

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 17, 2019

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday - February 16

**5:00 PM + Raymond Meisenbacher  
r/o Rich and Ann Meisenbacher**

#### Sunday - February 17

**7:30 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament**

**9:00 AM + George Macor  
r/o Betty Jean Di Iorio**

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

**12:00 PM + Linda Young  
r/o The Noonan Family**

#### Monday - February 18

**9:00 AM + Denise Frisoli  
r/o Thomas and Rosanne Furino**

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

#### Tuesday - February 19

**9:00 AM + Patty DuBois  
r/o The Noonan Family**

**12:30 PM + Michael Schambach  
r/o Michael Burns**

#### Wednesday - February 20

**9:00 AM + Alexander McCann  
r/o The Maxwell Family**

**12:30 PM - Margaret Massopust - Birthday  
r/o Patty, Catherine and Mchele**

#### Thursday - February 21

**9:00 AM + Alfonsa Mendoza  
r/o The Reyes Family**

**12:30 PM + Lina Micele  
r/o Anne Marie Marinacchio**

#### Friday - February 22

**9:00 AM + John M. Ogonowski  
r/o Jean Mans**

**12:30 PM + Denise Frisoli  
r/o Fred and Kathleen Ciociola**

#### Saturday - February 23

**9:00 AM + Kristen Ann Ray  
r/o Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tam and Family**

**5:00 PM + Pat & Gus Vanderbeek  
r/o Lynn & Keith Vanderbeek**

#### Sunday - February 24

**7:30 AM + Bernard Warren  
r/o Knights of Columbus 5959**

**9:00 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament**

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

**12:00 PM + John Lucido  
r/o Giuseppa Armetta**

### From the Pastor's Desk

Last week we and all the people of the Diocese received a plea from Bishop Checchio to support this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal. Our Bishop has placed our Diocese under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe as we begin a year of spiritual renewal and evangelization. We especially need to work hard to bring back the many Catholics who have left us.

The Bishop's Appeal supports the many Diocesan Offices which in turn support the work of our Parish. It provides our Parishes with services we cannot provide ourselves, for example, the recruiting of Candidates for the Priesthood and training of our Seminarians, the Diocesan Tribunal to assist broken marriages, and to provide Hospital and Prison Chaplains, just to name a few. So much of what we do at Blessed Sacrament is supported by a Diocesan Office. And so I ask you to be as generous as your means allow in this year's Appeal which will run through the Lenten Season.

For some reason, Blessed Sacrament's response to the Bishop's Appeal last year was the poorest response in the entire Diocese. I do not know what happened but I do know we can do a lot better than that. For years we always made our goal and I know we can do it this year. This is a great Parish and I am confident that we will meet our goal this year.

Msgr. Prus



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered for

*Tim Yessman  
For Health and Blessings*



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament

*Father Rick Rusk - Best Wishes*

# Religious Education Updates

## Elevator Update!

The finishing touches are being put on our new elevator and work will be completed very soon. I'm sure that everyone, especially our people with disabilities, will be very pleased with the results.

I thank everyone for your patience with this project. Putting in an elevator was a far more difficult task than we had imagined but the work is finished and I know everyone will be happy.

We are planning to invite Father Rick to come back for the Blessing of the elevator soon. We will let you know as soon as a date is selected.

Your generosity in our Capital Campaign made the elevator possible!  
Msgr. Prus



**There will be NO Religious Ed classes Monday, February 18th in observance of President's Day!**



## Catechists Needed

**Catechists, Teacher's Aides and Hall Monitors needed!**

If you are interested in joining our Faith Filled Religious Education Team please contact the Parish Office or stop by the office.

You must be 18 years of age.

Fingerprinting and Virtus Training is required.

New Catechist Training is provided.



## YOUTH GROUP

### Souper Bowl Sunday

\$1513.70 was raised which will be distributed to: SHIP, FISH, and Blessed Sacrament's Social Outreach Program. Thank you to Peg Harmon and our Youth Group members who volunteered their time last weekend during the collection and to our generous Parishioners!

### Saturday and Sunday, March 2nd and March 3rd

Peanut Butter and Jelly Collection

### Sunday, March 10th—Pizza and Movie Afternoon

Movie to be Determined

## Parish Office Hours

**Sunday 8 AM—1 PM**  
**Monday 9 AM—6 PM**  
**Tuesday 9 AM—9 PM**  
**Wednesday 9 AM—2 PM**  
**Thursday 9 AM—6 PM**  
**Closed Friday and Saturday**



## BAPTISM CLASSES

*For All New Parents*

*1st Wednesdays of the Month*

*April 3rd—6:00 p.m.*

*May 1st—6:00 p.m.*

*Classes will be held in the Conference Rm.*



## SECOND GRADE RETREAT

Saturday, February 23, 2019

10 am—12 noon—Parish Hall

**CHILDREN ONLY**

Permission Sheet Required for Each Child



## Religious Education

for school year 2019-2020

Registration and Re-Registration for 2019-2020 begins on Monday, February 4, 2019

Forms will go home with all children currently in the program.

### Classes are offered on:

**Mondays: (Grades K-6) 4:15 pm—5:30 pm**

**Tuesdays: (Grades K-6) 4:15 pm—5:30 pm**

**Tuesday Evenings: (Grades 6, 7, 8) 7:30 pm—8:45 pm**

**Thursdays: (Grades 1-6) 4:45 pm—6:00 pm**

**We offer a special needs class on Thursday afternoons. Call the Parish Office for details.**

All new registrations for students entering Kindergarten and 1st Grade will need to be done in the Religious Education Office. Parents please bring in your child's Baptism Certificate if your child was not Baptized here at Blessed Sacrament.

