



Saturday, December 31st

5:30pm: Gottlieb Strohmaier – r/o Dcn. & Mrs. Walter Pidgeon

7:00pm: For the Intentions of the Spanish Community

Sunday, January 1st

8:00am: For the People of the Parish

10:00am: Patricia Linn – r/o Her Loving Family

Monday, January 2nd

8:00am: Special Intention – r/o Carol Hollar

Tuesday, January 3rd

8:00am: Don Clark – r/o Barbara Marsatis

Wednesday, January 4th

8:00am: Frank Aloca – r/o Barbara Marsatis

Thursday, January 5th

8:00am: Health & Blessings for Margaret Armeno
r/o Eileen & Michael Sullivan

Friday, January 6th

8:00am: Robert Pellegrini – r/o Bill O'Brien

7:00pm: For the Intentions of the Spanish Community

Saturday, January 7th

8:00am: John Rafferty – r/o The Brzosko Family

8:30am: Adoration till 12 noon

5:30pm: For the People of the Parish

7:00pm: For the Intentions of the Spanish Community

Sunday, January 8th

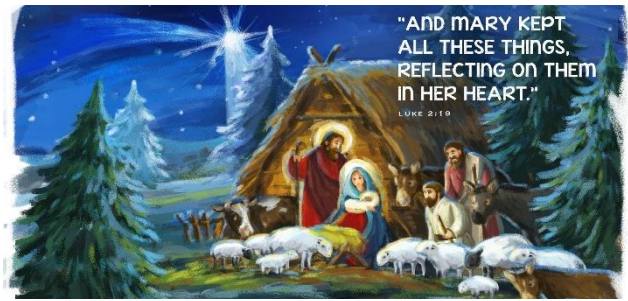
8:00am: Kevin O'Neill – r/o Melissa Maney

10:00am: For the Deceased Members of the Knights
Of Columbus, Joyce Kilmer Council

Please pray for all those who have died, especially **Thomas Collier, Peter Settineri, Jr., Patricia Wynn.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Amen



*Father Leo along with
Dcn. Walter, Dcn. Dan, Dcn. Paul*



“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

LUKE 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. She heard God’s message, and immediately said “yes.” Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.



Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

*The Parish Office
will be closed on
Monday, January 2nd*

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

	Dec. 31 & Jan. 1	Jan. 7 & 8
	Lector	
5:30pm	Richard Burke	Armando Serrado
7:00pm	Marcia Penafiel	Irma Cruz
	Nicolas Salinas	Mariana Guaman
8:00am	Armando Serrado	Mona Hiserodt
10:00am	(needed)	FF Yr. 4
	Eucharistic Minister	
5:30pm	(needed)	Lynn Decker
7:00pm	Carlos Fuentes	Marcelo Rojas
8:00am	Lee Souders	Aimee Rine
10:00am	Vita Morales	Tim Segada
	Sacristan	
5:30pm	Tom Hoffman	Tom Hoffman
7:00pm	Nicolas Salinas	Nicolas Salinas
8:00am	George Denny	George Denny
10:00am	Aaron Wilson	Aaron Wilson



Weekly Collection: \$4,335
Electronic Giving: \$1,183
Total Giving: \$5,518

12/8 Immaculate Conception: \$1,593
12/11 Retirement Religious: \$1,463
12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe: \$961

This weekend there is a special second collection for Administrative Costs. This covers the cost of mailing of contribution envelopes to those who desire them.

Next weekend there is a Diocesan Collection **“Together in Charity”**. The entire collection will benefit Catholic Charities’ Parish Emergency Assistance Fund. Please be as generous as your means allow.

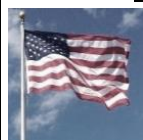


PRAY THE ROSARY

Monday – Friday - 7:30pm
on ZOOM - with Deacon Walter
 Meeting ID: 358634252
 Password: 008173

You may also email Deacon Walter at walter.p257@comcast.net to request a prayer for a special intention.

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS



Anthony Appleby-US Army, Nicholas Appleby, US Air Force, Jon Barrett-Marines, Shaun Collins-Navy, Nolan Drylie-U.S.M.C., Jason Fischer-US Army, Cabriella Gongala-

E4 Airforce Reserve, Robert Hess, Brial Holl, General Dixon Taylor-PFC, Alex Urankar-1st Lieutenant U.S.M.C., Ronald James Vizcarra, Bret Wade-CSM, Ryan Oakley, U.S. Army Reserv



Mary Lou Blasiole, Jodi Bremner, Lucille Caldara, Joe Chiarello, Danny Decker, Lili Decker, Edward Dimiceli, Donald J. Keady, Stacey Lennon, Tiffany Pulis and Elaina Rewiski and Steve Yosh. For all those sick with COVID-19 & their caregivers.

