

3rd Sunday of Easter—May 5, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday - May 4**
5:00 PM + Anna Sassano
r/o Vincenzo & Maria Armetta
- Sunday - May 5**
7:30 AM + The Deceased Members of the
Bittman and Trzepla Families
r/o Family
- 9:00 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament**
10:30 AM + Joseph P. Marinaccio
r/o Anne Marie Marinaccio
- 12:00 PM + Maria DiNizo**
r/o Son
- Monday - May 6**
9:00 AM + Fredda Smith
r/o Vernon & Michele Smith
- 12:30 PM + Vincenzo Armetta**
r/o Wife
- Tuesday - May 7**
9:00 AM + Dominick Rizzitano
r/o Jean Mans
- 12:30 PM + Smith and Cristo Families**
r/o Family
- Wednesday - May 8**
9:00 AM + Francesco Mastrocola
r/o Wife
- 12:30 PM + The Holy Souls in Purgatory**
r/o Parishioner
- Thursday - May 9**
9:00 AM + Blanca Tellez
r/o Family
- 12:30 PM + John, Nancy and Michael King**
r/o Family
- Friday - May 10**
9:00 AM + Roberta Mignella
r/o Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Verdiramo
- 12:30 PM + Henry Schleckser**
r/o Wife Mary Ellen and Children
- Saturday - May 11**
9:00 AM + Kathleen Gallagher
r/o Colleen, Jim & Matt Gallagher
- 5:00 PM + Horace Sassi**
r/o Tom and Eleanor Fahey
- Sunday - May 12**
7:30 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament
9:00 AM - Mothers Day Novena
10:30 AM + Adeline Colella and Lauren
Richmond
r/o Laurie, Dean & Dana Richmond
- 12:00 PM + Mildred Basilie**
r/o Tim, Laura and Cameron Mertz

From the Pastor's Desk

Congratulations to our Second Graders who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. It is one of the most beautiful events in the life of our Parish each year. The faith and devotion with which the children receive the Lord Jesus is truly an inspiration to all of us. It was wonderful to see the boys in their suits with shirts and ties and, of course, the girls were absolutely beautiful in their white dresses. It was a special day for the families of the children too and we are grateful for their help in getting the children prepared. But perhaps the proudest people in the Church were the teachers who worked with the children all year. The first part of the year was devoted to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the children's first confessions, and the second half of the year was dedicated to preparing for Holy Communion. We are grateful to our teachers: Mrs. DeLeon and Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Machusky, Mrs. Perry, and Mrs. Woolley for their dedication and devotion to our children.



God Bless,

Msgr. Prus



In Loving Memory Richard Meisenbacher

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered for *Frank Schifano*



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the
Blessed Sacrament for
Peter Scheridan - Health and Blessings

Religious Education Updates



2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Blessed Sacrament Goal: \$150,000
 Amount Pledged as of 4/12/19: \$114820 from 330 Families
 Current Percent of Goal: 76.5%
 Balanced Needed to Reach Goal: \$35,180

Every gift, no matter the size, is needed and appreciated. If you would like to make a pledge, or donate online, please visit: www.diometuchen.org/BAA, or mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, P. O. Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000.

Children's Worship Bulletin

A children's worship bulletin is now available in the Narthex. The bulletin is an engaging way for children to be involved with the Sunday Gospel. There is one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12. Each bulletin also contains a secret code for children to go online and play fun games.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE: June 24th—28th

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

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

Contact Parish Office to Register: 732-356-4405



BAPTISM CLASSES For All New Parents

1st Wednesdays of the Month
 June 5th—6:00 pm
 July 10th—6:00 pm

Classes will be held in the Conference Room



BLESSED SACRAMENT YOUTH GROUP

Following is the Youth Group Schedule through June:

There will be NO May 3:00 meeting

Sunday, June 2nd—Family Fun Day and Senior Send Off



CROWNING OF MARY

Sunday, May 5th

10:30 AM

Communicants are welcome to come in their communion outfits.

Two Children Will Be Randomly Selected to Crown Mary, and to Bring Up the Gifts.

With Thanks and Appreciation to Our Catechists, Teacher Aides and Hall Monitors for their time, talent and dedication to our religious education program. Thank you for another wonderful and faith filled year!

