

Sunday

August 25, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 8/26

7:00 a.m. Rose Marsjanik by
Audrey Spenard

Tuesday, 8/27

7:00 a.m. Paul Maurer by Ann Hill

Wednesday, 8/28

7:00 a.m. Frances Koenig by the
Ben Younes-Millot family

Thursday, 8/29

7:00 a.m. Robert Rizzo by the
Ben Younes-Millot family

Friday, 8/30

7:00 a.m. Arthur Walter Lipke by
Rosemary Ng

Saturday, 8/31

5:00 p.m. Christine Mennox by
Barbara Carlisle

Sunday, 9/1

8:30 a.m. Pat Nagel by Ruth Gruber
10:30 a.m. Betty McLean by the
Szulczewski family

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, August 18

Regular Collection: \$3,563.00

Feast of the Assumption: \$1,020.25

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 7th**, the Diocesan Office of Worship will be offering a formation opportunity for those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. On **Saturday, September 14th**, 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 28th to reserve a place.

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Christine Mennox by Barbara Carlisle.**

This week our Chapel candle is lit in

memory of Vincent D'Ovidio by Tony & Cathy D'Ovidio.

Jenny Kaniuka
for filling in for Edwin
during his vacation.

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:



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. To sponsor our golf outing email: Matt Kurzius matt@kurzius.net. More details to follow. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event!

AUGUST 25, 2019
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT DISCIPLINE?

Freedom is one of our most cherished channels for happiness. Our preoccupation with freedom often leads us to believe that everything we have a taste for should be ours by right, and that everything we want should come to us easily. "Effort" and its companion "discipline" are falling out of use in our culture's vocabulary. However, life can be "a bowl of cherries," but, for the most part, only for those willing to pick them. To be physically fit, for instance, we have to work at it. To have a satisfying marriage or friendship will demand commitment, tact, flexibility, and endurance. Spiritual growth, also, requires discipline. Would you, or anyone you know, like to hear more about how to achieve spiritual growth through the "discipline" of the Catholic faith? We invite you to an RCIA 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.



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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

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

PAINT AND PRAY:

REFLECTING ON YOUR STORY IN ART

In this workshop you will create a painting in a folk art style that tells the story of a favorite fall holiday moment with friends and family. No painting experience is necessary - class size is limited so that each person can work on their own "story".

Wed., Sept. 18, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

\$100 fee includes \$25 for supplies. Lunch included.

Presenter: Pat Wiley

Pat is an award-winning folk artist.

Learn more about her: www.patwileyfolkart.com.

Altar Rosary Prayer Group Meeting

St John's Altar Rosary Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday, 9/12. The rosary will be prayed at 6:30 in the Church and the meeting will follow in the Auditorium.**

Refreshments will be served and you are encouraged to bring a friend. Please use the elevator.

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.

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.

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 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



We are also in need of Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders for 20 minutes during Mass.

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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**

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019**

“Jesus passed through many towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, ‘Lord, will only a few people be saved?’ He answered them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough... He will say, ‘I do not know where you are from...’”

Because of the generosity of our God in coming, redeeming and saving us, we tend to become lazy and indifferent, forgetting that Jesus entrusts a task to us. St. Paul tells us ‘He wants all people to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth.’ But His wish is also that we STRIVE, make a concerted effort, to gain the gift of salvation.

Through our life of prayer we stay in communication with our God. Through our service to one another with the works of mercy we grow in our love of our neighbor. Through our active participation in the life of the church and community, we make the gospel known.

Among the challenges of our day is legislation denying the right to life, mercy killing, closing the door to immigrants and refugees. The horrible laws are passed by

Catholic legislators who seem to miss the point of the gospel.



People will come from all directions
and take
their place
in the dominion
of God.