

**Divine Mercy Parish**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

5:00 PM † Alexander & Buddy Sohayda - Friends

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

7:30 AM † Anthony DeKarski - Wife, Emily

10:45 AM † Charlie Adams - Family

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:00 AM Living & Deceased in Memorial Books

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

8:00 AM † Walter Wawrzynski - Joseph & Dorcie

Wawrzynski & Family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

8:00 AM † Janina Siek - Mr. & Mrs. Lukasik

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

8:00 AM † Father Raymond Dolan - Friends

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

8:00 AM † Ronald Hamorski - Friends

5:00 PM † William Kudrick - Helene Pozarycki

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

7:30 AM † Ernest Hornak - Daughter & Family

10:45 AM † Kathleen Poulos - Mom & Family

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**PRAY FOR:**

...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

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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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January 29 - 7 p.m. — Our Lady of Victories Parish, Sayreville, will hold a Mass and healing service. The celebrant will be Father John Campoli, Director of His Love Ministries. Individual healing prayers will be given following Mass. All are welcome. For information, call Marilyn, (732) 991-7379 or visit [www.frjohncampoli.com](http://www.frjohncampoli.com)

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Please note: any contributions received after December 31 will be posted in the new year, 2018!!!

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY**

**Second Collection** - Major Repairs, Together in Charity

**MONDAY**

**No Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament this week!**

**Office Closed!**

**SUNDAY**

**Second Collection** - Snow removal, Foundation for

Catholic Education

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**COLLECTIONS JANUARY 7**

Weekly	\$1677.00
Monthly	1266.00
Maintenance	25.00
Major Repairs	383.00
Utilities	79.00
Christmas	402.00
<b>January 1</b>	<b>340.00</b>
Snow Removal	30.00

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**FOOD CERTIFICATES**

During the week of January 7 we sold \$2625 worth of ShopRite gift cards, which means our parish received \$131.25. 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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Members of our "Prayer Shawl Ministry": the hospitals and nursing homes have been requesting shawls and lap robes for their patients. If you can, in this cold, wintry mess, please work on donations to brighten the patients days! Thank you for your kindness and dedication!

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Special thanks to all who collect the caps and tabs to be donated for the benefit of Ronald McDonald House! You have been doing a great job and your efforts and dedication is truly appreciated! Keep up the good work!

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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:

- +FLORENCE WOJCIEHOWSKI
- Adam & Deborah Bialowarczuk \$50.00
- Barbara Van Uden \$20.00
- Jayne & Philip Veneziano \$25.00

# Announcements

## FROM THE PASTOR:

Last Monday we observed the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast brought the Christmas season to its conclusion from the viewpoint of the Church's liturgy. However I still like to observe the older practice of celebrating the Christmas mysteries until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the fortieth day after Christmas.



This Sunday returns us to Ordinary ("counting") Time and the presence of the Green vestments, green being a symbol of hope and of life. (We are all longing after all this freezing cold for the "green" of spring and in the hope of its

eventual return).

While this year the Sunday Gospels will normally come from the Gospel of St. Mark, on this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time the Gospel is from St. John and his account of the calling of the first disciples. In the First Reading of today's Mass the calling of the Old Testament leader, Samuel, forms the content of that reading while the Gospel speaks of the call of Andrew and John and Andrew's brother, Cephas (Simon Peter). Samuel was changed by his mystical experience of God's call; Andrew, John and Peter were also not the same after their encounter with this Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus.



Our Lord continues to call His disciples (us) to an encounter with Him. Sometimes He speaks to us directly through our prayers, other times He make "speak" to us through other persons or through unfolding of the experiences of our daily lives. It is with the power of His Grace at work in our lives and because of the gift of Faith that we are capable of "hearing" His call and responding to it. We may not be called to respond in the dramatic ways that the persons of today's readings did but He still expects us to respond and say "Yes" to what He is asking of us.

We should pray that we will have the ability to hear Our Lord when He calls to us and the strength to respond wholeheartedly to whatever He is asking us to do, for His greater honor and glory, for our own personal sanctification and for the good of others around us.



"Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your Will. It is my delight and Your Holy Laws are within my heart."

We have a refrigerator which was removed from the school prior to the sale back in May of 2017. It is practically brand new. It DOES NOT have a freezer section – is 100% regular refrigeration. If anyone would be interested in purchasing this appliance you may call the rectory. The asking price is \$ 200.00.



There are still openings for Mass intentions; please contact the rectory if you would like to schedule Masses for departed loved ones or for other personal intentions.

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Annual March for Life in Washington, DC will be held on Friday, January 19, 2018. Bishop Checchio will be concelebrating at the Youth Mass and Rally for Life in Washington DC which takes place at the Capital One Center prior to the March for Life. He will also be concelebrating at the National Prayer Vigil for Life which is held on the eve of the March for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. There are approximately 14 busloads of parishioners and students who will be attending the 2018 March for Life. The plan is to try to meet up as a Diocese and march together. There is a diocesan banner and they are asking everyone to wear a red wool hat. If you are interested in joining them, please visit the website for a listing of the buses: <https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/respect-for-life/march-for-life-washington-rally-for-life-trenton/>

A Catholic Faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by participating in the 2018 March for Life. The Catholic Church teaches that a plenary indulgence - the kind available to Catholics attending the 2018 March for Life - frees a person from all temporal punishment due to sin.

The aged, sick and all those who due to grave reason are not able to leave home will be equally able to obtain a plenary indulgence if they unite themselves spiritually to the March for Life.

The Rally for Life at the Trenton Statehouse will be held on Monday, January 22 from 11 am - 1 pm. A bus will be leaving from the Diocesan Center for those wishing to attend the Rally. For more information or to reserve your seat, call Angela at 732-562-1990 ext. 1543.