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Rectory & Parish Office:

(732) 356-4405

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9am—4 pm

Friday & Saturday: By appointment

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 26, 2023

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
Weekdays
Monday - Friday 9:00am & 12:10pm
Saturday 9:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (*Confession*)

Saturday 11:00 to 11:30 am or call priest anytime

SERVED BY

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Pastor

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Rev. Paul Michalowski

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Rev. Msgr. Eugene Prus

Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Louis Pizzigoni, III

DeaconLou@gmail.com

Sustained by the Eucharist, we welcome ALL to worship, serve, and proclaim!



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at the 1:00pm. Please complete the **online registration** on our website. If you have questions, please contact Kathi in the Parish Office at (732) 356-4405 Ext. 2 for assistance.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office so we can help you prepare and lay the groundwork for a successful, lifelong commitment. The Bishops of NJ recommend that couples should begin the process one year in advance of the planned date of marriage.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Contact Kathi in the Parish Office to make visitation arrangements for your loved one.

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Collections for week of 3/19/23

In Pew	Online	Total	2022	% Inc/(Dec)
\$12,106	\$2,785	\$14,891	\$15,012	(<1%)

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish! We hope to eliminate our annual parish deficit with an increased weekly parish offering of 10-15%. If you would like to take advantage of our online giving process, please enroll on the Parish website at:
www.blessedsacramentnj.org/online-giving

Second Collection - Palm Sunday Weekend - April 1st/2nd

The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support the Maria Regina residence for our retired diocesan priests.



The Altar Bread and Wine is

Offered for...

Fr. Paul Michalowski

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist



Along with other related office under the Secretariat for Family and Pastoral Life, the Office of Discipleship formation for Children strives to make lifelong faith formation central in all parishes throughout the diocese by providing all children with opportunities to experience God's love and conversion of heart through a growing knowledge of Jesus and the Gospel. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is an investment in our future Church.

Summary Information

Goal:	\$150,000	Percent of Goal Pledge:	78.75%
Total Pledged:	\$118,128.23	Percent of Goal Received:	54.13%
Pledged Amount Received:	\$81,200.48		
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$68,799.52)	Average Gift Amount:	\$544.37

Please prayerfully consider a gift to help our parish reach its goal

**Monday, March 27**

9am Jacqueline McKenna
Req. by Fr. Brian
12:10pm Suzanne R. Vineyard
Req. by Circle of Friends

Tuesday, March 28

9am Allan Schwer
Req. by The Machusky Family
12:10pm Betsy Sassano
Req. by The Mule Family

Wednesday, March 29

9am Ronald J. Brandmayr, Jr.
Req. by Rita Homiak
12:10pm Bob Riggio
Req. by Tim, Laura & Cameron Mertz

Thursday, March 30

9am Ronald J. Brandmayr, Jr.
Req. by Al LoGiudice
12:10pm Maria Campos
Req. by Julio & Maria Farinhas

Friday, March 31

9am Patricia Gillich
Req. by Ann & John Carlson
12:10pm Joe Mills
Req. by Sara Pollera

Saturday, April 1

9am Ben & Frank DiIusto
Req. by Felicia DiIusto
4pm Lois Marzzacco
Req. by Virginia & Dennis Consalvo

Sunday, April 2

7:30am People of Blessed Sacrament Church
10am Lauren Richmond
Req. by Laurie, Dean & Dana Richmond
12pm Vincenzo Armetta
Req. by Maria Armetta

MASS EVANGELIZATION

Our life in Christ is rooted in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian life, to lead others to the heart of Christ.

After the masses this weekend
and 7pm, Monday, March 27th

come grow in your love of Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament and learn some ways to share that faith in a way that's joyful, normal and spontaneous.

Allan F. Wright is currently the Executive Director of the NJ Family Policy Center, an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University, and has spent the majority of his professional life in education and evangelization. He is the author of 20 books, a frequent guest on Relevant Radio, and he has appeared on Fox News multiple times. Allan has been teaching the Contemplative Branch of the Missionaries of Charity for 17 years and resides with his wife and children in Basking Ridge.

For more info visit www.allanwright.org



**The Sanctuary Candle burns
before the Blessed Sacrament for...**

*Rebecca Mouridy
Praying for Health & Blessings*

For you, Lord, give light to my lamp; my God brightens my darkness.

(Ps. 18:29)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"

JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

One of our Diocesan parishioners is in urgent need of a kidney transplant. If you, or anyone you know, has "O" blood type, you may be able to save a life!

