

# Sunday

July 21, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 7/22

7:00 a.m. John & Anna Zednick by  
son Bob

Tuesday, 7/23

7:00 a.m. William Hughes, Sr. by  
Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Wednesday, 7/24

7:00 a.m. Esolda Scudiero by  
Antoniette Troisi

Thursday, 7/25

7:00 a.m. Bob "Duke" Snyder by  
Ro & George Deene

Friday, 7/26

7:00 a.m. Marijean K. & Gerald E.  
Cunningham by their children

Saturday, 7/27

5:00 p.m. Yolanda Giacomarra by  
her family

Sunday, 7/28

8:30 a.m. Mary Duhamel by  
Nancy & Bob Dombroski  
10:30 a.m. Pat Nagel by Mary Snyder

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of  
Marijean K. Cunningham by her children.*

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Jim  
McLoughlin by his parents.*

## Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, July 14

Regular Collection: \$4,874.60

**JULY 21, 2019**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**HOW TO MAKE THE RIGHT  
CHOICES IN LIFE**

"Life is what you make it" because life is fundamentally the result of choices we make. There are many circumstances in life over which we have no control, but how we allow circumstances to affect us is also a matter of our own choosing; we make or break ourselves by the attitudes and perceptions we choose to maintain. Making choices among many good options is always easier if we are clear about our priorities. What really counts in life? What really matters? In the long run what better serves our development and happiness? On our deathbed, what will we repent not having done? If you or someone you know would like to hear more about how our Catholic faith family helps us to answer those questions and set priorities in favor of enhanced living, we invite you to join us at an 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 family. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited. Inquiry sessions are for those who wish to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information, please contact the parish office at 732-968-2621.

### **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:

### **Our Eucharistic Ministers**

Thank you for your participation!

### **An invitation from** **Father Alphonsus**

My Dear Friends,

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta is quoted as saying, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

Each Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration in the Chapel beginning at **7:30 am** and concluding with Benediction at **5:00 pm**. I would like to personally invite you to spend some time before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please look into your hearts and pray about this and try to make some time to come to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. For those who already come I thank you from the bottom of my heart. For those who cannot come because of physical limitations, work, etc., your intentions are in my prayers before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For those who can come please try to find some time to come. You are in my prayers as well. If you are able to watch with the Lord for an hour, please contact the **Parish Office at 732-968-2621** or **Maureen Shea at 732-968-0136**, so that we can make sure Jesus is with someone at all times.

May God continue to bless you,

Father Alphonsus



### **Parish Office Summer Hours**

The Parish Office will be observing Summer hours from Monday, 7/29 through Thursday, 8/22. During this time the Office will be open **Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**



**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.

### **One Day 9-Mile Walking Pilgrimage:**

#### **The Way of St. Juan Diego**

A pilgrimage is a sacred journey that we make in order to move us closer to God. Historically speaking, pilgrimages were done on foot, that is, the people on the pilgrimage walked the entire distance, sometimes hundreds of miles over the course of days, weeks or even months depending on the starting and end points (they didn't ride in air-conditioned planes or buses nor eat sumptuous meals or sleep in 5 star hotels!). The reality of those making a pilgrimage was that of the postman - wind, rain, sleet, snow, sun and of course, dogs! Seen as a sacrificial expedition of faith, pilgrims set out on their trek usually for several reasons, to do penance for sins, to ask for some special grace for oneself or another or to give thanks to God for graces received.

During this Year of Spiritual Awakening we are setting out on this one day walking pilgrimage as part of our preparation for the consecration of the Diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe in December. The particular grace that we are asking Our Blessed Mother to gain for us is a new outpouring of the Gift of the Holy Spirit, as on the day of Pentecost, so that we can be empowered to "set a fire in the heart of our world!" Bishop Checchio recognizes that spiritual renewal among the baptized is crucial for a new work of evangelization to commence in the Diocese and for this reason he convoked this year and the consecration. We invite everyone of able body to make this one-day 9-mile pilgrimage in beautiful Hunterdon County in preparation for the consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, particularly our youth and families. Registration details are on the way! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW – SEPTEMBER 21, 2019!**

## **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.

## **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](mailto:3024@retrouvaille.org)

## **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](mailto:Adoration@diometuchen.org).



## **Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary**

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The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.