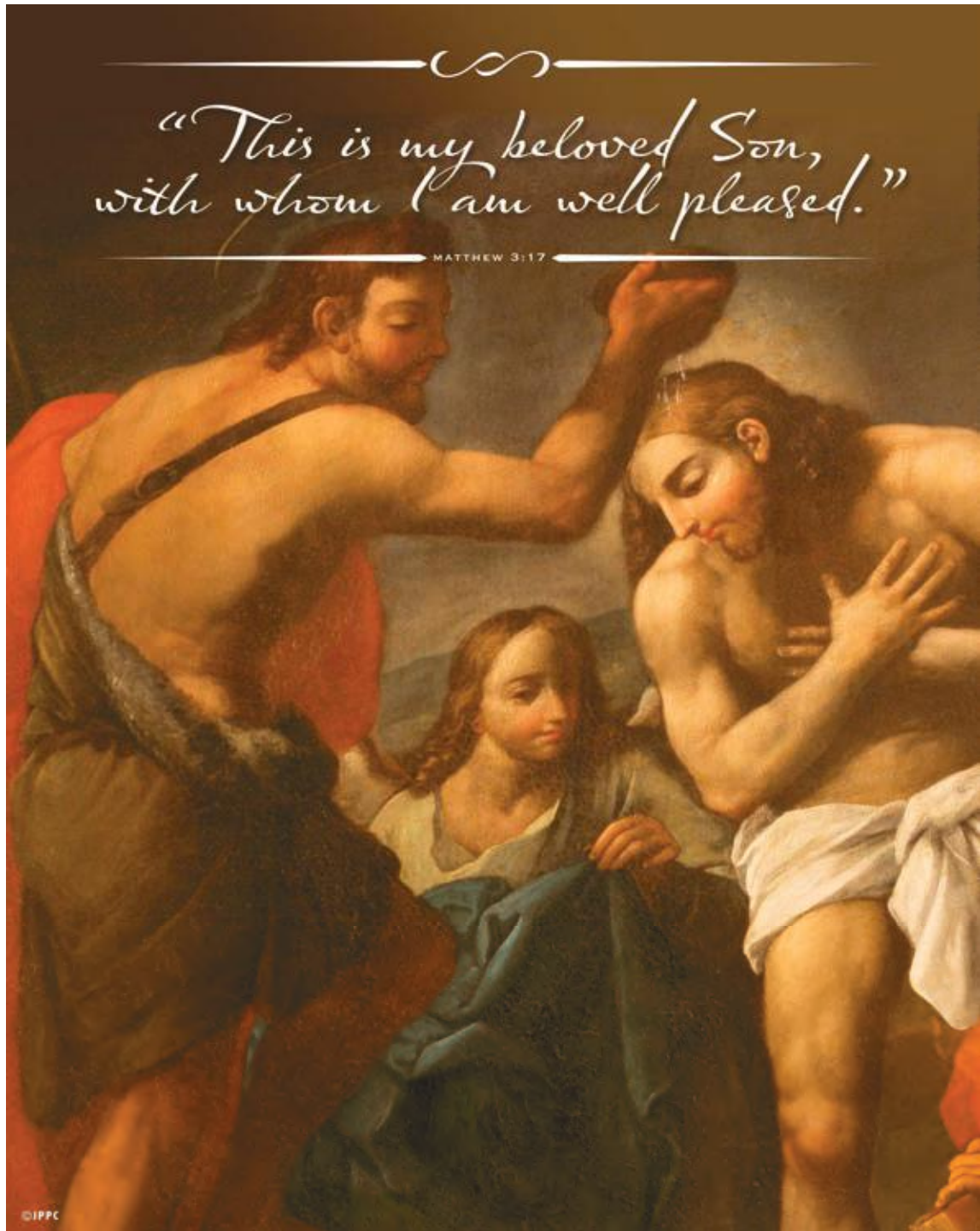


# Most Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church

Franklin Lakes, New Jersey



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 12, 2020**

## ABOUT OUR PARISH

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### **MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH PARISH OFFICE**

787 Franklin Lake Road  
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Website: [www.mostblessedsacrament.ws](http://www.mostblessedsacrament.ws)

Hours:

Monday through Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

*Most Blessed Sacrament Parish is a welcoming community which comes together to implement Christ's mission. We join to teach, to evangelize, to accept and to encourage ourselves and others in ongoing spiritual growth. Serving and supporting those within and beyond our parish remains a major focus as we recognize that each of us is called to be a witness to God's love in our world.*

*Parish Mission Statement*



## MBS RESTORATION FUND

Needless to say, everyone in our parish family has been stunned and heart-broken by the fire at MBS, but we are united in our resolve to build again and to move forward as a Catholic community.