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| Gemma Altobelli | Allison Deo |
| Carolyn Deo | Melissa Donaway |
| Abby Freda | Patrycia Grzyb |
| Catherine Hess | Sarah Lamendola |
| Ketrin Maxwell | Alisa Panico |
| Jamie Perry | Clara Ruhnke |
| Hannah Scansaroli | Grace Timpone |
| Sharon Wooley | Claudia Alifano |
| Christopher Cooke | Beverly Fortmueller |
| Suzanne Hollywood- | Sherri Lenox |
| Pam Long | Cheryl Machusky |
| Eugenia Milito | Edna Pelaez |
| Amanda Ring | Tayshaun Santirocco |
| William Traver | Elizabeth Traver |
| Lesley Traver | Gabrielle Vinhal |
| Sister Maria Bhena | Janine Deleon |
| Geralyn Hansen | Donna Huff |
| Terry Ann Martinez | Denis O'Hara |
| Laurie Richmond | Kim Shilling |
| Karen Hess | William Holland |
| Eric Koppi | Tim Mertz |
| Linda O'Brien | Drew Piech |
| Deacon Lou Pizzigoni | Tom Reilly |
| Teresa Rusmisel | Liz Schambach |
| Vernon Smith | Bobbi Varettoni |
| Ally Festa | Denise Moskal |
| Angela Cantatore | |

Parish Organizations Info

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Upcoming Events:

May 15th-1:00 pm: 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:

May 15th—7:00 p.m.—Membership Meeting: Installation of Officers, Service Award and Social



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.



Another successful year of selling Palm Crosses!
Thank you to all parishioners who helped us make our goal.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5959

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

The Knights of Columbus Thanks All parishioners who purchased plants and flowers at the past sale. You helped make the event a success and all proceeds will be earmarked to support local Charities.

Wed May 8th council meeting 7:30 pm

Sunday May 12th, The Knights of Columbus Wish all Mothers a happy and healthy Mother's Day

Wed May 22 council meeting 7:30 pm

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: May 14th

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



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, May 19th —1:30 p.m.—Classroom 15



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Next meetings: Monday, May 15th and Saturday, May 18th — 9:45 am

We will be discussing: How to Get More Out of Holy Communion by Peter Julian Eymard
 Available on Amazon and Kindle

All are Welcome! 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 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 May 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

May

- 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 - Diana Malone, Frances Slahta
- 10 - Fred & Kathy Ciociola, Harley Juth, Debbie Mouridy
- 11 - Lori Csik, Eric Koppi, Eugene Vereb, Patricia Redmond

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."

Philippians 4:6-7

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
Pfc 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.

Stewardship

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support of our parish!

April 21, 2019 (Excludes online giving):
Includes Holy Week: \$40,641.16
Easter Flowers: \$ 616.00



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



HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE!

Month of May

Personal Consecration to Mary
Books available in the Parish Office

TRAVELING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

As part of the Diocesan dedication to Our Lady of Guadalupe, a traveling devotion kit is available in the entrance to the church.

Consider bringing this kit into your home for a week. Many blessings have been reported around the

RESPECT LIFE—BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE



Pick up a baby bottle. Take the bottle home and fill it with change, cash or check made payable to Pregnancy Aid and Information Center.

Return the filled bottle to church.

Pick up your bottle beginning Monday, April 29th, and return to Church by Sunday, May 26th.

About the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center

The center opened 30 years ago, and is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to helping pregnant women. For three decades, the center has tirelessly served Bridge-water, Raritan and surrounding communities, supporting women who have made the choice to bring a new life into this world, but who lack the necessary resources.

Parish Info



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMMUNICANTS!

Gianna Barca	Brianna Langel	Thomas Pelaez
Vivienne Blomquist	Giavanna Larosa	Jake Petrillo
Charlotte Braswell	Sienna Leary	Arianna Pinto
Gabriela Cabral	Quinn Lavash	Alessandra Purpora
Christopher Cahill	Lucas Lipowczan	Karla Pye
Joseph Cozine	Michael Lisa	Alice Redyk
Luciano D'Albero	Kirsten Long	Addison Roberts
Michael D'Egidio	Emiliana Luis	Giada Russo
Maura Donahue	Dean Magley	Siena Russo
Hailey Donaway	Lily Menke	Virginia Ryan
Timothy Donaway	Alexa McGeechan	Emmanuelle Sapp
Morgan Farley	Jamie McGeechan	Andrew Schmieder
Anna Foose	Peyton Milito	Lilly Spacek
Jake Gil	Sierra Milito	Aaron Stacknick
Jake Hansen	Madison Myer	Nicholas Vartuli
Brando Iannuzzi	Allessandra Natale	Joshua Wisnewski
Brian Jepsen	Kieran O'Malley	Valentina Zirpoli
Andrew Kronengold	Jaclyn Oram	



Spring Bible Study: Bible-In-A-Day

Follow the bible timeline from Genesis to the formation of the Church in **ONE** day.

This DVD based scripture study is narrated by Jeff Cavins with supporting activities.

Date: Saturday, May 18th: 9:30 am—3 pm with lunch and comfort breaks.

Location: Blessed Sacrament Church—Room 15

Fee: \$20 to cover materials

Bring: Bible, Catechism (if you have one), Lunch and Snacks (water, coffee and tea provided).

Questions: Contact Ro Bersch @ (908) 470-0678

REGISTRATION CLOSES MAY 9TH

To Register Clip The Form Below:

Name: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

**Make checks payable to: Blessed Sacrament Church
Mail to: Barbara Hoff, 2 Kings Ridge Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920**