

Sunday

September 24, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, 9/25

7:00 a.m. **Jessica Wells by
Betty Lockwood**

Tuesday, 9/26

7:00 a.m. **Rita K. Villane by
Betty Lockwood**

Wednesday, 9/27

7:00 a.m. **Mathew Thadathil by
James & Mathew**

Thursday, 9/28

7:00 a.m. **John Confalone by Sue**

Friday, 9/29

7:00 a.m. **John Confalone by
Cosimo & Lina Giordano**

Saturday, 9/30

5:00 p.m. **Mary St. Laurent by family**

Sunday, 10/1

8:30 a.m. **Elsa Grace by Bill, Pat &
Will Hughes**

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. John's &
Helen Dragon by Pat & Joe
Vargo and family**

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Catherine Jaworski** as requested by **the Nowicki family**.

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in memory of **Ray Applegate** as requested by **Dianne**.

Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, September 17

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

Regular Collection: \$5,102.85

Children's: \$ 24.25

Under: \$1,897.15

Hurricane Relief Collection: \$4,176.61

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.

Altar Rosary Prayer Group Meeting

St. John's Altar Rosary Prayer Group will hold their meeting on **Monday, 10/9**. The rosary will be prayed at **7 p.m.** in the **church** and the meeting will follow in the auditorium. Refreshments will be served. You may bring a friend and please use the elevator.

High School Youth Group

All 9th through 12th graders - please join us **Sunday, 10/8** at **7pm** in the **Parish Center** for a Youth Group Launch Party!! Come see what Youth Group is all about!

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 Home Bound Ministers

Thank you for your participation!

Union Catholic High School

Open House

Union Catholic HS, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ, is holding an Open House on **Wednesday, 10/4 at 7:00 p.m.** "Early Bird Tours" will begin at 6:15 p.m. For more information, contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or bthornton@unioncatholic.org.



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
U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Ed Sella

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

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 after all masses the weekend of October 7/8.**

Become 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. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on **3 consecutive Thursdays: 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12 from 9:30am till 3:00pm at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1 Holmdel, NJ.** Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. To register, please call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933. For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit www.vnahg.org

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

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

PRAYER IN MOTION SERIES

Join us for one or all five sessions. Yoga, deep breathing and meditation bring the body, mind and soul together in a prayerful and balanced way. Bring your own mat, if you have one. \$20-\$30/Session *As You Are Able in Mercy Hall.* **Monthly on the following Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m.:** Oct. 2 – *Change*; Nov. 13 - *Gratitude*; Dec. 4 – *Advent-**Chair Yoga, House of Prayer; Jan. 8 - *New Beginnings*; Feb. 5 - *Love*.

Facilitator: Isabel Gachko

The Campus Ministry Director at Mount Saint Mary Academy, Isabel has completed her 200 hour yoga teaching training and teaches donation-based classes for Root to Rise in Asbury Park. She also practices at home, at a local studio and with an individual yoga instructor.

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.

Hero's Walk for Life

Saturday, 10/ 7, 9am-12pm, Merrill Park, Iselin (Rain or Shine). Benefitting the lifesaving work of Life Choices Resource Center. **CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS PROVIDED.** DJ, Refreshments, Games – Family Fun. No Distance or Time Restrictions! Be a HERO and Make the Difference in the Life of an unborn child - \$200 raised provides 1 free ultrasound! Register or DONATE today @ www.LifeChoicesRC.com or download a pledge form. Call (732) 516-0911 or TEXT 848-229-7634 with questions.

Blood Drive and

Free Health Screenings

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen, 218 Dunellen Ave., will be holding two programs on **Saturday 10/7.** There will be a **Community Blood Drive** from 9 am – 1 pm and **Free Health Screenings** from 10:30 am – Noon. Walk-ins are welcome for the Blood Drive; please arrive 15 minutes early to sign in for the Screenings. The Health Screenings are provided by St. Peter's University Hospital Community Mobile Health services and include blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol. To be a blood donor, please bring an I.D. with signature and make sure you eat and drink water before you arrive – NO caffeine! You must weigh over 110 pounds and be in general good health. 16 and 17 year olds need to have parental consent. There will also be a free car wash starting at 9:30!

2017 Champions for Catholic

Charities 50/50 Raffle

By entering our Champion 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. *The prize for our last year's raffle was over \$28,000 each for two lucky winners.* With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each. The drawing is scheduled for **Monday, 10/16** at the **Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner** being held at The Palace in Somerset Park. Download a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions or call 732-562-2438. Thank you and good luck!

Bishop Ahr HS Open House

Bishop George Ahr High School, One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ 08820 is holding a Fall Open House on **Sunday, 10/15,** from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. Come meet our faculty, tour our new facility, hear about our technology, learn about our sports, clubs and organizations. Student guides and brochures available. Refreshments served. 7th graders are encouraged to get an early start! Call Bishop Ahr for further info or directions, (732) 549-1108 X620, or visit us on the Web at bgahs.org.

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 9/24:

First: Isaiah 55:6-9;

Second: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a;

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

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

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears turned to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against evildoers." - 1 Peter 3:12, NAB

*I have to admit sometimes I get perturbed and wonder if God is listening. Then I come across a verse like this, and it makes me wonder where I'm at in my life. The last thing I think about is being righteous. So what's it mean? It means: **Just; accordant to the divine law. Applied to persons, it denotes one who is holy in heart, and observant of the divine commands in practice; as a righteous man. Applied to things, it denotes consonant to the divine will or to justice; as a righteous act. It is used chiefly in theology, and applied to God, to his testimonies and to his saints.** So there you have it.*

Hmmmm.... This should really make our minds and our hearts wonder. Sometimes we forget the kind of relationship Jesus asked us to have with God. A father & child relationship is what he alluded to. Sometimes a father will ignore his son or daughter depending on how they are behaving. It doesn't mean that he doesn't love them; it just means that he doesn't care for their behavior. Well God is like that too. When we're living in a state of sin we may be ignored. That's why we have Reconciliation. Note the verse doesn't say we need to be perfect or the face of the Lord is against sinners. God's face is against one who is truly evil, and on that one He will exact judgment. So when we're living with a holy heart and practicing what Jesus taught us, then we are in tune with the Lord. He watches and listens to our prayers.

*Until next time...keep your eyes on the Lord and keep praying ...luv ya!
Deacon Phil*