The procedure would be performed at St. Barnabas in Livingston with no cost to the donor. All general questions can be answered by the "Living Donor Institute" at rwjbh.org/ldi

If you think you can be an angel on earth, please email KidneydonorNL@gmail.com

God Bless You!

Please join the Blessed Sacrament Council of Catholic Women on Friday, March 31st at 7 PM as we participate in the traditional lenten devotion of Mary's Way of the Cross. These Stations of the Cross offer a sense of prayerful repentance and redemption as we walk with Mary as she follows her son Jesus.



Book Club Meeting

Monday, April 10th

The 7 Secrets of the Eucharist

By Vinny Flynn

Available at MercySong or Amazon

Baptism/Confirmation Sponsor Letters

Canon (Church) Law states that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation **be an active, fully-initiated Catholic** (Confirmed). An **active Catholic** is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, and publicly leads a genuine Christian lifestyle. Please note that we can only grant *Certificates of Eligibility* for parishioners who meet these criteria.



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Chrism Mass
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen – 4:00 PM

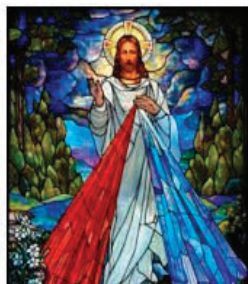
On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of *confirmandi*, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream,
visit <https://diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream>

Divine Mercy Sunday Mass
April 16, 2023
Saint James Chapel
184 S Finley Ave. Basking Ridge
1:00PM



Please join us in celebrating The Feast of Mercy
We will begin with The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Confessions will be heard in The Chapel before The Vigil Mass
Saturday 4/15 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and
again on Sunday 4/16 from 1:00 until 3:00PM
Eucharistic Exposition will be held in The Chapel on Sunday 4/16 while
Confessions are being heard
At 3:00 PM The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung
Holy Mass will immediately begin at the conclusion of the Chaplet
There will be veneration of our First Class Relic of Saint Faustina after Mass



2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist*

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to:

Diocese of Metuchen
Bishop's Annual Appeal
PO Box 4000
Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000

Or give online at:

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

In your kindness we ask you to remember all the sick members of our parish. We also ask you to pray for all of our beloved that have passed.



THE PRAYER LINE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Sometimes people need to talk with someone when they have a concern, or joy, or urgent request that they wish to share with God. If you would like to submit a prayer request or would like more information about the Prayer Line, please call Barbara Hoff at (908) 647-5749 or Gloria Edwards at (908) 304-3987.

Vocations Traveling Chalice Program

Hosting the vocations traveling chalice is very simple. An individual or family can select a week to volunteer to take the chalice home and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A sign up sheet, with the description of how the program works is in the narthex. Please see our website for more details.



Thank you to those who have participated in the Vocations Traveling Chalice Program, especially:

Liz Schambach Amy Nocera The Maxwell Family



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. Especially those in our parish family:

Lt. Cdr Douglas Stahl, Navy
2nd Lt. Jacob J. Garrett, Army
Sgt. First Class Charles Esposito, National Guard
PFC Gennaro Castaldo, US Marine
ITSN Scott Davis, Navy
MID Christopher Civetta
E4 Spc Raymond Huhn
Lt. Andrew Ciccarino, 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. Furnish their name, rank and Branch of Service to the parish office.

Pray-A-Day For Vocations

Volunteers are needed to pledge one prayer one day per month for the intention of increasing vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The volunteers will select one calendar day. (e.g. the 15th of every month) You may also consider attending mass or praying the rosary.

Pledging to pray one day a month for religious vocations is a simple, but powerful, first step toward encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

If you are interested **please Kathi call 732-356-4405 ext. 2** with your name and the date you select.

We are grateful to those who pledged a monthly day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

We pray each month on:

- 1st - Pat and Al Beronio
- 2nd - Lillian Ziemba
- 3rd - Rita O'Brien
- 4th - Liz Schambach
- 5th - Karin Mille
- 6th - Suzanne DiMarcello
- 7th - Julie Koblan
- 8th - Dolores Papp
- 9th - Pauline Sheehan
- 10th - Kathy & Fred Ciociola
- 11th - Rita Homiak
- 12th - Ginny Brogan and Maria Farinhas
- 15th - Mary Lou and Jack Fieseler
- 16th - Amy Nocera
- 17th - Ketrin Maxwell
- 19th - Irma Huhn
- 21st - Elearnor Fahey
- 22nd - Ray Daniel
- 23rd - Linda Castaldo
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