

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday - November 17

**5:00 PM + Giuseppe & Anna Sassano
Anniversary
r/o Maria Armetta**

Sunday - November 18

**7:30 AM + Grace Petrany
r/o Ron Petrany and family**

**9:00 AM + Salvatore Armetta
r/o Giuseppa Armetta**

**10:30 AM + Lauren Richmond and Adeline
Colella
r/o Laurie, Dean and Dana
Richmond**

**12:00 PM - People of Blessed Sacrament
Monday - November 19**

**9:00 AM + Deceased Members of the Ferragut
Family
r/o Bill & Ketrin Maxwell**

**12:30 PM + Giuseppe Armetta
r/o Maria Armetta, Sister in Law**

Tuesday - November 20

**9:00 AM + Vernon L. Smith, Birthday
r/o Vernon & Michele Smith**

**12:30 PM + Ronald Moore
r/o Eileen Dowds and Eric Koppi**

Wednesday - November 21

**9:00 AM + Francesco Amitrano
r/o Giuseppa Armetta**

**12:30 PM + Barbara Prisco
r/o Husband**

Thursday - November 22

**9:00 AM + Thanksgiving Day Intentions
r/o Parish Intentions**

Friday - November 23

**9:00 AM + Arturo Castro
r/o Margarita Reynoso**

**12:30 PM + Esther and Lino Pacheco
r/o Eliza Lopes**

Saturday - November 24

**9:00 AM + John, Nancy and Michael King
r/o Family**

**5:00 PM - People of Blessed Sacrament
Sunday - November 25**

**7:30 AM - For all those who have no one
to pray for them
r/o The Yessman Family**

**9:00 AM + Deceased Members Smith &Cristo
Families
r/o Bill & Alicia Smith**

**10:30 AM + James Glynn
r/o Doris and Tom Conly**

**12:00 PM + Rosalia & Vincenzo Armetta
r/o Giuseppa Armetta**

From the Pastor's Desk

Last Sunday we had a Thanksgiving Feast at the Rectory with our Blessed Sacrament Youth Group. We had 29 children attend (Grades 8th –12th).

Thank you to all the parents who made outstanding side dishes that were enjoyed by all. Thank you to our advisors, Father Luke, Patty Marshall, Sister Fabiana and Jamie Edwards for assisting with the dinner. We had a great time!

We are Blessed to have so many wonderful children in the Youth Group!

Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

God Bless
Father Rick



We are pleased to announce that we have started up the Parish Council. Our parish council email is parishcouncil@blesseedsacramentnj.org. We are pleased to welcome our new members!



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered for:

Joseph Gries



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament:

Florence Sheehan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are pleased to inform you that the Most Reverend James F. Checchio will preside at the celebration of Confirmation.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Please mark your calendars!

Parish Office Hours

Sunday 8 AM—1PM

Monday 9 AM—6PM

Tuesday 9 AM—9PM

Wednesday 9 AM—2PM

Thursday 9 AM—6PM

Closed Friday and Saturday

Closed Thanksgiving Day, November 22



For Pre-K to 2nd Grade 10:30 AM Mass on:

November 25, 2018

December 23, 2018

Father Rick Prepares a Special Homily For the Kids!

They join him on the altar for the homily and then go to Classroom 1 for a craft.

There will be NO CCD Classes on:

Monday, November 19, 2018

Tuesday, November 20, 2018



BLESSED SACRAMENT YOUTH GROUP

ADVENT CANDLE AND GIFT SALE

November 24 & 25 After All Masses
All Gifts \$10 or Less



Youth Mass

Sunday, December 9

10:30 AM

Mr. Mertz's 8th Grade Class



BLESSED SACRAMENT YOUTH GROUP

Come and Feel Free



2018 Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 16, 2018—2:00 p.m.

All children in grades K—5 are invited to participate as an actor, narrator, or singer.

8th Grade Students are welcome to assist and earn Confirmation Service Hours.

There will be 2 rehearsals:

Sat., 12/8 & Sat. 12/15

10 a.m.—12 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



If interested, please contact the

Parish Office: 732-356-4405 prior to November 30th



\$15/Person for Active Members
\$25/Person for Guests
Fee Includes:
2 Laser Tag Games
Pizza and Cup Cakes
\$5 Credit for Arcade Games

Sunday, November 25
Mass at 12 Noon; De-
part from Parish Hall
at 1:15 PM

2 Permission Slips Re-
quired:

Blessed Sacrament
Branchburg Sports
Center

RSVP to Parish Office
by November 15

732-356-4405

Parish Organizations and Info

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The mission of the Society is to honor the Blessed Mother by proclaiming the Good News of Christ, her Son, in our members' lives and in relationships with others; to promote the praying of the Rosary; to encourage a spirit of friendship and cooperation among its members and to participate in parish activities.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12th—1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



The Blessed Sacrament Council of Catholic Women's mission is to respond with Christian values to the needs of women and their families. We are here to unite women of our Parish, to develop their spiritual growth and leadership potential and to encourage women to share their gifts from God with others in our Church and community. If you want to grow spiritually, while meeting and making new friends in a cordial, fun and very fulfilling way, join us at our monthly meetings. .

