

## Sunday

July 23, 2017



Mass Intentions

## Monday, 7/24

7:00 a.m. In honor of **Bob and Kathleen Wilson (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)** by **Betty Lockwood**

## Tuesday, 7/25

7:00 a.m. **Dorothy Goodwin** by **Cathy and Tony D'Ovidio**

## Wednesday, 7/26

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

## Thursday, 7/27

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

## Friday, 7/28

7:00 a.m. **George & Mary Zilg** by **John, Danielle & Travis**

## Saturday, 7/29

5:00 p.m. **Edith Hughes** by **Bill, Pat and Will Hughes**

## Sunday, 7/30

8:30 a.m. **Patrick Drumgould** by **Barbara Carlisle**

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. John's & Aita Maria Geigel** by the **Geigel family**

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Yolanda Giacomarra** as requested by **St. John's staff**.

## Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, July 16

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

**Regular Collection: \$5,127.36**

**Children's: \$ 11.50**

**Under: \$1,872.64**

## 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.**



## **MARRIAGE BANNS III**

John E. Mapa  
&  
Angeline Macalalag



## 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.

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in memory of **Marijean K. & Gerard E. Cunningham** as requested by **their children & 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:

### **Our Super Summer Raffle and Bake Sale Committee**

Thank you for your participation!

### **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](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org)

### **UNPLUG AND TUNE INTO GOD**

Relationships with people—not screens—are what gives us life. How is God inviting us to live in this digital age? **Wed, 8/2, EITHER 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7- 9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 As You Are Able)  
Presenter: Laura M. Arvin, OP

### **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).

### **From the Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities**

July 26, 2017 marks the 27th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the nation's first comprehensive civil rights law addressing the needs of people with disabilities. Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities remains a resource for parishes offering ways to extend ADA to include all those with special needs (those with visible and invisible disabilities; those in the light and those still living in the shadows). For more information including a free brochure please contact our Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432 or e-mail: [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com) and leave your name, telephone number and mailing address.

### **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.

### **St. Joseph Retreat**

Join us this year at Mount Alvernia Retreat Center Wappinger Falls, NY for the annual St. Joseph Retreat from **Friday, 9/1 - Sunday, 9/3, 2017**. *Come away and spend some time with Jesus*. The weekend is filled with activity as well as reflective time; talks by the Franciscan Friars, group reflection, Eucharistic adoration/celebration, faith sharing, to name a few. **\$180 per person includes bus transportation, meals, private room/bath and activities**. Facility is air-conditioned and handicap accessible. Please register by August 11, 2017. Any questions, please call us at (732) 356-0027 or Edith Brizzi (908) 581-3545



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

## **Whole Community Catechesis**

### **Readings for Sunday, 7/23:**

**First: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19;**

**Second: Romans 8:26-27;**

**Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43**

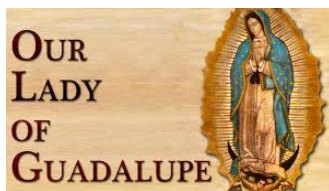
**Registration:** *Registration for 2017-2018 is in progress. Our early registration discount period is now past. Please register by June 1 to avoid late fees.*

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 (8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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**

***“Do you know or have you heard? The Lord is the eternal God, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond all scrutiny.” - Isaiah 40:28, NAB***

*So, do you know or have you heard? It's not like it's a secret you know. That God is eternal and is the creator of all life. Since He is the source of life, He doesn't grow tired, He doesn't get weak. He doesn't suffer from the human affliction. The human body grows weak, faint and weary, but not God. That's why there's a Holy Spirit, it helps us to go on and on. We should never get tired of God. We get weary of the world. The Lord helps us out by “juicing” us when we start to get spiritually faint or weary. Lent is an embodiment of this. It's a time to refocus, slow down and re-energize. It seems, no matter how tired we get of it...we have a little more strength, a little more spirit. We strive to understand its focal point...Easter. And with that we keep hoping and praying for peace, love and joy. Not the kind that quits, but the kind that's just like God...eternal. We have a lot of questions, but we're not listening to the answers. Those answers are all around us. If we just stop, look and listen...we just may see the eternal God in all of it.*

*Until next time....pray for peace...luv ya!*

*Deacon Phil*