A number of parishioners have already come forward to offer their financial support to these rebuilding efforts. Should you wish to support the parish in this effort, we invite you to make a tax-deductible contribution to the MBS Restoration Fund.

Please make your checks payable to *The Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament (write MBS Restoration Fund on the memo line)*. Mail to the MBS Parish Center, 787 Franklin Lake Road, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417.

God Bless You,  
*Father John*

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

CR=PARISH CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM

### Sunday, January 12

- Baptism Preparation after 10:00am Mass (CR)

### Monday, January 13

- Core Cornerstone Gathering 7:00pm (CR)

### Tuesday, January 14

- R.E. Classes Grades 1-8, 4:00-5:15pm (AMBS)
- Confirmation Class 4:00-5:15pm (AMBS)

### Wednesday, January 15

- Morning Prayer 9:00am (CR)
- Associates of the SSJ 7:00pm (CR)

### Thursday, January 16

- Bereavement Gathering 7:00pm (CR)

### Sunday, January 19

- Baptism at 12:00pm Mass (Gym)

## MASSES

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12 Noon

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin for Times

Week Days : 6:45 & 9:15 am

Saturdays: 9:00 am

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Contact the Parish Center in advance to make arrangements for the date of instructions for parents.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Following the daily 6:45 am Mass & the 9:15 am Mass, 4:30 - 5:00 pm. Saturday and also by appointment. (Additional times during Advent and Lent.)

### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the Parish Center one year before the desired date.

### **PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK**

Please notify the Parish Center when a family member is ill, whether in the hospital or at home. Holy Communion will be brought regularly by appointment to those confined to the home. The sick or chronically ill should receive the Sacrament of Anointing. In an emergency, call the Parish Center at any time.



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. With this feast we “officially” conclude the Season of Christmas. In today’s Gospel we hear God the Father say about Jesus: “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”

Bishop Maximus of Turin wrote in the fifth century that we should celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord with as much joy and enthusiasm as we do on the Solemnity of Christmas. He wrote: “At Jesus’ birth his mother Mary held her child close to her heart. So today the Father holds his beloved Son for all people to adore. Jesus is baptized so all Christians may follow him with confidence.” Today, all of us at the Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament follow the Lord with confidence.

We did this especially over the last four weeks as we adapted to our temporary worship space. The priority of our parish was to make sure that the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish continues with dignity and reverence. During this past month we concluded the season of Advent, celebrated Christmas and the Christmas season with festive liturgies, and began the discussion of how we would celebrate liturgy as we move into Ordinary Time. In the midst of all of this, we have celebrated baptisms in the gymnasium and even in the Community Room of the Parish Center, which has been converted into a Chapel. It is in our Chapel that we offer our weekday and Saturday morning Masses. We continue to offer Reconciliation on Saturday afternoons at 4:30pm in the school, and we celebrated the sacrament with our religious education students, and in a special way, with our second graders who are preparing for First Holy Communion. While they have been located in other nearby Catholic churches, we continue to work with families in preparing funeral liturgies and in the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. We can do all of this because we follow the Lord with confidence.

And now, with confidence, we can take the next step as we have started the process of rebuilding our church with the establishment of a Core Committee to direct and oversee the process. Mr. Frank Bivona has agreed to Chair the Committee. The other members of the Core Committee include parishioners Kevin Boswell, Mary Anne Clark, Antimo Del Vecchio, Nicholas Gentile and Brian McAuley. Each of these very qualified and dedicated committee members brings an area of expertise to the process. Their backgrounds include insurance, construction, engineering, finance, accounting and the law. We are very grateful for their willingness to serve our parish in this work. In addition, four representatives of the Archdiocese of Newark will share their expertise in support of this effort: Steve Belloise, Director of the Office of Property Management, Nassar Shabo, Director of Construction, Donna Wrobel, Director of the Office of Risk Management and Insurance Services, and the Reverend Thomas Dente, Director of the Office of Divine Worship. The first organizational meeting of the Core Committee took place on January 10, 2020. We will keep you updated about that meeting in next week’s bulletin. Together we will follow the Lord with confidence: *Building a Church...Continuing the Mission.*

