



**PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS**

Cookies with Santa, December 15<sup>th</sup> after 5:00 p.m. Mass and December 16<sup>th</sup> after 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses in Desmond Hall.

**WEB PAGE**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**

8:00AM -JIM HATICLIFFE  
-r/o Fran & Bob Lewis

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

8:00AM -SAL PELLIGRA  
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

8:00AM -LOUIS LOVITT  
-r/o Marie Hauser & Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7**

8:00AM -WILLIAM DENZA  
-r/o The Agosta Family  
7:30PM -MARIE MORELLO  
-The Baker Family

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

9:00AM -JOHN F NEWE, SR.  
-r/o Eileen Newe  
5:00PM -VIRGINIA & JACK DE LILLO  
-r/o Laurie & Rich Iandillo

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

8:00AM -TED MARCIN  
-r/o Sylvia Marcin  
10:00AM -MABEL DE SALES  
-r/o Beulah Remedios  
11:30AM -ENEAS MULCAHY  
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

**VOTIVE LIGHTS  
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts	Mary Spinelli
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina	Joseph Scifo
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello	Virginia DeLillo
Jack DeLillo	Michael Kelsall
Peter & Susan Colombo	Joseph L. Esposito
Charles Mitchell	Howard Whitford

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Please help my son Special Intention  
Thank you for all our blessings All Personal Intentions  
A successful cancer operation for Joe  
Help & guidance for Carolyn  
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan  
Prayers & healing for Marge  
Prayers & healing for my step mom, Donna

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**



Mass – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month  
Next Mass – December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.  
Meeting following the Mass.

**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, Maryann Hughes, Emilie Matlosz, Germaine Raimo, William Armstrong, Fr. Gregory Moore, Sandra Steinberger, Frank Roberts, Fred Morrone, 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, Kathleen Lau, Kimberly Perry, Jackson Christian Thomas, Miguel Ley, Marie Ciezka, Betty Pulido, Charley Goldsmith, Louis Martinez, Joel Rivera, Margaret Podolsky, Ida Morales, Tommy Brown, Philip Genchi and Joan & Richard Zipp.

**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, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**



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

Alex Barnhard, U.S. Navy  
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

**If you have a family member who is an active-duty member of the military and wish to have their name added to the Military Prayer list, please call the parish office at 732-566-9334.**



**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

**Aging religious need your help.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

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**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated, Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This is a Holy Day of obligation. **No Adoration on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.**



**OPLATEK CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

Oplatek Christmas Wafers are a favorite tradition in Europe, particularly in Poland, Slovakia and Lithuania. We have a limited supply available in the parish office for \$1.00 each. Come in and pick up your Oplatek Wafer for your Christmas meal.



**COOKIES WITH SANTA**

The Holy Name will be having "Cookies with Santa" the weekend of December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. and December 16<sup>th</sup> after all 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses in Desmond Hall. Have your picture taken with Santa. Donations of cookies will be greatly appreciated.



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

**Weekend of November 24/25, 2018: \$7278**  
**Weekend of November 25/26, 2017: \$7110**  
**Christmas Flowers Collection: \$2720**  
**Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious: \$20**  
**Additional Collection for the Campaign for Human Development: \$17**



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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.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Help support the Parish Religious Education Program by purchasing a Route 9 Community Discount Card for \$20 per card. Good from time of purchase through December 31, 2019 with unlimited discounts to over 350+ merchants. No need to carry around a discount book when you can place the discount card in any wallet.

Discount Cards may be purchased after all Masses this weekend and the weekend of December 8/9.



**BOY SCOUTS**

Scout Troop 129 from St. Ambrose will be offering their hand-decorated wreaths for sale as a fundraiser this weekend after all Masses. Wreaths are available decorated in several different color schemes to match your décor. Wreaths will be \$17, Kissing Balls, \$20 and Grave Blankets are \$40. The members of our troop are thankful for the blessing of your ongoing support. Tell your friends!

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEKS IN ADVENT**

**Advent Wreath Blessing**



Lord, by Your word, all things are made holy. We offer to you this Advent Wreath which we ask you to bless. Help us to use it to prepare our hearts for the great coming of your Son, and help us to receive Jesus into our hearts with joy. **Amen.**

**First Week in Advent**



Almighty God, be in our midst to cast away all works of darkness which separate us from you. In your great mercy, forgive all the things we have done; and all things we failed to do that we should have done; and teach us to live as your children. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**LUKE'S GOSPEL**



