

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time—March 3, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday - March 2

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

Monday - March 4

9:00 AM + John M. Ogonowski
r/o Christopher and Jennifer Mans

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

Tuesday - March 5

9:00 AM + Al Cameron
r/o Jack & Linda Conaty

12:30 PM + Cristo and Smith Families
r/o Family

Wednesday - March 6

9:00 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament

12:30 PM + Louis Marsico
r/o Trudy and John West

7:30 PM + John, Nancy and Michael King
r/o Family

Thursday - March 7

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

12:30 PM + Joseph Gries
r/o Patty Marshall

Friday - March 8

9:00 AM + Paterno Evangelista
r/o Cedy Wisiak and family

12:30 PM + Michael Schambach
r/o The 'Gourmet Group'

Saturday - March 9

9:00 AM - Bob Jackson for health and wellness
r/o Jack & Linda Conaty

5:00 PM + Susanna Langone, Birthday
r/o Susan and Richard Brooks

Sunday - March 10

7:30 AM + George Snider
r/o Jack Conaty

9:00 AM + Antonino Armetta
r/o Giuseppa Armetta

10:30 AM + Antonio Bianco
r/o Wife Caterina

12:00 PM - People of Blessed Sacrament

From the Pastor's Desk

On Wednesday we begin the penitential season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00 and 12:30 Masses, at 4:30 PM in the afternoon, and again during the 7:30 PM Mass in the evening. The age-old custom of marking our foreheads with ashes reminds us of the brevity of life and the need to renew our spiritual lives. The three great Lenten practices are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. A great Lenten practice is to attend Mass on weekdays. We celebrate Mass at 9:00 and 12:30 Monday through Friday. We especially invite our Seniors to these daily Masses. The Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament are celebrated every Friday evening. We'd love to have you join us.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence and the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The obligation of fast applies to all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 and means that we should have only one full meal a day. Abstinence applies to all Catholics over the age of 14. It means WE MAY NO EAT MEAT ON THE FRIDAYS OF LENT.

Almsgiving asks us to share with those less fortunate. The Bishop's Appeal runs during the Lenten season. It affords us an excellent way to share with others.

It is my prayer that this Lent will be a time of spiritual renewal and growth for all of us.

God Bless,

Msg. Prus



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered for

Father Rick Rusk - Best wishes



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament

Alexa Lawrence

Religious Education Updates



2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Help Build a Civilization of Love

Twenty-four percent — \$1.7 million dollars — of the funds raised by the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend of March 16/17, which has been designated as ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend***. Help us reach our target of 100% participation, Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.



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



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

Night of Awakening

Representatives from the Diocese will present "a night of spiritual awakening" here at Blessed Sacrament.

The evening will include prayer, reflection, music and preaching on the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, relating to our current needs in our culture and time.

Bishop Checchio hopes to set our hearts on fire by consecrating our Diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe, asking her guidance to a deep, vibrant love relationship with her son.

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 29 at 7 PM. Confession will be available (there will be no Stations of the Cross).

Make this one of your Lenten devotions.

Traveling Our Lady of Guadalupe

Starting March 3, a devotional kit honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe will be available for sign out in the narthex.



YOUTH GROUP

Saturday and Sunday, March 2nd and March 3rd

Peanut Butter and Jelly Collection

Sunday, March 3rd —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:

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 "Roamin 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

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).

Wed March 13th Council Meeting 7:30 pm

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 23/4 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

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



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 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

March

- 02 - Open
- 03 - Edna Battaglia, Al & Pat Beronio, Connie Cirne, George Humphrey, Frank Schifano
- 04 - Liz Schambach
- 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

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 week-end 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



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

*The
Season
of
Lent*



LENTEN REGULATIONS 2018

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are Days of Fast and Abstinence: Limit 1 Full Meal For Catholics between 18 and 59, inclusive.

All Fridays in Lent are Days of Abstinence: For All Catholics who have reached their 14th year.

Easter Duty Obligation: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled in the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season

**Ash Wednesday—March 6th
Every Friday During Lent
Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour
Palm Sunday—April 14th
Holy Thursday—April 18th
Good Friday—April 19th
Easter Vigil—April 20th
Easter Sunday—April 21**

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

