



SUNDAY, August 12, 2018

7:00 AM Angelo & Rose Pennella, r/o daughters
 9:00 AM Rocco Famiglietti, r/o mom & dad
 10:45 AM Stefan Sielski, r/o Renada
 12:15 PM For the people of the parish living or deceased

MONDAY, August 13, 2018

7:00 AM Miriam & Norman Jorgansen, r/o family
 8:45 AM Sr. Rose Maxine r/o Margaret Shaughnessy

TUESDAY, August 14, 2018

7:00 AM Carmela Paradiso r/o Gambotto family
 8:45 AM Alfred Bevacqua, r/o wife and children

WEDNESDAY, August 15, 2018

7:00 AM The families of Organ Donors, r/o Partyka family
 8:45AM Brianna Rasimowicz, r/o Gambotto family
 7:00PM Gus George, r/o family

THURSDAY, August 16, 2018

7:00 AM Angelo Crincoli, r/o Diane & Joe Pompeo
 8:45 AM Irene & Jim DeBiasio, r/o Mary Lou

FRIDAY, August 17, 2018

7:00 AM Fred J. Harris, r/o Joe & Barbara Nisky
 8:45 AM Elizabeth Jean Tittel, r/o Sherry & Jim Brown

SATURDAY, August 18, 2018

8:00 AM Ann & Edward Ruth, r/o family
 5:00 PM Margaret Hanley, r/o Barbara & Michael
 7:00 PM Connie Donatelli, r/o Cyrana family

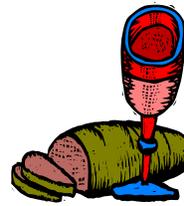
SUNDAY, August 19, 2018

7:00 AM For the people of the parish living or deceased
 9:00 AM John Makar, r/o Ciuba family
 10:45 AM Hedy Moskwa, r/o Gert & Bob Zdanowski
 12:15 PM Matthew Ciesla, r/o Marietta Ciesla



Remember and pray for the sick of the parish, those who are hospitalized, and their caregivers: Bob Bayer, Annie Panaccione, Carl Walker, Priscilla Ragucci, Mary Bowkley, Edward Sprague, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Ed Fitzgerald, Helen Slusark, Peggy Van Cleef, Eileen Reilly, Ronald Syslo, Christine Camping, Arthur Ellermann, Gladys Gonzalez, Catherine Donahue, Becky McCabe, John Farawell, Art Boudier, Bill Hillyer, Marianne Muscavage, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco, Edward Holobinko, Dorothy Zsamba, Charlene Misak, Mike Misak, Mary Ann Baureis, Andres Quijano, Eileen Ammon, John Murphy, Marian Cassel, Louis Faccione, Mary Mayo, William Kriston, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo, and please remember our service men and women in your prayers.

Let us pray for our recently departed brothers and sisters: José Rivera.
 May they rest in the eternal embrace of our loving God.



The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of
 Cosmo Esposito from Alex & Sandra Marino & Jeanne Androsko from Thomassine & Al Cipas.



The Sanctuary Light has been donated in loving memory of
 Vincent A. LaBue from Paula Dugan.

We welcome our littlest members born to new life " Baptized in water and the Holy Spirit"

August 5, 2018

Lily Grace Evans

Child of Nicholas Evans & Kristin Skowronski

Antonio Dominick Silvestre

Child of Fed Silvestre & Kristen Mazzarella

Next Baptismal class will be August 21, 2018. Please call the Rectory to register.

THE 2019 MASS BOOK IS CURRENTLY OPEN. ONLY 3 MASSES MAY BE SCHEDULED PER VISIT.

Volunteer Catechists (Teachers) Needed

What is a Catechist? The word is from the Greek word "echo". Catechists **echo** the **Word of God** to our parish children. They come from all walks of life and all ages: women, men, parents, grandparents, single, and married. They are not expert teachers or theologians. They are ordinary people, **just like you**, who generously give of their time to share their Catholic faith with our youngsters in the Religious Education Program. **It is a very important ministry.** Is God calling you to open your heart to help our parish with this ministry? You will be supplied with books, training, and support. Our program is on Monday evenings beginning in September. If you are interested or want more information PLEASE call the Religious Education Office at 732-388-1424.

The Holy Spirit can and will work through you! Our children need you! Can you step forward to share your faith?

