

SATURDAY, June 23, 2018

9:00 A.M. SALLY ANN PAUL r/b Christine Schuetz  
 4:00 P.M. JOHN MATTALIANO r/b Family  
 ANGELA MASTROLIA r/b Barbara & Ray Callinan  
 5:30 P.M. FILIPPO & MARIANNA DiMITRI r/b Lucy DiMitre  
 INTENTIONS OF BETTY SAVAGE r/b Bob Savage

SUNDAY, June 24, 2018

8:00 A.M. MARY JANE KURDEWAN r/b Family  
 WILLIAM WILSON, JR. r/b Family  
 10:00 A.M. ROBERT J. McDONALD r/b Lou & MaryAnne Berardi  
 MAEVE O'SULLIVAN r/b Judy Sullivan  
 12:00 P.M. ED MARTZ r/b Family  
 PEGGY AHARRAH Jane Alwell & family  
 5:30 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY, June 25, 2018

9:00 A.M. HELEN KOZABO r/b Family  
 ISABEL WERNISING r/b Joan Higgins

TUESDAY, June 26, 2018

9:00 A.M. DANIEL CHRISTOPHER FOX r/b Fox family  
 THOMAS FRITCH r/b Leahy family

WEDNESDAY, June 27, 2018

9:00 A.M. PATRICIA SHANNON r/b Mary & Tony Dennigan  
 MARIA MANGONE r/b Maria & Neil Scotto

THURSDAY, June 28, 2018

9:00 A.M. DOUGLAS HOFFMANN r/b Carol Bolger  
 RICHARD DALLESSIO r/b Barbara & Joe Bennett

FRIDAY, June 29, 2018

9:00 A.M. BILL KING r/b Carol Bolger  
 MARGARITA & JOHN MOLLOY r/b Family

SATURDAY, June 30, 2018

9:00 A.M. BETTY COUSINS  
 4:00 P.M. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 5:30 P.M. EDWARD J. BOLGER r/b Carol & Jim Maliff  
 BERNARD LAUBER r/b Madonna House

SUNDAY, July 1, 2018

8:00 A.M. FRANCISCA & LEON SAMUEL r/b Luz Solomon  
 SALLY ANN PAUL r/b Pam Warren  
 10:00 A.M. JOAN LOCASTO r/b Deirdre Hohn  
 LONNY RHOADES r/b John & Eleanor Iannelli  
 12:00 P.M. PATRICIA CORRIDON r/b M. Corridon  
 MAUREEN KANE r/b Anne Kirms  
 5:30 P.M. GRACE GERSTNER r/b MaryGrace & Butch Neuhaus  
 STEPHANIE BECKER r/b Bettylu & Ockle Johnson

**Weekly Collection**  
 June 17, 2018 \$9,884.65



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Dorothy Johnson, Vincent Marzulli, Debbie Fromkin, Brian Oehme, Bronislaw & Zofia Buczek, Deacon Jim, Manuel Canencia, Annemarie Logan, Eleanor Passarella, Julia Sternik

ALTAR SERVERS for June 30th & July 1st

Sat., 4 pm: Virgil & Johanna Icasiano  
 5:30 pm: Maryanne Fiuza  
 Sun., 8 am: Andiee & Jaimee Jocson  
 10 am: Jeffrey & Nathan Riley  
 12 Noon: Kelvin & Kurt Langomes  
 5:30 pm: Peter Hegel

**The Rosary Makers** are off for the summer. The ladies regular schedule is to meet on Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Religious Ed Annex (directly upstairs from the Parish Office), and will resume in September.

**Can You Spare An Hour For Your Church?** About every six weeks, a group of volunteers spend an hour or so to help prepare the Altar area for Sunday Liturgy. Please call Maria at 848 702-1811 with any questions, or to volunteer!

