

Divine Mercy Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

5:00 PM † Mayon & Rose Dobrowolski - Jim & Anna Maria & Matt Dobrowolski

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

7:30 AM † Phyllis & Dick Martino - Grandchildren
10:45 AM Blessings for Mr. & Mrs. Lukasik on their 35th Wedding Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lukasik

MONDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 AM † Walter Wawrzynski - John Wawrzynski, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM † Celeste & Maria D'Apolito & Sons - Constance Cap

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM Living & Deceased in Memorial Books

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM † Mary Gala - Her Grandchildren

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM † Lorraine Gilrane - Her Family
5:00 PM † Michael & Jeanne Yarcheski & Adrienne Yarcheski Miller - Adela Yarcheski

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

7:30 AM † Alexander & Agnes Kukoski - Eleanore Rivers
10:45 AM † Jozef & Michalina Frankowicz - Joseph & Jozefa Zima

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

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!!**

Blessings and Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Lukasik on the occasion of their 35th Wedding Anniversary!

Special thanks to all who so generously support our collection for the Food Pantry! Unfortunately the need keeps growing and the donations help some of these families survive!

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.

FRIDAY

Day of Abstinence!
Stations of the Cross - 7pm

SUNDAY

Second Collection - Utilities

COLLECTIONS MARCH 4

Weekly	\$1602.00
Monthly	900.00
Maintenance	4.00
Major Repairs	430.00
Utilities	22.00

FOOD CERTIFICATES

During the week of March 4 we sold \$1475 worth of ShopRite gift cards, which means our parish received \$73.75. Thank you for supporting this project!

**2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal
*Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World***

Thank you for all who have given so generously to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

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.

Thank you to those who have been working diligently to make prayer shawls and lap robes to be taken to the hospitals and nursing homes. They are so appreciated!

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!

Announcements

FROM THE PASTOR:



Our Lord is in conversation with the Pharisee, Nicodemus. Nicodemus was troubled by much of what he had heard Jesus teach and came to Him at night to seek deeper understanding from this young Teacher. He will be among

those who will oppose the night arrest and mockery of a trial.



Our Lord places before him the example of Moses raising the bronze serpent in the desert, those who were bitten by serpents, if they looked upon the bronze serpent, would survive. Humanity (us) have been “bitten” by the ancient serpent; humanity will only come to salvation when the Son of Man (Christ) is lifted up on the cross and when it turns to Him with Faith. He will give the gift of healing from sin and bestow the greater gift of Grace

and eternal life to those who place their faith in Him. And then Our Lord speaks those words to Nicodemus which have rebounded down through the centuries and should touch our minds and hearts today: “For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son so that all who believe in Him might not perish but might have eternal life! For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him!”



As we enter the fourth week of this Lenten season we do well to reflect upon these words of Our Divine Lord. He speaks them to us today. He reminds us of the great love the Father has for each of us and His own love for us that is displayed when He is lifted up on the Cross in order to draw us to Himself

and to the gift of life and light. Our Lenten efforts should be a response to this great love of God and the sign that we desire to turn away from sin and imperfection and unite ourselves more totally with Christ. There are still three weeks of Lent remaining, not too late to renew the effort to leave sin behind and reach out to that New Life which we will celebrate on Easter Sunday.

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.**

There will be an inter-parish Lenten Penance Service at 7 pm at St. Joseph’s Church on Tuesday, March 27 with the opportunity for individual confessions. Plan to attend to prepare for Our Lord’s Resurrection!

Mount Calvary Cemetery will be offering Palm Crosses for Easter and 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.

On Monday, March 26 at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen, Bishop Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese and bless the Holy Oils which are used in our parishes to sanctify the Faithful. All are invited to join Bishop Checchio at this beautiful liturgy! The oils our parish receives will be presented at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday!

Poland’s Best: August 9-18! Pilgrimage \$2950.00 from Newark. Price includes: airfare, fuel surcharges, taxes, 3 meals a day, super hotel, all entrance fees. For more info call Fr. Joseph Kubiak or Phyllis Gomulka 732-566-4115.

St. Anthony’s Parish invites anyone who will not have an **Easter Meal** to partake of a holiday meal provided by them on **Saturday, March 31** at no charge, but **you must pick it up or have it delivered to your home.** All are welcome to partake but **you must call by Palm Sunday, March 25 by 3 pm** so they may plan properly. They will begin making calls for the meal on Monday, March 12. **Please call 732-634-1419 beginning March 12** and leave your name and telephone number and you will be contacted.