Activities/Meetings:

November 18, 10:30 a.m.—Unity Mass
November 27—Radio City trip
December 10—Christmas Social @ Luna Rossa

PRAYER LINE

Council of Catholic Women sponsors a "Prayer Line". If you would like to request prayers or join the "Prayer Line" to offer prayers for the particular intentions of other Parishioners, call Gloria at 908-722-4791 or Barbara at 908-647-5749.



Knights of Columbus Council #5959

Upcoming Activities & Meetings

Wednesday, Nov 28th Council Event 7:30pm
Short Council Meeting followed at 8:00 p.m. by our guest speaker, Brother Frank Devita, WWII Veteran
Open to all parishioners—Parish Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8th at 6:30 p.m.
Council Christmas Social in the Parish Hall
Council Members will receive an Evite invitation

Wednesday, Dec. 12th—Council Meeting Canceled

Please refer to Wind O' the Hills for the latest information



OUR LADY ROSARY MAKERS

Please join us as we make rosaries sent to missions around the world. It is fun, easy, inexpensive and very rewarding! We meet in the Conference Room on the second Tuesday of each month following the 9am Mass and Rosary. For more information, please call Theresa Carson at 732-424-8064.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 11—9:00 a.m.



A social group of widowed persons of the Catholic Faith dedicated to providing emotional support and opportunities for Social Activities.

The Circle of Friends holds monthly meetings on the **third Sunday of the month**, September thru June at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 15.

Our next meeting will be on November 18th - 1 p.m. Please note that there has been a change in the time of our mass - from 1:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

We are having a special mass for our deceased spouses in the church, followed by refreshments in the church hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Spiritual Book Club



Come join in exploring our Catholic Faith
2nd Monday of the Month
Next meeting: Dec. 10—9:45 a.m.—11 a.m.

We will be discussing: Rediscover the Rosary by Matthew Kelly

Books are available at Amazon and Dynamic Catholic.com.
No fees to join.

For info. Contact: Mary Brady: 732-356-3083 or Ketrin Maxwell: 732-356-1932.



VOCATIONS TRAVELING CHALICE PROGRAM

*The Vocation Seekers give special thanks to those who take the vocations traveling chalice home and pray for Vocations, particularly for seminarians in the Diocese of Metuchen. Please consider taking the chalice home to pray for vocations. Your prayers are truly being answered! We especially need volunteers for **November**. Please sign up in the foyer and pick up and return the Vocation Traveling Chalice to the foyer. **REMINDER - please remember to take the chalice on your selected date and return it by noon on Saturday**. Thanks!*

VOCATIONS PRAY-A-DAY CLUB

November

- 17 - Doris Conly, Carole Juth, Ketrin Maxwell, Ann Waeger
- 18 - Al LoGiudice, Bill & Laura Myers, Sharon Pitfield
- 19 - Laura & Michael Addison, Jack & Mary Lou Fieseler, Irma Huhn, Diana Malone, Connie Matteo, Joan Menza, Tom Plocinik
- 20 - Janet Moeller
- 21 - Audrey Aquino, Bill Maxwell, Ronald Petrany
- 22 - Ray Daniel, Ken & Sally Erickson, Mary Ann Favetta
- 23 - Robert Erwin, Rita Homiak, Fay Nonnemacher
- 24 - Jim Brogan, Virginia Panicuci

Our Parish Prayers

Parish Prayer Book of Intentions:

In our Parish Prayer Book, we pray for the sick, needy, struggling, suffering, etc. Every intention in our hearts! No intention is too big or too small for prayer! St. Paul reminds us:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7

MAKE YOUR CHILD’S FIRST SCHOOL EXPERIENCE A POSITIVE ONE!



The Vocationist Sisters cordially invite parents of prospective students to visit the Nursery School and meet the staff.

**ENROLLING ALL CHILDREN FROM
2 ½ - 5 YEARS OF AGE**

For more information or questions, please call Sister Perpetua at
732-667-5272 Fax: 732 667 5277
Email: littlefriendsnursery@gmail.com



SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

If you are not using your free turkey or ham from Shop Rite, please consider donating it to the church. We also welcome gift cards from Target, Walmart, and Shop Rite. Any questions, please contact the Religious Education office.

