

Mass Intentions



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

Monday, 9/30

- 7:00 a.m. Bob "Duke" Snyder by Beverly & Phil Kasper

Tuesday, 10/1

- 7:00 a.m. Rose Marsjanik by Ricky & Sylvia Switzer

Wednesday, 10/2

- 7:00 a.m. In honor of my guardian angel by Bob Zednick

Thursday, 10/3

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

Friday, 10/4

- 7:00 a.m. Eugene Warlikowski by Mary Snyder & family

Saturday, 10/5

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

Sunday, 10/6

- 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Weiss by family
10:30 a.m. Mary St. Laurent by family

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Tom Castle by the Switzer family.

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, September 22

Regular Collection: \$3,904.75
Hurricane relief: \$1,237.00

From The Pastor

Dear Friends,

Since I arrived at St. John's, I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you about the various needs of our parish – both the spiritual and the temporal. As your priest, I, along with Deacon Glenn, are very able to attend to the spiritual needs of our community. I will, however, need your assistance with the temporal.

I would like to establish a committee of persons with backgrounds in construction, project management, HVAC, maintenance, electrical and plumbing. The purpose of this committee would be to assess the overall condition of the interior and exterior of the Church and Parish Center buildings, and to create a master maintenance plan so that we may all have a better understanding of our future needs and plan accordingly.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please email me at stjev@verizon.net with your name, contact information and background area. You may also call the parish office and leave your information with the parish secretary.

I believe that together we can do good work to take our parish into the future.

Yours in Christ,

Father Alphonsus

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:

The Finance Council

Thank you for your participation!



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!

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi/Blessing of Animals



Blessing of animals will take place on **Saturday, 10/5 at 6:30pm** in the **Parish Center parking lot**. Father Alphonsus requests no snakes.

October – the Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. All are invited to join the Altar Rosary Prayer Group in the recitation of the Rosary on **Thursday, 10/10 at 6:30pm in the Church**. A meeting will follow in the auditorium.

Monthly Reception

There will be **no monthly reception** in October due to the Golf Outing.

Pre-Baptism Class

Our next Pre-Baptism class will be held on **Wednesday, 11/20 at 7:00pm** in the **Parish Center**. Pre-Baptism class is required for parents who wish to have their first child

baptized. Please contact the Parish Office to register.

information, please contact the Special Education Department at 732-400-5900, x1050.



New Altar Servers

Serving at the Altar during Mass is a great way for boys and girls to develop their faith and service to the Church. If you are in the 4th grade and up and have received First Holy Communion, please complete the information below and drop it in the collection basket or email it to stjev@verizon.net. Training dates will be determined after sign-ups. Thanks!

Name:

Address:

Home Phone Number:

Grade/School:

Parent email:

Dunellen Public School District
Child Find Notice

The Dunellen School District provides special education and related services to disabled children/students ages 3-21 who are in need of special education. If your child demonstrates a delay in communication, motor skills, social/emotional and/or delayed development, they may be eligible for special education and related services. For additional



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 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.

2019 Champions for Catholic Charities
Super 50/50 Raffle

By entering our Champions Super 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. ***The prize for last year's raffle was \$26,500 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 **Thursday, 10/17** at the **Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner** being held at **The Palace in Somerset Park**. Download a raffle form at <https://diometuchen.org/champions> or call 732-562-2432. Thank you and good luck.

Silver and Gold
Anniversary Celebration

Registration for the Diocesan Silver and Gold Anniversary Celebration closes on **Friday, 10/11**. Please contact the Office of Family Life at 732-562-1543 for further information.

will take place at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center** on **Saturday, 10/12 or Friday, 11/8** from **10:00am to 3:00pm**. For more information please email family.life@diometuchen.org

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.

2019 High School Open House Dates

Attention Middle School students and families, come and see what we are really about!
#OurPurposeOurSchools

St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Open House – **Sunday, 10/13 – 1-4pm**

Saint Joseph High School
Open House – **Sunday, 10/20 – 11:30am-2pm**

Immaculata High School
Open House – **Sunday, 10/27 – Noon-4pm**

Mount Saint Mary Academy
Open House – **Sunday, 10/27 – Noon-4:30pm**

Bereavement Facilitator Training

Whether your parish is seeking to start a new bereavement ministry, or you would like to learn more about the grief process and how to support those in bereavement, you are invited to attend one of the offered Bereavement Facilitator Trainings. The trainings will cover a range of topics including Christian funerals, the grief process, communicating with the bereaved, leading support groups and beginning a parish bereavement program. Training

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2019

“But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses... I charge you... to keep the commandment without stain or reproach...”

Every Sunday, as we stand to profess our faith in the creed, we renew our commitment, with all at worship with us. In this way, we not only recite that in which we believe, but grasp again the gift of eternal life.

In so many letters Paul offers a litany of virtues to be sought, fruits to be made manifest, and the elements present in our Christian family life. Whether it is the hymn of charity in Corinthians, the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians, or the building blocks in Colossians, we are given the foundation stones for solid Christian living. The list offered to Timothy today is intended to be added to many others.

Thank you, Paul, for such wonderful reminders.



