

Sunday

September 2, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 9/3

9:00 a.m. Tony Barbalinardo by
Mark & Gilda Spazian

Tuesday, 9/4

7:00 a.m. In honor of Mark Billones by
Dad & Mom

Wednesday, 9/5

7:00 a.m. Mildred Garabo by
daughter Fran

Thursday, 9/6

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

Friday, 9/7

7:00 a.m. Catherine Mercuri by
husband & family

Saturday, 9/8

5:00 p.m. Margaret Meyers by
her son & daughter

Sunday, 9/9

8:30 a.m. William Drumgould by
Barbara Carlisle

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Andrew Graybush by
Frances Criscuolo

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Catherine Mercuri by husband George & family.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, August 26

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

Regular Collection: \$4,330.81

Children's: \$ 1.00

Under: \$2,618.19

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.**

Labor Day Mass/Office Closing

Mass on Labor Day, **Monday, 9/3**, will be at
9:00 a.m. in the Church. Also, the Parish
Office will be closed that day and will
reopen on Tuesday, 9/4.

From Msgr. Benwell

In my homily last weekend, I recommended
reading the statements of Pope Francis, the
United States Bishops, and our own bishop
concerning recent news about our Church.
Those statements can be found on the
following websites: <http://www.usccb.org/>
and <https://diometuchen.org>.

If you are a high school teen or young adult
who never received the Sacrament of
Confirmation, I invite you to complete your
Sacraments of Initiation when Bishop
Checchio confirms in our parish in the
spring of next year. For more information,
you can call the Parish Office or our Parish
Catechetical Leader, Sharon Sweeney,
directly at 732-968-0233. Blessings for the
remainder of this long weekend!

- Msgr. Benwell

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Mary
Lou D'Andrea by St. John's Choir.*

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:

Peggy Ulmes, Fran Maurer and Pat Morris for laundering the church linens

Thank you for your participation!



Coffee & Doughnut Reception

The monthly Coffee & Doughnut receptions will resume starting this month. The September reception will take place next **Sunday, 9/9, after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the Church auditorium.** All are welcome to join us!

Save the Date!



St. John's Annual Fall Golf Classic will be held on **Sunday, 10/7 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 or email: stjdunellengolf@gmail.com. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event!

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the **Chapel of the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 11:45 am.** Mass follows at 11:45. Adorers and intercessors are needed. For more information or to volunteer, call Laura Ferreras, 732-529-7932. To submit a prayer request, email Adoration@diometuchen.org or call 732-765-6445.

Office For Persons With Disabilities

The Office is sponsoring a Catholic Prayer and Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues. The first session will take place on **Tuesday, 10/2**, from **1:30-3 pm (repeated from 7:00-8:30 pm)** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway**. The facilitator will be Elaine Eckard, president of the Warren County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness. The aim of the support group is to offer spiritual support and to provide beneficial tips on coping with this issue that continues to be misunderstood by society at large. The Office has a 24-hour prayer line, as well as a Facebook page that provides inspirational reflections and resources for those persons coping with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory, and other special challenges. Both the prayer line and Facebook page are intended for family members and caregivers. For more information, please call 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

Bible Study Classes

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation is pleased to present Bible Study Classes, "Studying the Bible in Preparation for Sunday Mass", on **five consecutive Wednesdays, 9/5-10/3**, from **10 am – 11:30 am** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway**. Presenter: Fr. Gregory Uhrig. The event is free of charge, no registration is required. Each session will concentrate on all three readings of the following Sunday's liturgy and how to use the Bible as a prayer book. For more information, please call (732) 529-7933 or email: family.life@diometuchen.org.

Spirit & Truth, Linden

Join Catholics in their 20s, 30s & 40s for Holy Hour & fellowship at **8:00pm Fridays**. Location: **McGuinness Center next to St. John the Apostle, Ridgeview Terrace at Valley Road, Clark, NJ**. Visit <https://m.facebook.com/groups/6354198182?ref=bookmark> for more info and updates.



**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 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 Lnc. Cpl. Thomas Tyler Lizak
U.S. Army Pfc Sean Parente
U.S. Marine Pvt. Dante Parente
U.S. Army Off. Candidate Casey Patrick Wenzel
U.S. Army Recruit Timothy Francisco
US Marine Pvt. 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.

CALLED TO BE FULLY ALIVE IN CHRIST

Explore an ancient tool, the **Enneagram**, which provides understanding of our humanity. Developed by Christian and Sufi mystics, it has been used for generations to help persons grow into spiritual maturity. Since the 1970's, psychologists and spiritual directors have expanded the understanding of this tool and have shared it through books and workshops. This three-part series will discuss the wisdom of this tool and how it can help us understand our gifts and limitations as well as our prayer preferences so that we can become more "*fully alive in Christ*". **Wed., Sept. 19, 26, & Oct. 3, 7-9-p.m.** (\$20-\$30 per session)

Presenter: Eileen P. Smith, RSM

Whole Community Catechism



Autumn Bible Study

“The Letter of James”
Saturdays, 10-11:30am
Sept 8, 15, 29 & Oct 6
\$15 for study guide
Email Sharon to register
stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Reminders -

- Confirmation Class begins on **Sunday, September 16th at 11:30** in the **upstairs of the Parish Center.**
- Family Catechesis Sessions begin on **Monday and Tuesday, September 17th and 18th at 6 pm.**

Walk For Life

Join Life Choices Resource Center on **Saturday, 10/13 (rain or shine)** from **9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in **Merrill Park, Iselin** for their annual Walk for Life and make a difference in the life of an unborn child.
Confirmation hours for attending! DJ, Refreshments, Games – Family Fun
No Distance or Time Restrictions! Register or DONATE today @ www.LifeChoicesRC.com or download a pledge form. \$200 raised provides 1 free ultrasound! Call (732) 516-0811 or TEXT 848-229-7634 with questions. Take a walk...save a life. Your love matters!

Catholic Women's Conference

WINE: Women In the New Evangelization invites women of all ages and stages to the first New Jersey WINE: Catholic Women's Conference on **Saturday, 9/ 22** at the **Church of the Immaculate Conception, Somerville, NJ.** The theme, *Hope: An Anchor for the Soul*, is inspired by Saint Philomena's example and Pope Francis' invitation to fight against enemies of hope (like discouragement and negativity) in order to shine as beacons of hope to those we encounter. The conference will begin at **8:00 AM Saturday** with Mass followed by inspirational talks, music, lunch, prayer, shopping, Confession, chocolate and more!
Registration is \$55 before Aug. 21 and \$65 afterward. For more information and to register, visit www.CatholicVineyard.com and select the EVENTS tab.



Girl Scout Workshops

Attention Girl Scouts in Grades 4 and above! Please join us on **9/29** from **9:30 am to 3 pm** at **St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Route 22 East, Bridgewater.** We will be providing workshops to complete several activities for the following Catholic Girl Scout awards: I Live my Faith, Mary the First Disciple, Spirit Alive. Come and learn more about your faith while having fun and enjoying the companionship of other scouts. The cost is \$15; breakfast and lunch will be provided. For information or registration forms, contact DOMgirlscouts@gmail.com

Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage

St. Ann's Catholic Marriage Ministry invites Catholic couples who are newly married or have been married for many years to join us for "Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage", on **9/29** from **6:30-9:00 p.m.** in the **Church Meeting Room at the Catholic Church of St. Ann, 45 Anderson St., Raritan.** Only \$35.00 per couple includes dinner and dessert. For more information contact: Ron and Tammi Allen (908) 581- 5113. Pay by cash or check sent to: Catholic Church of St. Ann "Date Nights".