**New Electronic Giving Program Available** If you are interested in taking advantage of the Electronic Giving Program, please sign up by visiting our website [www.holyinnocentschurch.net](http://www.holyinnocentschurch.net) and clicking the appropriate link.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is held at Holy Innocents every Thursday (*except holidays and holy days*) 9:30 am-9 pm AND on First Fridays from 9:30 am-2 pm. Special thanks to all who make regular Adoration possible here at Holy Innocents! Please invite your friends and family members to participate!

**Altar Rosary Society** Regular meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at 10 am in the Religious Ed Annex (directly upstairs from Parish Office). For more info, please call Maria 848 702-1811. The ladies are currently on summer break and meetings will resume in September.

**Holy Innocents Seniors Club** meets on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month (during the school year) at 1:30 pm in the cafeteria. If you would like more information about this group, call Alice Kohlman 732 988-4471. Have a great summer!



Dear Parishioners,

I have some bad news. **Fr. Michael Vona just told me this week that he would like to step down from saying two masses per week at our parish.** He feels that as he is getting older, he is becoming less patient and at peace while at Mass. He says he would be willing to come back for emergencies. But, we should not depend on him on a weekly basis. He will stay through the weekend of July 1st and then we will be seeing him less frequently.

Before I say anything else, I would like to thank Fr. Vona for his four years post-retirement service at our parish. I am sure we can all agree that we have enjoyed his spiritual guidance, down to earth nature and practical wisdom. He was always dependable and willing to do almost anything I asked him to. He has been a great gift to this parish. After 87 years of life and 50 years service as a priest, he deserves a break if he feels he needs it. He really does not owe us anything. I do not want anyone to think he is being forced out or that he's angry with us, or that I am angry with him. I would personally much rather prefer if he stayed on for much longer. But, after some reflection, he has come to this conclusion on his own. I invite anyone who enjoyed his presence in this parish to please let him know personally or, if you would prefer to let him know in letter, we can forward any message from the parish office.

However, I also have to point out that his departure means that we cannot keep the current Mass schedule. **I am ending the 5:30 pm Saturday Mass after July 1st.** When we initially started the current Mass schedule we are using (under Fr. John Jakub), we had three and sometimes four priests available to say Mass at this parish. I was willing to keep the Mass because we had enough clergy to cover it. With Fr. Vona leaving, we are down to just two and so I do not think it is right for us to keep two Saturday evening Masses when we just need one.

There are a number of other reasons why we should take this action. Keeping the Mass would either put undue strain on the clergy of the parish or would require us to depend on outside clergy for our normal schedule. (I would prefer to only depend on them in emergency circumstances or if a priest goes on vacation.) No other parish in the area has two Saturday evening Masses unless they are in two different languages or two different locations. Having one Mass after the other really limits the time we can dedicate to Saturday confession and may discourage people from coming to this sacrament. The attendance of the 5:30 pm Saturday Mass is less than half the average of all the Masses in the parish. Lastly, we still have a 5:30 pm mass available on Sunday if people prefer that hour.

I know that change can be hard and unwelcomed. I would never have picked now to be the time to make these changes. The summer should be a time where things become less stressful as we can settle into a routine. But, God often throws things at us to make us less complacent and more aware of the many gifts He gives us. Please keep our parish in prayer.

God bless!

*Fr. Carter*

**Selective Seconds** is a high quality, new and gently used furniture and home goods shop located at 911 Main Street rear, Belmar. Open Thursday thru Saturday 11 am -5 pm and Sunday 12 Noon-4 pm. Tax-free shopping to support St. Rose's St. Vincent dePaul Society.

**Attention Seniors** *Senior Spirituality And So Much More Day!* (July 18th, 10 am-3 pm) featuring the Catholic Grandparents Association and Msgr. Sam Sirianni presenting "Passing on the Faith to the Next Generation". Join us for Mass with Bishop O'Connell, entertainment, and lunch from Dolce and Clemente at St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square. Visit [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care) to register or download the mail-in form.

**Next Family Game Night** Join us Friday, July 13th at 5 pm in the cafeteria. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. You may bring your own game to play. Enjoy old favorites or learn new games. Pizza & drinks are provided, and a free-will offering taken. Gamers are encouraged to bring snacks or dessert for the sharing table.

