

Sunday

September 10, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, 9/11

7:00 a.m. **Anne & Ed Sheenan by Dianne**

Tuesday, 9/12

7:00 a.m. **Roberto Loo Hernandez by Manny & Lynne Jacalan**

Wednesday, 9/13

7:00 a.m. **Marijean K. Cunningham by her children**

Thursday, 9/14

7:00 a.m. **Tan Chian by Juanita Brewer**

Friday, 9/15

7:00 a.m. **Theodore Kotz by Catholic Daughters, Court Regina Coeli #940**

Saturday, 9/16

5:00 p.m. **Michael & Mary Wieczorek by the Chapleski family**

Sunday, 9/17

8:30 a.m. **Thomas Tanner by Jackie & Butch Spagnola**

10:30 a.m. **Robert Horvath by the Pizzigoni family**

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Thomas & Dorothy Russo** as requested by **Marilyn Russo**.

Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, September 3

Average needed from weekly offerings to cover expenses **\$7,000.00**

Regular Collection: \$6,648.38

Children's: \$ 18.00

Under: \$ 351.62

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.

Golf Outing

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



University Golf Course in Piscataway. Sponsors and golfers are needed. Registration including lunch is \$130 per golfer. More details to follow or contact John Nicholson at 732-563-1473, stjdunellengolf@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Breakfast is back! Come join the Knights of Columbus for a community breakfast on **Sunday, 9/17** from **8 a.m.-12 noon** in the St. John's auditorium. The menu will consist of an omelet station, potatoes, pancakes, juice, pastries, bacon, and more.

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in honor of **Bill & Kay Kelly** as requested by **Kay Kelly**.

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 Catechists

Thank you for your participation!

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.

Special Collection for Hurricane Harvey Relief

It was nearly five years ago, in October 2012, that Superstorm Sandy hit parts of our diocese and many of our people went through something of what is now being experienced by the residents of eastern and southern Texas. In scope and level of devastation, Hurricane Harvey is being described as a natural disaster beyond anything our nation has ever experienced. In the aftermath of Sandy, our people were able to begin to rebuild their homes and their very lives through the support of parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. Hurricane Harvey presents us with the opportunity to show to the grieving and displaced persons in Texas the same compassion that was so generously shown to us. In addition to encouraging your parishioners to pray for those who are suffering from this storm, I also encourage you to announce this weekend and next a **collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey to be taken up the weekend of September 16-17. All checks should be made out to St. John's.** Thank you in advance for your concern for our brothers and sisters in great need.

Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

New Jersey Right to Life Car and Gift Card Raffle

Please support New Jersey Right to Life's Annual Car and Shop Rite Gift Card Raffle. Proceeds go to New Jersey's largest prolife organization, whose work saves the lives of the unborn, elderly, and disabled from conception to natural death. Tickets are \$10.00 each. 1st Prize- 2018 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued over \$43,000, 2nd Prize- Shop Rite Gift Card valued at \$1,000.00, 3rd Prize- Shop Rite Gift Card valued at \$750 and 4th Prize- Shop Rite Gift Card valued at \$500. **Tickets will be on sale outside the church the weekend of October 7/8.**



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.

Disability Services Fair

The 2017 Somerset County Disability Services Fair will take place on **Saturday, 9/17**, from **10 a.m.-1 p.m.** at the **Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Hall, 600 Washington Avenue, Manville**. Registration and Admission are free. Tables and refreshments provided. For more information, contact Paulann Pierson, Disability Services Coordinator, Office on Aging & Disability Services, (908) 704-6334.

Pre-Teen Substance Use Prevention Group

Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Metuchen has formed a Pre-Teen Substance Use Prevention Group to discuss education, prevention and treatment of substance use in children 11-13. The group will meet on **Tuesday Nights beginning 9/26** from **5-6 pm** at **288 Rues Lane, East Brunswick**. For more information about enrollment please call Carol Quick at (732) 257-6100.

