

NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 24, 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners:

It is wonderful to finally be able to say that Summer is here, evident by the hot weather and the last day of school for our children this past week. We really miss our children when our School and Religious Education Program are out for the Summer. May they have a blessed, safe and fun Summer, and remember that there is no vacation from living our faith and from our obligation to attend Mass on the Lord's Day. Hopefully all of us will find some time to slow down a little and enjoy family and friends this Summer.

Another sign of the arrival of Summer is that we have the joy of honoring our young parishioners who graduated from High School this past week at the 10:00am Mass today. They are such a beautiful and vital part of the Church and of our Parish. We thank God for them and assure them of our love and our prayers as they prepare to start a new and exciting chapter in their lives. May they stay close to Jesus and His Church always as the beautiful plan He has for their lives unfolds in the years ahead.

On another note, I want to thank you for your tremendous response to *Commitment Weekend* last week for the *Renew & Rebuild Capital Campaign*. We obtained over \$370,000 in pledges from the pledge cards filled out at all the Masses. That puts us at close to 1.3 million dollars, just about 63% of our goal of 2.1 million dollars. I cannot thank enough all of you who have so generously pledged your support to this Campaign for the good of our beautiful Church. Although we still have a ways to go, I am confident that we will get there since we have raised 63% of our goal with only 7% of our Parishioners participating so far. We can only do the best we can, but if everyone else does whatever they are able to do, no matter what it is, we will have no problem making our goal and accomplishing some great things to enhance the beauty and structural integrity of our Church in order to keep it standing strong for many generations to come. **If you were not here last weekend, the insert in today's bulletin can be used to make a pledge today or whenever you are ready.**

Finally, today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist. The Church only celebrates two other birthdays liturgically; the Birth of Jesus on December 25th, and the Birth of our Blessed Mother on September 8th. Jesus once said of John

the Baptist: "*There is no man born of woman greater than John the Baptist.*" He is the last and greatest of all the prophets, the bridge between the Old and New Testaments. All the prophets of the Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ. John is the one who pointed Him out when at last He came into the world, saying: "*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*", words that are still echoed by the Priest at every Mass to point out Jesus just before we receive Him in the Eucharist. May we, like John the Baptist, point out Jesus to others not just with our words, but with the way we live our faith and stand for the *Truth*. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Matthew J. Furey

RENEW & REBUILD

This past weekend we conducted the Renew & Rebuild Campaign In Pew. We wish to thank those who so generously made a pledge. We also ask those who have not yet made a pledge to please prayerfully consider making one. The projects we have proposed to strengthen the parish can only happen with your participation in the campaign. To date we have **\$1.3 Million in pledges from 115 families which is only 7% of the parish**. Our goal is 2.1 Million. God Bless Sacred Heart!!

SERVING OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK JUNE 22-29, 2018

People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas Moore & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

NOTICE RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER FRIDAYS

Beginning on Friday, June 29th the rectory office will close at 2:00pm on Fridays for the summer months of July and August.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 24

Baccalaureate Mass – 10am

Monday, June 25

Novena – 7:15pm

Tuesday, June 26

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, June 27

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Children's Choir – 5:00pm

Choir Practice – 7:00pm

Thursday, June 28

Friday, June 29

Saturday, June 30

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Sunday, July 1

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'S
NAME

June 17th Collection - \$13,635.

Last Year's Collection - \$15,063.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CLASS OF 1978 40th REUNION MASS

Saturday, July 21st at 12:00pm

Please join us for a memorial Mass, in honor of the students, parents, teachers and those classmates who passed away:

Robert Spicer, Richie Hall, John Ginley, Aileen Reynolds
Reception to follow at Sacred Heart Rectory.

RSVP by 7/14 to Lorraine Moran Sembler -770-712-6307. Lorraine.Sembler@Fiserv.com

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM PREP

It provides an intensive review of math, reading, and language skills, instruction in quantitative and verbal reasoning, practice with all sections of the examination, and training in the appropriate test taking strategies.

Summer classes offered at the end of July and August at Mary Help of Christians Academy and Immaculate Heart Academy. Weekend fall classes will be held at St. John's Academy. For more information and to register, visit us at www.sandtsexcel.com or call (201) 666-5956.

