



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Mass – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month  
Next Mass – December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.  
Meeting – following the Mass.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:00AM -TERESA LUCERO  
-r/o Jimmy & Mercee Cueva

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8:00AM -SUSANNE D'AUGUSTE  
-r/o Deacon Bob & Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

8:00AM -KIM MANDARO  
-r/o Janet Snyder

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**

8:00AM -SUSANNE D'AUGUSTE  
-r/o Phyllis & Chuck Cirbus

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

9:00AM -JESUSA CACELA  
-r/o Aquino & Cacula Family  
5:00PM -ADAM GOMULKA  
-r/o Phyllis Gomulka

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

8:00AM -BERNICE, ZYGMONT, AUDREY &  
HENRY CHRZANOWSKI  
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski  
10:00AM -JOHN KELLY  
-r/o Lisa & George Truchan  
11:30AM -FRANK CONSENTINO  
-r/o Lisa & George Truchan

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00PM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
ROSANIS & CONCEPCION FAMILIES  
-r/o The Cirbus Family  
8:00PM -ANTHONY & ANTOINETTE DE BENEDICTUS  
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00AM -BIAGIO, TERESA, SAL & FRANKLIN  
PELLIGRA AND STELLA & TONY  
CARAFOLA  
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski  
10:00AM -FRANK MOSCARELLO  
-r/o Rosalie & Sam Mantle  
11:30AM -KEAVENEY & LEAHY FAMILIES  
-r/o Pat Keaveney

**WEB PAGE**

For updated bulletin information, please go to  
[www.mhr-parish.org](http://www.mhr-parish.org).



**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this  
week in loving memory of Lee Lovitt  
r/o The Rodman Family



**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, Robert C.  
Pederson, Marie Scifo, Patrick Barry, Toni O'Rourke,  
William Sohor, Robert Pedersen, Robert Conte, Jose  
Pacheo, Margaret Malloy, Rose LaFergola, Kathleen  
Lau, Anne Slate, Kimberly Perry, Jackson Christian  
Thomas, Miguel Ley, Marie Ciezka, Betty Pulido,  
Charley Goldsmith and Louis Martinez.

**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.**



**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.

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**



Please call the Parish Office to register.  
**The next Pre-Baptism class will be  
held Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at  
8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

**VOTIVE LIGHTS  
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Loretta Muscillo  
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina Anthony Romano  
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Michael Kelsall  
Peter & Susan Colombo Rose & Fred Carbone

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Sick-Poor-Hungry & homeless Special Intention  
Watch over our daughter World Peace  
Help & guidance for Carolyn Shane Hlava  
Successful open heart surgery for Joe  
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan  
Please cure & keep me free from fear, anxiety, panic & anxiety

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE  
FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL  
SERVING OVERSEAS**

Jason Del Duca, U.S. Air Force  
Krystal L. Godowski, U.S. Army  
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



**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.

**COUNTERS NEEDED**



Are you available Monday mornings? If so, please consider helping to count the weekly collection. It will take about two hours of your time

once a month. We are in need of four more counters. Call the parish office ASAP if you could help.

**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**



**Weekend of December 9/10, 2017: \$5696**

**Weekend of December 11/12, 2016: \$7159**

**Immaculate Conception Collection: \$1684**

**Additional Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious: \$410**

**Additional Christmas Flowers Collection: \$470**

**OFFICE STAFF EMAILS**



**Irma Knox - Parish Secretary**

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**PRAYER GARDEN PAVERS**



Leave a lasting legacy this Christmas Season with your name or custom inscription on a personalized brick or recognize family or friends with a lasting message that will be seen for generations to come.

Commemorative paving stones will be installed in the renovated Crucifix Prayer Garden opposite the entrance to the Church. You can review the plan on the poster boards in the vestibules of the Church as well as pick up an order form.

4 x 8 paver is \$125.00

8 x 8 paver is \$200.00

There is an additional cost of \$25 if clip art is added.

Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information, please call Tom Caporaso at 908-461-2247.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**



The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for, Monday, January 29, 2018, 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.



**SPECIAL THANKS**

On behalf of the entire parish I wish to thank Pat Corbitt, Debbie Dyson, Barbara Orsucci, JoAnn Berg, Kathy Pellegrino, Phyllis Cirbus, Pat Keaveney, Guy Smoljan, Eleanor Olona and Deacon Frank for organizing another wonderful parish Advent celebration which was held Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> after our 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We were led in thoughtful prayer and reflection on the meaning of the manger as a spiritual receptacle of the Lord's kindness to us, His people. The evening was marked by good food and fellowship, as well. Again, many thanks for a job well done.

