

Sunday

August 11, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 8/12

7:00 a.m. Rose Marsjanik by
Matt & Terry Kurzius

Tuesday, 8/13

7:00 a.m. Gerard E. Cunningham by
his children

Wednesday, 8/14

7:00 a.m. Rose Marsjanik by Ann Hill

Thursday, 8/15

7:00 a.m. William & Mary Benwell by
family

Noon Henry Janssen by
Dianne Applegate

7:00 p.m. Anna Fitzgerald by Jayne &
Roger Lendach & Rose
Marsjanik

Friday, 8/16

7:00 a.m. In honor of Elena Hernandez
by Manny & Lynne Jacalan

Saturday, 8/17

5:00 p.m. Henry Janssen by
Eileen & Lou Capozzi

Sunday, 8/11

8:30 a.m. Donna Kugelman by
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Roth

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Teresa Rovito by family

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in
memory of Gerard E. Cunningham by
his children.

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, August 4

Regular Collection: \$5,198.99



Holy Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, 8/15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. **Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 am; 12 noon and 7:00 pm in the Church.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Chapel.

Knights of Columbus News

During the month of July, the Knights of Columbus Council 2544 collected 684 pairs of used eyeglasses for donation to New Eyes for the Needy. This Millburn based group sorts, measures, refurbishes, and distributes prescription eyeglasses to those unable to afford them. Since beginning collection in 2017, the Knights of Columbus have collected over 1,500 pairs of eyeglasses. If you have old pairs of glasses that you would like to donate, there is a receptacle in front of the Council Hall (647 Grove St., Dunellen, NJ) and in the narthex of Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church (501 New Market Rd., Piscataway, NJ).

This week our Chapel candle is lit in

Our Counters

memory of **Larry Engel** by **Cathy & Tony**

D'Ovidio.

Thank you for your participation!

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:

AUGUST 11, 2019 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONQUERING FEAR

Fear is not only one of our deepest instincts; it is generally one of our most constant companions in life. We fear all kinds of things - heights, crowds, confined places, leaving the house, etc. Other fears are more common. We may fear bad health, making ends meet, losing employment, what other people think, how our children will turn out. Fear of change is nonproductive and crippling. It has little tolerance for risk and the unknown and is the single most significant factor preventing our spiritual growth and the quality of our lives. In today's gospel, Jesus tells us "do not be afraid any longer" - but how do we do that? How do we end fear, or at least bring it under control? If you, or someone you know would like to hear more about how our Catholic Faith can be an antidote to fear, 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 family. 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.

Bishop's Appeal

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling **\$30,043.16** and payments totaling **\$29,452.45** from **158** parishioners. This represents **93.9%** of your \$32,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts!



**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 2nd 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

In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the youth, families and all peoples of faith in our parish are invited to participate in a Walking Pilgrimage on **Saturday, 9/21** from **10 am** to **8 pm**. The walk will begin and end at **Immaculate Conception Parish, 316 Old Allerton Road in Annandale**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio. The cost of the walk is \$20 per person, if paid by August 30 and includes lunch and dinner; the cost after August 30 is \$25 per person. The walk will take place rain or shine! Registration forms are available at the Church

entrances. You can register online and obtain additional information by visiting

www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage.
Registration deadline is September 13. If you are interested in walking, please call and leave your name with the parish office (732-968-2621) or email (stjev@verizon.net) so we know how many from our parish will be participating.

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

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or email: msmhope@msmhope.org.

MY EYES ADORE YOU

The Four Seasons' song of that title is a perfect description for Visio Divina. Come for an evening of sacred gazing. We'll look at praying with the gift of sight and noticing how God reveals beauty and wonder in works of art and nature--and everything which we see if we look through God's eyes. Weather permitting, some of the program will take place outside. **Wednesday, August 21 from 7-9pm**
\$20-\$30 as you are able
Presenter: Laura M. Arvin, OP

MAN TO MAN

Men have unique roles in life...husbands, fathers, grandfathers, the single life and the religious life...We're pushed and pulled in a thousand

directions by responsibilities...by stress...by loss...but also by joys. Where can we find time to reflect on the loss and gain of our lives? As St. Augustine discovered, "Our hearts are restless, until they rest in you." Join us in a group setting over coffee (or tea) for life-affirming discussions and prayer to find God in our lives, to make a difference in our own worlds. **Tuesday, August 27 from 7:00-9:00pm**

Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933. For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit www.vnahg.org



Religious Education News

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

The Religious Education Program is in need of a few more volunteers for our classes. We are looking for classroom aides and substitutes. Classes meet the first Monday and Tuesday of the month.

If interested, please email
stjohnpcl@gmail.com

or call (908) 968-0233

Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey. There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, companionship, administrative support, pet therapy, or phone calls from our office. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive : **Mondays 9/9, 9/16 and 9/23 from 10 am till 3:00 pm at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1, Holmdel, NJ.** Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. **Advanced registration is required; please call Pauline De**

Be Prepared, For At An Hour You Do Not Expect, The Son Of Man Will Come A Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Reading for August 11, 2019

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Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the

apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the

parable reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.