MASS TIMES ON VACATION

Call 1-800-MassTimes. This is a number you may call for Mass Schedules, location and directions to all Catholic Churches in any given area. Enter the zip code where you are going and all the information will be given to you. Website: www.MassTimes.org

A CALL TO VOLUNTEERS

Sacred Heart is in need of those willing to help clean the Church. Cleaning is needed twice a week but on a rotating schedule and usually once a month. If you can assist in this much appreciated work, please call the Rectory Office at 357-0035.

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration 2018-2019

Registration for all First Graders and New Registrants will be taken by appointment only during the summer months. Please call 357-6044 to make an appointment.

A program for children with Special Needs is available. Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

Go to the Clinton Place entrance (side street) of the school and please ring the bell for your appointment.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry will close beginning July for the summer, and will reopen Wednesday, September 12, 2018. For food emergencies please call the rectory at 357-0035.

ADORNO FATHERS

The Friends of the Adornos will hold a CRAFT SHOW on the grounds of St. Michael's Seminary, 575 Darlington Avenue, Ramsey, NJ on SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. ADMISSION IS FREE – AMPLE PARKING. Refreshments and Food sold on premises – This event features booths with exciting handmade items, crafts and metal art, jewelry, paintings, glass and textiles on exhibit and for sale to the public... Bring the Children and have fun making different crafts at the free "hands on" craft table. For info call 201-327-7375.

ST. BENEDICT TOURS

11 Day Pilgrimage Retreat to Medjugorje, Bosnia. Sept 20th- 30th, 2018 with Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR. \$2750.00 per person which includes round trip airfare from Newark and many other amenities. Please call or visit the rectory for more information or visit: www.stbenedicttours.com (800) 625-2565.

MASS BOOK

2018 MASS BOOK is almost full. At the present time we have a number of 7am Mass slots available. The new book for 2019 will open on August 1st.

When there are no Masses available for a particular date, there are Altar Memorials available to remember your loved ones.

Altar Wine - \$40.00

Altar Bread - \$30.00

Altar Candles \$20.00

Sanctuary Lamp \$10.00

...Together With An Unannounced Mass

ANUNCIOS

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El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 14 de julio 2018 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

For the First Time

GIUSEPPINA GAGLIONE AND NIKOLAS MONTERY



We pray for all those serving in the **Armed Forces** and for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Daniel J. Albarelli, Keith Alanis, Luciano Antonucci, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Baby Ty, Michael Brady, Annette Burbridge, Dolores Cangelose, Frank Calfa, Kelly Collins, Nancy Collins, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Robert Cosenza, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, Mary Donato, John Duffy, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Debra Gravina, Catherine Greeley, Senan Halpin, Carrin Mr. Harris, Holborn, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, John Marotta, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Shace Paljusevic, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Philomena Pelzer, Richard Porpora, Etta Rooney, Mary Russo, Daniel & Eileen Sammarone, Lenny Scarr III, Janet Schwartz, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Maureen Starke, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Margaret Szaro, Fr. Peter Tarantino, SA, Phyllis Varacalli, and Fr. Wing.**

Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, family members and loved ones.

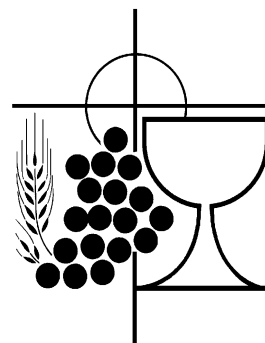
Especially: **Edward T. Cicalese**
Genevieve Gise
John Richard Boudreau

ALTAR MEMORIALS

JUNE 24, 2018

Altar Breads In Memory of
ROSA VERDON
Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
ROBERT PIERSON



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

9:00am – Tessie Hwang

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Mary & John Magurno

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Mario Varano

10:00am – Baccalaureate Mass

11:30am – Peter Veraldo & Mary Levinton

1:00pm – Julieta Opulencia

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, JUNE 25

7:00am – Dianne Messina

9:00am – Bill Sichel

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

7:00am – James Halloran

9:00am – Rev. Peter Colapietro

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

7:00am – Renjith Jacob

9:00am – Madeline R. Foster

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

7:00am – Special Intention for Althea Frank

9:00am – Lee & Joseph Licata

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

7:00am – William Halloran

9:00am – Maria Gentile

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

9:00am – Letizia Licata

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Margaret Murphy

SUNDAY, JULY 1

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – John Grande

10:00am – Giordano & Aurelia Sorgo

11:30am – John Hoffman

1:00pm – Joseph Balducci

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