Let LUKE'S GOSPEL Prepare You for a Most HOLY Holiday – A Parish Spiritual Retreat for Getting the Most Out of ADVENT and CHRISTMAS. Paulist Father James DiLuzio offers reflections and tools to apply the infancy Narratives of Luke Chapters 1 and 2 directly to your life and relationships over three consecutive evenings meant to assist you in maximizing *the Season's Prayerful Positives*. Fr. James will offer his dramatic proclamation of Luke's Gospel from memory with Song, Meditations and reflections for everyday life. **Fr. James will preach at all Masses this weekend. The Retreat will be held on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** (A special CCD presentation for children and parents will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.) *Please consider a Free-Will Offering for The Paulist Fathers at the Retreat.*



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
11:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**  
5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, 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, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve**  
5:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – New Year's Day**  
8:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**



**Who:** Students grades K-7  
**When:** Christmas Eve Mass – Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Practices:** Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:45 – 6:15 p.m.

Students in grades 2-7 are also invited to participate in the choir.

Contact the Religious Education Office for further details at 732-566-5630.

**COAT DRIVE**



**PARISH COAT DRIVE**

**Share the Warmth**

It's that time of the year for our annual coat drive on behalf of Jersey Cares.



This marks our 5<sup>th</sup> year benefitting our fellow community members throughout the state of New Jersey. Please donate gently used warm coats from newborn to adult sizes. Due to the size of the collection, we can ONLY accept COATS, not sweatshirts or other warm items. Collection boxes are located in both vestibules from now until December 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please feel free to reach out to Christine Alfano at 732-801-3471 or 732-241-8266. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**GIVING TREE**



This year we will be collecting for Parker House, CPC, Ozanan Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Madison Center and Diocesan Office of Person with Disabilities. Please take the tags after Mass and return the wrapped present, with the tag attached, the weekend December 8/9. Thank you for your generosity.





### 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 the weekend of November 25<sup>th</sup>:

#### **ALEXANDER MANUEL REYES**

Son of Edwin and Ashely

#### **MIA ROSE ZECCARDI**

Daughter of Michael and Denise

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.

### CAN YOU HELP??



Diocesan Christmas Party for Children with Disabilities is accepting monetary donations for those who wish to donate. Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Metuchen and mail to: The Diocese of Metuchen, Office for Persons with Disabilities, P.O. Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Thank you for your generosity!

### POLAR PLUNGE



The Sixth Annual Bishop Ahr High School Polar Plunge is scheduled for January 27, 2019! Please support this important fundraising event. You can learn more about it by visiting our website: [bgahs.org/polarplunge](http://bgahs.org/polarplunge).

### LIGHTING HEARTS ON FIRE

#### **Diocesan Marian Consecration Preparation Year**



Bishop Checchio has announced his plan to consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2019. There will be a year-long preparation process launching December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Evening Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen at 7:30 p.m. All of the faithful are invited to attend.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and was also given the title, The Star of the New Evangelization, by St. John Paul II. The purpose of this consecration is to invoke her aid for our diocese so that we can be spiritually renewed and equipped to live out our call to evangelize more faithfully. For more info: [www.LightingHeartsOnFire.com](http://www.LightingHeartsOnFire.com).

## **REFLECTING ON THE WORD**

The skies were dark, the clouds heavy, and the rains poured down. We looked for signs that things might change. Then we saw it, a small break in the clouds and a small ray of light pointing to a sliver of blue sky. We smiled because the storm's end was near. Sun and dry skies were close at hand. I imagine that's what it will be like for those who stand erect and raise their heads, able to see the Son of Man when the scene Luke depicts in today's Gospel comes to pass. We saw the storm coming to an end because we looked, as Jesus asks us to do' "Be vigilant at all times." Let nothing or no one keep us from believing that God is with us. That's how we can have what we need to face any trial or tribulation with hope and trust.

Lately I seem to need a reminder to live our faith more strongly in the changing situations of life. I need to remember that God is Lord and we must conduct ourselves to please God, as Paul tells the Thessalonians. God will make us increase and abound in love so that our world can see God with us. God continues to be wade flesh in us. So look for signs that Jesus, the just shoot of the house of David, is in our midst. He promises to do what is just and right in every land, so look. You and I just might be the signs to which others look.

Whether your skies are dark or bright, your clouds heavy or light, stand erect, raise your head, and see God near. Many storms plague our world. Do what you already know to do and make Christ's coming more evident this Advent.

#### **Consider:**

- What helps you to look for the light of Christ when life feels dark and heavy?
- How do you conduct yourself to please God, to show Christ in your daily life?

## **LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD**

O Sun of Justice, Jesus Christ, refresh your light and truth within us this Advent Season. Increase in us and help us abound in love for all, that we may help our world see you in every life situation that we face.

### CHRISTMAS ONE-LINERS

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?  
**Do you smell carrots?**

