

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 24, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday - February 23

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

Monday - February 25

9:00 AM + Margaret Morgan
r/o The Moeller Family

12:30 PM + Larry Tobia, 4 Year Anniversary
r/o Family

Tuesday - February 26

9:00 AM + Harold Sheehan
r/o Pauline Sheehan

12:30 PM + Denise Frisoli
r/o Aulisio and Giacchi

Wednesday - February 27

9:00 AM + Josephine Mrozek
r/o His Daughter

12:30 PM - Devin Donnelly Papp
r/o The Yessman Family

Thursday - February 28

9:00 AM + Michael Schambach
r/o Dick & Mary Lou Elzer

12:30 PM + Louis J. Marsico
r/o Tim, Laura and Cameron Mertz

Friday - March 1

9:00 AM + Diane Boles
r/o Joanne & John Galasso

12:30 PM + Michael Robert Colaneri, Sr.
r/o The Zalamea Family

Saturday - March 2

9:00 AM + Michael Primiano
r/o Joan - Wife

12:00 PM - For All the Sick

5:00 PM + Francis Fahey
r/o Tom and Eleanor Fahey

Sunday - March 3

7:30 AM - Julia Lu - Birthday
r/o Lu Family

9:00 AM + Margaret Bersch
r/o Ro Bersch

10:30 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament
12:00 PM + Phyllis Marella
r/o Tim, Laura & Cameron Mertz

From the Pastor's Desk

For the past few years all major religious groups including the Catholic Church are drawing fewer and fewer people. A great many people are leaving organized religious groups. Census forms include a section on religious affiliation. Major denominations are listed ending with a box labeled "none". Right now the "nones" are the fastest growing group in the Country. This should be alarming to all of us.

This is why Bishop Checchio has placed our Diocese under the care to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas. In the ten years following her apparition in Guadalupe, Mexico, millions of people became Catholics. This is why at every Mass we pray to her and ask her help in the evangelization efforts of our Diocese.

We all have a role to play in the evangelization efforts of our Church. The "Nones" haven't gone anywhere; they haven't disappeared. They're members of our families. They're our friends, relatives, and neighbors. The Church is asking all of us to reach out to these people who used to be with us with a gentle invitation to come home again. We ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to help us in our efforts of evangelization.



God Bless,

Msr. Prus



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul
of
James Checchio
Father of Bishop James F. Checchio



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



Youth Mass
Sunday, March 10
10:30 AM
Mr. Piech's 7th
Grade Class

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



Our Lady of Gaudalupe Coming Events!

Mark Your Calendars

March 29th-7 pm: Night of Awakening Will be held in the Church

April 10th-7 pm:
Musical Presentation About Mary
Parish Hall

April 28th-1 pm: Family movie event:
The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Parish Hall

BAPTISM CLASSES

For All New Parents



1st Wednesdays of the Month
March 6th—6:00 pm
April 3rd—6:00 pm

Classes will be held in the Conference Room

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!



Is your child grade 3—8? Would he or she like to serve? If so, give Patty Marshall a call in the Religious Ed office: 732-356-4405



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.



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.



YOUTH GROUP

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 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

Wed Feb 27th Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Sunday March 3rd BLOOD DRIVE 8 AM - 1 PM

Donation appointments can be easily scheduled by using the free [Blood Donor App](#), visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](#) ENTER KOC 5959

or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Sunday Mar. 17th 9:00 am K of C Unity Mass

Sunday Mar 17th 10 am - 12:30 pm Parish Hall

52nd annual PGK Frank Comune 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.

Sat - Sun March 23/24 K of C Bake Sale

Bake and/or buy. We hope to see you



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, March 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 care 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 -March

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

01 - Michele Cirne, Diana Hayes, Cheryl Machusky, Kathy &

Steve Sisolak

02 - Open

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

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 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.

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.



BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 3, 2019 8 a.m.—1 p.m.
Parish Hall

Blood is always in short supply! Your time and generosity in donating blood is greatly appreciated by those in area hospitals. Once again the Knights of Columbus are teaming with the Red Cross in conducting a Red Cross Blood Drive. If you meet the following requirements please consider giving!

Donors Must Be in Good General Health and Feeling Well
Must be 17 Years Old (or 16 with Parental Consent)
Must Weigh at least 110 Pounds
Please sign up in advance!

Go to: redcrossblood.org and enter "KoC 5959"

The Council of Catholic Women will be preparing fresh baked goods for the Drive for all those who donate blood.

Thank you for working with us to help ensure an adequate blood supply for our local hospitals!

For further information contact:
Joe Beutsch—908-722-2132



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>.

Parish Info



52nd PGK Francis Commune Annual Communion Breakfast

**Sunday, March 17, 2019
After 9 AM Unity Mass
Parish Hall**

All parishioners are welcome to attend!
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.

Adults: \$10
Ages 6-12: \$5
Under 6: Free



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



FIRST FRIDAY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

March 1st—7-8 PM



ST. PEREGRINE MASS

March 2nd—Noon

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*****



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