

# Divine Mercy Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

5:00 PM † Jean & Joseph Certosimo & Alice Kerr - Ed & Gerry Nelan

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:30 AM † Christopher Robateu - Arlene Hansen & Family

10:45 AM † Stephen Cherepon - Wife, Helen & Family

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 AM † Jerome Wojciehowski - Wife, Florence

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM † Walter Wawrzynski - Mrs. Dorothy Bamburak & Family

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

7:00 PM † Edward & Evelyn Ryan - Family

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 AM Living & Deceased in Memorial Books

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 AM † Helen & William Raffel - Daughter, Irene

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM † Walter Belch - Children

5:00 PM † Frank Mille - Susan & Nancy Gaydos

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30 AM † Orlando Santos - Maria Santos

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

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## PRAY FOR:

...the sick and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Marie Endress, Gabriel Hemming, Betty Snow, Alex Makwinski, Rosa Maria Santos, Bernice Erdely, 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 annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit*, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in you packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of *The Catholic Spirit* and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper - it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

## 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. Please note new hours!!

### WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday: Day of Fast & Abstinence

Ashes distributed during both Masses!

### FRIDAY

Day of Abstinence!

Stations of the Cross - 7pm

### SUNDAY

Second Collection - Utilities, Catholic Spirit

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## COLLECTIONS FEBRUARY 4

Weekly	\$1622.00
Monthly	2169.00
Maintenance	145.00
Major Repairs	146.00
Christmas	25.00

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## FOOD CERTIFICATES

During the week of February 4 we sold \$2150 worth of ShopRite gift cards, which means our parish received \$107.50. Thank you for supporting this project!

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All are invited to spend time with Our Lord, Jesus Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament Monday - Friday, 9-11:45 am at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. For more info call 732-529-7932 or email [evangelization@diometuchen.org](mailto:evangelization@diometuchen.org).

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The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking both male and female mentors to participate in one to one activities and be a role model to young people. If you live in or near Middlesex County, like having fun, have 3 hours per week and want to make a difference in a child's life please contact Jeanette at 732-646-4076 or [JCULLEN@CCDOM.ORG](mailto:JCULLEN@CCDOM.ORG).

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## 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

### *Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World*

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend, February 24/25, which has been designated as *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

# Announcements

**FROM THE PASTOR:**



On Wednesday of this week we will begin the Holy Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday, like Good Friday, is a day of Fast and Abstinence. This means no meat

may be eaten and one should strive to have only one full meal in the course of the day (those with medical issues should be prudent about these actions!).

The Church offers this season to all Catholics as a kind of spiritual “retreat”, a time to evaluate our Interior Life and see how we may advance in growth in our imitation of Christ Our Lord. We should try to set aside more time for prayer, embrace acts of self-denial and find ways of performing acts of charity for others. If we take a serious step back and look at our daily schedules we can surely find the time to embrace these practices. I truly wish that I could leave the church open for people to make visits and pray but given some of the issues that have occurred in the past that is just not possible; if anyone wishes to spend time in church during the day you may always contact us at the rectory and we’ll arrange to give you access to the church.

God grants us this special time and His Graces to draw us more deeply into union with Him and to help us set aside sins and faults and advance in holiness. Please take advantage of this Sacred Season and use it wisely, desiring each day to spend more time with the Lord and striving to become the Child of God that each of us is called to be by our Baptism.



As St. Paul reminds us in the second reading on Ash Wednesday: “Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!”

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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!

**Contribution Statements for 2017: Statements will be mailed by request only! Please complete the following information and place it in the collection basket. It would really help if you include a postage stamp with your request!!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Env. # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: all donations received after Jan. 1 will be posted to the year 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:

**+BENEDETTO & ADA BOLLACI & MARIA CIMINO**

Fr. Ed Shallow \$25.00

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The *Knights of Columbus Father Carey Council # 1280* will be Hosting their traditional **LENTEN FISH FRY** each Friday night during Lent beginning 2/16 thru 3/23 (**except Good Friday**), from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 164 High Street. Fish, Shrimp, Combo, or Ravioli Dinners: Salad, Clam Chowder, French Fries or Rice, Cole Slaw, homemade cake, coffee or tea. **COST:** Fish or Shrimp **\$13** for adults; **\$12** for Seniors (65+); **\$7** for children under 12. Combo **\$14** for Adults; **\$13** for Seniors (65+); **\$8** for children under 12. Ravioli **\$7** for Adults; **\$5** for children under 12. **\$1 extra for TAKE OUT.**

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**PEER COUNSELOR TRAINING**

Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen

*Are you a good listener? Believe every life has value? Feel God is calling you to something special?*

Life Choices in Metuchen is a pregnancy center assisting women & families dealing with unexpected pregnancy. We are also developing a MEN’s Program as well. We are conducting our next **Peer Counselor Training** from April 4 to May 19, 2018 (4 sessions on Wed or Sat over an 8-week stretch). The main prerequisites are a caring heart and the patience to listen. If you are a man or woman ready for a life challenge, please contact Carolyn by email: [lifechoices@optonline.net](mailto:lifechoices@optonline.net) or call 732-516-0911. Join us for the first (introductory) meeting on Wed. April 4, 7-9:30 pm OR Sat. April 7, 9:30 am to 12 noon @ 503 Main St., Metuchen 08840  
**Be Not Afraid. You can make a difference!**