

2nd Sunday of Lent—March 17, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday - March 16

**5:00 PM + People of Blessed Sacrament
Sunday - March 17**

**7:30 AM + Joseph Gries
r/o The Mertz Family**

**9:00 AM + David Petro
r/o The Ghanaim Family**

**10:30 AM + Linda Young
r/o The Aulisio Family**

**12:00 PM + Mildred Basile
r/o Gloria Basile**

Monday - March 18

**9:00 AM + Bernard R. Warren
r/o Robert and Debra Warren**

**12:30 PM + Pietro & Rosalia DiMaggio
r/o Vincenzo & Maria Armetta**

Tuesday - March 19

**9:00 AM + Ron and Loretta Brandmayr
r/o Amy Nocera**

**12:30 PM + Mom and Pop Schifano
r/o Sons - Joe and Frank**

Wednesday - March 20

**9:00 AM + Bernard Warren
r/o Al and Gerry LoGiudice**

**12:30 PM + Michael Schambach
r/o The Yessman Family**

Thursday - March 21

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

**12:30 PM + Vincenza Letizia Hamrah
r/o The Noonan Family**

Friday - March 22

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

**12:30 PM + Pat Vanderbeek
r/o Lynn & Keith Vanderbeek**

Saturday - March 23

**9:00 AM + Pat Vanderbeek
r/o The Massari Family**

**5:00 PM + Judy Gill
r/o Karen Kalman**

Sunday - March 24

**7:30 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament
9:00 AM + John Lucido
r/o Giuseppa Armetta**

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

**12:00 PM + Renee Edwards
r/o The Yessman Family**

From the Pastor's Desk

We will welcome Spring again on Wednesday. While it wasn't a really bad winter I think we have all had enough of it anyway. Our heating unit in the Church has broken down several times in recent weeks so I signed a maintenance contract with the company which installed the heating and air conditioning units in the Church. Regular maintenance will help a great deal to eliminate future breakdowns. If you were with us on Ash Wednesday, when the last breakdown occurred, I'm sure you will appreciate the need.

We are pleased to welcome Father Timothy Cristy to our Parish today. He will be the guest speaker at the Communion Breakfast sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. Father Cristy is the Vicar General of our Diocese. A Vicar General is something like the Vice President. Whenever our Bishop is away, the Vicar General is in charge. I have known Father Cristy many years and I am very happy that he could accept this invitation to be with us. Please welcome him warmly.

Our elevator will be operating very shortly. We had to install an alarm system in the event that someone would get stuck in it. I thank you for your patience. The project turned out to be far more complicated than anyone expected.

God Bless,

Msg. Prus



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of



Thomas Conly

Parishioner



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered for

John Paul Burns, Sr.



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament

Robert Silva

Religious Education Updates



2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Help Build a Civilization of Love

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating the Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.



BAPTISM CLASSES For All New Parents

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

Classes will be held in the Conference Room



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date:
June 24th—28th

A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments
"Jesus in My Heart"

Registration for participants and volunteers will be sent home the week of April 1st.

The goals of this week-long program are to help the children better understand the Seven Sacraments and deepen their love for Jesus.

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 Guadalupe

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.



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

Parish Organizations and Info

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Upcoming Events:

March 20th—1:00 p.m.: Zumba, Fill Baby Bottles for Pregnancy Aid Center

April 17th—12:30 p.m.: Rosarian Mass for their departed members and for the priests that have supported them over the past 65 years. A reception will follow.

April 27th—28th: Altar Rosary Bake Sale

May 15th: Retreat afternoon with Sr. Mary Jo Kearns

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:

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

April 10th—7 pm—Mtg.—"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.



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: April 9th



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

Next meeting: April 8th — 9:50 a.m.—11 a.m.

We will be discussing: *Unearthing Your Talents*
A Thomistic Guide to Spiritual Growth by Kevin Vost
All are Welcome! No fees to join

April 8th Book Club will be select 6 books for the upcoming season.

For info. Contact:

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

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



Knights of Columbus Council #5959

Upcoming Activities & Meetings

Happy St. Patrick's Day to All!

**Our Thank You to all who donated blood or assisted in making the Blood Drive a success.
Donating Blood Saves Lives!!!**

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!**



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 April. 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

- 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 Petrany
- 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

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.

St. Joseph Adoption Novena

March 10-18

Praying For All Who Travel Upon the Path of Adoption



usccb.org/adoption-novena

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Leading up to the solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19th, join us in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray that the Lord blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption.

Visit usccb.org/adoption-novena for the novena which begins Sunday, March 10th.

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 Franciscan 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



Our Lady of Guadalupe 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



Musical Presentation about Mary

Performed by the Mustard Seeds, formerly known as the Roamin Catholics

Wednesday, April 10th—7:00 p.m.—Parish Hall

This inspiring program is open to all parishioners and friends.



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
Palm Sunday—April 14th
Holy Thursday—April 18th
Good Friday—April 19th
Easter Vigil—April 20th
Easter Sunday—April 21



CCW PALM CROSS SALE

After all Masses
April 6th-7th and April 13th-14th
\$10



ELLIE SCHIFANO SERVICE AWARD

Sponsored by the CCW in memory of Ellie Schifano to graduating seniors who are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Applicants are judged on their service to Blessed Sacrament and/or the community. Applications may be found on the Parish website or on the counter in the Narthex.

Deadline for applications is May 1st



LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Daily Mass: 9 am and 12:30 pm
Stations of the Cross: Friday at 7 pm—8 pm
Night of Awakening: March 29th, 7 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Devotional Kit
(available for sign out in the Narthex)



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

Troop 46

19th ANNUAL CHILI DINNER
Sunday, March 24th—3 pm—7 pm
Parish Hall

Adults \$10; Seniors and Kids 3-8 \$8; Under 3—Free

