

Divine Mercy Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

5:00 PM † Walter & Dorothy Rozanski, Thomas & Margaret Burke - Adam & MaryLou Rozanski

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

7:30 AM † Father Raymond Dolan - Friends
10:45 AM † Joseph F. Sensakovic - Evelyn & Family

MONDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 AM † Joseph Orosz, Sr. - the Orosz Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 AM Special Intention - Constance Cap

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM † Father Julian Wenda - Fr. Ed

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 AM † Emily & Walter Wondy - Emily DeKarski

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 AM † Dorothy Medvetz - Ronald & Ken Medvetz

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners
5:00 PM † Blessings on the occasion of the 35th wedding anniversary of Joseph & Bernadette Wutkowski - Children

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

7:30 AM † Josephine & Santo Dorio - Friends
10:45 AM † Edward & Evelyn Ryan - Family

PRAY FOR:

...those who have died, especially: Maria Szoka
...the sick and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Marie Endress, Gabriel Hemming, Betty Snow, Sr. M. Immaculene Gudz, Alex Makwinski, Rosa Maria Santos, Mildred Skoczypiec

Please consider supporting our ongoing Parish Fund Raising Activity. The sale of Shop Rite gift cards earns the Parish 5% on each dollar sold. They are currently available before/after 5 pm on Saturday and 7:30 am and 10:45 am Masses. They are also available during the week at the rectory. The gift cards do not cost you any extra money to purchase. The value of your gift card at Shop Rite is the same amount that you pay. The gift cards are available in 25s, 50s, and 100s. Thank you for your continued support. WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN SALES – THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Mount Calvary Cemetery will be offering floral arrangements for Mother's Day and Father's Day for the graves of loved ones. For more information please contact cemetery staff at 908-862-4832.

The Knights of Columbus Carteret Council will hold a blood drive on May 2, 2018, 3:30-7:30 pm, 164 High St.. For info call 201-251-3703 or email jochital@cbsblood.org

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

Second Collection -Major Repairs

MONDAY

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family beginning at **4:45 pm** until closing at 7 pm.

SUNDAY

Second Collection -Maintenance, Development of Peoples

COLLECTIONS APRIL 15

Weekly	\$2312.00
Monthly	295.00
Maintenance	296.00
Major Repairs	589.00
Utilities	1055.00
Easter	1867.00
Holy Thursday	133.00
Spring Collection	458.00

FOOD CERTIFICATES

During the week of April 15 we sold \$1250 worth of ShopRite gift cards, which means our parish received \$62.50. Thank you for supporting this project!

Memorial Book

The following names have been added to our Memorial Book to be remembered at Mass on the 15th of each month:

- +BERNICE ERDELY
Michael & Alexandria Kornas \$100.00
The Nartowicz Family \$50.00
Helen Carnali \$10.00
Vicky & Joe Hruby \$10.00
Helen Cherepon \$10.00
Theresa & Matthew Mark & Children \$100.00
Irene Sohayda \$25.00

+DOROTHY SZYKIEWICZ

Rich Dotegowski \$10.00

+CATHERINE SCIARRILLO

Debbie & Ray Ascolese \$20.00

+FRANK KEATING

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On May 19 the 17th Annual Carteret Conquers Cancer Walk will be held from the Carteret Middle School. Registration will be at 7:30 am and the walk will begin at 8:30. The walk is held in Memory of Jessica Kushner, daughter of Eva & Mike Kushner. Online donations may be made at www.crowdrise.com/carteret-conquers-cancer1. Jessica's last words were "Find a Cure".

Announcements

FROM THE PASTOR:

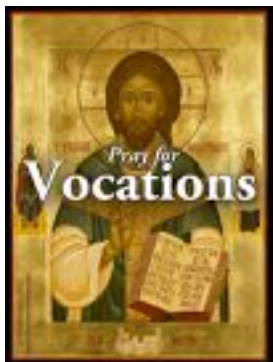


This Fourth Sunday of Easter is always known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three cycles of Gospel readings that occur over the three-year period, the image of the Lord that is presented before us is that of the Good Shepherd. He Himself makes it clear that He is concerned about His

sheep and will do anything, including giving up his life (which He did on that first Good Friday). He watches over and cares for each and every one of us and will go in search of us if we ever get lost or estranged from Him.

Our Lord entrusted the task of shepherding His flock to His Apostles and they in turn appointed others who followed them to carry on this divinely-appointed task. Today this task is carried on by the Bishops of the Church and the priests who are united with them through the Sacrament of Holy Orders and carry out this important responsibility.

Today we are asked to pray in a special way for priests and for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood. This year in our diocese there are about 6 priests who will step out of active, full time ministry. At the same time only two men will be ordained for service as priests in our Diocese. In the year I was ordained there were 11 of us ordained for the Diocese of Trenton. When Metuchen was established, 2 remained in Trenton Diocese and the rest of us (9) became part of the Metuchen Diocese. Today, out of those 9, only two of us, myself and Fr. Smith from Port Reading, still remain. Another has been serving for years as a chaplain in the military. We truly need to pray to our One, Good Shepherd that more young men will hear His call and invitation to "Come, follow Me!" and respond.



"O God, Who desires that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, send forth, we ask You, laborers into the harvest: inspire many young men with the generous desire of devoting their lives to Your service; grant that there may be a great increase in the number and sanctity of vocations to the Priesthood so that Your Holy Name may be glorified and many souls may be brought to know and serve You, the One true God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ages without end. Amen."

"O Mary, Mother of Priests, intercede for us!"

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

It's not too late to participate in the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have yet to make a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so today and help us reach our goal of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Ways to share our gifts:

- **PLEDGING:** Choosing to pledge over time may allow you to be more generous. Monthly reminders will be sent through October 2018.
- **GIFT BY CHECK:** Whether your gift is a one-time, paid-in-full gift or an installment of a pledged gift, please make check payable to Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Appeal and mail to PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000.
- **GIFT BY CREDIT CARD:** Complete your gift and credit card information on your pledge card or visit our secure online giving site at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.
- **Gift OF APPRECIATED STOCK OR SECURITIES:** Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of stock or securities on the date they are gifted. For information on making such a gift, please contact the Office of Stewardship & Development at 732-562-2432.
- **NEED A PLEDGE FORM?** - You will find a supply on of Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew envelopes *in the vestibule*. Completed envelopes can be dropped in our regular parish collection basket.

We congratulate Maria Wlodarczyk, named the Altar/Rosary Crowner and her attendant Barbara Dias. We thank the Altar/Rosary Society for continuing this beautiful tradition of honoring our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Please plan to join them on May 6, at 10:45 am Mass.

We have scheduled our **Spring Clothing Drive** for Saturday, **May 5, 8 - 11:30 am**. In the rectory garage we will be collecting New and "Slightly Used" (**clean, unstained**) clothing, linens, stuffed animals, shoes, handbags, belts in plastic garbage bags on the **specific date and time!** Clean out the closets and basement and attic and support the parish at the same time! Thank you for the support!

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.