

**Divine Mercy Parish**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11**

5:00 PM † Robert Finn, Sr. - Wife & Children

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12**

7:30 AM For Our Parishioners

10:45 AM † Steve Cherepon & Joan Szymonifka - Helen Cherepon

**MONDAY, AUGUST 13**

8:00 AM † Robert Finn, Sr. - Wife & Children

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14**

8:00 AM † Lorraine Gilrane - Her Family

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15**

8:00 AM † Mark Adams - Family

7:00 PM Living & Deceased in Memorial Books

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 16**

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 17**

8:00 AM † Deceased Members of the Yarcheski Family - Adela Yarcheski

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18**

8:00 AM † Monica Cerise - Irene McCarthy

5:00 PM † Fred & Mary Zahradnik and Jessica Kushner - Michael & Eva Kushner

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**

7:30 AM † Joan Meyers - Friends

10:45 AM † Chester Romanowski - Wife, Jean & Family

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**PRAY FOR:**

**those who have died, especially:** Mary Bosze  
**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

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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!!

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The **Knights of Columbus, Father Carey Council # 1280** will sponsor a **“SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE”** on **Wednesday Aug 22nd from 3:30 - 7:30pm** at the Columbian Hall, Main Room 164 High St., Carteret. **“Give the gift of Life.”**

**Every Donor of Blood will receive a \$5.00 ShopRite Gift Card!** To schedule a time online at [www.communitybloodservices.org](http://www.communitybloodservices.org) or Contact: Joel Reuter (908) 227-7775 or Email [joelreuter68@yahoo.com](mailto:joelreuter68@yahoo.com) Thanks!!

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY**

**Second Collection - Maintenance**

**MONDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

**Holy Day of Obligation! Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Office Closed**

**SUNDAY**

**Second Collection - Maintenance**

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**COLLECTIONS AUGUST 5**

Weekly	\$1979.00
Monthly	1387.00
Maintenance	95.00
Utilities	45.00
Major Repairs	124.00
Air Conditioning	133.00

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**FOOD CERTIFICATES**

During the week of August 5 we sold \$2500 worth of ShopRite gift cards, which means our parish received \$125.00. Thank you for supporting this project!

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**You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary** with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis, Metuchen on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018 at 4 pm.

Please register online by logging on to the diocesan website (<https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/family-and-pastoral-life/family-life/silver-and-gold/>). The system will automatically generate a confirmation message with some facts about the event. More specifics will be sent closer to the event. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-243-4582.

**Registration will close on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.**

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**Memorial Book**

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

- +LILLIAN FERRARA
- Rose Lozak \$10.00
- Stella Kubala \$10.00
- Linda Drakoulis \$20.00

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There will be a Mass to honor Our Lady of Good Health and Independence Day of India & Pakistan on August 18, at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Peace, North Brunswick. The main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop James Checchio. Dinner will be held at 6:30 pm. For tickets call 609-331-3636.

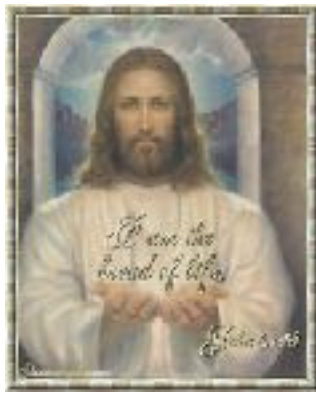
# Announcements

**FROM THE PASTOR:**



Please remember that Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holyday of obligation for all Catholics. Our Masses that day will be at 8 AM and 7 PM

**“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE!”**



With these words, Our Divine Lord begins to reveal the great mystery of the Blessed and Holy Eucharist. Our Lord’s words have a powerful realism about them! He is telling us that He is Really, Truly and Wholly Present under the species, the appearances, of the bread and wine. We embrace this revelation with deep faith; we see here His infinite and tender love for us in that He is giving us Himself in this

wonderful Sacrament. And not only does He give Himself to us every time we receive Him in Holy Communion but He also gives Himself to us in His Permanent and Abiding Presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to His Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take His departure from his own in His visible form, He wanted to give us His sacramental presence; since He was about to offer Himself on the cross to save us, He wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which He loved us to the end, even to the giving of His life. In His Eucharistic Presence He remains mysteriously in our midst as the One who loved us and gave Himself up for us, and He remains under signs that express and communicate this love. St. Pope John Paul II wrote in one of his documents: “The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.”



**On Oct. 20, the Diocese of Metuchen** will be sponsoring the “**17th Annual Critical Life Issues Conference.**” The theme is “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen & Sent.” The speakers will address a variety of life issues and give practical information as well as thought-provoking testimony of real life issues. It will be held at the St. John Neumann Center, Piscataway, from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Registration is \$25.00. This includes lunch and handouts. To register please visit <http://diometuchen.org/critical-life> or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543. Seating is limited.

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The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or get reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray/](http://www.usccb.org/pray/)!

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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 24-26, 2018**  
Get more information by calling the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573. To register call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email [3024@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3024@retrouvaille.org) .

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Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayers for nay need. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer temporarily or permanently, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431 or send an email to our office: [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com).

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*Remembering the Church with a gift through your estate will bring hope to faithful Catholics in future generations. For more info call the diocesan Stewardship & Development office at 732-562-2433, [www.diometuchen.plannedgiving.org](http://www.diometuchen.plannedgiving.org)*