

**Mass Intentions**



**Sunday, 9/15**

- 8:30 a.m. Ray Applegate by Dianne  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &  
Patricia Nagel by Terry &  
Matt Kurzius

**Monday, 9/16**

- 7:00 a.m. Terry Kurzius by  
Eileen Capozzi

**Tuesday, 9/17**

- 7:00 a.m. Andrew Kreiss by  
Barbara Kreiss

**Wednesday, 9/18**

- 7:00 a.m. Jonah Kreiss-Papalski by  
Barbara Kreiss

**Thursday, 9/19**

- 7:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Anniversary  
Mass by Manny &  
Lynne Jacalan

**Friday, 9/20**

- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention by  
Manny & Lynne

**Saturday, 9/21**

- 5:00 p.m. Howard Hartfelder by  
Barbara Carlisle & family

**Sunday, 9/22**

- 8:30 a.m. In memory of Aldona &  
Eduardas Pocias and Joana by  
Amuras Petravicius  
10:30 a.m. Donna Kugelman by the  
Guthreau family

**Sacrificial Offerings 2019**

**Sunday, September 9**

Regular Collection: \$4,706.00

Peter's Pence: \$1,156.00

**Second Collection September 22-23**

Bishop Checchio has authorized a second collection to be taken up next weekend to assist with the disaster relief efforts in the Bahamas. Please make your check payable to the "Diocese of Metuchen" and note Hurricane Relief. An online giving option may be accessed at <https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/administration/hurricane-relief/> for those who prefer this method of giving. On behalf of Bishop Checchio, thank you for standing in solidarity with all those affected by Hurricane Dorian and for your generosity to the relief effort.

**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!

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Catherine Jaworski** by **Joan & Ed & family**.

This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of **Katherine Taglialatella** by **Tony & Cathy D'Ovidio**.

**Edwin Lopez**

Thank you for your participation!

**St. John Food Pantry**

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:



**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 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.

**Employment Opportunity**

Blessed Sacrament Church, Martinsville is looking to hire a part-time Parish Secretary/Administrative Assistant (approx. 18-20 hours per week). The expectation is that Mondays and Tuesdays are full days in the office, while there is more flexibility with the schedule on Wednesday and/or Thursday. Primary responsibilities include: creating the weekly parish bulletin, managing the weekly collection volunteers, supporting parish office operations and the Religious Education Office. Strong computer skills, including working knowledge of Publisher, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Google sheets and ParishSoft are desired. A full job description and instructions for applying for this position are posted on

the diocese website ([diometuchen.org](http://diometuchen.org), under employment). You may also request this information by emailing [jobs.BlessedSacrament@gmail.com](mailto:jobs.BlessedSacrament@gmail.com). No phone inquiries, please.

Life of an unborn child. Register today @ [www.LifeChoicesRC.com](http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com) or download a pledge form. \$200 raised provides 1 free ultrasound! Call (732) 516-0911 or TEXT with Questions

### **Rosary Corner**

ALL ARE INVITED

The Rosary is prayed every weekday following the 7:00 a.m. Mass and Novena.

**BLOCK ROSARY:** Monday, 7:00 p.m., 511/515 Lincoln Ave.; Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., 607 Third St.  
What is a Block Rosary? Neighbors gathering in each other's homes for a half hour to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, for the local community and for each other's intentions. Please consider having a Block Rosary in your home. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

### **BLUE ARMY ROSARY CELL**

Where: 511 Lincoln Avenue, Dunellen

When: Every Tuesday – 10: a.m.

All are welcome. Bring your children & grandchildren. For information, call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

### **Adopt-A-Priest Program**

Have you prayed for your priest today? To adopt a priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea at 968-0136.

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

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

### **WELCOMING THE STRANGER: NEXT STEPS**

Joseph Cardinal Tobin's presentation in April set the tone of how Christ invites all of us who are his disciples to open our hearts to those in need of refuge. This program will be an evening dedicated to discovering concrete ways of responding to the needs of our recent immigrants. A panel of four organizational leaders will describe how they are helping and how you can assist them in their efforts during this humanitarian crisis. **Wed., Sep. 25, 7-9 p.m.** (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Facilitator: Rev. Anthony Randazzo.

Panelists: Debbie Marulanda (Catholic Charities), Eileen P. Smith, RSM (Sisters of Mercy), Silvia Hernandez (El Centro Hispano-Americano) and Victor Salama (First Friends)



### **Take a Walk, Save a Life!**

Come join the Walk for Life on **Saturday, 10/12, 9am-12pm, Merrill Park, Iselin (Rain or Shine)**, benefitting the lifesaving work of Life Choices Resource Center. CCD Hours! DJ, Refreshments, Games – Family Fun. No Distance or Time Restrictions! Don't walk alone ... create your own TEAM! Be a HERO and Make the Difference in the

### **STA/AHR Star Spaghetti Dinner**

St. Thomas Aquinas High School will be holding their STA/AHR Star Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Elijah Patino, born with a rare autoimmune disease, and Andrew Yarus, born with a rare chromosome deletion, on **Thursday, 10/3 from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm** (Serving begins at 4:30 pm and continues until 6:30 pm) in the **STA/Bishop Ahr High School Cafeteria, One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ 08820**. Adults - \$10.00; Students - \$7.00; Children (under 12) - \$4.00. For tickets or info, please call (732) 549-1108 X648





**A Reflection on the Sunday Gospel**

*Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.*

Today, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, hearing is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables. In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd celebrates with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes. The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost

Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for

him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins. The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike.

**Religious Education News** 

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is still in need of 2 classroom aides for Tuesdays and 1 classroom aide for Mondays. Classes meet once monthly from 6-8pm.

**If interested please contact Sharon at [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) or call the Religious Education Office at (732) 968 - 0233.**



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

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Twenty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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If interested, please email  
[stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)  
or call (908) 968-0233