

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

**5:30pm:** Jadwiga Puchacz – r/o M/M Jack Reed

**7:00pm:** 12<sup>th</sup> Ann. Of Death for Elkin Granados  
– r/o His Loving Family (Spanish Mass)

### Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

**8:00am:** For the People of the Parish

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

### Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

**8:00am:** Mabel Huber – r/o Larry & Karen Becker

### Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

**8:00am:** Kielan Michael Nesbitt – r/o John &  
Eileen Flanagan

### Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

**8:00am:** Marie Agnes Keeler – r/o Her Estate

**7:00pm:** Simbang Gabi – Filipino Apostolate Mass

### Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

**8:00am:** Rev. Arthur Anderson – r/o Kathy  
Gromlowicz

### Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

**8:00am:** Margaret Wingle – r/o The Morning Regulars

### Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**8:00am:** Kevin O'Neill – r/o Dcn. & Mrs. Walter  
Pidgeon

**4:00pm:** William Burke – r/o Agnes Burke

**5:30pm:** James A. Culligan – r/o Kathy & Vincent  
Clinton

**7:00pm:** Betty Roberts – r/o Her Loving Family  
(Spanish Mass)

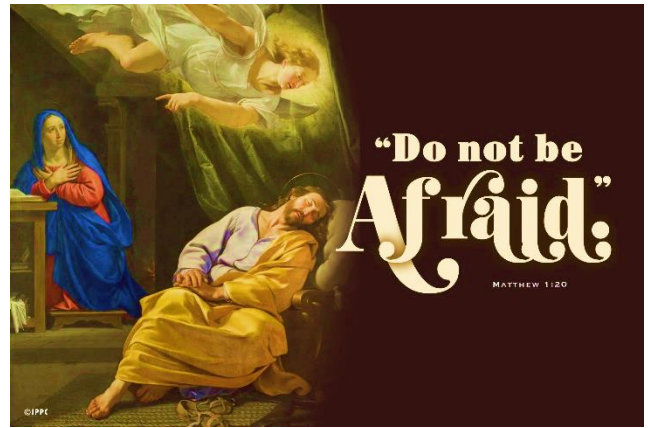
**8:30pm:** Music Program

**9:00pm:** Patricia Linn – r/o Her Loving Family

### Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

**8:00am:** Connie & Robert Johnson – r/o Their  
Loving Family

**10:00am:** Louise Folz – r/o Carmela Bond



**“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”**

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return.

Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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## LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

	Dec. 17 & 18	Dec. 24 & 25
	Lector	
4:00pm		Lynn Decker
5:30pm	Richard Burke	Bob Marks
7:00pm	Nancy Marroquin	Patricia Rojas
	Arturo Lucero	Marcelo Rojas
9:00pm		George Denny
8:00am	Rob Souders	Bob Marks
10:00am	FF Yr. 5	Armando Serrado
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	
4:00pm		Nancy Burke
5:30pm	Lee Souders	(needed)
7:00pm	Marcelo Rojas	Carlos Fuentes
8:00am	Jo Forestiere	Lee Souders
10:00am	Christina Wilson	Vita Morales
	<b>Sacristan</b>	
4:00pm		(needed)
5:30pm	Tom Hoffman	Tom Hoffman
7:00pm	Nicolas Salinas	Nicolas Salinas
9:00pm		(needed)
8:00am	George Denny	George Denny
10:00am	Aaron Wilson	Aaron Wilson



**The Weekly Collection figures will be in next weekend's bulletin.**

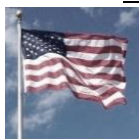
**Next weekend for Christmas Day, there is a regular weekly collection and a special second collection for your Christmas offering to the parish. Thank you so much for your continued generosity to our parish!**



## **PRAY THE ROSARY**

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

## **PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS**



Anthony Appleby-US Army, Nicholas Appleby, US Air Force, Jon Barrett-Marines, Shaun Collins-Navy, Nolan Dryllie-U.S.M.C., Jason Fischer-US Army, Cabriella Gongala-E4 Airforce Reserve, Robert Hess, Brial Holl, General Dixon Taylor-PFC, Alex Urankar-1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant U.S.M.C., Ronald James Vizcarra, Bret Wade-CSM, Ryan Oakley, U.S. Army Reserve



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](mailto: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

#### December

**Sunday 18**—Year 5 Hosts 10:00AM Mass—arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

**Wednesday 21**—Faith Formation

**Saturday 24**—4:00—Children's Mass and Nativity (Nativity will take place after Mass)

**Sunday 25**—Christmas

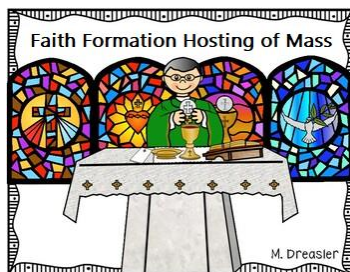


#### January

**Sunday 1**—Mary Mother of God-Feast

**Wednesday 4**—Faith Formation

**Sunday 8**—Year 4 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**

*We continue to serve many families and need all basic foods but we are starting a "featured food item" which will change weekly. This week's featured item is **WHITE RICE**. Food donations can be left in the vestibule of the church or dropped off at the school when the food pantry is open. Gift cards and monetary donations should be dropped off/sent to the parish office.*

For more information please call/text/email Kathy Segada at 908-337-2118

[Kathleen.d.segada@gmail.com](mailto:Kathleen.d.segada@gmail.com)

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

**The Pantry will be closed from Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### GIVING TREE MINISTRY



The final distribution of Gift cards and toys will be distributed on Monday 12/19 and Tuesday 12/19 from 10am-12noon and 4pm-6pm both in the school cafeteria. Please call Dottie Cusack at 908 752 9926 or e-mail to [cusackd89@gmail.com](mailto:cusackd89@gmail.com).

