

Sunday

September 3, 2017



Mass Intentions

Monday, 9/4

9:00 a.m. Catherine Mecuri by husband

Tuesday, 9/5

7:00 a.m. Herbert Fiala by the Johnson family

Wednesday, 9/6

7:00 a.m. Yolanda Giacomarra by family

Thursday, 9/7

7:00 a.m. Josephine Balazik by Megan & Bill Halligan

Friday, 9/8

7:00 a.m. Herman & Margaret Herres by daughter Peggy

Saturday, 9/9

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

Sunday, 9/10

8:30 a.m. Catherine Parr by Parr family

10:30 a.m. Lidia Guida by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Vincent D'Ovidio** as requested by **Tony & Cathy D'Ovidio**.

This week our Chapel Candle is lit in honor of **Carol & Ed Markey** as requested by **Kay Kelly**.

Sacrificial Offerings 2017

Sunday, August 27

Average needed from weekly offerings to cover expenses **\$7,000.00**
Regular Collection: \$4,420.20
Children's: \$ 4.00
Under: \$2,597.80

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.**

From The Parish Office

The Mass on Labor Day, **Monday, 9/4**, will be at **9 a.m. in the Church.**

Scrup orders are due on **Monday, 9/11.**



Children's Liturgy of The Word

The Children's Liturgy of The Word will resume next **Sunday, 9/10.**



Coffee & Doughnut Reception

The monthly Coffee & Doughnut reception will take place next **Sunday, 9/10, after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the Church auditorium.** All are welcome to join us! This month's reception is hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Save the Date!

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.



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 Scrip Coordinators,
Pat Nagle & Kathy Nicholson**

Thank you for your participation!

Holy Hour For Religious Freedom & Persecuted Christians

A Holy Hour for Religious Freedom will be held every **Sunday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Eucharistic Adoration chapel in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center at 50 Van Winkle Place in Piscataway. Participants are invited to silently pray the rosary and other special prayers for the intentions of Christians world-wide who are being persecuted for their faith.

Special Collection for Hurricane Harvey Relief

It was nearly five years ago, in October 2012, that Superstorm Sandy hit parts of our diocese and many of our people went through something of what is now being experienced by the residents of eastern and southern Texas. In scope and level of devastation, Hurricane Harvey is being described as a natural disaster beyond anything our nation has ever experienced. In the aftermath of Sandy, our people were able to begin to rebuild their homes and their very lives through the support of parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. Hurricane Harvey presents us with the opportunity to show to the grieving and displaced persons in Texas the same compassion that was so generously shown to us. In addition to encouraging your parishioners to pray for those who are suffering from this storm, I also encourage you to announce this weekend and next a **collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey to be taken up the weekend of September 16-17.** Thank you in advance for your concern for our brothers and sisters in great need.

Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen



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

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



Classic/Custom Cruise Night

Our Lady of Peace Church located on **Amboy Avenue in Fords** is sponsoring a "**Classic/Custom Cruise Night**" on **Saturday, 9/16** at our **Parish Center** from **5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.** Admission is free and there will be great food, a live Disc Jockey, vendors and some beautiful classic and vintage automobiles. Please join us!

Disability Services Fair

The 2017 Somerset County Disability Services Fair will take place on **Saturday, 9/17**, from **10 a.m.-1 p.m.** at the **Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Hall, 600 Washington Avenue, Manville**. Registration and Admission are free. Tables and refreshments provided. For more information, contact Paulann Pierson, Disability Services Coordinator, Office on Aging & Disability Services, (908) 704-6334.

Pre-Teen Substance Use Prevention Group

Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Metuchen has formed a Pre-Teen Substance Use Prevention Group to discuss education, prevention and treatment of substance use in children 11-13. The group will meet on **Tuesday Nights beginning 9/26** from **5-6 pm** at **288 Rues Lane, East Brunswick**. For more information about enrollment please call Carol Quick at (732) 257-6100.

Bishop Ahr HS 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.



Our Lady of Fatima Anniversary Celebration

Join us at **The World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ** on **Wednesday, 9/13**, as we celebrate the **100th Anniversary** of the Fifth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Confessions start **10:30 AM.**; Noon Rosary Procession; **12:30 pm.** **Speaker David Carollo**; Holy Mass **1:00 pm.** Main Celebrant - **Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio**, Diocese of Brooklyn. Celebration ends with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Info: www.bluearmy.com 908-679-1700. A Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence has been granted to this Shrine.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

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

SACRED TIME, SACRED SPACE

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God's presence. Day begins with communal prayer. **Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.** Bring bag lunch (\$20-30 As You Are Able)

WHOLLY ME: LIVING FULLY IN THE NOW

A *Women's Retreat* looking at the important connection between mind, body and spirit. Sister Judith will explore the concept of mindfulness and how one's thoughts affect not only our emotions, but our physical well-being and our spirituality as well. **Saturday, Sept. 30, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lunch included** (\$45-\$55 as you are able) **Presenter: Judith Blizzard, CSSF**

John Basilone Memorial Celebration

On **Sunday, 9/24, beginning at 1 pm**, the Borough of Raritan will host its 36th annual John Basilone Memorial Parade honoring its national WWII hero, Marine Sgt. John Basilone. The Belle Tones concert will be held on **Saturday, 9/23, at 1 pm** at the **Raritan Public Library**. Preceding the parade on Sunday, the John Basilone Museum at the Raritan Public Library will be open to visitors at 9:30 am and a memorial Mass will be celebrated at **St Ann Church at 10 am.**

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings for Sunday, 9/3:

First: Jeremiah 20:7-9;

Second: Romans 12:1-2;

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

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

“My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes

my hope.” - Psalm 62:6 NAB

Jesus promised not to leave us alone, so he sent the Holy Spirit. It is the one that came down, and it is the one that has a love affair with our souls. It is here you know. You may not see, hear or even feel it, but trust me when I tell you...your soul can. There is so much going on in this crazy world, and it is easy to let it get to us, even at the expense of reaching down into our very souls. So hope has come in the form of the Holy Spirit, the promised Advocate. It is in God's Spirit that we can find rest, and hope. Why would we want to entrust our souls to rest in anything else? Our souls are constantly running. It is running from “the ruler of this world”, and the “hound of heaven”. It needs to rest, and it needs peace and comfort. I don't think it would be wise to let it rest in Satan, who ultimately only wants to destroy it. I'd rather take my chances with the Spirit. Why would one want to hope in anything else? It's all about trust, you know. This whole psalm is all about trust. One can't rest if one can't feel safe, feel comfortable; and that's exactly what the Holy Spirit wants to do. It wants to bring our souls to safety, comfort and hope. So let the “hound of heaven” catch you, I promise it won't hurt.

Until next time...every LIVING thing needs rest, even a soul. ...luv ya!
Deacon Phil