



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Mass – 3rd Sunday of every month
Next Mass – February 18th at 8:00 a.m.
Meeting – following the Mass.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00AM -ROBERT LUNDBERG
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Michael Settimo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:30PM -PAUL H. & PAUL R. BREITENBERGER
-r/o Mary Murray

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00AM -NESTOR BUDY
-r/o Cindy Hernandez & Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00AM -ISAGANI RIVERA
-r/o Cindy Hernandez & Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00AM -RUDY VALENTINO
-r/o Anthony Murphy
5:00PM -ANTHONY & ANTOINETTE DE BENEDICTUS
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00AM -RICHARD LAUDINO
-r/o Guy &Carolynn Smoljan
10:00AM -GEORGINA M. PALMA
-r/o Gil & Pat Thomas
11:30AM -ROSE OCCHIOGROSSO
-r/o The Bramante Family

**VOTIVE LIGHTS
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Craig Olsen
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina Charles Mitchell
Frank & Rosalie Moscarello Howard Whitford
Aunt Evelyn Stinziano Joseph L. Esposito
Peter & Susan Colombo Michael Kelsall
My Parents

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski Teresa & Michael DeLuca
Ryan, Julia & Lydia Watch over our daughter
Peace of spirit; clarity of mind Special Intention
Help & guidance for Carolyn
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan
Health for my husband, me & our family
Spiritual help & forgiveness
Thank you for all our blessings
Health & help for all dear friends
Please cure & keep me from all anxiety, fear, panic &
depression



TABERNACLE LIGHT

Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week in loving memory of Georgina M. Palma
r/o Dot, Sylvia, Pat & Don



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, 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, 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, Louis Martinez, Joel Rivera, Salvatore San Pietro and Margaret Podolsky.

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, April 4, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.



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. Sieczkowski, 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.



PARISH COFFEE SUNDAY
Sunday, February 18, 2018

Please join us on this weekend 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.



PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 19th, in observance of President's Day. The parish office will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th at 8:30 a.m.



EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Easter Flowers. **Please print loved ones' names clearly and legibly so they may appear correctly in the bulletin.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser

The Religious Education office has kicked off their Gertrude Hawk fundraiser. Please show your support by purchasing some delicious chocolate. Sale ends February 21st.



LIFT TEAM

The next LIFT Team meeting will be Tuesday, February 20th at 8:15 p.m. in Conference Room.



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Weekend of February 10/11, 2018: \$6214
Weekend of February 11/12, 2017: \$7046
Additional Catholic Spirit Collection: \$190
Additional Together in Charity Collection: \$5
Additional Initial Collection: \$8



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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.



BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the parish community of Most Holy Redeemer the following child who was baptized here February 11th:

EMILIA ANTONIA ALMEIDA

Daughter of Antonio and Danielle

We pray that her parents will be examples of faith to inspire her 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 child in the practice of the Faith by our prayers and example.



8:00 a.m. - Monday-Wednesday-Friday
 Special Lenten Mass - Tuesdays of Lent at 7:30 p.m.
 9:00 a.m. - Saturday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Friday Evenings - 7:30 p.m.

CONFESSION
 March 27 - after the 7:30 p.m. Mass - 9:00 p.m.
 March 28 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 March 30 - 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
 N.B. No confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 25
 Palms will be blessed at each Mass

Masses:
 Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

SACRED TRIDIUM
HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 29
LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Mass - 7:30 p.m.
 The Church will remain open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 30
 Stations of the Cross - 3:00 p.m.
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 7:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 31
 Blessing of food - 12:00 noon in the Chapel

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL - MARCH 31
 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1
Masses:
 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

All are welcome to join us for a variety of homemade soups on Tuesday, February 20th 6:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall. If you would like to attend and/or contribute bread or dessert, sign-up sheets are located in both vestibules. **Please bring donations of size 4 baby diapers to benefit Life Choices.**



So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observe of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the *Rites of Holy Week* and the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

+Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
 Bishop of Metuchen



PARISH BLOOD DRIVE
HELP NEEDED!

New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, **Thursday, April 5th, at 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.** At this time, the blood supply is critically low - **PLEASE HELP.** Those wishing to donate blood, call to set up appointment times.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Core Team Meeting - Monday, March 12th - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Pastoral Council - Monday, March 19th - 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. in Conference Room.



MOST HOLY REDEEMER PRAYER GROUP

Most Holy Redeemer Prayer Group will meet on Friday, February 23rd in the daily Mass Chapel after Stations of the Cross. 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.

HELP A MOTHER CHOOSE LIFE!

From Life Choices Resource Center



Help us build a legacy of life! Over the past year, babies have been saved, hearts changed and lives transformed because of your support of our life saving ministry. Life Choices Resource Center (Metuchen) serves women and families in our area by providing FREE services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material aid, adoption referrals and abortion recovery support.

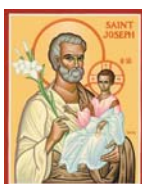
Most Holy Redeemer is once again graciously sponsoring a Baby Bottle Blessings Fundraiser benefitting Life Choices. Pick up a baby bottle before or after Mass this weekend. Fill it with your change, cash, or a check and return by March 25th.

Your gift will make a difference in the life of a mother and child! www.LifeChoicesRC.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

Most Holy Redeemer
Holy Name Society's
Wonderful Annual Family Event

Saturday, March 10, 2018



St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner. A Dinner to Celebrate Parish Togetherness.

Tickets for the St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner are on sale after all Masses now thru March 4th.

Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, etc. Desserts and Beverages. Adults: \$15 and Children: \$5.00 (under 12). Only **100** tickets will be sold.

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in Most Holy Redeemer Parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists,

youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, February 24/25, which has been designated as ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend***. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.



WISDOM: GOD'S VISION FOR LIFE

A Unique Parish Lenten Experience

If you're feeling the need to make better decisions, find some peace, and enjoy a more relaxed life in this troubled noisy world, you need WISDOM!

You need to get to "WISDOM," our **Monday Night Lenten Gathering**.

Come to learn and practice what God has shown us about "living smart."

On Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. starting February 26th, in lively videos and discussions, we'll discover what God has taught us about everything from friendships to finances, from making good everyday decisions to achieving real peace of mind.

The Lenten Series, featuring videos with renown Scripture authority, Jeff Cavins, will draw on the Bible's amazing wisdom literature to teach us how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase our success in navigating life.

In this program, you will:

- Discover what wisdom is (and what it isn't!)
- Learn new habits for increasing wisdom in your daily life
- Gain confidence, through role models and practice, in living according to God's vision

The series starts Monday, February 26th. It will be held in Desmond Hall from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., using our parish's large screen projector. As always, there will be light refreshment. Registration forms are in the vestibule, on-line at our website (www.mhr-parish.org) and in the parish office. Seats are limited so register soon!

