

## **Sunday**

July 28, 2019



Mass Intentions

### **Monday, 7/29**

**7:00 a.m. Jonah Kreiss Papalski by  
John Papalski**

### **Tuesday, 7/30**

**7:00 a.m. William Lore by  
Tony & Cathy D'Ovidio**

### **Wednesday, 7/31**

**7:00 a.m. In loving memory of Lorraine  
Howley by Pellicano family**

### **Thursday, 8/1**

**7:00 a.m. Robert Snyder by  
Marian & Joseph England**

### **Friday, 8/2**

**7:00 a.m. Rose Marsjanik by  
Bill, Pat & Will Hughes**

### **Saturday, 8/3**

**5:00 p.m. Marie Honnig by Parr family**

### **Sunday, 8/4**

**8:30 a.m. Bill Zilg by John, Danielle &  
Travis Zilg**

**10:30 a.m. Rosemary Boob by  
James Boob**

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of  
Clotilda D'Souza by the Miller family.*

## **Sacrificial Offerings 2019**

**Sunday, July 21**

**Regular Collection: \$4,389.89**

**JULY 28, 2019**

### **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**DO YOU WANT TO APPROACH  
CHALLENGES MORE AGGRESSIVELY?**

We are all made equal in that no one is blessed with a problem-free life. Where we differ is in the kinds of problems we have, and especially in how we face our problems. Jesus' teachings provide directives for a more aggressive approach to life's challenges. If you, or anyone you know, would like to hear more about how Jesus' teachings help us to deal with the problems in our lives, 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. 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.

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of  
Yolanda Giacomarra by her family.*

### **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 Church Cleaners**

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!**

**Religious Education Program**  
**Calendar**

The Religious Education program calendar will be available for distribution and publication the **week of August 26**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our parents. Thank you.

**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)

**HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 28, 2019**

**“Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say, Father, hallowed be your name...’”**

Jesus directed His prayer to the Father. Paul tells us we can pray only through the inspiration of the Spirit. The Trinity is found in every prayer, ‘How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?’

We, like the disciple, ask the Lord to help us to pray and to pray better. We pray in response to the Spirit’s urging. We pray in many ways, with words, in silent meditation and reflection, we pray with our hands in serving others. Jesus is ever present to lead us, strengthening our prayer life.

Let’s use an example. In teaching people how to swim we can tell them to close their mouths, kick their feet, move their arms and hold their breath. That’s teaching technique, but is not swimming. One must enter the water and try.

Prayer is no different. We learn to pray better by praying. Like swimming we are refreshed and renewed by our experience.

