

Sunday

July 9, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, 7/10

7:00 a.m. Theodore Kotz by
Missy & Roy Hennessy

Tuesday, 7/11

7:00 a.m. Special Intention by Rosa Hale

Wednesday, 7/12

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Thursday, 7/13

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Friday, 7/14

7:00 a.m. Joseph Maier, Jr. by
Maureen & Tom Clark

Saturday, 7/15

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

Sunday, 7/16

8:30 a.m. Nina Mondoro by
Joe Mondoro
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Charles T. Hess by
Nancy & Bob Dombroski

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in
memory of **Ruth Yambor** as requested by
Fran, Jan & Brett.

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in
memory of **Ray Applegate** as requested by
Coleen Cucci.

Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, July 2

Average needed from weekly offerings to
cover expenses **\$7,000.00**
Regular Collection: \$8,441.65
Children's: \$ 17.00
Over: \$1,441.65

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.**



Super Summer Raffle & Bake Sale

We will be holding the Super Summer Raffle
& Bake Sale on **Saturday, 7/22 after the 5
pm. Mass** and **Sunday, 7/23 from 9 am-
noon.** Raffle tickets are \$1 each and are
available in the Parish Office. 1st prize, 25%
of ticket proceeds, 2nd prize, 15% of ticket
proceeds, 3rd prize, 10% of ticket proceeds.
Prizes will be drawn on 7/23 at noon. If you
would like to donate to the bake sale,
please contact Marilyn Gonzalez at (908)
205-8211. Baked items can be brought to
the church auditorium on Saturday, 7/22
between 1-3 pm. For further information,
call the Parish Center, (732) 968-2621.



MARRIAGE BANNS I

John E. Mapa
&
Angeline Macalalag

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 Ushers

Thank you for your participation!

Save the Date!

St. John's Annual Fall Golf Classic will be held on **Sunday, 10/1** at Rutgers



University Golf Course in Piscataway. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event!

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.

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.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal **Ambassadors for Christ**

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$32,677.42 and payments totaling \$30,297.28 from 173 parishioners. This represents 102.1% of your \$32,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts!

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required;

call 908-753-2091 or e-mail:

mshhope@msmhope.org

WHOLLY ME: LIVING FULLY IN THE NOW

A women's retreat looking at the important connection between mind, body, and spirit. Be fully present in the moment! Sister Judith will explore the concept of mindfulness and how one's thoughts affect not only our emotions, but our physical well-being and our spirituality as well. **Sat., Jul 22, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Lunch included. (\$45-\$55 As You Are Able)

Presenter: Judith Blizzard, CSSF

Our Lady of Fatima Day of Prayer

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Peter's Parish, Pt. Pleasant Beach is organizing a special event for the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady appearing at Fatima. We are inviting every Rosary Society in the state of New Jersey to join us for a day of prayer on **Friday, 9/29, from 10 am. – 3 pm. at our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Washington, NJ.** We need to have an approximate number of people who plan to attend this event by 7/15. To register, please contact: Ellen Conaghan (732)322-1873/mecon27@aol.com.

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

Eucharistic Reparation Event

The World Apostolate of Fatima and the Blue Army Shrine invites you to our Eucharistic Reparation Event in honor of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima, **Thursday, 7/13- Sunday, 7/16 at The Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 674 Mountain View Road, Asbury, NJ.** The weekend will include evening mass followed by all night adoration; daily Sacrament of Reconciliation; "The Message of Fatima" peace talk; a Youth Mass and much more. For information contact: Mena Shaddow, (908)303-8859/nonnamena@comast.net or Dorothy Carollo (908)689-1700, ext. 224/dorothy@bluearmy.com.

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.

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 7/9:

First: Zechariah 9:9-10;

Second: Romans 8:9,11-13;

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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 (8th 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



Immaculate Conception Church, 35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ, is hosting REBOOT LIVE!, a life-changing event for parish and family featuring internationally acclaimed Speaker & Author, Chris Stefanik on **November 7, 2017 from 7-9:30PM.** We expect this event to sell out fast. Tickets just \$20! Sign up today. For more information or to purchase your ticket: www.reallifecatholic.com/REBOOT or call 908.725.1112.



THE DEACON BEACON

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20, NAB

I love being Catholic. I love the fact that we are a community, and I love the fact that Mass, our sacraments and just about everything we do is community. Not everyone feels that way and you know what? It's ok. That's why coming to Mass is so important. When we gather together to be with Jesus, he's right there in the thick of it all. We can feel his presence, his love. All through the bible God has been about community. He doesn't believe in going it alone. From the creation of man, to the Book of Revelation, God has desired to be in communion with his creation. Yeah, yeah...I know, He's personal too; but if you look closely at the Bible, you'll see that God calls us individually to be with others. He doesn't believe in every man for themselves and neither do Jesus and the Holy Spirit for that matter. Being a Christian doesn't mean isolating oneself from the community of God. If it did He would never have formed the Apostles, sent them out two by two to minister to people. Look, coming to Church isn't about "you", it's about "us". The community represents the body of Christ. When the whole body is present, wonderful things happen, wonderful things are revealed. But just like the human body can't function properly without all its body parts, so can't the Church. Oh yes we can adjust, we can adapt...that's why there's so many religions now. But that's not how it was ever intended to be. And so we go limping along...just getting by. No, we need Jesus to be right with us. We need all of him, and the only way that's going to happen is to invite, to pray, and invite some more...until EVERYONE is together.

Until next time....let's get together often, that way we'll see more of Jesus, and less of ourselves...luv ya! Deacon Phil