**Holy Innocents Music Ministry** The Adult Choir sings at the 10 am Mass, the Folk Group at the 12 Noon Mass, and The Teen Praise Group the first Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm Mass. The Choir practices in church every Tues., 7 pm. If you are interested in being a part of our parish music ministry, speak with the Music Director.

**Religious Education Office**

Sr. Bernadette Schuler, osf  
732 922-4242 x28

**Religious Ed is in need of volunteers** for Fall, 2018. We are in need of teachers/assistants for Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon (Gr. K-6) as well as Monday, evenings (Gr. 7 & 8). Please take time to pray and consider participating in this important ministry with our youth. Please contact Sr. Bernadette 732 922-4242 x28 for more information or to volunteer. We really need your help!

**Registration for Religious Ed classes** is taking place now. If your family is new to the Parish or the program, please stop in or call the Office for forms. If you are registering a child for Kindergarten or Gr. 1, please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate. Families currently enrolled will receive forms and information through the mail.

**Sacraments** Preparation for *First Eucharist* takes place normally in Grade 2. We do have a class for older students who have not received their sacraments. In order to enter the First Eucharist class the Gr. 1 curriculum must be completed. Sr. Bernadette will advise you how this can be done. *Confirmation* preparation takes place in Gr. 7 & 8, so Gr. 7 Religious Ed must be completed before the Gr. 8 program.

**VIRTUS for adults**; training is presented throughout the year at different locations. ANY adult volunteer or staff member working with children is REQUIRED to attend this one-time training session and also submit to fingerprinting & criminal background check. Advance registration required at <http://www.virtusonline.org>. Please call Sr. Bernadette if you need more information.

**Our Promise To Protect:** The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, please report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline **1 888 -296-2965** or by email: [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

**St. Vincent dePaul Society** Holy Innocents SVDPS provides financial assistance and also maintains a small (non-perishables only) food pantry to assist residents of Neptune and a limited surrounding area. Please call 732-922-4242 x24 for information or assistance. Someone is available at the pantry on Sundays following the 10 am & 12 Noon Masses. SVDPS gratefully accepts local grocery store gift cards, as well as monetary donations through the poor boxes in church and the green Social Concerns envelopes. There's always a need for helping hands. Anyone interested in volunteering with this ministry, please call for more information.

**Welcome Back Camp Excel!** Full-time weekday Summer Program for children (ages 5-17) with ADHD, Aspergers and Social Skills Challenges, with a children to staff ration of 3:1. Monmouth County location ~ Social Skills Groups ~ All adult staff ~ Art, Cooking, Science, Sports, Trips ~ Summer Program also includes Academics, Swimming, Parent Groups & Transportation. For more information, visit [www.CampExcel.com](http://www.CampExcel.com).

**Thank You, Thank You!** To all those who supported the Roses For Life fundraiser at Masses over Mother's Day weekend. The sale, sponsored by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry raised much needed funds which will be used to assist women and children in crisis, and also for education regarding the dignity of all human life. A big thanks also to John Newman of Bouquets To Remember in Manasquan, for his continued support. **Save the date: Sunday, October 28, 2018 for the annual Champion For Life Dinner at Doolan's Shore Club.** This year's honorees are Rachel Hendricks as Champion, and Fr. Martin Padovani for Lifetime Achievement.

*Don't take a vacation from God. Visit [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) for a complete listing of Catholic Mass times all around the country.*

**Schedule for the Coming Week**

Sat., June 23	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., June 24	1:30 pm Baptisms in church 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Mon., June 25	<i>Welcome back, Camp Excel!</i>
Tue., June 26	7:00 pm Choir practice in church
Thur., June 28	9:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration in chapel 6:30 pm AA in cafeteria
Sat., June 30	5:00 pm Confessions
Sun., July 1	1:30 pm Baptisms in church 7:00 pm AA in cafeteria
Tue., July 3	7:00 pm Choir practice in church