

## Sunday

August 18, 2019



Mass Intentions

### Monday, 8/19

7:00 a.m. Rose Marsjanik by Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #940

### Tuesday, 8/20

7:00 a.m. Ruth Mack by the Mack family

### Wednesday, 8/21

7:00 a.m. Ann V. Cashin by Eileen & Lou Capozzi; 50<sup>th</sup> anniv., death of Paul E. Rabouin by Chesler family

### Thursday, 8/22

7:00 a.m. In honor of the Blessed Mother by Bob Zednick

### Friday, 8/23

7:00 a.m. Paul Maurer by Audrey Spenard

### Saturday, 8/24

5:00 p.m. Henry Janssen by Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #940

### Sunday, 8/25

8:30 a.m. In memory of Petras Navaruskas & Ona Petravičienė families by Amuras Petravičius

10:30 a.m. Esolda Scudiero by Dianne Applegate

## Sacrificial Offerings 2019

**Sunday, August 11**

Regular Collection: \$3,557.50

### **From The Pastor**

Bishop Checchio is grateful for the generous response to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have reached 93% of our goal. The Bishop hopes by the end of the year those who have not contributed will do so so that our parish will be eligible for a rebate. Thank you for responding so generously to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

On **Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**, the Diocesan Office of Worship will be offering a formation opportunity for those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. On **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**, the same office will be offering the same training for those who serve as Lectors. This is an opportunity to learn and explore more about these areas of ministries. The workshops will take place at **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway from 10 AM – 12 Noon.**

I encourage all that serve at Mass, the Homebound and Lectors to attend this workshop. Please contact the parish office 732-968-2621 by Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to reserve a place.

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

This week our Chapel candle is lit in

memory of **Elena Hernandez** by **Manny**  
& **Lynne Jacalan**.

treasure. We gratefully acknowledge and salute:

## The Altar Rosary Ladies

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~~



### **Save the Date!**

St. John's Annual Fall Golf Classic will be held on  
**Sunday, 10/6 at Fox**

**Hollow Golf Club in Branchburg.** To play is \$150 per golfer including lunch. Golfer registration contact John Nicholson at 732-563-1473 or email:

[stjdunellengolf@gmail.com](mailto:stjdunellengolf@gmail.com). To sponsor our golf outing email: Matt Kurzius  
[matt@kurzius.net](mailto:matt@kurzius.net). More details to follow.

Mark your calendars now for this exciting event!

## **AUGUST 18, 2019** **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN** **ORDINARY TIME**

*IS FOLLOWING JESUS ALWAYS PEACEFUL?*

People are in need of comfort when facing illness, loss of a loved one, or some other misfortune. Many Christians affirm that religion is one of their greatest comforts in life. But we Christians ought never to expect that discipleship makes life "comfortable" and easy. To follow Jesus is to carry significant responsibilities, and to risk being misunderstood. Are you feeling "uncomfortable" about inviting someone who seems to be searching for God, for Jesus, for spiritual development? Take the risk - invite them 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. Inquire 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.

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@retrouville.org](mailto:3024@retrouville.org)



### **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.

### **Retrouville 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? Retrouville 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.



**Holy Savior Academy**

### **Holy Savior Academy Open House**

Holy Savior Academy has been undergoing a facelift! Come see our renovations and innovations at our Open House, **Sunday, 8/25, 12:30-3:00 pm, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield**. We offer Pre-K 3 - grade 8; Full Day Pre-K (3/5 day options); Full Day Kindergarten; Early Care beginning 7 AM; Aftercare until 6 PM; Breakfast available; Tuition Assistance; Stream Lab; Resource Room; Rigorous Curriculum; Latest Technology; Championship Athletic Teams. **SCHEDULE A TOUR ANYTIME. CALL 908-822-5890 OR EMAIL [INFO@HOLYSAVIORACADEMY.COM](mailto:INFO@HOLYSAVIORACADEMY.COM). VISIT US ON FACEBOOK!**

### **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](http://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](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)) so we know how many from our parish will be participating.

Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933. For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit [www.vnahg.org](http://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](mailto: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**

### **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

#### **HIS WORD TODAY**

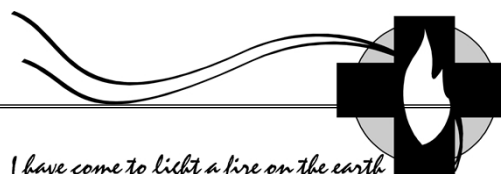
*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

#### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2019**

**“Jeremiah ought to be put to death: he is demoralizing the soldiers that are left in the city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of the people, but in their ruin....let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.”**

Jeremiah, the prophet, spoke for God. The role of the prophet is to disturb the comfortable and calm the disturbed. Unlike our current political promises, he was calling people back to the Lord. It is not easy to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, as our culture of selfishness, greed, and consumerism are the cause of detours and distraction, of sadness and division.

As a missionary disciple, I am counter cultural, seeking to walk with others in pursuit of the values of the gospel. In this



way I work for the well being of all. Where  
are your eyes and efforts directed?