Also, our thanks to Christine Mennella and Thomas Alfano for overseeing the Fall coat drive. We are grateful to all parishioners who donated. God reward you for your generosity and concern for those who are in need.

God bless!  
Father Carina



**BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the parish community of Most Holy Redeemer the following children who were baptized here on December 10<sup>th</sup>:

**SALVATORE ANTHONY ROSSI**

Son of Salvatore and Lauren

**VIVIANA GRACE VOUNA**

Daughter of David and Brianna

We pray that their parents will be examples of faith to inspire them to follow the Lord. We, as their family in faith, also accept the responsibility to help these parents in their duty to bring up the children in the practice of the Faith by our prayers and example.



**GIVING TREE**

This year we will be collecting for Parker House, CPC, Ozanan Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Madison Center and Diocesan Office of Persons with Disabilities. Please return the wrapped present, with the tag attached, this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.



**COOKIES WITH SANTA**

The Holy Name will be having "Cookies with Santa" this weekend after the 5:00 p.m. and Sunday after the 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses in Desmond Hall. Have your picture taken with Santa. Donations of cookies will be greatly

*Advent*

**Third Week of Advent**



Lord, you sent prophets to prepare the way for the coming of your Son. Help us to hear their message of great joy which was given for all people; so that at the birthday of your Son, our Redeemer, we may receive Him more joyfully into our hearts. We ask this through Christ our

Lord. Amen.



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

11:00 a.m. – 12 noon

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, January 1, 2018 – New Year's Day**

8:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.

(January 1, 2018 is not a holyday of obligation this year)



**2018 BOX ENVELOPES**

Please take a moment after Mass today to pick up your new set of boxed envelopes for 2018. They are located in the Parish Hall. If you can't find your envelopes, please call the parish office.



**DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Commencing in the new year, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Volunteer adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday during business hours to pray for the intentions of the diocese.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Laura at 732-529-7932 or email: evangelization@diometuchen.org.



**ST. PETER'S GIANNA CENTER**

New Brunswick, NJ

We are very pleased to introduce you to the Saint Peter's Gianna Center located in New Brunswick, NJ. The Center is dedicated to offering truly prolife women's health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. For more information, please visit <http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter> or contact us at 732-565-5490.

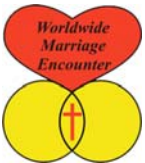
**2018 RESPECT LIFE GRADE SCHOOL POSTER AND HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO CONTESTS**



Calling all students in grades 1-8 to participate in the Respect Life Poster Contest! Theme: How can you share your life with another person who is different from yourself and is facing challenges or problems in life? This contest is open to all Catholic School, Religious Education and Home Schooled Students. First place winners receive \$50 cash prize! For contest details visit: <http://diometuchen.org> or call 732-562-1990, ext. 1543. **High School Video Contest:** Create a Youtube video by interviewing someone who is different from you and is facing challenges such as living with a disability, sickness, single parenthood, living as a refugee or in poverty. First place winners will receive \$100 cash prize! For more information, visit <http://diometuchen.org> or email: [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1990, exts. 1543 or 1629.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

**Christmas Gift**



Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for our spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

**The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 26-28, 2018.**

Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Please call 732-904-9636 for registration and information or visit us at: [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org) for more information.

**JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF**

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



**BEREAVEMENT group** Grief is a long process of untangling ourselves after the loss of a cherished loved one. WHO AM I NOW? HOW DO I FIND THE STRENGTH TO GO ON? The program is offered as a support for all persons who have recently lost a loved one and are struggling with the mourning process. Let us help you as you help yourself.

**The Group will be meeting MONDAY EVENINGS for seven (7) weeks.**

**PLACE:** St. Thomas Parish Hall  
One St. Thomas Plaza  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

**BEGINS:** January 18, 2018

**ENDS:** February 26, 2018

**TIME:** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**CONTACT:** Deacon Patrick  
732-251-4000, ext. 8218

*No fee. Pre-registration required.*

**YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!**

**Retrouvaille – A lifeline for troubled marriages**



Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship grown cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again – then the Retrouvaille program may help you.

**RETROUVAILLE** (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

The next program begins the weekend of **February 9-11, 2018**. All inquiries are confidential. For more details, please call the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague at 732-583-4468 (evenings).

**CHRISTMAS JOKES FOR KIDS**



What do snowmen eat for breakfast?  
**Snowflakes**

What do you get if you cross an apple and a Christmas Tree?  
**Pineapple**