

7th Sunday of Easter—June 2, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday - June 1

**5:00 PM + Merle Blatch
r/o Jeannie Molito**

Sunday - June 2

7:30 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament

**9:00 AM + Patrica D. DuBois
r/o Tim, Laura and Cameron**

Mertz

**10:30 AM + Antonino & Mariana Lucido
r/o Giuseppa Armetta**

**12:00 PM + John, Nancy and Michael King
r/o The Family**

Monday - June 3

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

**12:30 PM + Frank and Ellie Schifano
r/o Family and Friends**

Tuesday - June 4

**9:00 AM + Mercedes Gough
r/o Maureen Koenen**

**12:30 PM + Michale Primiano
r/o Joan - Wife**

Wednesday - June 5

**9:00 AM + Dominick Rizzitano
r/o Al & Gerry LoGiudice**

**12:30 PM + Agnes Counihan
r/o Daughter Mary Ellen
Schleckser**

Thursday - June 6

**9:00 AM + Louis Santangelo
r/o Ro Bersch**

**12:30 PM + Lauren Richmond's 26th Birthday
r/o Florence Richmond**

Friday - June 7

**9:00 AM + Mary O'Rourke
r/o Charlie & Annie Reilly**

**12:30 PM + Marianna & Pietro Evola
r/o Giuseppa Armetta**

Saturday - June 8

**9:00 AM + Cipriano Castro
r/o Family**

**5:00 PM + Carmela Sassi
r/o Tom and Eleanor Fahey**

Sunday - June 9

**7:30 AM + Val Brose
r/o Wife Beverly**

9:00 AM - People of Blessed Sacrament

**10:30 AM + Lauren Richmond
r/o Laurie, Dean and Dana**

Richmond

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

From the Pastor's Desk

I have always enjoyed celebrating anniversaries with our parishioners. I have renewed the vows of so many of you as you celebrated 25th or 50th anniversaries in your marriages. I have always believed that such celebrations afford you the opportunity to reflect on the past and to thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on you. It also gives you the opportunity to renew your commitment to each other.

This Spring two members of Blessed Sacrament's staff are celebrating anniversaries. Deacon Louis Pizzigoni, III is marking 15 years of service as our Deacon. How well I remember assisting him during his years of preparation, being present at this ordination, and working with him here at Blessed Sacrament. He has been a tremendous asset to our Parish and I offer the congratulations and best wishes of the entire Parish to Deacon Lou. Thank you for your service.

At the same time I am celebrating the 55th anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood. They have been wonderful years and I am happy that I spent more than half of them with you here at Blessed Sacrament. I have many wonderful memories of my service here and I thank you all for the support you have always given to me. God Bless you all!

God Bless,
Msgr. Prus



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered for

Ellie Schifano



The Sanctuary Candle burns before the
Blessed Sacrament for

Fr. Rick Rusk - Best Wishes

Religious Education Updates



2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Blessed Sacrament Goal: \$150,000
 Amount Pledged as of 5/24/19: \$126,616 from 367 Families
 Current Percent of Goal: 84.4%
 Balanced Needed to Reach Goal: \$23,384

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 June 23, 2019.



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:

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:

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

Sunday June 9th 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 June 12th council meeting 7:30 pm

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

June 23, 2019 - Escort Lyons Veterans to Mass

Saturday June 29th, FDD Stan Serafin Honorarium. 6:30 pm - 10:00 BSC Parish Hall. All Council members and their wives are invited to attend at NO-Charge to all KofC Members in Good standing. They MUST respond to E-Vite that was sent out to the membership



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

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=gbs_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



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 June. 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

June

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

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 ☆☆☆

Oh 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.



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.

Stewardship

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

June 2, 2019—7th Sunday of Easter

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelations 22:13) This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU



Thank you to all who so generously supported the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center in Raritan. The Fundraiser is now over. **Please return all bottles to church as soon as possible so that we may give our Parish donation to the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center.**

Rosary Altar Society

Parish Info



Stress in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Does talking about it only make it worse? ...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages.

The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: August 23-25, 2019

For more information call the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573

THANK YOU TO OUR CHOIR



A special Thank You to the devoted members of our parish choir, They add so much to our sung prayer.

Thank you to: Andrea Carroll, Angela Cantatore, Bernadette McGovern, Beverly Fortmueller, Chris Wilcox, Debbie Murray, Ed Heinz, Grace Timpone, Liz Schambach, Martena

Wong, Pauline Ho, Peter Beran, Steve Sisolak, Steve Rusmisel, Suzanne Cardali, Teresa Rusmisel, Theresa Beran, Tracy Leahey, and Zita Heinz.



We are always in need of Eucharistic Ministers for patients at the Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Hospital Somerset - every day of the week - *for one hour* - between 9am & 4pm . If you can help us serve in this ministry, please contact:

Mike Zurat at michael.zurat@rwjhb.org

Please note, the hospital does require and provides a TB test, yearly free Flu shots, and a Photo ID.

We also need Eucharistic Ministers to visit the elderly and ill at their homes. To help with this ministry, please contact:

Peg Harmon at harmonp99@aol.com.

HONORARIUM DINNER

STAN SERAFIN

PAST GRAND KNIGHT AND
FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTY

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019

6:30 PM—10 PM



Please join us to honor Stan Serafin, who has served our Knights of Columbus Council #5959, our Knights District, our Parish and our community for so many years in so many ways.

All Council members and their wives are invited to attend at NO-Charge to all KofC Members in Good standing. They MUST respond to E-Vite that was sent out to the membership.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ST .ANN'S "DATE NIGHT FOR A JOYFUL MARRIAGE"

Saturday June 8, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

St. Ann Marriage Ministry Team invites engaged, newlywed, and couples married several years, for a "Date Night", in the Church Meeting Room. Includes; BYOB, appetizers, buffet dinner and dessert. Presentation by special guests Dr.

Kyle and Lisa Marie Beiter. Also, a Special feature, in honor of Father's Day: The artwork of Fr. Kevin Kelly will be on display. \$35.00 per couple, (\$40.00 at the door) pay by cash or check sent to Catholic Church of Saint Ann, 45 Anderson St., Raritan, NJ 08869. RSVP by June 3 to Ken & Madeline 908-872-0282