New Address

**Rev. Msgr. Edward O'Neill
 Maria Regina Residence
 5 Dellwood Lane
 Somerset, NJ 08873-1551**



St. John Vianney School News

Our maintenance staff has been hard at work getting the school ready for the students return on September 5.

Desks and chairs have been cleaned, and the floors have been washed and waxed. Books and supplies have been ordered. September 5th will be here before we know it!

Letters were mailed out to all of our Pre-School families inviting you to join us for our Pre-K Orientation on Tuesday, August 21, at 6 PM. Come meet the teachers and learn more about our program.

We are also having Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday, August 22, at 7 PM. A representative from Main Street Sports will be there so you can purchase a gym uniform for your child. We will also have our Uniform Exchange available. We have many “gently used” and some brand new uniforms that our parents have sent in that no longer fit their children.

It's never too early to start purchasing your Scrip for the 2018-2019 school year. It is available at the rectory from Monday through Thursday through the remainder of August. Stop at the rectory before you fill your car with gas or go to the grocery store!

Space is still available in some classes for Pre-K to Grade 8. Please call the school office for more information. The office is open from 8 AM until 12 noon for the rest of the summer.

We wish all of our students and their families a safe and happy summer. See you in September!

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS

July 16 – August 31st

Mon., Tues., Wed. 9:00 – 4:00

Thursday 9:00 – 7:00

Closed Fridays

August 12, 2018 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
'Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!.' 1 KINGS 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all—the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and the courage to be His joyful disciples.

Reflection

The gospel this past weekend outlined an encounter between Jesus and a crowd of people who were overcome with confusion. The people did not understand that Jesus was the true bread that was sent down from Heaven until He expressed this to them saying, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” In this week’s gospel we again see people doubting that Jesus is in fact the bread of life, and He continues to express how what they’ve believed up to this point is not the truth. As Catholics our faith is often questioned by others, just as Jesus was continuously questioned throughout His time on earth. Although some people do not understand our faith and why we believe the things we do, it does not make our beliefs any less true. It is important for us to remember to not only stay true to our faith when it is questioned but also to be proud of our individual faith journeys.

Holy Day of Obligation

On Wednesday, August 15th we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The masses will include: 7am, 8:45am, and 7pm. There will be no vigil mass on Tuesday night.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The July St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box contained \$1,219.00. Thank you for your on-going financial support and generosity.

Message from Bishop Checchio

While the past few weeks have been challenging, casting sadness and confusion over news regarding Archbishop McCarrick, please be aware that a letter from Bishop Checchio regarding this topic can be found on the Diocesan website (diometuchen.org) and will be included in The Catholic Spirit.

Novena for the Protection of all Human Life

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email/text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray

Golf Outing Fundraiser

Join us Friday September 14th at Old Orchard Country Club to raise funds for St. John Vianney School. The day of fellowship and fun will include lunch, golf, dinner, and prizes. Information flyers are attached to the poster in the gathering area. If you would like to support us as a sponsor even if you are not a golfer, please join us. We look forward to having you.

**Reminder: Altar Rosary Society
Communion Breakfast**

The Altar Rosary Society is celebrating 57 years. A breakfast will be held at the Colonia Country Club after the 9am mass on October 7th. Tickets will be available at the Religious counter and at the meeting. This event will have valet parking.

SJV Wildwood Trip

September 9-13, 2018

Enjoy 5 days - 4 nights at Montego Bay Resort. (4 breakfasts, lunches, and dinners included)

For more information call Connie O'Donnell. (732) 388-6543

St. Cecelia's Raffle

Each year we hold a fundraiser to financially support the education of our seminarians. This consists of a dinner dance at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany, NJ on November 10th, a 50/50 raffle, and a souvenir journal that features area businesses. We would like to offer you this opportunity to join us, take a chance, and especially promote your business by taking an ad. There will be raffle tickets sold on August 18th & 19th after masses. For more information call Denise Kolibas (732)634-8515.



Stress in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?

Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.



UPCOMING WEEKEND:

August 24-26, 2018

More information calling the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573 ; TO REGISTER: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

**Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary
Celebration**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 4:00pm

Please register online by logging on to the diocese website (<https://diometuchen.org/offices-andministries/family-and-pastoral-life/family-life/silver-and-gold/>).

The system will automatically generate a confirmation message with some facts about the event. More specifics will be sent closer to the event. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-243-4582, amatos@diometuchen.org.

Even though no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude can be made online or calling 732.243.4582, Monday- Friday during business hours.