

5th Sunday of Easter—May 19, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday - May 18

**5:00 PM + Frank Dilusto
r/o Maria Dilusto**

Sunday - May 19

**7:30 AM + Patty DuBois
r/o The Noonan Family**

9:00 AM - Mothers Day Novena

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

12:00 PM - People of Blessed Sacrament

Monday - May 20

9:00 AM - Mothers Day Novena

**12:30 PM + Ricardo Urdaneta
r/o Glenn & Debra Mouridy**

Tuesday - May 21

**9:00 AM + Vincenzo & Sorenzo DiMagio
r/o Vincenzo & Maria Armetta**

**12:30 PM + Dominick Rizzitano
r/o Bill & Ketrin Maxwell**

Wednesday - May 22

**9:00 AM + Vincenzo Armetta
r/o Wife**

**12:30 PM + Mildred Basile
r/o Trudy and John West**

Thursday - May 23

**9:00 AM + Queenie Johnpulle
r/o Thanpoe Family**

**12:30 PM + John, Nancy and Michael King
r/o Family**

Friday - May 24

**9:00 AM + Joseph Gries
r/o Demi & Ralph Walter**

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

Saturday - May 25

**9:00 AM + Mary Kubick - 7th Anniversary
r/o Daughter Beverly**

**5:00 PM + Adelaide Desiato
r/o James and Barbara Magura**

Sunday - May 26

**7:30 AM + Dr. Pedro Mendoza
r/o The Reyes Family**

9:00 AM - The People of Blessed Sacrament

**10:30 AM + Patrina & Pedro Passalacqua
r/o Giuseppa Armetta**

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

From the Pastor's Desk

We have on our church property a very beautiful and very old linden tree. It stands at the end of our middle parking lot on the land between the lot and the strip mall. Unfortunately, when we built the parking lot some thirty years ago we were required to plant trees around the perimeter of the lot. As those trees began to grow two of them began to block our view of the old linden tree and so I decided to remove the two smaller trees and reveal for us the beauty of that old tree. I'm told that the tree is about two hundred years old and is perfectly shaped. We added some white stone around the base of the tree which adds to the tree's beauty. Many parishioners have remarked that they had never noticed the tree before and are very pleased to see it. Linden wood is a relatively soft wood and so is used extensively for wood carving. The statue of Jesus over the altar is carved of linden wood as is the carving of the Emmaus scene on the right wall. We have all enjoyed the statues in the church and now we can enjoy the linden tree outside too. I invite everyone to take a few minutes when you're leaving the church to enjoy our old linden tree.



God Bless,

Msgr. Prus



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered for

Fr. Rick Rusk - Best Wishes



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the Blessed Sacrament for

Florence Impellizzeri

Religious Education Updates



2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Blessed Sacrament Goal: \$150,000
 Amount Pledged as of 5/10/19: \$120,885 from 354 Families
 Current Percent of Goal: 80.1%
 Balanced Needed to Reach Goal: \$29,115

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019, in observance of Memorial Day.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Planning Meeting

Monday, June 3 at 6:30 PM

All Adult and Minor Volunteers Must Attend

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

Missionary Childhood Association

Thank you to our Religious Education Students for their Lenten Donations to the Missionary Childhood Association. We have donated \$405.94. Your generosity is appreciated.

With Appreciation:

Thank you to our Hospitality Committee for all their help and dedication to the Parish Office this year. A special thank you to Ro Bersch for heading up this wonderful group of ladies. It is a pleasure working with you.



BAPTISM CLASSES For All New Parents

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

Classes will be held in the Conference Room

Summer Service Hours:

All Religious Education students going into eighth grade in September are welcome to come do their Parish Service Hours for Confirmation over the summer. We will begin on Monday, July 8th. Call the Parish Office to schedule date and times. Hours offered: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM or 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM.



BLESSED SACRAMENT YOUTH GROUP

Following is the Youth Group Schedule through June:

There will be **NO** meeting in May.

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

Parish Organizations Info

ALTAR ROSARY 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.

Our meetings will resume in September. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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:

No Soup Kitchen in May, Next Soup Kitchen June 24.

We are on summer vacation. Our meetings will resume in September. Have a great summer!



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 Meetings and Activities

Wed May 22 council meeting 7:30 pm

Wed June 12th council meeting 7:30 pm

**Sunday June 16th, The Knights of Columbus
Wish all Fathers a happy and healthy
Father's Day.**



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. Meetings will resume on the second Tuesday in September.

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, June 16 —1:30 p.m.—Classroom 15

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB



Next meeting: 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 available! 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

- 18 - Al LoGiudice, Bill & Laura Myers, Sharon Pitfield
- 19 - 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
- 24 - Jim Brogan, Virginia Panicuci
- 25 - Leisa Begley, Sue Delaney, Tatiana Ho, Ella Loffelman, Diana Malone, Pete Sheridan

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.

Capt. James A. Giacchi
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

May 12, 2019—4th Sunday of Easter

“The disciples were filled with Joy and the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 13:52) The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to.



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 diocese when the kit was used. Our Lady of Guadalupe is waiting to be with you .

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 Bridgewater, Raritan and surrounding communities, supporting women who have made the choice to bring a new life into this world, but who lack the necessary

Parish Info



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Our June Book of the month is St. Maria Goretti In Garments all Red, by Father Godfrey Poage.

We will be discussing this book on Monday June 10th at 9:45 am and Saturday June 15th at 9:45 am.

Available at <https://www.amazon.com/St-Maria-Goretti-Garments-All/dp/0895556154> or as an Ebook at https://books.google.com/books?id=p1ZODQAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gb_s_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

No fee to join. All are welcome.

Contact : Ketrin Maxwell; ksaud@optonline.net or Mary Brady; mtb.tmb60@gmail.com

Thank You

To all for baking and supporting the Altar Rosary Bake Sale, and especially to Catherine Diana and Maureen Koenen for their assistance.

Diocesan Collection May 18 & 19

The second collection this weekend, May 18 and 19, will be the collection for the Development of the People. The proceeds benefit the Church in Latin America, the Church in Eastern Europe, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

**Going on Summer Vacation?
Don't Forget to Visit the Lord!**



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CATHOLIC UPDATE-CREMATATION

Did you know?

Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites.

(Order of Christian Funerals, 413)

When the choice has been made to cremate a body, it is recommended that the cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy. In this case, the Vigil for the deceased and related rites and prayers, as well as the Funeral Liturgy are celebrated. (Order of Christian Funerals, 418)

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a family member or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

(Order of Christian Funerals, 417)