

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday - December 15

**5:00 PM + Melo & Cirne Family
r/o Connie**

Sunday - December 16

7:30 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament

**9:00 AM + BettyJean Golmont
r/o Trish and Kevin Stagg**

**10:30 AM + Francis Fahey
r/o Tom and Eleanor Fahey**

**12:00 PM + Mildred Basile
r/o Trudy and John West**

Monday - December 17

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

**12:30 PM + Anthony & Victoria Natalizio
r/o Son - Anthony**

Tuesday - December 18

**9:00 AM + Kathleen (Ring) Allegra (B/D)
r/o Mother, Gail Ring & Famly**

**12:30 PM + Jane Romasz
r/o Eugenia Milito**

Wednesday - December 19

**9:00 AM + Marianne Feeley
r/o Mandato Family**

**12:30 PM + Adrienne Savage
r/o Marureen Vella**

Thursday - December 20

**9:00 AM + Song Lu - Memorial Mass
r/o Lu Family**

**12:30 PM + Lauren Richmond -
10th Anniversary
r/o Laurie, Dean and Dana
Richmond**

Friday - December 21

**9:00 AM + Cristo and Smith Families
r/o Family**

**12:30 PM + J. William Knox
r/o Eliza Lopes**

Saturday - December 22

**9:00 AM + Benny & Frank Di Iusto
r/o Anna Cifelli**

**5:00 PM + Louis Marsico
r/o Trudy and John West**

Sunday - December 23

7:30 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament
**9:00 AM + John, Nancy and Michael King
r/o Family**

**10:30 AM + Domenic Franzoso
r/o Daughtes Mary Klein and
Anne Frank**

**12:00 PM + Mildred Basile
r/o Trudy and John West**

From the Pastor's Desk

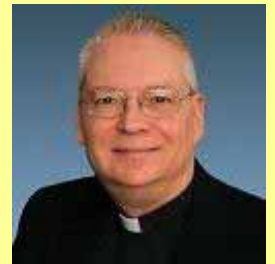
Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Americas, we are mindful of the role you play in the evangelization of souls who have fallen away from the Church. As Mother of Divine Grace and as Mother of the Church, you preside over all the activities of evangelization and the implantation of the gospel into the hearts of men and women. We ask you, Mary, to help us fulfill the mission of evangelization which your Son has given to his Church and which falls to us. Mindful of your role as Help of Christians, we entrust ourselves to you in the work of carrying the Gospel ever deeper into the hearts and minds of all who have fallen away from the faith. We commit our cause totally to your prayers and ask that it bear abundant fruit. Amen

Meeting Notice:

There will be an open meeting for all Parishioners on December 17th at 3 and 7 p.m. to gather input from the parish as to the needs in their new pastor.

God Bless
Father Rick



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



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered for
Lauren Richmond



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament:
David Palmisano, 25th Anniversary

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

Religious Education Classes will end on December 13, 2018 for winter recess.

Class resume on Thursday, January 3, 2019.

There are no classes on Monday, January 21, 2019



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



Second Grade

Sacrament of First Reconciliation
will be on

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



Eighth Grade

All Confirmation Paperwork is due
on Tuesday, January 8, 2019



EIGHTH GRADE RETREAT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH—6:00 P.M.

PARISH HALL

Mandatory For All 8th Graders

One Adult Must Accompany Each Child



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Is Your Child Grades
3 to 8?
Would he or she like
to serve?
Call Patty in the
religious Ed Office at
732-356-4405

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



BAPTISM CLASSES

For All New Parents

1st Wednesdays of the Month

January 13th—6:00 p.m.

February 10th—6:00 p.m.

Class will be held in the Conference room



SECOND GRADE RETREAT

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019
10 A.M.—12 NOON PARISH HALL**

CHILDREN ONLY

Permission Sheet Required for Each Child



2018 Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 16, 2018—2:00 p.m.

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

There will be 2 rehearsals:

Saturday, 12/8 & Sat. 12/15

10 a.m.—12 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Parents must drop off and register their child in the
Parish Hall and pick up their child in the Parish Hall.**

**If interested in Service Hours, please
contact the Parish Office:**

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, January 16th —1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



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, February 12th (there is no meeting in January)



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.

