

Divine Mercy Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 PM † Joseph Rupinski - Rupinski & Mosman Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 AM † Joseph Orosz, Sr. - the Orosz Family

10:45 AM Rev. Andrew Okal

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 AM Special Intention - Fr. Ed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 AM † Attilio & Maria Rotili - Charlie & Jean Cheddar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 AM † Antonio & Amelia Almeida - Maria Santos

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 AM Living & Deceased in Memorial Books

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM † Alexander & Buddy Sohayda - Family

5:00 PM † Michael Seman - the Orosz Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 AM † Sophie Nowosielski - Arlene Hansen & Family

10:45 AM † Rev. Raymond Dolan - Friends

PRAY FOR:

...those who have died, especially Dorothy Evans, Dorothy Medvetz, and Teresa Dyszewski

...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, Bernice Erdely, 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!!

Our inter-parish **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm here at Divine Mercy. Come take advantage of the opportunity for individual confession for prepare for the birth of Jesus!

St. Joseph's School is looking for retired teachers, who enjoyed being in the classroom, to be on their substitute list. This is a paid position (per diem). If interested, please email rajohnson@sjs.net or call the school office at 732-541-7111.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

Second Collection - Maintenance

MONDAY

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family beginning at 4:50 pm until closing at 7 pm. Please note new hours!!

TUESDAY

Advent Penance Service at 7 pm in our Church!

SUNDAY

Second Collection - Snow Removal

COLLECTIONS DECEMBER 3

Weekly	\$2031.00
Monthly	1423.00
Maintenance	13.00
Major Repairs	459.00
Utilities	53.00
Retirement fund for Religious	587.00
Christmas Flowers	397.00

FOOD CERTIFICATES

During the week of December 3 we sold \$2100 worth of ShopRite gift cards, which means our parish received \$105.00. Thank you for supporting this project!

Religious Give Thanks: A religious sister writes, When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless.” Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection!

Thank you to all who generously supported our Baby Jesus Project with gifts, etc., even though the program was changed with short notice! They will brighten the Christmas of needy families this year! May you be truly blessed!

Neighborhood Watch & Christmas Party scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center, 100 Cooke Ave., Carteret. There will be a short meeting followed by the annual Neighborhood Watch Christmas Party. If anyone would like to bring a dessert for this occasion, it is much appreciated! Bring your family, friends & neighbors. Open to the public!!

The Borough of Carteret has won it’s 15th consecutive National Night out Award for 2017. Out fo 48 winners chosen from our population category, Carteret placed #11. One step up from last year. Congratulations!

Announcements

FROM THE PASTOR:



On this Second Sunday of Advent, Mark’s Gospel focuses on the person of John the Baptist. He is the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth. Elizabeth was related to Blessed Mary and so John is a relative to the Lord Jesus according to His birth of Blessed Mary. Zechariah had prophesied at the birth of John that this child would be “the prophet of the Most High” and “would go before the Lord to prepare His Way, giving His people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.” And so, when he reaches manhood, John undertakes this great work of preparing the people in both mind and heart for the coming of the Promised One, the “Dawn from on High” as Zechariah called Him. John calls the people to conversion, to change, so that they would be ready to greet the Lord when he comes. Some of those who heard and responded to John would eventually be part of the Apostolic band of the Twelve.



The message of this Second Sunday of Advent is that we must “prepare the way” for Our Lord to enter through Grace into our souls. How do we do this? We do it through a life of daily prayer, through the

reading of His Holy Word and reflection on how to make that Word a part of our daily lives. We do it through the Sacrament of Penance which removes the hills and valleys created by sin so that the Lord’s path into our souls can be straight. We do it by the worthy reception of Our Lord in Holy Communion which should transform our lives and help us to follow Him more closely and to advance in holiness.

“Prepare the Way of the Lord! Make straight His paths!” The challenge of John the Baptist is directed to each of us today – are we ready to hear that challenge and act upon it?

PLEASE NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: VIGIL MASS ON SAT., 12/23 AT 5PM and SUNDAY MASSES (12/24) AT 7:30AM AND 10:45AM

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS: VIGIL MASS AT 4PM ON SUNDAY, DEC. 24TH / MASS AT NIGHT AT 10PM ON SUNDAY, DEC. 24TH / CHRISTMAS DAY-MONDAY, DEC. 25TH: 7:30 AM AND 10:45 AM. THERE ARE NO MASSES ON THE AFTERNOON OR THE EVENING OF CHRISTMAS DAY.

ATTENDANCE AT THE MASSES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON (4PM) OR EVENING (10PM) FULFILL THE OBLIGATION FOR CHRISTMAS BUT NOT FOR SUNDAY.

Memorial Book

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

- +MARGARET MCNALLY
Joseph Rocco \$20.00
- +DOROTHY EVANS
Deborah & Adam Bialowarczuk \$20.00
- +TINA CASARONA
Ann Marie Bovino \$15.00

The Diocesan office for Persons with Disabilities is asking for gifts for their Christmas “GIVING TREE” to be distributed at their Christmas party for children, and young adults with disabilities on Dec. 16. They are asking for Gift Cards from the following businesses: Target, Walmart, Shop-Rite, Stop & Shop, Pharmacies: Rite Aid, CVS, Walgreen’s. If you are aware of children or young adults with disabilities they would like to include them, just submit their info by Dec. 1. Send your gift by Dec. 7. You may contact the office at 732-765-6432 or catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com. You are also invited to volunteer!

St. Anthony Parish in Port Reading will host their Christmas Friendship Dinner on Monday, Dec. 25, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. No charge for dinner, all are welcome, but please call by Monday, Dec. 18 so they can properly plan the meals, 732-634-1419. Leave a message and someone will call back. Local transportation may be available, but please let them know no later than Monday, Dec. 18!

St. Joseph’s Parish is looking for a part time bookkeeper, went hours a week, for St. Joseph Church in Carteret. The responsibilities include Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable, handling automated payroll to an outside agency, and helping to coordinate the end of year statements with our accountant. Know of Quickbooks and Excel a must. Salary is negotiable. Please contact them at 732-541-8946.