Reverend John R. Job, Pastor

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, January 11**  
Antinori Family (Joanne & Ron Tattersall)  
5:30 pm
- Sunday, January 12**  
Our Parish Family  
Dr. Robert Cerfolio (Salvino Family)  
Deceased Members of the Murray Family (Joan & Bill Murray)  
8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm
- Monday, January 13**  
Theresa Kiel (JoAnn & Gregg Irwin)  
Phil Bernstein (Lori Quinn)  
6:45 am  
9:15 am
- Tuesday, January 14**  
Neil Spain (Gassib Family)  
Aida Sepich & Family (Maria)  
6:45 am  
9:15 am
- Wednesday, January 15**  
All Souls in Purgatory (Arturo Family)  
Frank Fazzinga (Joe & Mary Marangi)  
6:45 am  
9:15 am
- Thursday, January 16**  
Donato Mancini (Maria Mancini)  
Wilfred Rottkamp (Rottkamp Family)  
6:45 am  
9:15 am
- Friday, January 17**  
Francesco, Antonio, & Giovanna Bongiovanni (Arturo Family)  
Joseph, John & Paul Pirone (Joseph)  
6:45 am  
9:15 am
- Saturday, January 18**  
Bill Nicodemus (Joan & Bert Rottkamp)  
Frank Fazzinga (Carol Samanckek)  
9:00 am  
5:30 pm
- Sunday, January 19**  
Our Parish Family  
Elizabeth Connors (Thomas & Debra Cronin)  
Elizabeth & Joseph Silvestri (Joan & Bill Murray)  
8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm



### THE BREAD & WINE

In memory of Mary Lou Pronti  
Requested by Family

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of Sr. Eileen Kean  
Requested by Lorraine & Gene Signoretti



## PARISH CENTER MASS HOURS

**Please note:** the parish will hold weekday Masses in the Parish Center and weekend Masses in the school gym.

## PLEASE NOTE

The Second Collection scheduled for January 25-26 (The Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children) will now take place on February 1-2. Please take note of this in your envelope packet.



## WITH GREAT JOY WE REJOICE FOR:

Andrew Everell McCrodden  
Caleb Thomas McCrodden  
Stella Rose Ferrara  
Marco Julian Gonzalez

who were baptized in December 2019  
Welcome to Jesus Christ and His Church.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14--20  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21--28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40--45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1--12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13--17  
**Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

## LECTORS

### Saturday, January 18

5:30pm: Marykate Menapace

### Sunday, January 19

8:00am: Marisol Kovlovski  
10:00am: Dan Long  
12:00pm: Dolores Macaluso

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



If you have suffered the loss of a loved one during the last several years, you might like to join the Bereavement Group which meets on the third Thursday of the month. Our next session is **Thursday, January 16th, at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. For more information, please call Sister Rose Marie at 201-891-4200 ext.120.

### SACRAMENTAL LINENS MINISTRY

Sunday, January 12 - Sharon Nall  
Friday, January 17 - Jane McAuley  
Sunday, January 19 - Agnes Benneh  
Friday, January 24 - Rosemarie Della Iacono

### Please Mark Your Calendars

If anyone would like to help in this ministry, please call Joan McAuliffe at (201) 891-1712. If you are unable to commit to six times a year, consider being a substitute.

### SENIOR MINISTRY

### SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISES

Tuesdays 10:00-11:00am at the Parish Center

### COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP

God bless you for sharing your NEW or GENTLY used items with us. AT THIS TIME, WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING GENTLY WORN WINTER CLOTHING. All donations must be brought to the shed in the back of the parking lot. The key is at the Parish Center. Every donation is a blessing to the Sisters of Saint Joseph Retirement Community.

### SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION



**This Sunday, January 12th** will be the Second Sunday Food Collection. Contributions can be dropped off in the vestibule of the school near the wall of the trophy case. Contributions must be dropped off during the Second Sunday weekend Masses, not during the week.

### BREAKFAST CLUB



The Breakfast Club will be serving breakfast on **Sunday, January 19th** from 8:45-11:15 am. Please join us for a delicious "all you can eat" breakfast for only \$3.00 and a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet old and new friends.



## A CALL FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you would like to be included in the parishioner email list, please send a current email address to [kpastor@mbschurchnj.org](mailto:kpastor@mbschurchnj.org). Many of the email addresses that we have listed for our parishioners are no longer in use or out-of-date. We will be sending out emails to parishioners as more information becomes available.

