

2025 CALENDARS

Free 2025 calendars are available in the back of our church compliments of the Newbaker Funeral Home of Blairstown and the Cochran Funeral Home of Hackettstown. Help yourselves to one.

Average Person Offerings in November

The following chart shows the average person offerings in the month of November 2024 per Mass:

Nov 2/3	# people	Total Collection	Average/ Person
5 P	55	\$622.00	\$11.30
7:30 A	62	\$1051.00	\$16.95
10 A	129	\$740.00	\$5.74
11:30 A	61	\$431.00	\$7.07
TOTAL	317	\$2,844.00	\$8.97
Nov 9/10			
5 P	60	\$602.00	\$10.03
7:30 A	59	\$785.00	\$13.31
10 A	115	\$1242.00	\$10.80
11:30 A	93	\$609.00	\$6.55
TOTAL	327	\$3,238.00	\$9.90
Nov 16/17			
5 P	70	\$636.00	\$9.09
7:30 A	58	\$739.00	\$12.74
10 A	130	\$1,494.00	\$11.49
11:30 A	90	\$557.00	\$6.19
TOTAL	348	\$3,426.00	\$9.84
Nov 23/24			
5 P	52	\$578.00	\$11.12
7:30 A	57	\$1103.00	\$19.35
10 A	123	\$949.00	\$7.72
11:30 A	96	\$817.00	\$8.51
TOTAL	328	\$3,447.00	\$10.51

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please help yourselves to one box of offering envelopes per family for next year, 2025. Remember, if you wish us to keep track of your donations for tax purposes,



please put your name and amount on each envelope. The free address labels are an easy and fast way to address your envelope. This helps

in receiving sponsor certificates.

WANT TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER???

If you already received your First Holy Communion and wish to serve at Mass please contact the church office (Mon-Fri, 9:30am – 3pm). A training session will be set up for anyone interested. Please call, 908-637-4269 or email: stpeterandpaul@comcast.net.



BENEFIT AUCTION & DINNER

Council 10419 of the Long Valley Knights of Columbus is holding its 33rd Annual Auction on Saturday evening, December 7, 2024 at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 265 West Mill Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853. It is a wonderful evening out featuring both live and silent auctions, a buffet dinner, beer, wine, beverages and deserts. Be part of the action, help those in need and have fun! Proceeds fund programs that benefit the needy, seniors, youth and veterans. Live auction begins at 8 PM, silent at 6 PM. Admission is only \$40 (with a \$10.00 discount to \$30.00 for early purchase). Visit their website www.lvkofo.org to purchase or for additional details.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?



RETROUVAILLE
a lifeline for your marriage

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 28 – March 2, 2025. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Marianists have collaborated with a film production company on "I Am The Immaculate Conception", a documentary film that presents the Lourdes apparition as well as other Scriptural references to Our Lady. It will appear in selected theaters through Fathom Events on December 12, 14, and 17. For a Trailer and more information, click on <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/immaculate-conception/>

Advent Morning of Recollection with Fr. Rick Rusk.

Saturday, December 7, 8:45am-1:30pm

Cost: \$25 (lunch included)

Anawim Community, 354 Jonestown Rd. Oxford, NJ 07863

For more information or to RSVP:

oxford@anawim.com Ph: 908-453-3886

BE NOT AFRAID

Perhaps priesthood has crossed your mind, but fear pushes the idea away:

- My friends would laugh if they heard I was thinking about the priesthood!
- My parents would be shocked.
- My mom wants grandkids.
- I'm scared to death of speaking in public.
- I'm nowhere near holy enough.
- I don't want to give up sex.
- I'll be lonely.
- Seminary may be too hard for me.
- Being a priest seems lame.

These fears are very common, even for men who are already in seminary. But literally thousands of men have had the same concerns and then went on to become holy and effective priests. Contact Fr. Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez, Vocation Recruiter, (732) 562-2457, vocations@diometuchen.org



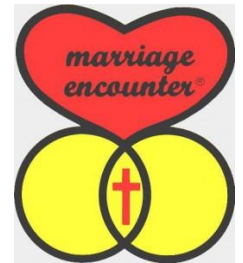
KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Some tips on keeping Christ in Christmas:

- Use postage stamps that feature a religious theme
- Hang an Advent Calendar at your work and in your home
- Display your nativity set where others can see
- Place an electric candle in a window symbolizing the light of Christ
- Listen to traditional Christmas carols that honor Christ's birth
- Find religious Christmas wrapping paper and decorations
- Read Christmas scripture and stories to children
- Purchase a gift and give it to the poor, encourage your children to do the same.
- Explain the original Christmas tree tradition to your children
- Use decorations, cards, etc., with Merry Christmas instead of "Happy Holidays"
- Have your children place a piece of straw in the creche each day that they do a good deed during Advent
- Pray for the young, so that when they become adults they will not regard Christmas as just another holiday free from work

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Marriage Encounter is a weekend enrichment program designed to help build communication skills between husband and wife. A series of presentations given by married couples and a priest provide meaningful reflection for couples to refocus on their relationship. The weekend affords private time for dialogue away from the distractions of everyday life. The Marriage Encounter Weekends are usually held in local hotels. If interested contact Tom and Ruth DeFalco at (732) 904-9636 or visit Worldwide Marriage Encounter Central NJ at www.wwme.org.



HOLIDAY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

The Life-Giving Wounds Ministry for adult children of divorce is sponsoring a hybrid support group consisting of a series of virtual meetings and 2 in-person sessions. The first session will be held at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on December 7th. Subsequent meetings will take place each Thursday evening on Zoom from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The final session will take place on February 8th. Cost is \$45 per person for materials. To register, please visit: www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce. For questions, please contact Molly at molly.moltane@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Experience the Christmas Festival of Lights at the Blue Army Shrine from dusk until 9pm everyday between Dec 13th -Jan 5th. Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd. E., Asbury, NJ.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."

(PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.
