

### Mass Intentions



#### Sunday, 9/8

- 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's & Pat Nagel by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes
- 10:30 a.m. Margaret Meyers by Kenneth Meyers, her son & Andrea Meyers, her daughter

#### Monday, 9/9

- 9:00 a.m. Kathryn Kelly by Dianne Applegate

#### Tuesday, 9/10

- 7:00 a.m. Terry Kurzius by Joanna Kelly

#### Wednesday, 9/11

- 7:00 a.m. Kathryn Kelly by Grace Geigel & family

#### Thursday, 9/12

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

#### Friday, 9/13

- 7:00 a.m. Marijean K. Cunningham by her children

#### Saturday, 9/14

- 5:00 p.m. Michael & Mary Wieczorek by the Chapleski family

#### Sunday, 9/15

- 8:30 a.m. Ray Applegate by Dianne
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's & Patricia Nagel by Terry & Matt Kurzius



### **You're Invited!**

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen will install Father Alphonsus Kariuki as Pastor on **Sunday, September 15 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** A reception will follow in the parish auditorium. All are invited to attend.

### **Sacrificial Offerings 2019**

#### **Sunday, August 25**

Regular Collection: \$5,926.99

### **Are you looking for a Spiritual Boost?**

St. John the Evangelist Parish will present a series of 4 workshops to rejuvenate your faith. Look for the flyer in this week's bulletin!

### **Social Concerns Note**

"The Lord will not recognize us for the titles we have. The Lord will only recognize us for a good humble and good life, a life of faith that is translated into works." - Pope Francis. Thank you for your continued generosity to those less fortunate.

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of Marijean K. Cunningham by her children.

### **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 Music Ministry**

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](mailto:stjdunellengolf@gmail.com).

To sponsor our golf outing email Matt Kurzius: [matt@kurzius.net](mailto:matt@kurzius.net). More details to follow. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event!

### **Altar Rosary Prayer Group Meeting**

St John's Altar Rosary Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday, 9/12**. The rosary will be prayed at **6:30 in the Church and the meeting will follow in the Auditorium**. Refreshments will be served and you are encouraged to bring a friend. Please use the elevator.

### **St. Mary's Slavic Dinners**

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will resume their Slavic Dinners on **Wednesday, 9/11** from **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. The dinner will be held in **the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ**. The cost is \$15.00 for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5.00 for Children (8 and under) and includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. Each month a special entrée will be specially selected and prepared by St. Mary's chef John Pagano. Dinners are held on the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year. Orders to go are available. For more information contact: St. Mary's at 908-725-0615. **The October dinner will be held on 10/9.**



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**One Day 9-Mile Walking Pilgrimage:  
The Way of St. Juan Diego**

In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the youth, families and all peoples of faith in our parish are invited to participate in a Walking Pilgrimage on **Saturday, 9/21** from **10 am** to **8 pm**. The walk will begin and end at **Immaculate Conception Parish, 316 Old Allerton Road in Annandale**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio. The cost of the walk is \$20 per person, if paid by August 30 and includes lunch and dinner; the cost after August 30 is \$25 per person. The walk will take place rain or shine! Registration forms are available at the Church entrances. You can register online and obtain additional information by visiting [www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage](http://www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage). Registration deadline is 9/13. If you are interested in walking, please call and leave your name with the parish office (732-968-2621) or email ([stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)) so we know how many from our parish will be participating.

**Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer**  
**UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required;**  
 call 908-753-2091 or email:  
[msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org).

**PAINT AND PRAY:  
REFLECTING ON YOUR STORY IN ART**

In this workshop you will create a painting in a folk art style that tells the story of a favorite fall holiday moment with friends and family. No painting experience is necessary - class size is limited so that each person can work on their own "story".  
**Wed., Sept. 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
 \$100 fee includes \$25 for supplies. Lunch included.  
 Presenter: Pat Wiley  
*Pat is an award-winning folk artist.*  
 Learn more about her: [www.patwileyfolkart.com](http://www.patwileyfolkart.com).

**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

**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](http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com) or download a pledge form. \$200 raised provides 1 free ultrasound! Call (732) 516-0911 or TEXT with Questions

## Religious Education News

### CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

The Religious Education Program is in need of a few more volunteers for our classes. We are looking for classroom aides and substitutes. Classes meet the first Monday and Tuesday of the month.

**If interested, please email**  
[stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)  
**or call (908) 968-0233**



We are also in need of Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders for 20 minutes during Mass.

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**or call (908) 968-0233**

### **Discover the Joy of being 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. There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, companionship, administrative support, pet therapy, or phone calls from our office. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive : **Mondays 9/9, 9/16 and 9/23 from 10 am till 3:00 pm at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1, Holmdel, NJ.** Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. **Advanced registration is required; please call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933.** For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit [www.vnahg.org](http://www.vnahg.org)

### **A Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Reading for September 8, 2019**

*Courtesy of Sunday Connection, Loyola Press*

#### *The demands of discipleship*

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

