



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

- 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

**Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00am:** Joseph G. Cascioli – r/o M/M Hugh Cusack

**Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00am:** Health & Blessings for Mary O'Brien r/o Her Brother, Bill

**Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00am:** For the Well Being of Family & Friends r/o Carol Hollar

**Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00am:** Chester Zukoski – r/o Kathy Gromlowicz

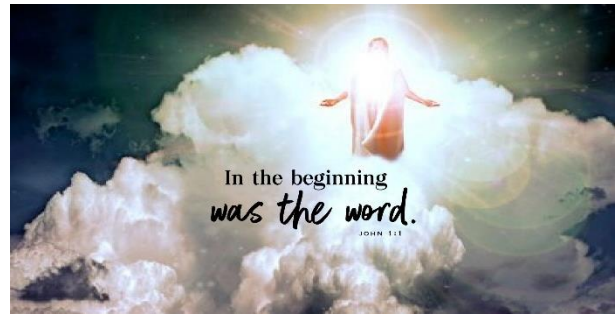
**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:00am:** Roger Forst – r/o Carol Hollar
- 5:30pm:** Gottlieb Strohmaier – r/o Dcn. & Mrs. Walter Pidgeon
- 7:00pm:** For the Intentions of the Spanish Community

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

- 8:00am:** For the People of the Parish
- 10:00am:** Patricia Linn – r/o Her Loving Family

*Peace and Blessings,  
Father Leo, Dcn. Walter  
Dcn. Dan, Dcn. Paul and Staff*



***“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...”***

John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

***The Parish Office  
will be closed on  
Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>***

## LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

	Dec. 24 & 25	Dec. 31 & Jan. 1
	<b>Lector</b>	
4:00pm	Lynn Decker	
5:30pm	Bob Marks	Richard Burke
7:00pm	Patricia Rojas	Marcia Penafiel
	Marcelo Rojas	Nicolas Salinas
9:00pm	George Denny	
8:00am	Bob Marks	Armando Serrado
10:00am	Armando Serrado	(needed)
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	
4:00pm	Nancy Burke	
5:30pm	(needed)	Lynn Decker
7:00pm	Carlos Fuentes	Gloria Naranjo
8:00am	Lee Souders	Jo Forestiere
10:00am	Vita Morales	Tim Segada
	<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



**Weekly Collection:** \$4,708  
**Electronic Giving:** \$1,988  
**Total Giving:** \$6,696

**12/8 Immaculate Conception:** \$1,593  
**12/11 Retirement Religious:** \$1,463

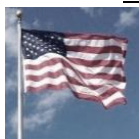
***This weekend for Christmas Day, there is a regular weekly collection and a special second collection for your Christmas offering to the parish. Thank you so much for your continued generosity to our parish!***



## 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

#### 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

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**

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 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**

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)



**25 de Diciembre de 2022**

**“Y el Verbo se hizo carne, y habitó entre nosotros...”** Juan 1:14

Dios nos hizo para estar en relación con Él, y nos ama a cada uno de nosotros individualmente. A través del pecado, nuestra relación con Dios se rompió. Él nos dio a Jesús para restablecer nuestra relación. Siendo discípulos de Jesús se nos dio el modelo para obtener la vida eterna en el Cielo. Las Navidades no son acerca de los regalos materiales que recibimos, es acerca del amor que Dios, Nuestro Padre, nos dio al darnos a Su Hijo, Jesús, el mejor regalo que podríamos recibir.

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



## LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA DEL 12/25

**Lunes:** Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-60; Sal 30:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Martes:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 96:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:2-9

**Miércoles:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 123:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Jueves:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 95:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

**Viernes:** Sir 3:3-7, 14-17a o Col 3:12-21 o Col 3:12-17; Ps 127:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Sábado:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 95:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

**Domingo:** Nm 6:22-27; Sal 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21

## MINISTERIO DE DAR ÁRBOL



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**

**La Oficina Parroquial permanecerá cerrado el Lunes, 26 de Diciembre**

## 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

## 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](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

