

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:30pm: Kevin O'Neill – r/o Heidi Wohlleb

7:00pm: Marta Rosa Sotomayor – r/o Her Loving Family (Spanish Mass)

### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: For the People of the Parish

10:00am: Grandma Arias – r/o Her Loving Family

### Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: Kenneth Gross – Rev. David J. Pekola

### Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: Virginia Mastondrea – r/o M/M Hugh Cusack

### Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: Anna Cole – r/o Her Estate

6:00pm (Vigil for Holy Day):

Bill Burke – r/o Agnes Burke

7:00pm: (Spanish Vigil Mass)

For the Intentions of the Spanish Community

8:00pm: Recitation of Rosary in Spanish

### Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> –

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

8:00am: Robert McDevitt – r/o Jack, Joanne & Roy O'Connell

12:00pm: Catherine Cascoli – r/o M/M Hugh Cusack

7:00pm: Tomas J. Molina – r/o His Loving Family

### Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: Anna Cole – r/o Her Estate

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

### Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: Anna Cole – r/o Her Estate

8:30am to 12:00pm: Adoration

5:30pm: For the People of the Parish

7:00pm: Emilio Abril – r/o His Loving Family (Spanish Mass)

### Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am: Jadwiga Puchacz – r/o Dcn. & Mrs. Walter Pidgeon

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



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

In observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



**“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” Matthew 3:10**

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3bc-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

## LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

	Dec. 3 & 4	Dec. 10 & 11
	<b>Lector</b>	
<b>5:30pm</b>	Rob Souders	Lynn Decker
<b>7:00pm</b>	Marcia Penafiel	Gloria Naranjo
	Auturo Lucero	Nancy Marroquin
<b>8:00am</b>	Bob Marks	Mona Hiserodt
<b>10:00am</b>	FF Yr. 4	FF Yr. 6
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	
<b>5:30pm</b>	Lee Souders	Nancy Burke
<b>7:00pm</b>	Gloria Naranjo	Carlos Fuentes
<b>8:00am</b>	Joe Forestiere	Aimee Rine
<b>10:00am</b>	Tim Segada	Al Golluscio
	<b>Sacristan</b>	
<b>5:30pm</b>	Tom Hoffman	Tom Hoffman
<b>7:00pm</b>	Nicolas Salinas	Nicolas Salinas
<b>8:00am</b>	George Denny	George Denny
<b>10:00am</b>	Aaron Wilson	Aaron Wilson



**November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Weekly Collection:** \$4,486

**Electronic Giving:** \$1,835

**Total:** \$6,321

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Weekly Collection:** \$4,248

**Electronic Giving:** \$879

**Total:** \$5,127

**Next weekend** there will be a Diocesan Collection for **Retirement Fund for Religious**. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support Retired Religious Sisters and Brothers of the United States.

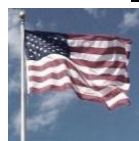
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## PRAY THE ROSARY

**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 Drylie-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

**Wednesday 7**—Faith Formation-Second Session families and children meet in the church for 6PM Mass. Children will return to the school with their Catechist and be dismissed from school as usual at 7:30PM.

**Thursday 8**—Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation

**Sunday 11**—Year 6 Hosts 10:00AM Mass—arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

**Wednesday 14**—Faith Formation--Reconciliation for Years 3 through Confirmation II-Parents encouraged to attend with their children

**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

**Wednesday 11**—Faith Formation

**Saturday 14**—1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Retreat-Meet in School Cafeteria  
1:00PM-6:30PM

## 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 **HOT CHOCOLATE**. 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!

### GIVING TREE MINISTRY



Our Giving Tree is up. Please take an ornament for a needy family. Gift cards and toys are requested. Various age groups are written on the back of the ornament for toys. Please choose one and return it to the Church vestibule or place it

under the tree. You can also leave it at the rectory.

A number is written on the back of the ornament. Please sign or print your name on the list on the table in the vestibule that corresponds to the number on your ornament. Please return your ornament with your gift or gift card as soon as possible. Gifts can also be brought to the rectory during the week. Gift wrap is also needed as well as bows and gift bags. However return your gift unwrapped. Attach your ornament to the gift or gift bag.

