

Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday - December 22**

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

**Monday - December 24**

12:30 PM + Lauren Richmond  
r/o Laurie, Dean and Dana Richmond

5:00 PM + Bernadine Kritzberger  
r/o Steve, Eileen & Chris, Dan & Meg

+ Ellie Schifano  
r/o Frank - Husband

8:00 PM + Doris Geoffroy  
r/o Zita and Ed Heinz

10:00 PM - The People of Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday - December 25**

9:00 AM + Pat & Gus Vanderbeek  
r/o Lynn & Keith Vanderbeek

10:30 AM + Joseph Marinaccio, Birthday  
r/o Anne Marie Marinaccio

12:00 PM + Antonio Bianco  
r/o Wife

**Wednesday - December 26**

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

12:30 PM + For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
r/o A Parishioner

**Thursday - December 27**

9:00 AM + Frances Franzoso  
r/o The Charles Family

12:30 PM + John Lucido  
r/o Giuseppa Armetta, Sister

**Friday - December 28**

9:00 AM + Rolando Mendoza, 10th Anniversary  
r/o The Reyes Family

12:30 PM + Jack Lopes  
r/o Eliza Lopes

**Saturday - December 29**

9:00 AM + Joseph Amato  
r/o the Russo Family

5:00 PM + Filomena Farina  
r/o Zita Heinz

**Sunday - December 30**

7:30 AM + Eugene & Irene Golaszewski  
r/o Jean & Paul Golaszewski

9:00 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament

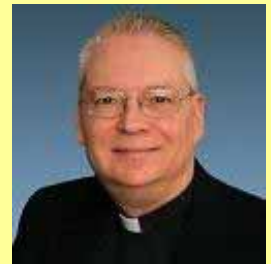
10:30 AM + Ruth Ann Schuller  
r/o The Noonan Family

12:00 PM + Louis Marsico  
r/o Trudy and John West

From the Pastor's Desk

Christmas is a time to bring the family together to celebrate the Birth of Jesus! And all of us have a "Big" family. It is the family of God that we belong to. Christ has made us sons and daughters of the Father in heaven. When we come to church it is never an "individual" event. We are coming together with other sons and daughters of the Father to give Praise, Adoration and Thanksgiving to the Father who loves and cares for each of us. I pray that this Christmas Season will be one filled with many blessings upon your families and friends! May Christ be born in hearts through our active Faith, Hope and Love.

Merry and Blessed Christmas to everyone!



*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](mailto:parishcouncil@blessedsacramentnj.org). We are pleased to welcome our new members!



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered for

*Joan Bruce*



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament:

*Michael Schambach*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

**Religious Education Classes will resume on**

**Thursday, January 3, 2019.**

**There are no classes on Monday, January 21, 2019**

### **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**



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.

### **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**



Sacrament of First Reconciliation  
will be on

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



Christmas is a time to bring family  
together to celebrate the Birth of  
Jesus. The children in our Religious  
Education Program (Grades K-5) put

on our own version of the "Birth of Jesus".  
We had over 50 children participate and 150  
guests watch in amazement. We had a spe-  
cial visit from Santa Claus who gave over 100  
presents to all the children. Thanks to the  
Knights of Columbus for sponsoring Santa.

Thank you to all who made this special after-  
noon possible. A special thanks to Santa  
Claus and our Hospitality Committee/Santa's  
Helpers for their time and dedication.

A special thank you to the Choir who put on a  
wonderful concert, a Festival of Lessons and  
Carols. We all enjoyed the Adult Choir, Chil-  
dren's Choir and Readings.

**What a special way to celebrate the  
Christmas Season!**



### **SECOND GRADE RETREAT**



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

**CHILDREN ONLY**

**Permission Sheet Required for Each Child**

### **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**

# 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—1:30 p.m. in Classroom 15.**

**Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!**



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

*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.*

**Wednesday, Jan. 9th—7:30 p.m.—Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, Jan. 16h—8 p.m.—9 p.m.—Officers Mtg.**

**Sunday, Jan. 20th—10 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Parish Hall Frank Commune Communion Breakfast.**

*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**

- 22 - Ray Daniel, Ken & Sally Erickson, Mary Ann Favetta
- 23 - Robert Erwin, Rita Homiak, Fay Nonnemacher
- 24 - Jim Brogan, Virginia Panicuci
- 25 - Leisa Begley, Sue Delaney, Tatiana Ho, Ella Loffelman, Diana Malone, Pete Sheridan
- 26 - Karen Hess, Joan & Lawrence Livornese
- 27 - Michael Addison, Sue Delaney, Mary Lou Elzer, the Freijomil Family
- 28 - Ro Bersch, Sue Delaney, Diana Malone, Mary Plicinik
- 29 - Anne & Stephen Frank

# 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](mailto:littlefriendsnursery@gmail.com)

## they volunteer.....

**because 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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>.





**FIRST FRIDAY**  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**ADORATION**  
**January 4th**  
**7-8 PM**



**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00 PM – CHURCH  
 5:00 PM – PARISH HALL  
 8:00 PM—CHURCH  
 10:00 PM—CHURCH  
 (NO 9AM MASS CHRISTMAS EVE)

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:00 AM—CHURCH  
 10:30 AM —CHURCH  
 12 :00 PM—CHURCH



**ST. PEREGRINE MASS**  
**First Saturday of the Month**  
**January 5th**  
**12 NOON**

**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**

