

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday - December 29

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

Monday - December 31

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

12:30 PM + John, Nancy and Michael King
r/o Family

Tuesday - January 1

9:00 AM - Blessed Mother - Solemnity

12:30 PM + Mildred Basilie
r/o Trudy and John West

Wednesday - January 2

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

12:30 PM - Msgr. Eugene Prus - Health and
Blessings
r/o AL and Gerry LoGiudice

Thursday - January 3

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

12:30 PM + Carmela Spagnola - Birthday
r/o The Marshall Family

Friday - January 4

9:00 AM + Francesco Amitrano
r/o The Russo Family

12:30 PM + Father Raphael Kyaw San
r/o Parishoner

Saturday - January 5

9:00 AM + Carmela Spagnola - Anniversary
r/o Daughter Lucy

12:00 PM - For All the Sick

5:00 PM - People of Blessed Sacrament

Sunday - January 6

7:30 AM + Vitorino Cirne
r/o The Warren Family

9:00 AM - Deacon Lou Pizzigoni & Family,
Health and Blessings
r/o The Rosary Altar Society

10:30 AM + Renee Edwards
r/o The Yessman Family

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

From the Pastor's Desk

As we begin this New Year let us pray for a new heart.
The Holy Father reminds us:

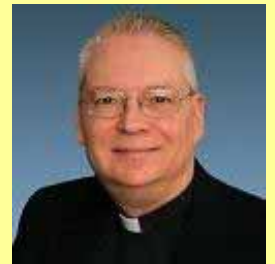
"The heart, when it is hardened, is not free and if it is not free it is because it does not love: that is how the Apostle John's First Letter concluded. Perfect love chases away fear. In love there is no fear because fear presumes a punishment, and he who fears is not perfect in love. He is not free," the Pope said that the only one who can "teach love and free mankind from this hardened heart is the Holy Spirit."

You can do thousands of courses of catechesis, thousands of spiritual courses, thousands of yoga courses, zen, and all those things. But all of that will never be capable of giving you the freedom of a son," he said.

"It is only the Holy Spirit that can move your heart to say 'Father'."

Let us pray that the whole world may find a new heart of love in the Holy Spirit as we begin a New Year.

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
Francisco Mastrocola



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament:

John, Nancy and Michael King

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



Second Grade

Sacrament of First Reconciliation
will be on

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



SECOND GRADE RETREAT

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

CHILDREN ONLY

Permission Sheet Required for Each Child

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

Parish Council

There will be a Parish Council Board Meeting:
Monday, January 21st
7:00 p.m.
at the Rectory



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

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

Join us on Sunday, January 27, 2019 as Father Rick celebrates the 12:00 p.m. Mass. Father Luke Blicharski and Msgr. Eugene Prus will concelebrate assisted by Deacon Lou Pizzigoni.

As we all know Father Rick will be leaving Blessed Sacrament and will be the new Pastor at St. John Neumann in Califon.

Join us for a going away party:

Sunday, January 27, 2019

1:00 p.m.

In the Parish Hall

Details to Follow

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 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.—Bingo Game—bring a gift!

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:

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.



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.—Classroom 15

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—January

- 29 - Anne & Stephen Frank
- 30 - Mary Ann Fritz, Andrew Piech
- 31 - Gay Eisenhardt
- 01 - Michele Cirne, Diana Hayes, Cheryl Machusky, Kathy & Steve Sisolak
- 02 - Open
- 03 - Edna Battaglia, Al & Pat Beronio, Connie Cirne, George Humphrey, Frank Schifano
- 04 - Liz Schambach
- 05 - Barbara Hoff, Diana Malone, Tim Yessman

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.....

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. 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>.



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



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



NEW YEAR PRAYER:
*Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen*

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