## PRAYER LIST

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:11

### “A time to be healed”

**Parish Sick:** Theresa Hanes (sister of Stella Fellingner), Domenica Hroncich, Bill Schafer, Marion Goudy, Joseph Rechichi, Ivan Castellanos, Agnes Gallagher, Jackie Kobes, Bohan Minogue (grandson of Liz and Dan Minogue), Patricia Pohns, James Gruber (brother of Judy Medeiros), Rylan Davidson, Anya Fagien, Baby Leah Cicchino, Margherita Chiciulla, Sara Culkin, Christine Wyllie, Beverly Klingler, Mary DiLenno, Michael Maher, Rose McConway, Mimoo Khodadi, Linda Brown Gearity, Florence Gorsky, Marian Jakubik, Alice Peisch, Jeff Cotugno and Robert Cotugno

### “A time to mourn”

**Recently Deceased:** Josephine De Salvo, Alexander Becker and all those who grieve them

### “A time for peace”

**For national and world leaders and those in the armed services:** especially Ronald Anzalone, Greg Mucks and Delaney Williams



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## **Identity Theft Prevention And Avoiding Common Financial Scams**

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Detective William McMonigle of the  
Bergen County Prosecutors Department

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020  
7:00-9:00 pm**

**at the Indian Trail Club, Franklin Lakes, NJ**  
RSVP: MBS Parish Center at 201-891-4200 x100

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

*And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”*

*Matthew 3:17*

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and, as His **Stewards**, we are meant to serve God and others.

**Parish Basket Collection :**  
**December 28-December 29: \$13,037**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:**  
**December 31-January 1: \$3,198**

**Parish Basket Collection:**  
**January 4-5, 2020: \$14,402**  
**Parish Giving (electronic):**  
**12/29/19: \$1,789**  
**Parish Giving (electronic):**  
**1/6/20: \$7,771.00**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God bless you,  
Father John





**MARY GASSIB:  
A LEADER IN  
WORD AND  
EXAMPLE**

*(This is the second in an occasional series of profiles of some of the students at the Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament)*

Mary Gassib, an eighth grader at AMBS, says that one

of the best things about going to AMBS is “being part of a very fun community.”

However, her leadership skills, volunteer service and school accomplishments suggest that she is doing considerably more than having a good time in eighth grade.

Mary was an altar server at MBS in the fifth and sixth grades, and assisted with this year’s parish Thanksgiving Food Drive. At AMBS, she is a member of the Junior National Honor Society, is a member of the school’s ‘With One Voice’ Executive Board and is the Seton House Leader, which she describes as her “favorite part about being a student at AMBS.”

Not unexpectedly, she is busy in her community as well, volunteering her time at a homeless shelter, and at the Women’s Rights and Information Center, an organization that provides career and education counseling for women. And given her passion for horse-back riding, Mark is also a volunteer for Equine Therapy, a group that uses horses to facilitate health and well-being, as well as therapeutic riding for people with disabilities.

Mary’s favorite subject in school is biology, and her other favorite hobbies include basketball and crocheting.

Her teacher, Ms. Denise Wetzel says, “Mary demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities and is a great role model amongst her peers. She is the leader of Seton House, in which I am the moderator. Mary consistently guides others in our faith community.”

**2020 R.C.I.A. PROCESS WELL  
UNDERWAY**



Standing: Father John, Alexandria Kolodko, Philip Doyle, Father Joseph O’Brien  
Sitting: Alexander Sica, Amanda DiFlora and Anthony Ferrer

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which invites new adult members into the parish community with the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil each year, began for a new class of candidates in October and is well into its process of monthly study.

Amanda DiFlora, Philip Doyle, Anthony Ferrer, Alexandria Kolodko and Alexander Sica make up this year’s five R.C.I.A. candidates.

The Rite of Christian Initiation has four basic stages. The first is a period of formal instruction in the sacraments and Catholic doctrine, which, at Most Blessed Sacrament, is directed by Father John at monthly meetings.

R.C.I.A. candidates will be formally introduced to the parish community through the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance, and, during the Lenten season, they will participate in the Rite of Election, a celebration which takes place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The process will conclude with the Sacraments of Initiation, administered at the Easter Vigil.

“This year we are blessed to have five people taking this spiritual journey,” said Father John Job. “It’s both an educational process and a means to welcome these faith-filled adults to our parish and church. Each individual has a different story, a different history and a personal journey in faith. We are blessed to have them make this journey at our parish.”

## MASS INTENTIONS

The 2021 Mass Intention Book opens on **MONDAY, JANUARY 13**.

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. In our Parish, there are many requests for scheduling such Mass intentions.

From the period between **MONDAY, JANUARY 13** through **FRIDAY, JANUARY 24** (inclusive):

Only 7 Masses (up to 4 of these can be Sunday) may be requested by each donor on a given day at the parish center during business hours.