Please call the parish if you are a parishioner who would like to be added onto our prayer list.

SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

-Shop Amazon.com just go to our website and click on the *amazon smile* tab and our church receives a percentage back from Amazon.

-Before you go food shopping buy Shoprite and Weis gift cards from us. We get \$5 for every \$100 dollars you buy! On sale after all Masses and in the Rectory from Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 4pm. This also does not cost you any more money than you usually use at the store.

We now have the capability to take credit cards. The charge is \$3. Per \$100.

-Electronic Giving is available to you for your weekly donations to our church. Just go on to our website and click on the **“Electronic Giving”** tab and set up your account. You can edit your account any time you would like.

FAITH FORMATION

Rose Strohmaier, Director (908) 303-9692

The Faith Formation Office
is located in the School Building

faithformation@assumptionbvmnj.org



On Sundays at 10AM Mass, our Pilgrimage Statue of Mary will be sent home with a Faith Formation Family to venerate for the week. She will be returned the following Sunday to be gifted to another family for the week.

There is a sign-up sheet outside the Faith Formation Office in the school for all who wish to participate in the opportunity to have this beautiful and blessed statue of Mary in their home.

Calendar

January

Sunday 8—Year 4 Hosts 10:00AM Mass—arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

Wednesday 11—Faith Formation

Saturday 14—1st Year Confirmation Retreat-Meet in School Cafeteria 1:00PM-6:30PM

Sunday 15—Year 3 Hosts 10:00AM Mass—arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

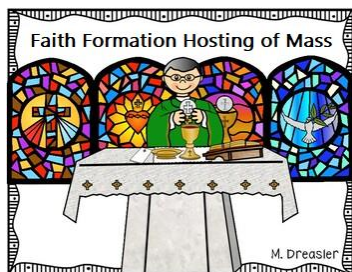
Wednesday 18—Faith Formation— Father Leo Parent Session discussing an article on the teaching of the faith-- Evaluations Sent Home

Sunday 22—Confirmation I Hosts 10:00AM Mass—arrive no later than 9:50AM dressed and prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

Sunday 22—Session #2: Spiritual Gifts—Confirmation II Candidates and Sponsors meet in the School-6:00-8:00PM

Wednesday 25—Faith Formation- Evaluations Sent Home

Sunday 29—Year 3 Hosts 10:00AM Mass—arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in



HOSTING MASS:

Four times during the Faith Formation Year, each Catechist is responsible for hosting 10am Sunday Mass with his/her children. The

Catechist plans for readers, servers, ushers, gifts, etc. As a part of the Faith Formation Family, the children are to arrive to their assigned Mass at 9:50am, sit with

their class and fully participate in the celebration of Mass. The dates are clearly stated on the calendar. Thank you for adjusting your schedule to be sure your child is at Mass on those four Sundays.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

ST. MARY'S CUPBOARD

Pantry Hours in School Building:

**Tuesday 6pm to 7pm and
Saturday 10am till 12noon**

Saturday 10am till 12noon We would like to thank everyone for your support through food donations, funding and prayers! As of the end of September, we distributed over 4,000 bags of food, up from 3,000 bags total for 2021. It is only through your generosity that we are able to help food insecure people in our parish and our community. May God bless you and your families abundantly with a Blessed Christmas Season and a Healthy New Year! For information please call/text/email Kathy Segada at 908-337-2118 Kathleen.d.segada@gmail.com

GIVING TREE MINISTRY

The Giving Tree Ministry thanks you for bring joy to so many families during this Christmas season. Your generosity to our needy families emanates your love and care in serving others. You are amazing, and are truly appreciated for your kindness.

We distributed gifts to 74 families. So many toys were donated for the children from you, our parishioners and from the Knights of Columbus. Merry Christmas and may God Bless you all. The Giving Tree Ministry

FUNDRAISING MINISTRY

The Fundraising Committee thanks you for your support towards our 50/50 Raffle event. We still have one more week to go, when three winning tickets will be drawn, and this will take place on Sunday, January 8th.

We look forward to your ongoing support for this initiative. This fundraiser will help in the repair or the roof in the main Church and the renovation of the confessional.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Bautizos: Todos los Bautizos se celebraran el segundo domingo del mes a la 1:30pm en espanol. Minimo un mes de anticipacion. Contactar a Nicolas Salinas para las clases de preparacion.

