



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Mass – September 10th at 8:00 a.m. – Jacket required.

Meeting – September 13th at 7:30 p.m.

in Desmond Hall.

WEB PAGE

For updated bulletin information, please go to www.mhr-parish.org.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00AM -THERESA & TIMOTHY LEO
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00AM -RODOLFO LUIS
-r/o The Villa Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00AM -ASHLEY VILLA (L)
-r/o The Villa Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00AM -ANNA PERNO
-r/o Peter Gulla

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00AM -JEFFREY PANCETTI
-r/o Mom and Dad
5:00PM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CASSANO,
DE BENEDICTUS & STEFANELLI FAMILIES
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00AM -LOUISE REVELLO
-r/o The Zoppi Family
10:00AM -IRENE HAYES
-r/o Rick & Emily Hayes
11:30AM -MARGARET & AUGUST WEKER
-r/o Mary Murray

VOTIVE LIGHTS - IN MEMORY OF

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts	Stella Mastellone
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina	Frank Falcone
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello	Joseph L. Esposito
Peter & Susan Colombo	Charles Mitchell
Ellen DiCarlo Mangano	Howard Whitford
Nick & Mary Silecchio	Jimmy DiCarlo
Martin Joseph Stubbs	Michael Carbone
Malcom	

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski	Teresa & Michael DeLuca
Ryan, Julia & Lydia	Watch over our daughter
Poor, hunry & Homeless	Special Intention
Pray for Anthony, Anna & Shari	Double Cross Vodka Co.
Pray for our Men & Women in the Military	
Help & guidance for my dear friend, Alba	
Help & guidance for my dear friend, Annie	
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan	
Help & guidance for Carolyn	
Health for my husband, me & our family	
Spiritual help & forgiveness	
Thank you for all our blessings	
Health & help for all dear friends	

TABERNACLE LIGHT



Will be lit in honor or in memory of loved ones during the week of your choice. Call weekdays at 732-566-9334; donations - \$20.00.

PARISH SICK LIST



Rev. Edward J. Struzik, Shannon, Hayley & Brett Lawrence, Jacqueline Braniff, Christina Pulido, Sophie Wojtaszek, Janice Sanborn, Marie Velleneuve, Beth Morris, Renee Burke, Joseph Peabody, Veronica Balmore, Billy Sherwood, Jr., Peter Skujins, Cindy Junquet, Kenneth Kramer, Timothy McGravey, Beatriz Castillo, Dolores Nee, Michael Guariglia, Marieann Poplaski, Lucy Littlefield, Jean Marie Brigandi, Elena Coumo, Gabino & Maria Rodriguez, Alice Gorres, Johnny Gibbs, Barbara Celia, Ida Morales, Maryann Hughes, Emilie Matlosz, Germaine Raimo, Luddy Demsia, William Armstrong, Fr. Gregory Moore, Sandra Steinberger, Frank Roberts, Barbara Bradshaw, Fred Morrone, Larry & Marie Fama, Lenny Gatti, Sumanta Chowdhuri, Nicole E. Montagna, Nico Oneto, Kathleen O'Brien, Debbie Archibold, Alex Berg, Wendy Oates, Sally Ann Tabasco, Robert C. Pederson, Jean Pelligra, John McCrodden, Marie Scifo, Patrick Barry, Toni O'Rourke, William Sohor, Robert Pedersen, Robert Conte, Dan Marcellus, Jose Pacheo, Margaret Malloy, Rose LaFergola, Gary Flynn, Kathleen Lau, Sharon Thylan, Anne Slate, Kimberly Perry, Jackson Christian Thomas, Miguel Ley, Marie Ciezbka and Betty Pulido.

We ask Almighty God and our Blessed Mother, Mary to comfort and heal the sick. If your loved one recovers and our prayers for them are no longer required, please call the parish office to have their name removed. Thank you.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS



Please call the Parish Office to register. **The next Pre-Baptism class will be held Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING OVERSEAS

Jason Del Duca, U.S. Air Force
 Matthew B. Kaplan, U.S. Army
 Michael Lanzafama, U.S. Army
 Richard A. Lapp, U.S. Navy
 Douglas Leo, U.S. Army
 Michael J. Sanzone, U.S. Army
 Mark G. Siczkowski, U.S. Navy
 Thomas Welch, U.S. Army



SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. **Please make checks payable to: St. Vincent de Paul Society.** Your generosity helps the Society help others.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CLASSES FOR GRADES K-7 start September 19th and 20th. Class schedules can be picked up after all Masses in Desmond Hall.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$1401. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.



PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 24th
 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Children up to 12 years old - FREE
 Ages 13 - 18 - \$5.00
 Adults - \$10.00
 Tickets are on sale after all Masses



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In honor of St. Francis, whose feast we celebrate in early October, we will have the blessing of the animals on Monday, October 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in the parking lot nearest the main entrance of the Church. In the event of inclement weather, the blessing will take place in Desmond Hall. Please make sure all animals are properly leashed or caged.



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Weekend of September 9/10, 2017: \$6772
Weekend of September 10/11, 2016: \$7631
Peter's Pence (Fall Collection): \$1401



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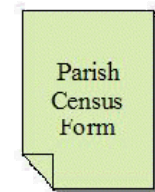


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Most Holy Redeemer Conference exists primarily to help those in financial need. This is made possible by the generosity of our Parishioners each month; **thank you.** If you or someone you know needs help, please call 732-566-9334. *Everything is completely confidential.*

Food Pantry

Groceries collected every weekend at Mass.
 St. Lawrence Food Pantry opens on Saturdays and Mondays from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.



PARISH CENSUS

We have included a census form with the Holy Name raffle tickets this year in an effort to update our parish census records. There has been no update in nearly twenty years.

