

# Epiphany – January 6, 2019

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday - January 5

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

### Monday - January 7

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

12:30 PM + Clifford Swisher  
r/o Carol Bittman

### Tuesday - January 8

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

12:30 PM + The Holy Souls in Purgatory  
r/o Tatiana Ho

### Wednesday - January 9

9:00 AM + Vitorino Cirne  
r/o Council of Catholic Women

12:30 PM + Marianna & Pietro Evola  
r/o Giuseppa Armetta

### Thursday - January 10

9:00 AM + Joseph Amato  
r/o The Cilluffo Family

12:30 PM + William Smith - Birthday  
r/o Wife and Family

### Friday - January 11

9:00 AM - Vernon Smith, Birthday, Health and  
Blessings  
r/o Wife Michele

12:30 PM + Carmella Sobka - Birthday  
r/o Daughter Patty

### Saturday - January 12

9:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Fioindo Mastrocola  
r/o Daughter

5:00 PM + John, Nancy and Michael King  
r/o Family

### Sunday - January 13

7:30 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament

9:00 AM + Joseph Donegan  
r/o Doris and Tom Conly

10:30 AM - The O'Hara Family - Health and  
Blessings  
r/o The Yessman Family

12:00 PM + Antonio Bianco  
r/o Wife Caterina

## From the Pastor's Desk

Father Luke and I would like to thank all who gave us Christmas gifts! Your thoughtfulness and generosity are truly appreciated.

We would also like to recognize our choir, who rehearsed numerous hours to be ready for the Christmas season. Their voices added so much to our Christmas masses and helped us to celebrate Christ's birth.

I would also like to thank our ushers. Christmas masses are always well attended. They did a fabulous job making sure that all the people who joined us for Christmas masses were quickly seated and that the communion lines went smoothly.

Thank you to all who helped us not only during the Christmas season, but throughout the past year, to make Blessed Sacrament a welcoming parish for all our parishioners, as well as for visitors who come for mass or other events.

May your 2019 be filled with peace and joy!

*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  
*Bobby Ferro - Health and Blessings*



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the  
Blessed Sacrament:

*Michael Schambach*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

### Religious Education Classes

There are no classes on Monday, January 21, 2019

### 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

### 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 Council

There will be a Parish Council Board Meeting:

Monday, January 21st

7:00 p.m. at the Rectory

### 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.



### SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

Join us on Sunday, January 27, 2019 as Father Rick celebrates his final mass as Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish at 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.

Please join us in wishing Father Rick well!

Join us for a going away party:

Sunday, January 27, 2019

1:00 p.m.

In the Parish Hall

Tickets will be on sale beginning January 12th and 19th after all masses



# 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.**

**Tickets are \$10/Adults; \$5/Age 6-12; under 6 free. Tickets on sale beginning January 5th after all masses and at Sal's Talk of the Town Barber Shop in Martinsville.**

**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

January

- 05 - Barbara Hoff, Diana Malone, Tim Yessman
- 06 - Tom Battaglia
- 07 - Michael Begley, Arlene Blasiak, Brian & Kathy Jepsen
- 08 - Cheryl Colline
- 09 - Laura Addison, Diana Malone, Frances Slahta
- 10 - Fred & Kathy Ciociola, Harley Juth, Debbie Mouridy
- 11 - Lori Csik, Mary Grab, Eric Koppi, Eugene Vereb, Mary Ellen Yen, Patricia Redmond
- 12 - Ginny Brogan, Tom Conly, Pat Manfredi

# 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)

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**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 13, 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>.



**51st PGK Francis Commune  
Annual Communion Breakfast**

**Sunday, January 20, 2019  
After 9 AM Mass**

All parishioners are welcome to join us once again to attend the 52nd annual communion breakfast on January 20, 2019, immediately following a 9 a.m. Unity Mass in the Parish Hall.

This year's guest speaker will be Rev Fr. Timothy Christy, Vicar General of the Diocese of Metuchen. Please join to attend this wonderful annual event with your family and friends.

Tickets remain the same price —\$10/person; \$5/age 6-12; under 6 free.  
It is a traditional American breakfast that you will certainly enjoy.

Tickets on sale starting January 5th after all masses and at Sal's Talk of the Town Barber Shop in Martinsville.



**SECOND FRIDAY  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
January 11, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

**Help Our Volunteers!**

**Every week volunteers count the collections from the weekend masses. Help them by:**

**Using Your Envelopes — Don't Cover The Envelope Bar Code — Don't Fold Your Check — Write Amount on Your Envelope—Be sure the dollar amount is legible**

**Loose Checks Are Always Welcome — Make Sure They Include Your Name and Address for Contribution Tracking for Tax Purposes! Thank You!**

**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

**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**

