

Sunday

September 30, 2018



Mass Intentions

Monday, 10/1

7:00 a.m. In honor of St. Theresa by
Lina Giordano

Tuesday, 10/2

7:00 a.m. Maria Evangelista by
Bob & Sue Polucki

Wednesday, 10/3

7:00 a.m. Jeff Mantz by Michele Rabouin

Thursday, 10/4

7:00 a.m. Salvatore & Antonina Grillo by
Mark & Gilda Spazian

Friday, 10/5

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Weiss by family

Saturday, 10/6

5:00 p.m. Helen & Ted Chesler by
Nancy & Rick Chesler & family

Sunday, 10/7

8:30 a.m. Aldona, Eduardas & Joana by
Amuras Petravicius

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
John & Anna Zednick by
son Robert

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Kleinhan, Sheridan, & Petto families by their children
& family.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2018

Sunday, September 23

Average needed from weekly offerings to
cover expenses **\$7,000.00**
Regular Collection: \$4,768.76
Children's: \$ 27.50
Under: \$2,231.24

From Msgr. Benwell

I received the pleasant news last week that Bishop Checchio will be at our parish on Sunday, October 28, to celebrate the 8:30 am Mass. I encourage you to attend the Mass if you can and help us show our bishop that our parish is active and enthusiastic.

It recently occurred to me that there was no statue in our church of our patron, St. John the Evangelist, so I brought over a statue that has been in the chapel and was originally (I understand) in the school. That is the statue now in the sanctuary. Our statue has the three characteristics usually associated with images of St. John the Evangelist: it is a youthful figure (tradition says that John died near the end of the first century, making him a young man during the ministry of Our Lord); he holds parchment and pen in his hands befitting a Gospel writer (on the parchment are the opening words of his Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word"); and he is accompanied by an eagle. The Church Fathers saw a foreshadowing of the four evangelists in the vision of the four heavenly creatures given to the prophet Ezekiel and the author of the Book of Revelation. John became associated with the eagle because of his towering literary skill and the *high* Christology of his gospel, that is, his emphasis on the divinity of Jesus. I hope you are pleased with this addition to our worship space. Blessings for the remainder of the week!

- Msgr. Benwell

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of Maria
DeCaria by Rosina Rovito.*

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:

Sue Kelly, our Bulletin Editor

Thank you for your participation!

Blessing of Pets

October 4 is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the secondary patron of the Diocese of Metuchen and the patron saint of animals and the environment. There is a long-standing tradition of blessing animals and pets on or near the Saint's feast. There will be the blessing of pets in front of the church on **Saturday, October 6, at Noon.**

Help Wanted

Religious Education Admin Assistant

Seeking energetic and organized individual to join the Religious Ed team.

~Candidate will provide a variety of administrative support functions.

~10-15 hours per week

~Knowledge of Word / Excel / Google a plus

Forward resume to stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Fall Golf Classic



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. **50/50 raffle tickets are on sale after all Masses.** For information contact John Nicholson at 732-563-1473 or email: stjdunellengolf@gmail.com.

Altar Rosary Prayer Group Meeting

St. John's Altar Rosary prayer Group will hold their first meeting on **Monday, 10/8 at 6pm.** Rosary will be prayed in the church and the meeting will follow in the auditorium. Please use the elevator. Refreshments will be served and you are welcome to invite a guest.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are a teen or young adult who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited 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.



**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 Meritorious Cpl. Thomas Tyler Lizak
U.S. Army Pfc. Sean Parente
U.S. Marine Pvt. Dante Parente
U.S. Army Off. Candidate Casey 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.

Union Catholic Open House

Union Catholic High School, **1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ**, welcomes you to an Open House on **Wednesday, 10/3 at 7:00 p.m.** “**Early Bird Tours**” will begin at **6:15 p.m.** Union Catholic is a faith-based environment where you’ll be inspired to reach your greatest potential and get the greatest return on your investment. Create your distinction, embrace your excellence, and learn to be all God calls you to be. For more information, contact Betsy Thornton at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or bthornton@unioncatholic.org.

Discernment Retreat

10/5 (6pm) – 10/7 (1pm), Villa Maria House of Studies, 1140 King Rd., Malvern, PA. Experience a weekend retreat at the IHM Motherhouse with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters, novices, and postulants. Single young women ages 18-35 are invited to come for a weekend of prayer, spiritual conferences, meals, and times of recreation with the sisters. Daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and Eucharistic adoration are included in our weekend retreat. Contact: 610-889-1553 or ihmvoc@gmail.com.

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.

Fall Open House

Bishop George Ahr High School, One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ, invites you to a Fall Open House on **Sunday, 10/14** from **1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

Meet our faculty, tour our facility, and hear about our technology. Learn about our sports, clubs and organizations. Student guides, brochures available, refreshments served. All are welcome! 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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

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

WHAT'S IN YOUR SPIRITUAL CLOSET?

Saint Paul urges us to “clothe ourselves” with virtues. Join us for this creative, interactive program that links our garments, whether inner or outer, dress-up or work, to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Tues., Oct. 16, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. (\$20- \$30 as you are able) Presenter: Donna McCabe



Christmas Party for Children with Disabilities

The 3rd Annual Diocesan Christmas Party for Children and Young Adults with Disabilities will be held on **Saturday, 12/15**. Due to limited space, this is a ticket only event and pre-registration is required. Please contact the Office for Persons with Disabilities by emailing: 2018domchristmasparty@gmail.com or by calling (732) 765-6432 for more information. Please register by October 31st. We will graciously accept donations from parishioners who wish to contribute towards gifts for this event. (Checks only please, no toys or gift cards). Thank you for your generosity.



Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with members of our diocesan family on **Sunday, 10/21**, at **4:00 pm**, at the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen**. Bishop Checchio will preside over the renewal of marriage vows at a special celebration of Evening Prayer. If possible you are asked to register online by logging on to the diocesan website—Offices and Ministries—Family and Pastoral Life—Family Life—Silver and Gold. Or you can call the Family Life Office at 732-243-4582. Registration will close on October 3. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of gratitude can be made online or by calling the Family Life Office during business hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm).

How To Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: <http://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse>.

Honoring Those Who Serve and Protect Us: The Blue Mass

Bishop Checchio invites ALL the faithful of the Diocese to join him at the 17th Annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns across our four counties. The Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 11/7** at **10:30 am** at the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen**. For more information, please call 732-562-2435 or visit <http://diometuchen.org/2018-blue-mass>.