Solemn High Latin Mass

A Solemn High Latin Mass will be celebrated at **Our Lady of Peace Church, 620 Amboy Avenue, Fords** on **Thursday, 9/14** at **7 p.m.** Following Mass there will be an opportunity to venerate a relic of the true cross. All are welcome to attend. Dessert, coffee and fellowship to follow in the church hall.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

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

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

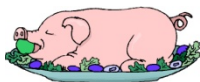
What is the Biblical response to the difficult people in our lives? Learn spiritual practices helpful in more challenging relationships. **Tue., Sept. 19, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 As You Are Able) Presenter: Connie Palmer, LCSW. Connie is a licensed clinical social worker, an experienced teacher, therapist and school counselor.

Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser
Bishop Ahr High School, 1 Tingley Lane, Edison will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser on **Thursday, 10/5** from **4:30 – 7:00 pm.** in the **High School cafeteria**. Cost is \$10.00 for Adults, \$7.00 for Students and \$4.00 for Children under 12. All funds will go to help two needy children, David Santos, a baby born with congenital heart problems and Sadie Ally, a 4 year old with a Wilms tumor. For tickets or info, please call: (732) 549-1108, ext. 648.

John Basilone Memorial Celebration

On **Sunday, 9/24**, beginning at **1 pm**, the Borough of Raritan will host its 36th annual John Basilone Memorial Parade honoring its national WWII hero, Marine Sgt. John Basilone. The Belle Tones concert will be held on **Saturday, 9/23**, at **1 pm** at the **Raritan Public Library**. Preceding the parade on Sunday, the John Basilone Museum at the Raritan Public Library will be open to visitors at 9:30 am and a memorial Mass will be celebrated at **St Ann Church** at **10 am**.

Annual Pig Roast



The Columbian Club of Dunellen, located at **647 Grove Street**, will be holding their Annual Pig Roast on **Saturday, 9/23** from **1-5 pm**. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children, children 5 and under free. Barbecue and pig roast includes hamburgers, hot dogs, pig, salads, soda, beer and dessert. 50/50 raffle. Call (732) 968-2544 or stop by and get your tickets.

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 9/3:

First: Ezekiel 33:7-9;

Second: Romans 13:8-10;

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Registration: No registration will be accepted after September 1. Registration for the next school year will begin in the spring.

We offer a monthly Family Catechesis program from 6-8 pm 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.

Upcoming Family Catechesis:

Session Placement and calendars for the school year were emailed to all parents in July. If you did not receive your information, please contact the office.

Family Catechesis 2017-2018 dates*:

Mondays: 9/18, 10/2, 11/13, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/19, 4/9, 4/30.

Tuesdays: 9/19, 10/3, 11/14, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/20, 4/10, 5/1.

**Please review your calendar for inclement weather make up dates, as well as all Grade 2 additionally required sacrament prep dates.*

Confirmation Class schedule on Sundays from

11:30-1PM: 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10. For all requirements, and also all 2018 dates, please refer to your calendar.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 732-968-2621; Stjev@verizon.net.



THE DEACON BEACON

*"Lovers of your teaching
have much peace; for*

them there is no stumbling block"

-Psalm 119:165, NAB

I love to read the Psalms, there's something for everyone and just about every topic. This verse is absolutely beautiful. Those who love to read or listen to scripture, have much peace. Those who follow Jesus' teaching have much peace too. For those who believe the truth there is nothing that will make us stumble. Isn't that wonderful? These are not just words to read, but words to live by. The promise is the hope that comes with the Lord. Buried within its pages are not just the teachings of the prophets, but of God himself, and of his Son. Yes, and in those teachings we find not only peace, but comfort and joy as well. Alleluia! Unlike the teachings of false teachers and prophets; Jesus' teachings are based on truth, living by them will not cause us to stumble and eventually fall. So, let us rejoice in the teachings of the Lord our God and in His Son, and in the Holy Spirit! Alleluia!

Until next time...peace be with you...luv ya! Deacon Phil

A Journey Through Grief

A support group is being formed at Immaculate Conception Church, Somerville, for those who have recently experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, friend or any loved one. The group will meet on Mondays for six consecutive weeks **beginning on 9/25**. Meetings will take place at the **IC Nazarus House, 35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville**, from **4-5:30 p.m.** There is no fee but pre-registration is required. For information or to register, call Joan Kopil at (908) 369-0845.