

Sunday

July 29, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 7/30

7:00 a.m. In honor of Frances Spazian
by Mark & Gilda Spazian

Tuesday, 7/31

7:00 a.m. Donnie Laquan Finney by
Sharon L. Szulczewski &
family

Wednesday, 8/1

7:00 a.m. Charles Fitzgerald by
Mary Lou Chingery

Thursday, 8/2

7:00 a.m. Matilde Santiago by
St. John's staff

Friday, 8/3

7:00 a.m. Matilde Santiago by Catholic
Daughters Court Regina Coeli
#940

Saturday, 8/4

5:00 p.m. Howard Hartfelder by
daughter Barbara

Sunday, 8/5

8:30 a.m. Norman Luthman by Rod &
Maryann Hirsch

10:30 a.m. Raffele Assante by
Escolda Scudiero

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, July 22

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

Regular Collection: \$5,455.01

Children's: \$ 16.65

Under: \$1,544.99

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

My message this weekend is directed to
college students of the parish who are home
for the summer and who may have given
some thought to priesthood in the past.
Bishop Checchio would like to host a "St.
Andrew's Dinner" next month where you
can meet the Bishop, our vocations team,
and other young men like yourselves who
are seriously discerning their future. If you
are interested in attending such a dinner,
you can leave your name with the parish
office or contact our Director of Vocations,
Fr. Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez, directly at
mtabera@diometuchen.org/732-809-5662.

May you have a blessed week.

- Msgr.

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Mary & William Benwell.*

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Anne
Sheenan by Dianne Applegate.*

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:

Matt Kurzius

Thank you for your participation!

Volunteer Opportunity To Help Migrant Children

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, has been receiving calls from people asking how they might help migrant children currently separated from their parents. Since these children are far from New Jersey, the best way to assist them is to support the work of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley (700 N. Virgen de San Juan Blvd., San Juan, TX 78589/956-702-4088).

In addition, Catholic Charities in the dioceses of Metuchen, Camden and Trenton are organizing mission trips to Rio Grande to help care for migrant families—men, women, and children—who have found temporary shelter in a safe and loving environment that Catholic Charities for the Rio Grande Valley has established. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, can send four people. Airfare and accommodations at the Basilica Hotel, San Juan, will be paid by Catholic Charities. Volunteers are responsible for their own lunch and dinner.

The dates for upcoming mission trips are **August 22 – 26, September 5 – 9, and September 19 -23**. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Maria Hunter at 732-257-6100 or email: mhunter@ccdom.org. Let us continue to pray for these families and for all those that are trying to help them.

Save the Date!



St. John's Annual Fall Golf Classic will be held on **Sunday, 10/7** at Rutgers University Golf Course in Piscataway. Sponsors and golfers are needed. Registration including lunch is \$130 per golfer. More details to follow or contact John Nicholson at 732-563-1473 or email: stjdunellengolf@gmail.com. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event!



**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.

Save The Date!

Join Life Choices Resource Center **on Saturday, 10/13 (rain or shine)** from **9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in **Merrill Park, Iselin** for their annual Walk for Life and make a difference in the life of an unborn child. Registration opens on 8/20. Take a walk...save a life. Your love matters!

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

Thanks to the dedication of our faithful parishioners, pastors and parish appeal coordinators, we exceeded our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal for the second year in a row with pledges of over \$7.8 million from nearly 26,000 households. Achieving our \$7.2 million goal for the 2018 Appeal allowed us to distribute funds to the ministries as projected. Your extraordinary generosity enables us to continue advancing our mission. Money raised over goal will help cover tuition costs for 6 more seminarians than originally budgeted for, address the needs of a growing number of retired clergy, and enhance our communication strategy. Thank you for also providing for these urgent needs. As you can imagine, the needs are great!

It's Not Too Late to Give: Donations are still being gratefully accepted for the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Money raised over goal will help provide for more urgent needs. A parish receives 50% of the amount collected over the parish goal. Parish rebates can be earned through October 2018, so there is still time to fulfill your pledge. **To see how Appeal funds are being allocated or to make a gift, go to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.**

Your wonderful response is a reflection of our commitment as a diocesan family to bring Christ's message of hope and love to everyone we meet. Together we are *Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World*.

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.**