



**PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS**

Country Western Hoedown, Saturday, January 26, 2019

**WEB PAGE**

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

8:00AM -JAMES GARVEY  
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Bill Keller

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**

8:00AM -NELLIE D. O'DONOHUE  
-r/o James DeLamater

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:00AM -ANTON PICINICH  
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Tarabocchia

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:00AM -NANCY LEWICKI  
-r/o Don & Kathy Resciniti

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

9:00AM -ROBERT DONOHUE  
-r/o Andrea Gizzarelli & Family  
5:00PM -ANTHONY & ANTOINETTE DE BENEDICTUS  
AND WILLIAM STEFANELLI  
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

8:00AM -GERTRUDE REMBISZEWSKI  
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Liotti  
10:00AM -MARY & RICHARD MURPHY AND  
THERESA PORMIGIANO  
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Michael Murphy  
11:30AM -KATHRYN MARCELONIS  
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski

**VOTIVE LIGHTS  
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts    Mary Spinelli  
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina    Charles Mitchell  
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello    Howard Whitford  
Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli    Michael Kelsall  
Peter & Susan Colombo    Joseph L. Esposito  
Ann Martorano

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Special Intention    Please help my son  
Watch over our daughter    All personal intentions  
Thank you for all our blessings  
Strength & guidance for my family  
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan  
Help & guidance for Carolyn

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Mass – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month  
Next Mass – January 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.  
Meeting following the Mass.



**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Tabernacle Candle in the Church burns this week  
in loving memory of DJ Blish  
r/o Marilyn Martucci



**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, Joan & Richard Zipp, Karen Brown and Jackie Lombardi.

**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, February 6, 2019 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. Sieczkowski, 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.**



**LIFT**

This is going to be a big year for us and there is a lot to convey to the Team so please make it a PRIORITY to attend our first meeting for 2019 on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pretty sure you will be surprised and enthusiastic about what you hear.



**PARISH COFFEE SUNDAY**

**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for, Monday, January 28, 2019, 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. in the Desmond Hall.



**ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

**with specific intentions**

*THE LOVE OF MY LIFE (MOOCH)*  
r/o Ruth Ann Wojnar

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER**

**without specific intentions**

*The Niedzwiecki Family*



**2019 BOXED ENVELOPES**

Please take a moment after Mass today to pick up your new set of boxed envelopes for 2019. They are located in the Parish Hall. If you can't find your envelopes, please call the parish office.



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

**Weekend of December 29/30, 2018: \$7068**  
**Weekend of December 30/31, 2017: \$7336**  
**Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day**

**Collection: \$1936**

**Initial Collection: \$438**

**Additional Christmas Offering: \$1943**

**Additional Christmas Flowers Collection: \$125**



**OFFICE STAFF EMAILS**

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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.



**EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 6, 2019**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

*"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

## Epiphany Home Blessing

January is the first month of the New Year. It is an old Christian custom to bless the home at Epiphany. January is the year's doorway, an entrance into a bright new beginning! Jesus is always beginning again the work of salvation in us and among us. It is true that sin is still part of our life, hatred and greed are not yet destroyed. Even winter is not over, yet we have begun a New Year. The hours of darkness are shrinking before the strengthening sun. We see the Savior and our hopes are made new.

### Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:  
 R. The maker of heaven and earth.  
 V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:  
 R. From this time forth for evermore.

**Let us pray.** Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Use chalk so it can be changed each year. A traditional way of doing this is to use the blessed chalk to write above the main door of the house or the door most used by the family. If you like you can bless all the doors of the house or perhaps just the bedrooms or main doors, with **20 + C + M + B + 19**. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

**All present say:** For 2019, this house will welcome others as Jesus welcomed the shepherds and the Magi. May this house always seek Jesus as the Magi did years ago.

