

Sunday

July 22, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 7/23

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

Tuesday, 7/24

7:00 a.m. Joan Marren by
Jeff, Karen & family

Wednesday, 7/25

7:00 a.m. Clemente & Barbara Ranjo by
Granddaughter

Thursday, 7/26

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

Friday, 7/27

7:00 a.m. Yolanda Giacomarra by
Giacomarra family

Saturday, 7/28

5:00 p.m. Stella DiGiampaolo by
the Chapleski family

Sunday, 7/29

8:30 a.m. Butch Spagnola by Bob &
Nancy Dombroski
10:30 a.m. Catherine Jaworski by
Matt Applegate

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Marijean K. & Gerard E. Cunningham by their
children.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, July 15

Average needed from weekly offerings to
cover expenses **\$7,000.00**
Regular Collection: \$4,011.17
Children's: \$ 2.40
Under: \$2,988.83

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 Msgr. Benwell

This week I received a letter from Bishop
Checchio expressing his "sincere thanks" to
the parish for its pledges of \$31,455.42 to
the Bishop's Annual Appeal. That total
represents 98.3% of our Appeal Goal. If
you would still like to assist in the charitable,
educational, and spiritual works of our
diocese, it is not too late to do so—and our
parish will receive a rebate of 50% of all
monies collected that exceed our goal.

I hope you are enjoying the summer. May
God bless us all in the week ahead,

Msgr. Benwell



A solid black diaper bag
was found in the church
last weekend after the
Masses. If it belongs to
you, you can pick it up in
the Parish Office.

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Butch
Spagnola by wife Jackie & family.*

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 Counters

Thank you for your participation!

Catholic Principles of Migration **(Part Two)**

The issue of immigration is a sensitive and complex one. To assist Catholics in forming their consciences on this subject, the United States Bishops recently issued a pastoral letter entitled *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*, which includes five "Catholic Principles of Migration." The first three principles, given last week, are: *persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland; persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families; sovereign nations have the right to control their borders.* The final two principles are:

Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection. Those who flee wars and persecution should be protected by the global community. This requires, at a minimum, that migrants have a right to claim refugee status without incarceration and to have their claims fully considered by a competent authority.

The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected. Regardless of their legal status, migrants, like all persons, possess inherent human dignity that should be respected. Often they are subjected to punitive laws and harsh treatment by enforcement officers from both receiving and transit countries. Government policies that respect the basic human rights of the undocumented are necessary.

Calendar Raffle Profit

Our profit for the Calendar Raffle was \$790.00. Thank you to everyone 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



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 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
US Marine Pvt. 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.

Spirit & Truth, Linden

Join Catholics in their 20s, 30s & 40s for Holy Hour & fellowship at **8:00pm Fridays**. Location:

McGuinness Center next to St. John the Apostle, Ridgeview Terrace at Valley Road, Clark, NJ. Visit <https://m.facebook.com/groups/6354198182?ref=bookmark>

for more info and updates.

Fr. Jay's New Address

For those wishing to remain in contact, Fr. Jay's new address is:

111 Claremont Road
Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Sacred Heart Summer Festival



Christ the Redeemer Parish in Manville will be holding their 50th Annual Sacred Heart Summer Festival from **7/24-7/28, Tue-Fri. 6-10 pm, Sat. 5-10 pm. on the Sacred Heart Church grounds, South 2nd Ave. (just off Main St.), Manville.** Wheels, games, rides, 50-50 cash raffle, DJ, live music on Friday and Saturday, delicious homemade Polish foods prepared daily. For info and directions, call 908-725-0072 or visit us on the web at: www.ctrmanville.com.

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

GIFT FROM THE SEA: A Retreat Day for Women

"Woman must come of age by herself - she must find her true center alone." How do we find peace in the midst of busyness? Who helps us learn and grow so we become whole? Using Anne Morrow Lindbergh's book as a guide, we'll spend the day looking at answering these questions. Lunch is included.

Sat, 7/ 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (\$45-55 As You Are Able) Presenter: Laura M. Arvin, OP

Trip To Tropical Costa Rica

The Sacred Heart Travelers present: Travel with Rev. John Alvarado to Tropical Costa Rica, **February 18-28, 2019.** Book before August 17th and save \$100! For a detailed itinerary, pricing and to take a digital tour, see the TRAVEL icon on the Parish website:

churchofthesacredheart.net.

Whole Community Catechesis

Parent training on the new textbook/Google Classroom will be held in the Parish Center on the following dates/times:

- *Thursday, 7/19 – 3:15-4:30 pm*
- *Saturday, 7/21-10:00-11:15 am*
- *Thursday, 7/26 – 6:15-7:30 pm*
- *Monday, 7/30 – 6:15-7:30 pm*
- *Saturday 8/11–10:00-11:15 am*

We will spend 45-60 minutes on the text and 15 minutes for those who need familiarity with Google Classroom.

Please just email as to which session you will attend:
(stjohnpcl@gmail.com).

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, please let me know and we can meet at a different, mutually convenient time.

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: **8/24-26**. For more information call the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573. TO REGISTER: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno, 732-236-0671, or email 3024@retrouvaille.org.



Jazz Concert

St. Bernadette Church in Parlin is proud to welcome back The Garden State Jazz Orchestra. This talented group will be returning on **Saturday, 8/11 at 7:00pm** in the **Lourdes Center Gym**. PreSale tickets will be \$25.00 per person, \$30 at the door. Doors open at 6:15pm. Come bring wine and cheese, soda and snacks, and share a table with friends and family for a night of fellowship and music. Coffee and cake will be provided during intermission. Reservations must be in to St. Bernadette's parish office by Monday, August 6th. For more information call the parish office at 732-721-2772 or email secy@optonline.net.

Mark your calendars for this wonderful celebration of music!

Silver/Gold Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Parent training on the 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, 10/ 21 at 4:00pm**. Please register online by logging on to the diocesan website (<https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/family-and-pastoral-life/family-life/silver-and-gold/>). The system will automatically generate a confirmation message with some facts about the event. More specifics will be sent closer to the occasion. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-243-4582, amatos@diometuchen.org. Even though no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude can be made online or calling (732) 243-4582, Monday thru Friday, during business hours.

Registration will close on WEDNESDAY, 10/3.