Even if you choose not to purchase raffle tickets for the drawing at the parish picnic, would you be so kind as to complete the census form anyway and mail it back to us.

The entire form should be filled out with all sacramental information on adults and children, even grown children. Also, please update your marital status.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Monday, October 23rd, 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past Tuesday we witnessed 33 of our young parishioners confirmed by the Bishop of Metuchen, Most Rev. James F.

Checchio, JCD, MBA.

Preparing our young ladies and gentlemen for confirmation is a two-year process involving classroom work, service projects, a group retreat and several rehearsals, all overseen admirably by our parish catechetical leader, Deborah Dyson and her assistant Barbara Orsucci, as well as our catechists: Patrick Corbitt, Francine Lentini, and Maureen Mulcahy.

We are also grateful for the service of Thomas Daily, Richard Hayes and Patricia Keaveney who rehearsed and led the music for the Mass. My thanks to our deacons, our ushers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers and our sacristan. So many fine people who come together in a spirit of love and devotion.

Finally, we thank our confirmation students' parents for supporting our young people in their journey of faith, along with their sponsors.

May the Spirit of God strengthen them as they walk the path of life with Christ.

Blessings!

Father Chester H. Carina
Pastor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Attention Eucharistic Ministers: The schedule for October, November, and December is ready to be developed. If there are any dates during those months on which you will not be available, please email Laura Buongiovanni at Imbuongiovanni@aim.com no later than September 23rd. Please advise her as to any changes to your telephone number or address.



OCTOBER - ROSARY MONTH

To honor the Blessed Mother, starting Saturday, October 7th and every Saturday during the month of October, a member of our Holy Name Society will lead us in the recitation of the holy rosary, beginning at 4:40 p.m. prior to our 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please come and join us in prayer.



HERO'S WALK FOR LIFE!

Saturday, October 7, 2017
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Merrill Park, Iselin
(Rain or Shine)



MOST HOLY REDEEMER PRAYER GROUP

Most Holy Redeemer Prayer Group will meet on Friday, September 29th, in the daily Mass Chapel from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction.

The prayer program includes the Holy Rosary and a Scriptural reading. A short fellowship will follow after the prayers. All are welcome to join us as we gather together. For more information, please contact the parish office.



LIFT

(Living in Faith Together)

It's confirmed! Our next LIFT meeting will be Monday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in Desmond Hall. Lots to discuss and settle on for this year so please make plans so you can attend.



PARISH COFFEE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 15th

Please join us on Sunday, October 15th after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses in Desmond Hall for coffee and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you there.



COME PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT

16th Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement

Thursday, October 12th, 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen

Bishop James F. Checchio cordially invites ALL the faithful in the Diocese to join him at the annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns from across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all our dedicated local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. For more information, please call 732-562-2463 or visit <http://diometuchen.org/2017-blue-mass>.



A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted"

This program is designed to help men and women work through the grief that one experiences in reaction to the loss of a loved one. Through education and confidential mutual support, we will come to understand that the grieving process has elements common to everyone though our losses are unique to each person. As we travel this journey together, we will learn coping skills, being to find new strengths within and hope to ease our way on this journey. **The group is open to all members of the community regardless of religious affiliation.**

We will meet on THURSDAY for nine (9) weeks. There is no fee but pre-registration is required as the maximum number of participants is 15 people.

PLACE: St. Ambrose Church
83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge

DATE: September 21, 2017

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

CONTACT: Parish Office, 732-679-5666

There is no fee. Pre-registration is needed.



LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 1, 2017

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

(Rain or Shine)

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortions kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

LOCATIONS

Perth Amboy

New Brunswick Avenue

Contact: Fr. Gordon

732-442-0512

Sayreville

855 Washington Road (At High School)

Contact: Janice O'Brien

732-727-1879

Somerville

Somerset Street & Mountain Avenue

Contact: Kevin Dugan

908-788-7736



FINDING NEW EYES: AWAKENING TO THE CALL OF THE SPIRIT

On Saturday, October 21, 2017, Sacred Doorways welcomes nationally acclaimed storyteller, author and theologian John Shea, along with teachers and authors Drs. Catherine and Michael Carotta for a retreat experience Finding New Eyes: Awakening to the Call of the Spirit. This retreat invites all to learn how to open our spiritual eyes and awaken with new breath: God's breath. Shea will offer thru story certain practices which invite us to cooperate with the Spirit and direct our spiritual development, no matter our age. The Carottas will invite us to consider that calls from God in life expand far beyond work to encompass the direction of each individual life. They will offer concrete ways to sustain the Spirit and fulfill our commitment to become who God has created us to be.

By learning to see with the eye of the Spirit, we can awaken to who we are and begin to live a new life more in tune with our true calling, regardless of age, individually and communally.

Registration now open. Join us October 21st, 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ. For further information or to register, contact us at 609-702-7858 or online at: www.sacreddoorwaysnj.org.



CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE

On Saturday, October 14, 2017, the Diocese of Metuchen in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Newark will be sponsoring the **"The 16th Annual Critical Life Issues Conference."** Expert speakers will address a variety of life issues including: "Abortion and the Art of Communicating Truth," "Evangelization and Building a Culture of Life," "Breathing Underwater – A Caregiver's Journey of Hope" and "Organ Donation – The Gift of Life in the Midst of Sorrow". The speakers will give practical information as well as thought-provoking testimony of real life experiences. The Conference will also feature exhibits of products and services which pertain to some of these issues. It will be held at the St. John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$25.00. This fee includes lunch and handouts. To register, please visit: <http://diometuchen.org/critical-life> or call 732-562-1990, ext. 1629 or 1543. **Seating is limited.**