



**PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS**

- St. Patrick/St. Joseph's Dinner, Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Desmond Hall
- Soup Suppers, March 12<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Desmond Hall
- Blood Drive, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 - 8:00 p.m., Desmond Hall

**WEB PAGE**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

8:00AM -MILDRED RIPPA  
-r/o Joseph & Antoinette Marzella

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

8:00AM -GEORGE SISKO  
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Gavaletz & Family

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

8:00AM -DORIS & JIM MC GARRY  
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

8:00AM -DOROTHY DIAS  
-r/o Beulah Remedios & Family

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

9:00AM -CHUCK CIRBUS  
-r/o Laura Jean Palma  
5:00PM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DE  
BENEDICTUS & ALURELLY FAMILY  
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

8:00AM -JAN SEEL  
-r/o Debbie & Scott Dyson  
10:00AM -PATRICIA DE MARINES  
-r/o Carol & John Conniff  
11:30AM -CHUCK CIRBUS  
-r/o Beulah Remedios & Family


**VOTIVE LIGHTS - IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts	Mary Spinelli
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina	Virginia DeLillo
Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli	Jack DeLillo
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello	Louis DeLillo, Sr.
Peter & Susan Colombo	Michael Kelsall
Milt Troland	Elaine Stark

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

My Prayers and Intentions	Andrea Gizzarelli
Nicholas Riccardi (Novice)	All Personal Intentions
Thank you for all our blessings	Watch over our daughter
Thank you for helping my Son	
Help & guidance for Carolyn	
Help & guidance Michael & Jonathan	
God's blessings for Patrick & Michael and their parents	

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**

 Please call the Parish Office to register.  
**The next Pre-Baptism class will be held Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Mass - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month  
Next Mass - March 17<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 Cancio Fernandes  
r/o Bertilla Bachoe

**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, 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, Jackie Lombardi, Meredith Cierkowski, Mario Buongiovanni and Lucy Ginsiorsky.

**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.**



**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  
Robert C. McCann, U.S. Marines  
Michael J. Sanzone, U.S. Army  
Mark G. Sieczkowski, U.S. Navy  
Thomas Welch, U.S. Army

**If you a 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.**



Roberto Antonio Mejia and Ivelise Fernandez – 2<sup>nd</sup>



**MOST HOLY REDEEMER PRAYER GROUP**

Most Holy Redeemer Prayer Group will meet on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

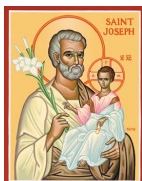
The prayer program includes the Holy Rosary and a Scriptural reading. A short fellowship will follow after the prayers. All are welcome to join us as we gather together. For more information, please contact the parish office.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

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

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**



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

Tickets for the St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner will on sale after all Masses beginning this weekend thru March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

**Weekend of February 16/17, 2019: \$6736**  
**Weekend of February 17/18, 2018: \$6380**  
**Additional Catholic Spirit Collection: \$314**



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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.



**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for, Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 – 9:00 p.m. in the Desmond Hall.



**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE HELP NEEDED!**

New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.** At this time, the blood supply is critically low – **PLEASE HELP.**

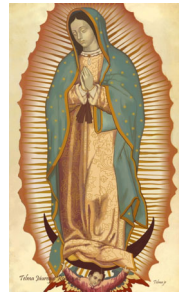
Those wishing to donate blood, call to set up appointment times.

**SHOP AT AMAZON  
SUPPORT THE PARISH**



If you shop on Amazon, you can help support the parish by designating Most Holy Redeemer Church as the charity you wish to support. Eligible purchases will result in Amazon donating a portion to the parish. You do have to designate Most Holy Redeemer Church, Matawan, NJ as your charity. You also have to use the Amazon Smile site instead of the normal Amazon site. It is the same merchandize and account as Amazon but it allows you to be connected by the Amazon Smile Program. To check it out go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and log in using your personal Amazon, account or, if you do not have one, click on "create one". Select a charity by typing Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church and click the search tab and select the one that says, Matawan, NJ. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank for your support.

**AWAKENING EVENING FOR  
CONSECRATION TO  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
**Most Holy Redeemer Church  
a Special Night**



**Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.**

On December 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop Checchio inaugurated a year of preparation for the consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

His intention for this year is that each one of us open our heart wide to God's grace so that authentic spiritual renewal can take place.

In light of this we are all invited to come to an evening of prayer, preaching and reflection on the message and meaning of Our Lady of Guadalupe's apparitions on our continent in 1531. Discover how The Blessed Mother led nine million people into a life changing encounter with her Son, Jesus, and how her message is the same today as she desires to lead you into a deep and vibrant relationship with Him as well in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

This is a very special event conducted by good folks from our Diocese with the Sacrament of reconciliation available as well. Come take a break from life's cares and spend a little time with Mary in prayer at Benediction and the Awakening Evening liturgy. Let her help you light your heart on fire with love for her Son.

**WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA**



First Saturday - March 2, 2019 - Free Retreat at the Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mount View Road, East, Asbury, NJ 08802 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - "Heart of Mary - Hope for the World,

Uncovering the Fatima Message." All welcome to the studio audience free retreat which will be filmed with Father Hugh Gillespie, SMM. Father Hugh will be presenting the final two talks in our Fatima series: Reparation for sinners and the charism of St. Jacinta, and Consecration to Mary as lived by Servant of God Sister Lucia. 11:30 a.m.: Rosary; 15 minute meditation; Confessions; 12:00 noon: Mass; 12:30-1:30 p.m.: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1:30-3:30 p.m.: Fatima talks. Light refreshments will be served. Free event, but please RSVP to: [dorothy@bluearmy.com](mailto:dorothy@bluearmy.com) or 908-689-1700, ext. 224

**DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A  
HOSPICE VOLUNTEER**



Health Group

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is inviting individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers to join our team in Monmouth and Middlesex Counties.

There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers through home visitation, companionship, administrative support, pet therapy, or any complimentary therapies. We are also seeking volunteers interested in providing support calls to our patients and family members from our offices. Training will be provided by members of the Hospice team.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Pauline De Palma, BSW at 732-224-6933 or email: [Pauline.depalma@vnahg.org](mailto:Pauline.depalma@vnahg.org).

For more information about VNAHG volunteer services please visit [www.vnahg.org](http://www.vnahg.org).

**WHEN GOD ANSWERS PRAYER**

**HILARIOUS  
RELIGIOUS  
JOKES**

A kindergarten teacher was walking around her classroom while her students drew pictures. One little girl was scribbling so intently that the teacher asked what she was drawing. The little girl replied, "I'm drawing a picture of Jesus." The teacher said, "Oh honey, nobody really knows for sure what Jesus looked like." The little girl, without missing a beat, responded, "They will in a minute."

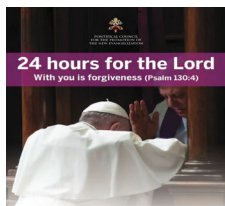


### PRAYER AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

A Catholic Prayer and Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, NJ on the following Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on March 13<sup>th</sup>; April - December: 1st Wednesday of the month.

Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture.

For more information please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432 or email us at: [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com).



### SAVE THE DATE

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

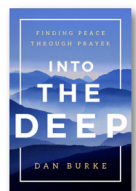
**initiative on March 29, 2019**

'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. Certain 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.

### INTO THE DEEP

#### FINDING PEACE THROUGH PRAYER



**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
35 Mountain Ave.  
Somerville, NJ 08876**

Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Retreat begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m.

\$25 per person

Each participant will receive a bag of material including one of Dan's book and a voucher for a free Mini-Course on Prayer. To register, go to: [SpiritualDirection.com/Events](http://SpiritualDirection.com/Events).



### CURSILLO

The Cursillo 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Encounter With Christ will be held at Mary, Mother of God Parish, 157 South Triangle Rd, Hillsborough, on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 8am to 3pm. Our distinguished speakers will be **Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (Saint Joseph Friary, New York, NY) and Dcn. Sal Bonfiglio, OFS (Secular Franciscan Order)**. The theme of the Encounter is "Our Lady of Guadalupe – Star of the New Evangelization".

This year, the Metuchen Cursillo Movement is pleased to sponsor The Awakening, a multi-parish event that will help to prepare us for the diocesan consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will be an inspirational day of Talks, Music, Prayer, Lunch, Adoration, Confession, and celebration of the Mass. There is no charge for the event; but a free will offering will be accepted. **ALL ARE WELCOME**. To register, please log on to <http://metcursillo.org/events-encounter.htm>.

Encounter Christ through Cursillo (pronounced "kur-see-yo"). Please see our web site [www.metcursillo.org](http://www.metcursillo.org) for more details.



### **HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**7<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>**

**"But love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful...Stop judging...stop condemning, forgive and you will be forgiven."**

If we wished to choose one word to describe the ministry of Pope Francis, it would be 'mercy.' His writings reflect this teaching of Jesus in the beatitudes. He proclaimed a holy year of mercy. He constantly is extending the compassionate hand of Jesus to the poor and marginalized.

Luke's teaching asks us to consider what seems so difficult. Love enemies, give without expecting a return, be concerned for ungrateful and those so distant from the gospel.

When driving and someone cuts you off, pray for him. If you are offended by someone's remark, chalk it up to a bad day and don't brood over it. Don't live the expression 'I don't get mad, I just get even.' Spend a moment discerning who might be an 'enemy' and seek a way to open the door to friendship, by prayer, a smile, or another sign of peace.

Didn't Jesus tell us to forgive so we may be forgiven?