

Divine Mercy Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5:00 PM † Edward, Jr. & Joseph Nelan - Gerry & Ed Nelan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:30 AM † Anna Kilbiowski - Jamiolkowski Family
10:45 AM † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory - Ceil Adams

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 AM † Anna Bucino - Dorothea Em

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM † Victoria & Edmund Sul & Victoria & James Toth - Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 AM † Theresa Kolodzieski - Jim, Anna Maria & Matthew Dobrowolski

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 AM † Health & Blessings for William Raffel - Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 AM Good Health and Blessings for Anna Sincak - Luba Yesinsky

5:00 PM † John & Helen Cheddar - Charlie & Jean Cheddar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:30 AM † George Sincak - Family
10:45 AM † Lorraine Gilrane - Her Family

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, 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!!

Memorial Book

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

- +JOHN DAVID ORTEGO
Rick & Pam Domenichetti \$20.00
- +STEPHEN FRANK
Cynthia Hennessy \$325.00

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

Second Collection - Utilities , Collection for Victims of Kerala, India disaster

MONDAY

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family beginning at 4:45 pm until closing at 7 pm.

SUNDAY

Second Collection - Major Repairs

COLLECTIONS SEPTEMBER 9

Weekly	\$1874.00
Monthly	129.00
Maintenance	982.00
Major Repairs	111.32
Peter's Pence	583.00

FOOD CERTIFICATES

During the week of September 9 we sold \$1900 worth of ShopRite gift cards, which means our parish received \$95.00. Thank you for supporting this project!

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis, Metuchen on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018 at 4 pm.

Please register online by logging on to the diocesan website (<https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/family-and-pastoral-life/family-life/silver-and-gold/>). The system will automatically generate a confirmation message with some facts about the event. More specifics will be sent closer to the event. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-243-4582.

Registration will close on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

The Carteret Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit, in conjunction with its Neighborhood Watch Program will present "School Safety", Sept. 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center/Library Building, 100 Cooke Ave. For info call Sue on the Crime Prevention Phone - 732-541-4127. These meetings are open to the entire public!

The flowers by the Sacred Heart Statue this weekend were donated in memory of Edward, Jr. and Joseph Nelan by Mom & Dad.

The flowers at the Altar were donated in memory of Nelson and Diana Panazzolo by Robert, Claire & Nicole Panazzolo.

Announcements

FROM THE PASTOR:

“Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself/herself, take up the cross, and follow Me!”



This challenge of the Lord to anyone who would desire to be His disciple is not an easy one. In another part of the Gospels Our Lord says, “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matthew 7:13) People tend to seek riches and be soft and comfortable. They turn away from words like self-denial, mortification, purification, asceticism, discipline. In other words, they run from the cross. The Lord’s message here is very clear: Don’t run from the cross but run to it if you really want to live!

We can find much truth about the Lord’s teaching if we reflect on the words of St. John of the Cross which are found in his Spiritual Canticle:

“Though holy doctors have uncovered many mysteries and wonders, and devout souls have understood them in this earthly condition of ours, yet the greater part still remains to be unfolded by them, and even to be understood by them. We must then dig deeply in Christ. He is like a rich mine with many pockets containing treasures: however deep we dig we will never find their end or their limit. Indeed, in every pocket new seams of fresh riches are discovered on all sides. For this reason, the apostle Paul said of Christ: “In him are hidden all the treasures of the wisdom and knowledge of God.” The soul cannot enter into these treasures, nor attain them, unless it first crosses into and enters the thicket of suffering. Would that men might come at last to see that it is quite impossible to reach the thicket of the riches and wisdom of God except by first entering the thicket of much suffering, in such a way that the soul finds there its consolation and desire. The soul that longs for divine wisdom chooses first, and in truth, to enter the thicket of the cross. The gate that gives entry into these riches of His wisdom is the cross; because it is a narrow gate, while many seek the joys that can be gained through it, it is given to few to desire to pass through it.”



Walk for Life: Saturday, October 13, 9am - 12 pm, Merrill Park, Iselin (Rain or Shine). Benefitting the lifesaving work of Life Choices Resource Center! Confirmation hours given for attending!

DJ, Refreshments, Games - Family Fun. No distance restrictions! Be a hero and Make a difference in the Life of an unborn child. Register or Donate today @ www.LifeChoicesRC.com or download a pledge form. \$200 raised provides 1 free ultrasound! Call 732-516-0811 or TEXT 848-229-7634 with questions!

Thank you for your generous support in last week’s Peter’s Pence Collection! Our contribution will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections , and click on the “How to Give” link.

Thank you to all who donated to the collection for Kerala, India!

Please consider supporting our poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Clearly marked donation boxes are available in more than 30 locations throughout our four-county diocese. For a complete list of drop-off locations, visit <http://www.ccdm.org/how-you-can-help/clothing-donation-drop-boxes>. If you have an item that is too big to fit in a donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home.