

**Mass Intentions**



**Sunday, 9/1**

8:30 a.m. Pat Nagel by Ruth Gruber

10:30 a.m. Betty McLean by the Szulczewski family

**Monday, 9/2**

9:00 a.m. Rose Marsjanik by the Quinn family

**Tuesday, 9/3**

7:00 a.m. Kathryn Kelly by the McDowell family

**Wednesday, 9/4**

7:00 a.m. Catherine Mercuri by her husband & children

**Thursday, 9/5**

7:00 a.m. Rose Marsjanik by Rosemary & George Deene

**Friday, 9/6**

7:00 a.m. Yolanda Giacomarra by her family

**Saturday, 9/7**

5:00 p.m. Paul Rabouin by Vance & Chiara Kupiec

**Sunday, 9/8**

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's & Pat Nagel by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

10:30 a.m. Margaret Meyers by Kenneth Meyers, her son & Andrea Meyers, her daughter



**Save The Date**

Bishop Checchio will install Father Alphonsus as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist on **Sunday, September 15, 2019** at the **10:30 am Mass**. Additional details will follow.

**Labor Day Mass**

Please note that the daily Mass for Labor Day, **Monday 9/2**, will take place at **9:00 a.m.** in the **Chapel**.

**Sacrificial Offerings 2019**

**Sunday, August 25**

Regular Collection: \$3,480.25

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Joan & Ed Marren** by **Jeff & Karen Marren**.

This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of **Christine Mennox** by **Barbara Carlisle**.

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:

**The Knights of Columbus**



**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!

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

*AN OFFER OF HOSPITALITY*

Jesus came to show us that God has a way of accepting the humbled: the beggars, the crippled, the lame and the blind. We, Jesus' disciples, are challenged to identify the humbled in our own lives. Who do we know who are begging for Truth, for Understanding, for spiritual growth? Who are crippled because they do not know Jesus? Who are lame because they do not have a Faith Family to walk with them on their spiritual journey? Who are blind because they cannot see God? Jesus challenges each of us with a less-than-polite message: We must offer our hospitality to the humblest of persons, no matter how much we might wish to avoid them. Invite someone you know who is seeking spiritual growth 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. 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.

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



### **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.

### **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 9/13. If you are interested in walking, please call and leave your name with the parish office (732-968-2621) or email

### **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.

### **St. Mary's Slavic Dinners**

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will resume their Slavic Dinners on **Wednesday, 9/11** from **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. The dinner will be held in the **St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ**. The cost is \$15.00 for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5.00 for Children (8 and under) and includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. Each month a special entrée will be specially selected and prepared by St. Mary's chef John Pagano. Dinners are held on the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year. Orders to go are available. For more information contact: St. Mary's at 908-725-0615. **The October dinner will be held on 10/9.**

### **Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer**

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required;** call 908-753-2091 or email: [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto: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](http://www.patwileyfolkart.com).

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



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 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 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Reading for September 1, 2019**

*Courtesy of Sunday Connection, Loyola Press*

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about.