Bodas: Contactar la rectoria
(Minimo un año de anticipacion)



Solemnidad de Maria la Santa Madre de Dios

“Y María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas en su corazón y meditaba acerca de ellas”

LUCAS 02:19

Después de Jesús, miramos a María como nuestro modelo ideal de corresponsabilidad. Vivió toda su vida obedeciendo el llamado de Dios. Ella escuchó el mensaje de Dios, y dijo «Sí» inmediatamente. María nos enseña a vivir con alegría y gratitud por las muchas bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado. Así como la luna refleja la luz del sol, María refleja la luz de Cristo. Como María, nosotros somos llamados a reflejar la luz de Cristo al mundo. Nosotros lo hacemos a través de una vida de gratitud y generosidad.



**Paz y bendiciones,
Padre Leo, Dcn. Walter
Dcn. Dan, Dcn. Paul y personal**

**La Oficina Parroquial permanecerá
cerrado el Lunes, 2 de enero**

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA DEL 01/02

Lunes: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 97:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 1:19-28

Martes: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Sal 97:1, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Jn 1:29-34

Miércoles: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 97:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Jueves: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 99:2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Mc 1:7-11 o Lc 3:23-38 or Lc 3:23, 31-34,
36, 38

Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6a, 9b;
Jn 2:1-11

Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MINISTERIO DE DAR ÁRBOL

El Ministerio Giving Tree le agradece por traer alegría a tantas familias durante esta temporada navideña. Su generosidad hacia nuestras familias necesitadas emana su amor y cuidado en el servicio a los demás. Eres increíble, y eres realmente apreciado por tu amabilidad.

Distribuimos regalos a 74 familias. Tantos juguetes fueron donados para los niños de ustedes, nuestros feligreses y de Caballeros de Colón. Feliz Navidad y que Dios los bendiga a todos. El Ministerio del Árbol de Donaciones

ARMARIO DE SANTA MARÍA

**Horas de despensa en el edificio
de la escuela:**

Martes 6pm a 7pm y

Sábado 10am hasta 12 del mediodía

MINISTERIO DE RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS

El Comité de Recaudación de Fondos le agradece su apoyo a nuestro evento 50 50 Rifa. Todavía nos queda una semana más, cuando se sortearán tres boletos ganadores, y esto tendrá lugar el domingo 8 de enero.

Esperamos contar con su apoyo continuo a esta iniciativa. Esta recaudación de fondos ayudará en la reparación del techo en la iglesia principal y la renovación del confesionario

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

ORACIÓN POR EL SÍNODO SOBRE LA SINODALIDAD

Estamos ante ti, Espíritu Santo, reunidos en tu nombre. Tú que eres nuestro verdadero consejero: ven a nosotros, apóyanos, entra en nuestros corazones.
Enséñanos el camino, muéstranos cómo alcanzar la meta.
Impide que perdamos el rumbo como personas débiles y pecadoras.
No permitas que la ignorancia nos lleve por falsos caminos.
Concédenos el don del discernimiento, para que no dejemos que nuestras acciones se guíen por perjuicios y falsas consideraciones.
Condúcenos a la unidad en ti, para que no nos desviemos del camino de la verdad y la justicia, sino que en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal nos esforcemos por alcanzar la vida eterna.
Esto te lo pedimos a ti, que obras en todo tiempo y lugar, en comunión con el Padre y el Hijo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

**Please consider joining us for the
Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass
Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023 at 12:00 noon**
at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi,
Metuchen. Bishop James F. Checchio will be
the celebrant. Youth who have been active in
pro-life volunteering will be recognized.
There will be a light reception immediately
following the Mass. All are welcome to
attend. For more information, contact
amarshall@diometuchen.org
or 732-562-1543.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL EVENTS

**Lecture Series: "The Mystery of the
Eucharist in the Life of the Church"**

January 17, 2023 at 7 pm

Presenter: Very Rev. Timothy Christy

**Location: Cathedral of St. Francis of
Assisi, Metuchen**

Fr. Christy, Rector of the Cathedral, will be exploring the USCCB's document on the Eucharist. As Christians, we know that we need Christ to be present in our lives. He is our very sustenance as he reminded us: unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you (John 6:53). The Lord accompanies us in many ways, but none as profound as when we encounter Him in the Eucharist. Please join Fr. Christy for this important event.

Lecture Series :

"The Liturgy of the Eucharist"

Wed., February 15, 2023 at 7 pm

Let us discover the nuances of the Liturgy of the Eucharist within the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There are two main parts: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Following the presentation the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated. Presenter: Fr. Timothy Eck II

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DOCUMENTARY FILM

ABOUT THE FILM

Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times



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