A big thank you to all our generous and faithful parishioners for making Christmas special for all those in our church and community.

***May the Peace and Joy of the Baby Jesus be with you all this Christmas and throughout the New Year!***

Gratefully,  
The Giving Tree Ministry

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

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

*Cuarto Domingo de Adviento*

**18 de Diciembre de 2022**

**“Cuando José se despertó, hizo lo que el Angel del Señor le había ordenado y llevó su esposa a su hogar.”**

Mateo 1:24

Poner nuestra completa confianza en el Señor sin esperar nada a cambio. Esforzarnos en poner a Dios primero en todas las cosas y seguirlo a dondequiera que Él nos lleve. José fue un ejemplo de esos pilares de nuestra fe. A medida que nos preparamos para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor, oremos por la fortaleza y el valor para ser un modelo de discipulado, tal como lo fue José.

### LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA DEL 12/18

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## MINISTERIO DE DAR ÁRBOL



La distribución final de tarjetas de regalo y juguetes se distribuirá el lunes 19/12 y el martes 19/12 de 10 a.m. a 12 del mediodía y de 4 p.m. a 6 p.m., ambos en la cafetería de la escuela. Por favor, llame a Dottie Cusack al 908 752 9926

o envíe un correo electrónico a

[cusackd89@gmail.com](mailto:cusackd89@gmail.com).

Muchas gracias a todos nuestros feligreses generosos y fieles por hacer que la Navidad sea especial para todos aquellos en nuestra iglesia y comunidad.

**¡Que la Paz y la Alegría del Niño Jesús estén con ustedes toda esta Navidad y durante todo el Año Nuevo!**

Agradecido

El Ministerio del Árbol de Donaciones

**La despensa de alimentos permanecerá cerrada del sábado 24 de diciembre al lunes 2 de enero Reabriremos el martes 3 de enero**



*Hoy, 18 de Diciembre, después de la misa de 8 am y 10 am, hay una venta de pasteles y una venta de chocolate caliente en la cafetería. Además, Santa estará allí para que puedas tomar fotos con tu propia cámara.*

## 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 prejuicios 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

	Sunday Dec. 17 & 18 Readings:	No. 1000
Entrance Hymn	The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns	No. 414
Offertory Hymn	Like a Shepherd	No. 402
Communion Hymn	Draw Near	No. 935
Recessional Hymn	O Come, Divine Messiah!	No. 401

## Christmas Schedule 2022



### Masses:

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00pm (English), 5:30pm (English)  
and 7:00pm (Spanish),

8:30pm Music Program, 9:00pm Mass

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am and 10:00am



## Advent Wreath Prayer

*Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.*

## AROUND OUR DIOCESE OF METUCHEN



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN FILIPINO APOSTOLATE



# Simbang Gabi 2022



**THE EUCHARIST: A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE 7TH NIGHT OF SIMBANG GABI ON

## December 21, 2022 - Wednesday - 7PM

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

302 HIGH STREET, HACKETTSTOWN, NJ 07840

**SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE: Masses start at 7PM, unless otherwise noted**

15 December (Thu)	ST. MAGDALENE DE PAZZI	105 Mine Street, Flemington
16 December (Fri)	ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE MARY, MOTHER OF GOD ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	81 Seymour Avenue, Edison 157 South Triangle Road, Hillsborough 45 Henderson Road, Kendall Park
17 December (Sat)	ST. BARTHOLOMEW OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION (4:30 PM)	470 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick 501 New Market Road, Piscataway 80 Main Street, Bloomsbury
18 December (Sun)	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (4 PM) CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART OUR LADY OF VICTORIES (5 PM)	35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville 149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield 42 Main Street, Sayreville
19 December (Mon)	QUEENSHIP OF MARY ST. HELENA ST. FRANCES CABRINI	16 Dey Road, Plainsboro 950 Grove Avenue, Edison 208 Bound Brook Avenue, Piscataway
20 December (Tue)	NATIVITY OF THE LORD (6 PM) ST. CECILIA ST. JAMES	185 Applegarth Road, Monroe Township 10 Kingston Lane, Monmouth Junction 149 Grove Street, Woodbridge
21 December (Wed)	ST. MATTHIAS ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	168 JFK Boulevard, Somerset 436 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading 302 High Street, Hackettstown
22 December (Thu)	ST. CECILIA ST. AMBROSE ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX	45 Wilus Way, Iselin 83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge 500 Route 22, Bridgewater
23 December (Fri)	CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI	32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen

**MISA de GALLO**  
December 16 - 24 | 5 AM  
ST. LADISLAUS CHURCH - 215 Somerset Street, New Brunswick



**To meet the increased needs** of the community, Catholic Charities Food Pantry and Thrift Store, located in Phillipsburg, needs volunteers for the following:

### **Food Pantry**

- Open from 10 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday
- Volunteers to unpack donated and purchased food
- Volunteers to sort and stack food on our pantry shelves
- Volunteers to prepare grocery bags for our clients
- Break down empty boxes and carry them to trash bins
- Provide basic case management services and have an awareness of local resources or be willing to learn

### **Thrift Store**

- Open from 11 AM to 4PM Monday through Friday
- Help sort and put donated items on the shelves
- Help price the items donated to the store
- Help the customers with any questions they may have about the items purchased

Call Maria Hunter at 732-738-1315 or email [mhunter@ccdom.org](mailto:mhunter@ccdom.org)



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FINAL RO - 11/17/2022

### 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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or 732-562-1543.

### Surviving Divorce

For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 12-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

Meetings will be held on  
Thursdays 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
beginning March 2, 2023 at the  
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,  
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

For more information or to register  
contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947