**The Leader prays:** Lord God, fill this home with kindness for one another and with respect for guests. Fill us with the wisdom to seek Jesus always, now and forever. Lord God, fill every corner of our world with safety, peace and love. Guide us to the glory of Jesus our Savior. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All answer: AMEN**



### SAVE THE DATE

#### Most Holy Redeemer Country Western Hoedown

Most Holy Redeemer will be hosting a Country Western Hoedown and Bar-b-que Dinner on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Take out your dancing boots and be ready to swing your partner.

This parish fundraiser will feature fun night of line and square dancing together with a delicious western bar-b-que style meal featuring fried chicken, corn, chili and all the fixin's! Ticket sales will begin this weekend after all Masses.

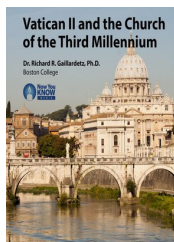
The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

### IN GOD'S IMAGE



*In God's Image*, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Building. Our next meeting is January 9th. The group is open to LGBT adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, please contact Father John at 908-756-0633, ext. 125 or the group may be reached by contacting 908-822-5895 or by emailing [sacredheartigi@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartigi@gmail.com).

### VATICAN II & THE CHURCH OF THE THIRD MILLENNIUM



The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation is pleased to present *Vatican II and the Church of the Third Millennium* from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on three consecutive Wednesdays: January 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Based on a video series entitled *Vatican II and the Church of the Third Millennium* with Dr. Richard R. Baillardetz, Ph.D., this course will offer an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the challenges facing the Catholic Church today.

For more information, please call 732-529-7933 or email: [guhrig@diometuchen.org](mailto:guhrig@diometuchen.org)

**Presenter:** Fr. Greg Uhrig

**Open to all ages. No charge, no registration needed.**

January 6, 2019  
Solemnity of the Epiphany



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The visit of the magi to the Christ Child has always had a strong hold on the Christian imagination. We like stories that turn conventional expectations on their head. The Old and New Testaments are filled with accounts of God's goodness to human beings, but here, in the magi's gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we have the reverse: the goodness of human beings towards God. There is something not only very appropriate, but very appealing, about that.

But how can we ever begin to repay the LORD for the many ways he has blessed us? Actually, Jesus answered that question in one of his parables:

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me [...] Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one the least brothers of mine, you did for me (Mt 25:35-36, 40).*

This weekend you will have the opportunity to give something back to God by contributing to the annual Together in Charity Collection. This collection funds our Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program, which aids parishes when individuals and families are faced with urgent financial, housing, or medical needs beyond a parish's capacity to meet.

Please consider giving a gift to the Jesus who is present in the senior citizen who cannot afford a needed prescription or the family facing eviction or the loss of utilities—not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but a monetary donation as your means allow.

I thank you in advance for your generosity and assure you of my prayerful good wishes for the year ahead.

Yours in Christ,

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

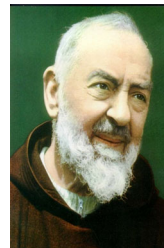


**STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE!**

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting?
- Do you simply shut down?
- Have your thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make is worse?

**RETROUVAILLE** (Rediscovery) is a Lifeline to help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program begins the weekend of **February 8-10, 2019**. All inquiries are confidential. For more information, please call the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, to register please call Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or email: 3024@retrouvaille.org.

**ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**



**St. Ambrose**  
**83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge**  
**732-679-5666**

Come join us in prayer as we celebrate together monthly Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio by Celebrant Father Jack C. Grimes. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. followed by veneration of first class relic of St. Padre Pio.

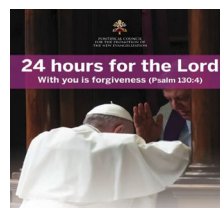
Mass dates for 2019 are as follows:

January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>. Future dates to follow.

**SAVE THE DATE**

***"24 Hours for the Lord"***

**initiative on March 29, 2019**



'24 Hours for the Lord' is an annual event organized and promoted by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the

New Evangelization. It is an opportunity for people to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the consecutive 24 hour period on the third Friday of Lent. Churches in every diocese around the world will be open as part of this initiative. Mark your calendars now. More information to follow in the New Year.