After **FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**:

Only 5 Masses (up to 3 of these can be Sunday) may be requested by each donor on a given day at the parish center during business hours.

Please read these guidelines carefully:

A \$10 stipend is to accompany each Mass request.

Requests will be honored on a first come, first serve basis.

No Mass request will be taken over the phone at the Parish Office.

Only 1 Mass per day can be prayed for any individual intention (e.g. the 6:45am and the 9:15am Masses on the same day cannot have the same intention)

Mass intention dates cannot be reserved for future years (i.e. 2022, 2023, etc.).

The 12:00 Noon Mass on the First Sunday of every month can have up to five (5) intentions.

### **The 12 Noon Mass on the First Sunday of the Month**

**Collective Mass Intentions** are available at the **12:00 Noon Mass on the First Sunday of every month**. A Collective Mass Intention is when more than one intention is taken for a given Mass. Collective Mass Intentions assist people in arranging for a Mass intention sooner than normally possible. It is our hope that the addition

of Collective Mass Intentions will accommodate many parishioners. According to the norms of the Archdiocese of Newark (which reflect the teachings of Canon Law and *The Decree on Collective Mass Intentions* promulgated by the Congregation for the Clergy on February 22, 1991), the following requirements must be met with reference to Collective Mass Intentions:

The intentions are remembered at one Mass by one priest.

Those who arrange for the intentions must agree beforehand, and they must freely consent to have their intention remembered with other intentions.

The Collective Mass Intentions may not occur more than twice a week. Here at the Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament we have designated the 12 Noon Mass on the first Sunday of every month to have up to five (5) intentions. The usual offering of \$10 is asked for each intention.

The multiple intentions will be printed in the bulletin, and the lector will read all of the intentions, as is currently the practice.



### **eGiving through Parish Giving!**

Please sign up to give electronically through Parish Giving. Visit the parish website at **[www.mostblessedsacrament.ws](http://www.mostblessedsacrament.ws)** and click on the Parish Giving button. We prefer the safe and secure Parish Giving program for collecting your weekend offertory. No more envelopes or last-minute check writing! Electronic giving is safe and easy for you. It is good stewardship which is appreciated by the parish. For additional information, please visit Parish Giving at [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org).

# CHRISTMAS 2019





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## ACADEMY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### JANUARY AT A GLANCE...

14<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation and CCD classes

### FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE...

4<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation & CCD classes, Communion Pottery Retreat

11<sup>th</sup> – CCD class & Teaching Mass for Summer & HS

25<sup>th</sup> – CCD Class & Summer Communion Refresher

### New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Children from our Religious Education and the AMBS First Communion classes and their families participated in the Communal and Individual Penance Celebration on January 11th. It was a moving sight to see so many children and adults receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We also give special thanks to our Pastor, Father John Job, for conducting the service and to Father John, Bishop Flesey, and Father Joseph O'Brien for hearing confessions. We are a truly blessed community.

## YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ 08212

**February 7-9, 2020**, Cost \$135 per person, double occupancy. Register at [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available.

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!



**Catholic Schools**  
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Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 26!!! Please join us at the 12 Noon Mass followed by the dedication and blessing of our new Learning Center. A reception/open house will immediately follow in the school. Stay tuned for further details!

AMBS has an immediate need for the following position:

### **MEDIA/TECHNOLOGY TEACHER**

Full-time position teaching all grade levels in the curricular areas of both technology and media/library. Position also allows for collegial interaction for the integration of technology and professional support. Interested candidates should send letter of interest, resume, and supporting documents to [taltonjy@rcmbs.org](mailto:taltonjy@rcmbs.org).



## LOCAL PARISH NEWS

### THE ADDAMS FAMILY



Presented by Saint Joseph Regional High School. **January 22 - February 1st**. For more information and times, please visit: [jrtheater.com](http://jrtheater.com). For tickets visit: [SJR.BookTix.com](http://SJR.BookTix.com).

### **ALZHEIMER'S NEW JERSEY PRESENTS HEALTHY AGING:**

Tips for Your Body and Brain

**Tuesday, January 14th** from 1:30-2:30 pm at the Holland Christian Home, North Haledon, NJ (973-427-4087)

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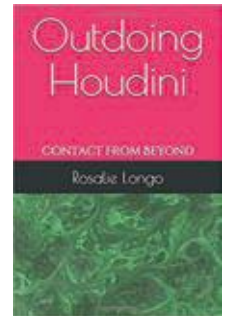
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