

PROCESSION

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar. The priest then kneels before the altar and incenses the Blessed Sacrament.

EXPOSITION HYMN

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| O Saving Victim opening wide | O Salutaris hostia, |
| The gate of heaven to all below. | Quae caeli pandas ostium |
| Our foes press on from every side; | Bella praemunt hostilia: |
| Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow. | Da rabur, fer auxilium. |

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| To Thy great name be endless praise | Uni trinoque Domino |
| Immortal Godhead, One in Three; | Sit sempiterna gloria: |
| Oh, grant us endless length of days, | Qui vitam sine termino, |
| In our true native land with Thee. | Nobis donet in patria. |

OPENING PRAYER

The priest/ deacon then goes to the chair, where he prays the opening prayer.

Leader: O Jesus, Lord of the Harvest, behold us kneeling before Your Eucharistic presence. The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Send, therefore, laborers into Your harvest. Repeat anew to youth the loving invitation, “Come follow me.” Encourage them with the words so often spoken to the apostles: “Fear not.” Place in their hearts a spark of that fire of love which You came to cast upon the earth. Grant that it may be enkindled into a flaming torch that will enable them to enlighten and fulfill Your last command: “Go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

All: Amen

After a period of silent prayer:

GOSPEL READING *John 1:35-39*

Leader: The next day, John again was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked and said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, “What are you looking for?”

And they said to Him, “Rabbi (which means Teacher), “Where are you staying?? He said to them, “Come and see.” So they went and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with Him that day.

After a period of silent prayer:

LITANY FOR VOCATIONS

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| Leader: Lord, have mercy. | All: Lord, have mercy. |
| Leader: Christ, have mercy. | All: Christ, have mercy. |
| Leader: Lord, have mercy. | All: Lord, have mercy. |

Leader: Heavenly Father, hear our prayer.

Leader: As you called Abram to be the father of all nations;
All: Inspire young people to answer your call.

Leader: As you called Moses, tending the flocks of Jethro;
All: Provide worthy pastors to your flock in our day.

Leader: As you spoke to Samuel with your call;
All: Open the ears of your chosen ones.

Leader: As Elisha was anointed by the prophet Isaiah;
All: Purify those preparing for priesthood & consecrated religious life.

Leader: As you called Jeremiah from the womb;
All: Send forth young people to evangelize & proclaim.

Leader: As you gave Saint Paul the gift of courage;
All: Fill the hearts of all consecrated men and women with the love of Christ.

Leader: As you called the Apostles to be ambassadors for Christ;
All: Send us fervent preachers to strengthen our spirits.

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SILENT ADORATION/SPIRITUAL READING

Take time to reflect prayerfully upon the Gospel passage or Litany.

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ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS (Optional)

The **Luminous Mysteries** are prayed while reflecting on them as **“Mysteries of Vocation,”** imploring the Immaculate Heart of Mary for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life within the Church.

Leader: (1) Reflecting on the beauty of the mission of John the Baptist being fulfilled as he ***Baptizes the Lord***, the presence of the Father who is well pleased and the power of the Holy Spirit who compels Jesus into His mission, all hold truth for meditating on vocations. This mystery reinforces the essential significance of the mission of every Christian. Hearts closed to the call of the Lord will not know their mission, nor will they reach their fulfillment as persons made in God’s image, the image of Christ sent by the Father, because vocation, mission and personhood are inseparably linked.

Leader: (2) The ***Mystery of the Wedding Feast at Cana*** draws our attention to the need for obedience to the voice of God. Once God’s call is heard, action is required. Our Blessed Mother clearly says to “Do whatever he tells you.”

Leader: (3) Faithful obedience to the Lord’s call establishes the Christian firmly in union with Jesus in the ***Proclamation of the Kingdom***. This mystery can be prayed with the desire for the knowledge of the charism through which the person is to fall in love with Christ and for the apostolate in which one is to serve God.

Leader: (4) The ***Mystery of the Transfiguration*** increases our confidence in the reality of Christ who is calling us to a

vocation to serve the kingdom; who comes and touches Peter, James and John after the glorious vision and says, “Do not be afraid?” Jesus calls, He strengthens that call, He challenges us in the call, He sustains us with love in the call.

Leader: (5) Jesus promises to be with us always and remains divinely present in the soul of every baptized person. He calls us as persons, body and soul, to be given as gift to another. That is love, to be totally given to another. In the ***Mystery of the Eucharist***, Jesus is both Giver and Gift. He gives the example of humble service and selfless gift.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you not only unceasingly urge souls to strive towards this lofty goal, but also move them by the mighty power of Your grace to follow You. Grant that many may hear and embrace their vocation to ordained ministry or consecrated life, where they will enjoy Your solicitude and tender care.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant there may never be lacking devoted men to take Your place at the altar proclaiming Your Gospel and offering Your Body and Blood for the salvation of the world. We pray to the Lord . . .

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant there may never be lacking devoted servants of Your own charity to take Your place day and night at the side of the orphan, at the bed of the sick, near the elderly and infirm who otherwise might not find a helping hand stretched out to them. We pray to the Lord . . .

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant that, in classrooms and universities, the voice of those who teach may be the echo of Your own, pointing out the way to heaven and the duties incumbent on each and all. We pray to the Lord . . .

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant that no land, however distant or inhospitable, may be deprived of the gospel message that invites all to enter Your kingdom. We pray to the Lord . . .

