



SUNDAY, August 26, 2018

7:00 AM Rae Germinario, r/o Tom & Janice Michnewicz
 9:00 AM For the people of the parish living or deceased
 10:45 AM Teresa Burzi, r/o daughter Louise Faccione
 12:15 PM Joseph H. Mitchell, r/o wife Rose

MONDAY, August 27, 2018

7:00 AM Devin Pujols, r/o Elena Alves
 8:45 AM Michael Lorenzo, r/o The Pampalone family

TUESDAY, August 28, 2018

7:00 AM George Brandt, r/o family
 8:45 AM Theresa Dispensire, r/o Nina Pulecio

WEDNESDAY, August 29, 2018

7:00 AM Joseph G. Chiera, r/o Rocky Pagano
 8:45 AM Bill Cisko, r/o Mr. & Mrs. George Reilly

THURSDAY, August 30, 2018

7:00 AM Sister Rose Maxine, r/o Florczak family
 8:45 AM Gerard Reichardt, r/o The Paul Wallace family

FRIDAY, August 31, 2018

7:00 AM Teresa Ciani, r/o Pat & Bill Brown
 8:45 AM Margaret Hofschneider, r/o Lucy Cavnevale

SATURDAY, September 1, 2018

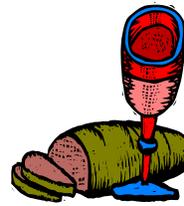
8:00 AM Doug Nehlsen, r/o Jack Cassidy
 5:00 PM Stefanie Stefanski, r/o Mary Mayo
 7:00 PM Dr. John Bonando, r/o Rose

SUNDAY, September 2, 2018

7:00 AM For the people of the parish living or deceased
 9:00 AM Purgatorial Society
 10:45 AM Rita Mae Reichardt, r/o Marianne Barry
 12:15 PM Elizabeth Wallace, r/o Jane & Paul Wallace



Remember and pray for the sick of the parish, those who are hospitalized, and their caregivers: Barbara Perez, Marc Repace, Art Horning, 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, Cristiano Bianco, 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. May they rest in the eternal embrace of our loving God.



The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of **Caren Hendrickson** from **Michael & Doreen Duffy** & for **Donald H. Reynolds** from the **Cholewa** family.

Flowers for the Altar have been donated in loving memory of **Joseph H. Mitchell** from his wife, **Rose**.



Next Baptismal class will be September 18, 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?

Message from Bishop Checchio

As noted in our Mass announcement last week, please be aware that a letter from Bishop Checchio, regarding the recent trials the Catholic Church has been facing, can be found on the Diocesan website (diometuchen.org) and will be included in The Catholic Spirit.



St. John Vianney School News

We are very excited to welcome so many new students to St. John Vianney School this year. We hope these students and their families will be able to join us for a welcome picnic on Thursday, August 30, at 6 PM. Invitations were mailed to all new families. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to the school office by Monday, August 27. The phone number is 732-388-1662.

School will reopen on Wednesday, September 5, for Grades PreK-8. Before and aftercare will be provided. All students must wear their school uniforms on the first day. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria for students in grades 1-8.

Gym uniforms will be available for purchase on Thursday, August 30, from 6-8 PM in the gym.

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS

July 16 – August 31st

Mon., Tues., Wed. 9:00 – 4:00

Thursday 9:00 – 7:00

Closed Fridays

Military Families

We're looking to include names of SJV parishioners and family members serving in the military in future bulletins. If you know someone who would like to be included, please contact the rectory.

August 26, 2018 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must do something and not merely talk about it.

Reflection

This week we continue our journey through John 6, focusing on wisdom and understanding. During the homily last week we heard about the power of prayer. So often we find ourselves praising God only in the storms of life, rather than praising Him in the joyful moments and the average moments of life, truly appreciating and understanding the goodness and holiness of God. Through John 6 I have learned that it's so common for us to do or say certain things because we think it's expected of us, rather than living the way Jesus would because we understand that it's right and we want to be more like Him. We all, as children of God, have so much more in common than some currently may comprehend, and there is something so meaningful about the way we praise God when we gather together in Church. Church is not just a building where people worship, Church is our community of brothers and sisters, created and loved by God despite our imperfections. It is where we gain the wisdom and understanding needed to live a fulfilling life, and where we can put our trust completely in God's hands.

Spirit lead me where
 my trust is without borders,
 let me walk upon the waters
 wherever you will call me...

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



It is that time again...help us get ready for "Back" to School Backpacks for Kids!

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is asking for donations of new backpacks and school supplies to be given to the children of our parish, school, and community. Please consider purchasing a backpack for any school age child and/or any of the following items: Assignment books, notebooks, rulers, pens, pencils, highlighters, book covers, binders/filler paper, day planners, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, crayons, calculators, folders, glue sticks, washable magic markers, erasers, staplers. Monetary donations are always accepted. Please bring your donations to the church **no later than August 26th**. Please contact Donna Worosila at 732-381-1584 or Barbara Morrissey at 732-501-2195 with any questions. Thank you in advance for making Back to School cool for the children of our community!

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.

Attn: Altar Rosary Society

The Altar Rosary Society will be meeting on Thursday, September 6th at 2pm in the upstairs room in the Church – the board will meet at 12:45 in the Church library. Please make every effort to attend. Dues will be collected, and tickets for our Communion Breakfast on October 7th celebrating 57 years, will be for sale.
Thank you and God Bless, Louise.

SJV Wildwood Trip

Enjoy 5 days - 4 nights at Montego Bay Resort on September 9-13, 2018. For more information call Connie O'Donnell (732) 388-6543.

Walk for Life

Please join us on Saturday, October 13th from 9am-12pm at Merrill Park for the Walk for Life. The day will include a DJ, refreshments, games, family fun, and students that participate can receive Confirmation hours! This event benefits the lifesaving work of Life Choices Resource Center. Register or donate today at www.LifeChoicesRC.com or download a pledge form. Call (732) 516-0811 or text 848-229-7634 for more information.

St. Cecelia's Tricky Tray Gift Auction

Join us on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at St. Cecelia Church, 45 (Lourdes Hall). Doors open at 6:00 pm – Prizes called at 7:30 pm. General Admission is \$20 (includes 2 free sheets of yellow tickets and coffee/tea and dessert). The Bundle Package is \$80. Must be 18 or older to participate – Bring your own food and beverages. Tickets are available on www.stcecelia.com – Upcoming Events. You will be redirected to PayPal for credit card payment; or you may purchase tickets (cash/check) in the Parish Office. For further information contact Kathy at 732-283-2300 or kbeglan@stcecelia.com.

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.