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 20th



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:

January 16—Membership Meeting Program: Valentine Craft
Event: 28th—SHIP Gallery Soup Kitchen

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.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Spiritual Book Club



Come join in exploring our Catholic Faith
2nd Monday of the Month

Next meeting: Jan. 14th— 9:30 a.m.—11 a.m.

We will be discussing: My Heart Will Triumph—apparition of the Virgin Mary in Medjugorje by Mirjana Soldo
Available at Amazon, myheartwilltriumph.com,

No fees to join.

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



Knights of Columbus Council #5959

Upcoming Activities & Meetings

**Sunday Dec 16th at 12 pm Parish Event
Santa Claus at Christmas Pageant**

Wednesday Dec 19th 8:00 PM Officers Meeting

**Sunday Dec 23rd Starting at 9:50 AM for
the 10 O'Clock Mass Escort VA Patients to Mass
Support our military at Lyons VA Building 143**

**We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and
Healthy New Year!**

**Our Thanks to all for your Support and Generosity to our
Charitable efforts!**

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



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 January. Please sign up in the foyer and pick up and return the Vocation Traveling Chalice to the foyer by noon on Saturday. Thanks!***

VOCATIONS PRAY-A-DAY CLUB

December

- 15 - Dan Hayes, Matt Moench, Ed Schmidt, Charlene Terraglia
- 16 - Christine Arcoleo, Gerry LoGiudice, Bob & Debbie Warren
- 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 Petraney
- 22 - Ray Daniel, Ken & Sally Erickson, Mary Ann Favetta

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

**they volunteer..... be-
cause your life depends on it!** MARTINSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD



THE MARTINSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN – AND WOMEN!

Want to help your friends and neighbors and gain knowledge to help manage your own healthcare? We provide all training, equipment, friendship and support at no charge. We need DRIVERS, EMTs and SUPPORT MEMBERS. Are you retired and still active? Come and talk to us. Please call our office at 732-469-1505 or email us at mrsquad@verizon.net. This might be the invitation you have been waiting for!

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH COUNCIL

Our Parish Council held its first meeting on November 19. The Parish Council members are Fr. Rick, Fr. Luke, Deacon Lou, Vincent Scafuto (President), Donna Huff (Recorder), Patty Marshall (Administrator), Ro Bersch, Michael Burns, Don Elias, Jamie Edwards, Karen Hess, Geraldine Hill, Teresa Rusmisl, and Michael Sabella. There will be a special blessing for the Parish Council on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at the 10:30 AM mass.

Email parishcouncil@blessedsacramentnj.org

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>.



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



LIGHTING HEARTS ON FIRE
DIOCESAN MARIAN CONSECRATION
PREPARATION YEAR

Bishop Checchio has announced his plan to consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2019. There will be a year-long preparation process launching December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Evening Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen at 7:30 p.m. All of the faithful are invited to attend.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and was also given the title, The Star of the New Evangelization, by St. John Paul II. The purpose of this consecration is to invoke her aid for our diocese so that we can be spiritually renewed and equipped to live out our call to evangelize more faithfully.

For more info: www.LightingHeartsonFire.com



CHRISTMAS OPLATKI WAFERS
\$3 EACH
AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Winter Bible Study: The BEATITUDES

This study unveils Jesus' plan for our happiness in the Beatitudes. This 9-week study, including Bible Readings, DVD, Presentations and Small Group Discussion, will show how the Beatitudes are much more than nice sayings. They are the path to happiness, charted by Christ himself, inspiring renewed resolve to live the Beatitudes in your everyday life.

Classes Meet:

Tuesdays—9:45 to 11:15 a.m. *** Starting January 22nd and concluding on March 26th — or —
 Wednesdays—7:00 to 8:30 p.m. *** Starting January 23rd and concluding on March 27th

Registration Fee: \$32 Early Registration—Before January 8th
 \$37 Late Registration—by January 15th (Registration closes January 15th)

To Register: Clip the form below. For Information: Contact Ro Bersch @ 908-470-0678

***** **Clip here and send with your check!** *****

NAME: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **CELL:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

CHOOSE ONE:

_____ **Tues. Morning 9:45 am to 11:30am**

OR

_____ **Wed. Evening 7pm to 8:45pm**

Make checks payable to: Blessed Sacrament Church

Mail to: Barbara Hoff, 2 Kings Ridge Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