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Lord, enlighten many generous hearts with the ardent rays of Your Holy Spirit, eternal and substantial love; and, by the powerful intercession of Your most loving mother, Mary, enkindle and sustain the fervor of Your love in these hearts. So they may offer themselves in service to You as a priest, deacon or consecrated religious for the glory of the Father and of the same Holy Spirit, who lives and reigns with You, One God forever and ever. We pray to the Lord . . .

All: **Amen.**

LITANY OF PARISH PATRONS

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, hear us.

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

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| God, the Father of heaven, | have mercy on us |
| God the Son, Most Holy Redeemer of the world, | have mercy on us |
| God the Holy Spirit , | have mercy on us |
| Holy Trinity , One God, | have mercy on us |
| Sacred Heart of Jesus , | have mercy on us |
| Christ the King , | have mercy on us |
| Corpus Christi , | have mercy on us |

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| By your Annunciation , | have mercy on us |
| By your Nativity , | have mercy on us |
| Heart of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, | have mercy on us |

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| Mary in your Queenship , | pray for us. |
| Holy Mary, Mother of God , | pray for us. |
| Holy Mary of the Immaculate Conception , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of the Assumption , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Czestochowa , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Fatima , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Hungary , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Korea , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Lourdes , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Mercy , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Mount Carmel , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Mount Virgin , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Peace , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Perpetual Help , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of the Mount , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Victories , | pray for us. |
| Our Lady of Ostrabrama , | pray for us. |
| All you Guardian Angels and Angels of the Lord, | pray for us. |

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| St. John the Baptist , | pray for us. |
| St. Ann , | pray for us. |
| Holy Family , | pray for us. |
| St. Joseph , | pray for us. |
| St. Peter , | pray for us. |
| St. Paul , | pray for us. |
| St. Andrew , | pray for us. |
| St. Bartholomew , | pray for us. |
| St. Luke , | pray for us. |
| St. Matthew , | pray for us. |
| St. Matthias , | pray for us. |
| St. Jude , | pray for us. |
| St. James the Great , | pray for us. |

St. James the Less,
St. John the Evangelist,
St. Thomas,
St. Philip,
All Holy Apostles and Disciples of the Lord,

pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us

St. Stephen,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecilia,
St. Lawrence,
All you Holy Martyrs,

pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.

St. Christopher,
St. Helena,
St. Theodore,
All you Holy Men and Women,

pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.

St. Anthony of Padua,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine of Canterbury,
St. Bernard of Clairvaux,
St. John Neumann,
St. John Vianney,
St. Charles Borromeo,
St. Stanislaus Kostka,
St. Patrick,
St. Edward the Confessor,
St. Ladislaus,
All you Holy Priests and Confessors,

pray for us.
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St. Brigid,
St. Bernadette,
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque,
St. Frances Cabrini,
St. Francis of Assisi,
St. Magdalene dePazzi,
St. Therese of the Infant Jesus,
St. Rose of Lima,

pray for us.
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pray for us.

St. Elizabeth,
St. Catherine of Siena,
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
St. Elizabeth of Hungary,
Holy founders and foundresses of orders serving
in the Diocese of Metuchen,

pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.
pray for us.

All you Holy Nuns and Religious,

pray for us.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Heavenly Father, bless our Diocese with many vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and our patron saints, grant to those You have called the willingness and generosity of spirit to give of themselves in devoting their lives and talents to the service of Our Lord and to the Church. Increase the faith of all within our Diocese. We ask this through Christ, Your Son. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SOLEMN BENEDICTION

As the celebrant kneels, the hymn is sung and he incenses the Blessed Sacrament.

Benediction Hymn:

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| Down in adoration falling, | Tantum ergo Sacramentum |
| Lo! The Sacred Host we hail. | Veneremur cernui: |
| Lo! O'er ancient forms departing, | Et antiquum documentum |
| newer rites of Grace prevail: | Novo cedat ritui: |
| faith for all defects supplying, | Praestet fides supplementum |
| where the feeble senses fail. | Sensuum defectui. |

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| To the Everlasting Father | Genitori, Genitoque |
| and the Son Who reigns on high, | Laus et jubilatio, |
| With the Spirit blessed proceeding | Salus, honor, virtus quoque |
| forth, from each eternally, | Sit et benedictio: |
| be salvation, honor, blessing, | Procedenti ab utroque |
| might and endless majesty. | Compar sit laudatio. |
| Amen. | Amen. |

After the hymn is finished, the priest rises and sings:

Leader: You have given them Bread from heaven.

All: **Having all sweetness within it.**

After a brief period of silence, the priest continues:

Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of Your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of Your body and blood help us to experience the salvation and peace of the kingdom where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

After the prayer, the priest puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and takes the monstrance. In silence, he makes the sign of the cross and blesses those present with the monstrance.

REPOSITION

After the blessing, the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the monstrance and brought to the place of reservation. Meanwhile, the priest leads all in the Divine Praises. Each acclamation is repeated by all together.

All: **Blessed be God.**
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste Spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved—with grateful affection—at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time.

After the Divine praises are finished, the hymn is sung. The priest and the servers bow to the altar and leave.

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy scepter claim;
All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign!

Hark the loud celestial hymn;
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

If you think the Lord may be calling you to explore the possibility of becoming a priest or consecrated religious, or if you would like information on vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen, please contact:

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The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration. Let our adoration never cease.
Pope John Paul II Dominicae cenae, 3.

*The Apostolic Penitentiary, by mandate of the
Supreme Pontiff, has granted
a Plenary Indulgence when the normal conditions
(Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion
and prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff)
have been rightly fulfilled.*