Catechists and Teacher's Aides are always needed! Call the Parish Office: 732-356-4405 for details.

**Register before July 1st to avoid a late fee.**

# 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—March 12th—Zumba**

**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:

**February 26th—SHIP Gallery Soup Kitchen**

**March 13th—7 pm—Membership Meeting: History of Blessed Sacrament by Msgr. Gene Prus**

**April 6 & 7, 13 & 14—Palm Cross Sale at all masses**

**April 10th—7 pm—"Mary " presented by the "Mustard Seeds" formerly the "Raomin Catholics" - Open to the Public**

**April 12th—7:30 p.m.—Mary's Way of the Cross**

### 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, Feb. 20th—8:00 pm—Officer's Meeting**

**Wednesday, Feb. 27th—7:30 pm—Council Meeting**

**Sunday, March 17th—9:00 am—Council Unity Mass**

**Sunday, March 17th—10 am—12:30 pm—Parish Hall**

**52nd Annual Frank Commune Communion Breakfast.**

**This year's guest speaker will be Rev. Fr. Timothy Christy, Vicar General of Metuchen Diocese.**

**Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 age 6-12, under 6 Free**

**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: March 12th**



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, February 17th —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: March 11th — 9:45 a.m.—11 a.m.**

We will be discussing: Mother Teresa a Simple Path  
by Lueinda Vardey

Book is available through: Amazon.com and  
penguinrandomhouse.com (for ebook & audible)

**No fees to join**

For info. Contact:

Mary Brady: 732-356-3083/mtb.tmb60@gmail.com or

Ketrin Maxwell: 732-356-1932/ksaud@optonline.net

## **VOCATIONS TRAVELING CHALICE PROGRAM**



*The Vocation Seekers give special thanks to those who carry 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 March. 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

February

- 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 Petray
- 22 - Ray Daniel, Ken & Sally Erickson, Mary Ann Favetta
- 23 - Robert Erwin, Rita Homiak, Fay Nonnemacher

# Our Parish Prayers, Info and Needs

## 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."*



## **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)

## 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  
fc Ryan Sternberg, Army  
CPT John Nastus, Army  
CPT Robert Emmons  
SPC Alexander Meditz, Army  
Pfc AJ Anderle, Army  
MAJ Christopher Lund, Army

Pfc Sean Pieper  
Major Antonio Martinez  
Sr. Chief Rich Symington, Navy  
Lt Douglas Stahl, Navy  
CPT Matthew McCarthy, Army  
Reservist Adam Starzyk, Air Force  
CPT Michael Lyness, Army  
Col. Patrick Hsieh, Air Force  
Specialist Nicholas James Bradley, Army

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.*



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).**

## 2018 Charitable Contribution Statements

2018 Charitable Contribution Statements will be available to all registered parishioners beginning February 1st.

Please contact the Parish Office: 732-356-4405 or email: [msmith@blessedsacramentnj.org](mailto:msmith@blessedsacramentnj.org) to receive a copy of your statement. Email is the quickest and easiest way to request and receive your statement. However, if you prefer to call the office we will forward your statement via US Mail or you can pick up a copy at the Parish Office.

If your records do not agree with the parish records, please call the Parish Office and we will work with you to resolve the discrepancy.

## 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.

## 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>.

## SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAM



Just a gentle reminder: If you are interested in making meals for our Parish Families in need, please contact the Religious Education Office.

Meals are distributed on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Your generosity and kindness are appreciated!

# Parish Info



## NEW DATE!!

### 52nd PGK Francis Commune Annual Communion Breakfast

*Sunday, March 17, 2019  
After 9 AM Mass*

All parishioners are welcome to join us to attend the Communion Breakfast in the Parish Hall immediately following a 9 a.m. Unity Mass in the Church.

This year's guest speaker will be Rev. Fr. Timothy Christy, Vicar General of Metuchen Diocese.

If you have already purchased tickets they will be honored on March 17th.

Additional tickets may be purchased the weekend of March 9th—10th and March 16th after all masses and at the door.



## SHENANDOAH VALLEY, VA

The Circle of Friends' next motor coach trip will be Mon., June 10—Fri., June 14, 2019. It includes 4 overnight accommodations; 4 breakfasts, 1 dinner, 1 dinner with "Patsy Cline" entertainment, 1 dinner with historical songs and stories; Luray Cavern, Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park, Harper's Ferry, homes of James Madison, James Monroe, Woodrow Wilson and Monticello—home of Thomas Jefferson.

Meal, driver, gratuities and travel protection plan included. \$906 per person/double occupancy

Early reservation is recommended and necessary to hold your space.

For additional information and reservations contact:

Irma Huhn: 908-722-3565

\*\*\*EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US\*\*\*



## SAVE THE DATES!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019**



### Youth Group Annual Fish Fry

Tickets will be available the weekends of February 23rd –24th and March 2nd—3rd.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019**

### Boy Scouts Chili Dinner

Tickets will be available the weekend of March 16th-17th



## VOCATIONIST SISTERS 9TH ANNUAL

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

(Snow date: Saturday, March 23, 2019)

**Location: Little Friends of Jesus Nursery School**

1881 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville, NJ  
(across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

**Entertainment for the children and a large tricky tray with many great prizes!**

This event will continue to serve the students of the nursery school by purchasing school supplies and to refurbish all the classrooms.

**Tickets can be purchased at the Church after masses on February 16th-17th and February 23rd-24th or by calling: 732-667-5272**

**Adults: \$10 Children Under 5—\$5**

