

**Divine Mercy Parish**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**

5:00 PM Blessings of Health for Florence Hansen - Children & Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4**

7:30 AM For Our Parishioners

10:45 AM † Theresa Kolodziecki - Altar Rosary Society

**MONDAY, MARCH 5**

8:00 AM † Katherine Hetmanski - Carmen Blanco

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6**

8:00 AM † Mary & Fred Zahradnik & Jessica Kushner - Eva & Mike Kushner

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7**

8:00 AM † Sister Mary Olivia - Friends

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8**

8:00 AM † Stanislawa Lukasik - Mr. & Mrs. Lukasik

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9**

8:00 AM † Elizabeth Sisko - The Sisko Family

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**

8:00 AM † Father Raymond Dolan - Friends

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 the Occasion of their 35th Wedding Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lukasik

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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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**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.**

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY**

**Second Collection** - Monthly

No Altar/ Rosary meeting this month!

**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** - Maintenance

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**COLLECTIONS FEBRUARY 25**

Weekly	\$2038.00
Monthly	35.00
Maintenance	20.00
Major Repairs	1208.00
Utilities	181.00
Catholic Spirit	101.00
Ash Wednesday	32.00

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**FOOD CERTIFICATES**

During the week of February 25 we sold \$2775 worth of ShopRite gift cards, which means our parish received \$138.75. Thank you for supporting this project!

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**2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

*Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World*

Thank you to 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](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA)

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 9,045.50 and payments totaling \$ 8,079.25 from 66 parishioners. This represents 36.2% of our \$ 25,000.00 goal. If you have not yet given or pledged, please consider doing so this week! Thank you for your efforts.

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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).

# Announcements

**FROM THE PASTOR:**



Today's Gospel comes from the evangelist, St. John, the Beloved Apostle. It will be John who will stand with Christ's Holy Mother under the cross. It will be John to whom the Holy Mother of God will be entrusted by Her dying Son.

The Lord foretells the "sign" that the people are seeking when He says,

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up!" He was already pointing to His approaching Passion and Death, a matter He discussed at the time of His Transfiguration (last Sunday's Gospel) with both Moses and Elijah who "appeared with Him in glory and spoke about His exodus that He was to accomplish in Jerusalem". He would be taunted by the religious leaders and crowds with His own words for they failed to understand that He had been referring to His own Body which would rise in three days after the Passion in the glory of His Resurrection.

First comes suffering and passion and then Resurrection! This is the same call we face as His disciples today. We must pass through the trials and suffering of our life in order to come to the gift of eternal life in the glory of heaven. During Lent we seek to discipline our natures in order to remind us that our hearts should not be set on the passing things of this world but on the joys in the world to come. The first reading reminds us that the Lord has given us in His Commandments the ways we should choose to live our lives in order to share in His Eternal Kingdom. And St. Paul clearly reminds us that Christ is the power and wisdom of God and that our lives should be securely founded and built on Him. He is the New Temple wherein we may find light and life.others.



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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!

**Memorial Book**

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

- +THERESA KOLODZIESKI**
- Mike & Eva Kushner \$20.00
- Pam & Rick Domenichetti \$25.00
- John & Carol Terebetsky \$10.00
- Theresa Karras \$10.00
- Theresa Marciniak \$10.00
- Helen Cherepon \$10.00
- Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Dias \$10.00
- Grace & Tom Dobrowolski \$20.00
- Sally Ann Little \$20.00
- Gen & Henry Kurdyla \$20.00
- Eva & Mike Kushner \$20.00
- Stella Kubala \$20.00
- Helene Pozarycki \$25.00
- Louise Lukasiuk \$25.00
- Mary & Eileen Nowicki \$25.00
- Jean Romanowski \$20.00
- Adam Rozanski \$25.00
- Audrey Skrocki \$25.00
- Toni & Allan Medwick \$10.00
- Ann Marie Marchetti \$25.00
- Joel & Bernice Reuter

- +FLORENCE WOJCIEHOWSKI**
- John & Carol Terebetsky \$10.00

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**Pope Francis** has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

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Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain  
 Visiting Barcelona/Madrid/Avila/Toledo/Granada/Montserrat and more! September 10 - 21, 2018, \$3,699.00 per person including air from Newark.

Breakfast & Dinner Daily. Holy Mass daily at the Shrines.  
 For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

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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.**