

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2/3, 2017

SAT – Dec 2

5:00p +Anthony J. Kkowalski, Jr. req Jean Beck

SUN – Dec 3 (First Sunday of Advent)

7:30a +Florence Zwolinski req Florence & Joe Dzurek

10:00a -Holy Spirit wisdom for Ann Chester req Dan Pryor

11:15a +John Stasi, Jr. req his mother & family

12:30p Pol -Birthday blessings for the 18th birthday of Olivia Dait req godmother & family

MON – Dec 4 (St. John Damascene)

8:30a +Stanley Pomianek req Maureen Smith

TUES – Dec 5

8:30a +Rev. Ignacy Kuziemski req Felicja Chudy

WED – Dec 6 (St. Nicholas)

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Gabriel Lukijaniuk req his family

THUR – Dec 7 (St. Ambrose)

8:30a +For all souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them req Felicja Chudy

FRI – Dec 8 (Immaculate Conception) (Holy Day)

7:00a -Abundant graces for the Kaczmarek Family

6:30p -In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

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SAT – Dec 9 (St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoazin)

8:30a +Raymond Ascolese req his family

5:00p +Anna & John Kowalski req MaryAnn Boatman

SUN – Dec 10

7:30a +Helen Cleveland req her brother Art Curley

10:00a +John Jaworski req Dorothy & Allan Jaworski

11:15a +Nancy Penner req her family

12:30p Pol -Birthday blessings for 93 year old Stasia Lempicki req Forestiere Family

****If you scheduled a Mass and would like to bring up the gifts during that Mass, please see the usher before Mass starts.**

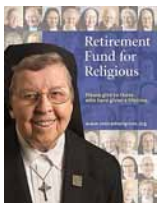
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Mario Teixeira req his family.

Bread & Wine is offered this week in memory of Mario Teixeira req his family.

Divine Mercy Candle is lit for the return to good health of Wanda Wozniak req Diana Vernacchia.

NATIONAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The national Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up today. This collection bridges the gaps of our retired religious priests, nuns, and Brothers. Medical and living expenses rise every year. This collection helps our retired religious pay their bills. Please be generous as your means allow in the second collection today.



CARPET

Do we have anyone experienced in laying carpet? Our Men's Lounge classroom has new carpeting but it has now started to "walk" it's way across the floor. We could use your opinion; call 908-637-4269.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS-November

1st week - \$3104
3rd week - \$3240

2nd week - \$3060
4th week - \$3066

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 3, Sun-Christmas Pageant Practice, 1:30pm

Dec 8, Fri-Immaculate Conception, 7a, 6:30p, 8p

Dec 10, Sun-Christmas Pageant Practice, 1:30pm

Dec 17, Sun-Giving Tree gifts and food due in

Dec 17, Sun-Bambinelli Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Friday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7am, 6:30pm, and in Polish at 8pm.

INSPIRATIONAL VIDEOS

Dynamic Catholic is offering inspirational videos by email to enjoy during Advent, which begins this Sunday, December 3rd. By signing up, you'll receive free Short Inspirational Videos, Practical Tips, and Real-Life Stories of Hope. Some parishioners signed up for this last year and said it helped to bring them into a deeper experience of Christmas, preparing for the coming of Jesus. If interested, sign up for free at BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited.



SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH/DINNER

We are looking for someone or a group of Religious Ed classes that would like to host this lunch/dinner for our senior parishioners. Not alot involved--if interested please contact the parish office, 637-4269.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

RECONCILIATION

Sat, Dec 16th--4 - 4:45pm,

Fri, Dec 22nd--7 - 8pm,

Sat, Dec 23rd--4pm - 4:45pm & 6pm - 7pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES (Sunday, December 24th)

5:00 PM Mass & Pageant,

10:00 PM (Polish),

12:00 Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES (Monday, December 25th)

7:30am, 10:00am, 11:15am, 12:30pm (Polish)

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS (Sunday, December 31st)

5:00 PM, Vigil Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES (Mon, January 1st, 2018)

11:15am (English) & 12:30pm (Polish)

BISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL

Would anyone like to "chair" this year's Bishop Annual Appeal for our parish? A meeting is set for Tuesday, December 12th at 2:30pm to 4pm OR 7pm to 8:30pm at the St. John Neumann Center in Piscataway, NJ. Please call the church office or see Fr. Greg if you are interested.

YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!

Retrouvaille--A lifeline for troubled marriages. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring--your relationship grown cold, distant--thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again--then the Retrouvaille program may help you. Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. All inquiries are confidential. For further info call the Family Life Office 732-562-1990 x4573, or Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

CRY ROOM



If you feel the need to remove your child from the main body of the church but still wish to hear and see the Mass, our chapel, located up near the main altar on the left side of the church, doubles as our Cry Room. There is a black speaker located on the wall that can be turned on and the lights are located on the outside wall near the 2nd set of doors. Please note: children are not allowed to be unattended or just run wild in the chapel. This is a setting to teach your child how to behave in church without disturbing the atmosphere of the Mass. Also, you can bring your child to the back of the church--just make sure all the glass doors are closed.

GENTLE REMINDER...

Think of our beautiful church building as your home. Just as you always want your home to be ready to welcome guests and visitors, please be conscious of picking up after you and your family at the end of Mass; readying the church for others. Please replace all misselettes and song books and take the bulletin with you so we all make the church ready to welcome others for worship.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

MARRIED COUPLES:

You can enhance your marital romance and build a better marriage! It is never too late to experience the joy natural family planning methods can bring to your relationship. Both spouses are taught to understand the nature of fertility and work with it, either to plan a pregnancy or to avoid a pregnancy...NFP becomes a shared commitment!

ENGAGED COUPLES:

If you are interested in beginning your life together as husband and wife by loving one another naturally it is never too early to learn about natural family planning.

Call the Family Life Office (732) 562-1990 Ext. 1624 or e-mail familylife@diometuchen.org for more information or to register for classes at a location nearest your home.

PARTY OR MEETING

Need a place to hold a party? What about a meeting? Our hall is ready and cheap. Only \$70 per hour (the time that the event is held). Contact the church office if you are interested in renting, 908-637-4269. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, baptisms, sweet 16's, baby & wedding showers, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, retirements, etc.

The Church

The Church as the New Jerusalem in our midst is a symbol of the House of God, in our city, in our land.

It is first of all a place of prayer. Here the community gathers to celebrate the Eucharist and our communion with God. The faithful gather to express through the liturgy their faith in God and to pray. In the words of St. John Chrysostom, "Praying at home isn't like praying in a church. In church the people of God gather with one heart and raise a cry to God. In a church there is something more--the union of the spirits, sympathetic souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of priests."

PRAY FOR:

Living: Steve Matuszek, Hedda Sivertsoon, Ruthann Kurnath, Paul Marrow, Robert Willis, Mary Rupell
Deceased: Paul Milkowski, Gene Wright, Rosalie Hollenfer, Irene Mazanek, Raymond Ascolese

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