us closer to God. So close in fact that we're sitting in His lap or leaning against His breast. The next time our pastor raises the blood of Christ, think of all the blood shed senselessly...from the womb to the doors of our Christian brothers and sisters, and our brothers and sisters who are still God's children, even though they aren't Christian, regardless of race, nationality, or religion. You don't have to read history books about martyrs when there's so many lying around now.

Until next time....receive Jesus frequently, not only is he good for you, but he tastes great and he's free...luv ya!

Deacon Phil