

Mass Intentions



Sunday, 9/22

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

Monday, 9/23

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

Tuesday, 9/24

- 7:00 a.m. Barbara Carlisle by Ed & Joan Nowicki

Wednesday, 9/25

- 7:00 a.m. Calogero DiMaggio by Guiseppa Ametta & family

Thursday, 9/26

- 7:00 a.m. Susan Thornton by Jayne Lendach

Friday, 9/27

- 7:00 a.m. Deceased members of the McDowell & Shriever families by the McDowell family

Saturday, 9/28

- 5:00 p.m. Isabel & Jack Sandifer by brother Fran

Sunday, 9/29

- 8:30 a.m. Catherine Parr by Parr family
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's & Michele Kenlan by Rosemary Ng & Lynn Nardone

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, September 15

Regular Collection: \$4,426.61

From The Pastor

Thank you for attending my installation as Pastor of St. John's. That was a celebration that saw this, our church, filled to capacity. I wish our Sunday Masses can be like that. Now that this event is behind us, let us get down to work and make our parish a burning light of Christ.

-Fr. Alphonsus



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!

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Clotilda D'Souza by the Miller family.

This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of **Jim McLoughlin** by his parents.

Our Home Bound Ministers

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:

*St. John the Evangelist Parish,
Dunellen presents...
Kick Start Your Faith!*

Feel like you need a spiritual boost? Don't remember or understand some Catholic basics? What's the big deal with Reconciliation? Is the Eucharist a living thing in your life? Join us for a 4-week program to help you rejuvenate your faith. **Wednesday evenings ~ 6:30-8pm in the Church.**

October 23, 2019 Clarifying the Misconceptions

(The Immaculate Conception, The Incarnation, The Ascension, The Assumption, Purgatory, Limbo, Transubstantiation, etc.)

*Presented by Rev. Msgr. William Benwell,
St. Mary - Stony Hill, Watchung*

October 30, 2019 The Role of the Saints

*Presented by Rev. Edmund A. Luciano, III,
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bridgewater*

November 13, 2019 The Mercy of Reconciliation

Presented by Rev. Msgr. John Fell, St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

November 20, 2019 The Eucharist Alive!

*Presented by Rev. Msgr. Charles Cicerale,
St. James, Woodbridge*

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)



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.

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

2019 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend the 2019 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner on Thursday, 10/17 - The Palace at Somerset Park 6:30 p.m. Cocktails - 7:30 p.m. Dinner. \$250 per person.

Honorees:
Jeffrey S. Chiesa, Esq.
Chiesa, Shahinian & Giantomasi, PC; Former U.S. Senator and New Jersey State Attorney General

Reverend Monsignor Joseph M. Curry
*Director, Office of Ministry to Priests
Parochial Vicar, St. Matthias Parish, Somerset*

Your presence at the Champions Dinner will be a visible sign of solidarity for the less fortunate among us while providing much-needed financial support for the vital work of Catholic Charities. For registration and information call 732-562-2432 or email champions@diometuchen.org or visit <https://diometuchen.org/champions>. Please join us.

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

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 or call the Religious Education Office at (732) 968 - 0233.



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

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2019**

“First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.”

Perhaps there is no clearer summary of what our prayer life should be like, than this directive of Paul to his disciple and companion. We are asked to move from prayer for myself to prayer for others, offering gratitude for His goodness to me and asking blessings for others.

As I respond to the Spirit's directive in my prayer I include praise, thanksgiving, and gratitude, my needs and the needs of others, seeking and offering forgiveness. There are many models of great and holy people teaching by example their way of prayer. Return to the Lord's prayer and find all these elements in the words we recite so often, yet sometimes fleetingly.

That is why Paul's reminder today begins with 'first of all...'