FLU SEASON IS HERE

With the onset of flu season, you may not be feeling 100%. Please know that it is totally appropriate to nod at the Sign of Peace, rather than shaking hands. We also would appreciate your refraining from taking the cup at communion. Receiving the host in your hand is appropriate and is full communion.

Hand sanitizer is also available on tables in the narthex and along the side wall of the church (where Eucharistic Ministers use hand sanitizer prior to distributing communion at Mass.) Please feel free to use these before or after Mass.

We appreciate your consideration of your fellow parishioners by following these guidelines.

Info and Needs



We are always in need of Eucharistic Ministers for patients at the Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Hospital Somerset - every day of the week - **for one hour** - between 9am & 4pm . If you can help us serve in this ministry, please contact:

Mike Zurat at michael.zurat@rwjbh.org

Please note, the hospital does require and provides a TB test, yearly free Flu shots, and a Photo ID.

We also need Eucharistic Ministers to visit the elderly and ill at their homes. To help with this ministry, please contact:

Peg Harmon at harmonp99@aol.com.

Pray for our Military ☆☆☆

O Lord, be present with all those who serve our country. Comfort their spirits with your divine presence. Keep them close to You and grant them strength, wisdom and grace.

Pfc Jim Donovan, Army
EM3 Nicholas D. Hogan, Navy
Lt Michael Marano, Army
Sr. Chief Rich Symington, Navy
Lt Douglas Stahl, Navy
CPT Matthew McCarthy, Army
SPC Alexander Meditz, Army
Pfc AJ Anderle, Army
MAJ Christopher Lund, Army
4 Star Admiral John C. Acqualino, Navy

Pfc Sean Pieper
Major Antonio Martinez
SSGT Kirk F. Smith
Pfc Ryan Sternberg, Army
CPT John Nastus, Army
CPT Robert Emmons
CPT Michael Lyness, Army
Col. Patrick Hsieh, Air Force
Reservist Adam Starzyk, Air Force

If you have a family member, relative, or friend in the military, especially overseas, or in a dangerous assignment, please let us know so we can request the prayers of our parish family. Simply furnish their name, rank and Branch of Service.

Our Knights of Columbus, Council #5959, regularly sends “SHOEBOX” packages to troops serving overseas when a current military address is provided. For more information, please call Al Beronio at 732-356-8687.



CHRISTMAS OPLATKI WAFERS

\$3 EACH

**AVAILABLE IN THE
PARISH OFFICE**

How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or know someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week).

For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: <https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse>.

CCW CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

You are invited to join the women of the parish for their Christmas Social: a great evening of food and fun

Monday, December 10, 2018
6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Luna Rossa Ristorante at the Courtyards
in Pluckemin

Make Check Payable to: CCW for \$40

Mail your check to:

Jean Mans
6 Jeffrey Lane
Bridgewater, NJ
08807



Deadline for registration: December 5, 2018



BAPTISM CLASSES

For All New Parents

1st Wednesdays of the month
December 5th: 6:00 p.m.

Class will be held in the Conference Room



Wednesday, November 28, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Frank Devita

Join us as Brother Frank Devita, a World War II veteran, recounts his story—Stepping Back in Time. A gripping story of the beach landing at Normandy on D-Day.

In a special ceremony on June 6, 2014, in memory of the 70th Anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, Frank was awarded the National Order of the Legion of Honor.

Frank has had numerous speaking engagements, both in the United States and France, and has been interviewed by Tom Brokaw on NBC's Today Show.

All parishioners are welcome to attend this special evening!



Knights Of Columbus Kids Clothing Drive

Please Bring New or Gently Used Coats,
Snow Pants, Mittens, Gloves, Scarves and Hats
for Needy Children

Collection Box in Narthex Through
November 25, 2018



ANNUAL JESSE TREE

Gift Giving Program for the
Needy

Benefitting These Local Charities:
Catholic Charities — Samaritan Homeless
Interim Program (SHIP) — People Care Home
Sharing — Great Expectations Home for Unwed
Mothers — Children of the Somerset County Jail
Detainees — Parish Needy Families

Starting Saturday, November 24th

- Pick a Tag from the Tree for the Charity of Your Choice (tags will state the charity)
- Purchase the Requested Item
- \$10-\$25 Gift Cards from Target, Walmart or Shop Rite Are Also Welcome—Collection Box in Back of Church
- Return UNWRAPPED Gift by NOON Sunday, December 9—Leave in Back of Church to the Left as You Enter

God Bless You for Your Generosity!



GAUDETE

A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Concert
Sunday December 16, 2018, 5 PM

A joyful and prayerful experience of
Scripture, the words of Pope Francis,
and Music of the Season

A free will offering will be taken up
to support the social outreach
ministries of Blessed Sacrament
Parish