

Divine Mercy Parish

CARTERET, NEW JERSEY

SERVED BY:

Pastor: Rev. Edmund J. Shallow

**Parish Secretary/Ministry Director:
Debbie Ascolese**

**Organist:
Michael Jack**

Rectory Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

No Office Hours on Friday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm at Holy Family

PARISH TRUSTEES:

David Luc

John Nartowicz

Please register! If you are 18 years old and out of school, you are required to register separately from your family.

Sponsor Letters- Church law requires that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active, Confirmed Catholic. An Active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, is in a valid Catholic marriage and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching.



MASS SCHEDULE

All at Holy Family Church

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30 and 10:45am

Weekdays: 8:00am

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018**

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213 Pershing Ave.
732-541-5768

MINISTRY OFFICE
732-541-5768

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:00 PM † Edward. Jr. & Joseph Nelan - Gerry & Ed Nelan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:30 AM † George King - Wife & Family
10:45 AM † Michael Seman - the Orosz Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM † Rev. Andrew Okal - Friends

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 AM † Attilio & Maria Rotili - Charlie & Jean Cheddar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 AM Special Intention - Fr. Ed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners - -

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 AM † Dorothy Mastrolia - Friends

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 AM Living & Deceased in Memorial Books - -
5:00 PM † Joseph & Dolores Rupinski - Mosman & Rupinski Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30 AM † Halina & Kazimierz Kropiewnicki - Jamiolkowski Family

10:45 AM † Joseph Orosz, Sr. - the Orosz Family

PRAY FOR:

...for those who have died especially: Dolores Rupinski, Casimer Hojecki, Dorothy Staubach

...the sick and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Gabriel Hemming, Betty Snow, Sr. M. Immaculene Gudz, Alex Makwinski, Rosa Maria Santos, Mildred Skoczypiec, Victoria Toth, Walter Kurdyla

Please consider supporting our ongoing Parish Fund Raising Activity. The sale of Shop Rite gift cards earns the Parish 5% on each dollar sold. They are available at Masses on the weekend and in the rectory during the week. The gift cards do not cost you any extra money to purchase. The gift cards are available in 25s, 50s, and 100s. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOD CERTIFICATES

During the week of December 2nd, we sold \$1950 worth of ShopRite gift cards, which means our parish received \$97.50. Thanks to all who support this program!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

Second Collection - Maintenance

MONDAY

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family beginning at 4:45 pm until closing at 7 pm

SUNDAY

Second Collection - Snow Removal

COLLECTIONS DECEMBER 2

Weekly	\$1886.00
Monthly	1114.00
Utilities	120.00
Major Repairs	221.00
Retirement Fund	1039.00
Christmas Flowers	380.00

MEMORIAL BOOK

The following names have been added to our Memorial Book to be remembered at Mass on the 15th of each month:

+ ELMER LEPRI

John & Fran Nartowicz - \$10.00

+ADAM ROZANSKI

- Cindy & John Gaffga - \$20.00
- Jean Romanowski - \$25.00
- Ann Krystosiak - \$25.00
- Stanley & Bernadette Krystosiak - \$25.00
- Luba Yesinsky - \$30.00
- Anita Burke - \$50.00
- Thomas & Grace Dobrowolski - \$10.00
- Susan Ringwood - \$25.00

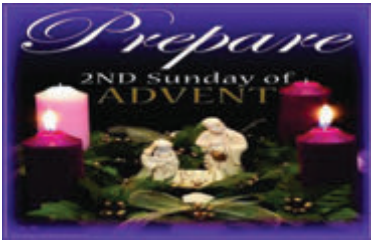
Flowers in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are in memory of Edward Nelan, Jr. and Joseph Nelan from Mom and Dad.

We wish to thank all those who supported our collection of Christmas gifts. May Our Lord bless you for your kindness.

CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP DINNER – All are welcome! Tuesday, December 25th 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. @ St. Anthony’s Church, Father Milos Parish Hall. There is no charge but please call 732-634-1419 and leave a message by Tuesday, December 18th. Local transportation may be available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR



On this Second Sunday of Advent St. Luke introduces St. John the Baptist. St. Luke takes great pains to firmly establish the historical framework in which the Baptist

appears. Humility, austerity, courage and a spirit of prayer figure very strongly in St. John's personality. He was very faithful to the special mission which God entrusted to him, preparing the hearts and minds of the people for the coming of Jesus, the Eternal Son of the Father. Our Lord Himself will praise John, calling him the "greatest of those born of woman" and "a lamp, burning and shining brightly", preparing the way for the One who would proclaim, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"!

John preaches the need for repentance and inner conversion. In order to receive the gift of salvation that is coming in the Person of the Lord Jesus, the people must prepare themselves spiritually by turning away from sin and doing penance, cleansing their hearts and souls do as to "prepare the way for the Lord" and to "make straight his paths". Every year the Church in her wisdom and liturgy proclaims anew the coming of the Lord. And this is not only the coming in history which we celebrate on Christmas but also His future coming and His desire to come daily into our lives through the gift of Divine Grace. We are reminded by the actions of John at the Lord's first coming that we ought to ought to purify our souls by a new interior conversion.



This week, Bishop Checchio will begin the year of spiritual renewal in our Diocese, leading to the consecration of our Diocese under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe which will take place next December 12th (2019). He is calling this a time for all Catholics of the Diocese to personally renew their faith

and commitment to Christ and His Church and, under the mantle of our Lady, to seek personal renewal and conversion so as to be instruments of God's Grace, seeking to lead back those who have stopped practicing their faith and to inspire others to embrace Christ and His Church. Beginning next weekend, we will begin praying the special prayer to Our Lady, asking for her help in our lives and the life of the Diocese.



"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths!" Let these not simply be words we read or heard in this Sunday's Gospel but the guiding force in our own lives as we make

our way through this Advent and through this year of spiritual preparation, "Lighting Hearts on Fire (ours and others) for Christ" What a beautiful gift we could offer to Our Lord if each of us could gently guide one soul back to Him and to the spiritual riches present in His Holy Church.

Please keep our Parish Secretary, Debbie Ascolese, in your prayers. She is at home, recovering from surgery which relieved the pain she was experiencing in her back and right leg. I will continue to try and cover the Office hours at the Rectory, but I would suggest that if you need to come in for something please call the day before or ahead of coming that day to make sure that I am in the office. Thank you for your understanding.



At this point if people would like to have additional Mass intentions scheduled for 2019, I am prepared to accept and schedule those intentions. I only ask that you call and schedule the time to come in so as

Our Diocesan Christmas Party for Children and Young Adults with Disabilities will be held on December 15. We will graciously accept donations from parishioners who wish to contribute toward gifts for this event. (Please make checks payable to "Diocese of Metuchen" c/o Fr. Hillier, PO Box 191 Metuchen, NJ 08840. For more information please call 732-765-6432

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