Gift cards and toys will be distributed on Monday 12/19 and Tuesday 12/20. Anyone interested in helping to distribute gifts please call Dottie Cusack at 908 752 9926 or e-mail to [cusackd89@gmail.com](mailto:cusackd89@gmail.com).

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)



### 4 de Diciembre de 2022

**“Por lo tanto, cada árbol que no de buenos frutos será cortado y tirado al fuego.”** Mateo 3:10

¿Da bueno frutos para Jesus? ¿Pasa tiempo en oración o pierde su tiempo con actividades sin sentido? ¿Utiliza sus talentos para ayudar a los demás o está demasiado ocupado? ¿Usa sus tesoros para apoyar a la Iglesia o para comprar más cosas que no utiliza? Nuestro tiempo y nuestro talento son dones de Dios. Lo que nosotros hacemos con estos dones es nuestro regalo de vuelta a Dios. ¿Qué regalos planificas darle al Señor durante esta próxima temporada navideña?

### LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA DEL 12/4

**Lunes:** Is 35:1-10; Sal 84:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 5:17-26

**Martes:** Is 40:1-11; Sal 95:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

**Miércoles:** Is 40:25-31; Sal 102:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Jueves:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 97:1, 2-3ab, 3bc-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

**Viernes:** Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Sábado:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 79:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:10-13

**Domingo:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 145:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Sant 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**La misa por Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe** será el lunes 12 de diciembre a las 7pm. Fiesta en la cafetería de la escuela después de la misa.

## ETIRO DE ADVIENTO - AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO

*Volviendo la Mirada a la Presencia Real de  
Jesucristo en la Eucaristía*

*(Advent Retreat - Eucharistic Revival)*

En línea con la invitación que nos ha hecho el Papa Francisco a “volver nuestra Mirada a la Presencia Real de Jesucristo en la Eucaristía”, los invitamos a vivir este retiro de adviento en el que tendremos un reencuentro con Jesús Eucaristía, la fuente que nos da la fortaleza y el alimento para poder responder como católicos a los desafíos que estamos viviendo como Iglesia, en nuestras comunidades, familias y con nosotros mismos.

**10 de Diciembre de 2022**

**8:30 am a 3:30 pm,**

**Centro Pastoral St John Neumann  
(146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ).**

**Invitado especial: Saulo Hidalgo.**

**Registro: \$25. Cupos Limitados**

Comunícate al 732 243 4573 si quieres comprar tiquetes para este evento o cómpralos en línea en el siguiente botón

## NOCHE DE TEATRO - THEATER NIGHT

*La Aparición de la Virgen de  
Guadalupe*

*The Apparition of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe*

Los invitamos **el Jueves 15 de Diciembre de 2022, de 6:30 pm a 8:30 pm** a la obra de teatro "*La Aparición de la Virgen de Guadalupe*", presentada por el grupo de teatro "El Sembrador" de la parroquia St Joseph en North Plainfield NJ.

La entrada es gratuita, los cupos son limitados.

Lugar: Auditorio del Centro Pastoral  
146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ 08854.

Información:

Lescobar@diometuchen.org

## 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

	<b>Sunday Dec. 3 &amp; 4 Readings:</b>	<b>No. 994</b>
<b>Entrance Hymn</b>	<b>On Jordan's Bank</b>	<b>No. 418</b>
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</b>	<b>No. 451</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>Now in This Banquet</b>	<b>No 937</b>
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>Savior of the Nations, Come</b>	<b>No. 421</b>

## *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*

### ***Baking Santa Extravaganza!***

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

*after 8am and 10am Masses*

*Take pictures with Santa with your own camera, Bake Sale and Hot Cocoa for sale too!*

*We are in need of bakers for this event.*

*Please leave your baked goods in the school building cafeteria on*

*Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6:30pm*

*Call the parish office for more info.*



### *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

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**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, Somers 436 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading 302 High Street, Hackettstown
22 December (Thu)	ST. CECILIA ST. AMBROSE ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX	45 Willus 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



For a synodal Church

**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.

# LOVE *and be* LOVED

*An evening with Jim Towey*  
**DECEMBER 9, 2022**  
at **6:30 PM**

And a special screening of  
**MOTHER TERESA  
NO GREATER LOVE**




*Immaculata High School, Somerville, NJ*