



**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, MARCH 4**

8:00AM -CHRISTOPHER MAHER  
-r/o Joseph & Antoinette Marzella

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

8:00AM -NASHON ATTIDORE  
-r/o Alfonso Gomez

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

8:00AM -IVAN TARABOCCHIA  
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Tarabocchia  
12NOON -SERVICE WITH ASHES - (No Mass)  
4:30PM -SERVICE WITH ASHES - (No Mass)  
7:30PM -BERNADETTE & RAYMOND RYAN  
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

8:00AM -MARIE HANSEN  
-r/o Marie Sisti

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

9:00AM -ANGIE PYTELL  
-r/o The Sacco Family  
5:00PM -ELLEN LAPINSKI  
-r/o David Lapinski

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

8:00AM -CHUCK CIRBUS  
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Michael DeSimone  
10:00AM -CLIVE DE SALES (D) & ABEL DE SALES (L)  
-r/o Beulah Remedios  
11:30AM -MICHAEL MARTUCCI  
-r/o Marilyn Martucci

**VOTIVE LIGHTS  
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Mary Spinelli  
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina Joseph L. Esposito  
Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli Rosalie & Frank Moscarello

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

My Prayers and Intentions Andrea Gizzarelli  
Thank you for all our blessings All personal intentions  
Thank you for helpin my Son  
Help & guidance for Carolyn  
Help & guidance for Jonathan & Michael  
Good health, especially eyes  
Guidance & protection for our daughter

**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 Chuck Cirbus  
r/o Debbie & Scott Dyson

**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, Lucy Ginsiorsky and Richard Chlebowsky.

**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

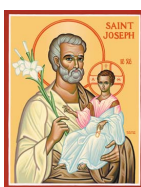
If you have a family member who is an active-duty member of the military and wish to have their name added to the Military Prayer list, please call the parish office at 732-566-9334.

*Wedding Banns*

Roberto Antonio Mejia and Ivelise Fernandez – 3<sup>rd</sup>



**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.



**PARISH COFFEE SUNDAY**

Please join us on Sunday, March 17<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.

**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.**



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

*Weekend of February 23/24, 2019: \$6814*  
*Weekend of February 24/25, 2018: \$6938*  
**Additional Catholic Spirit Collection: \$60**



**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.

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS  
*Treasures of the Church*



**EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS**

Treasures of the Church  
Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  
Corpus Christi Church  
South River, NJ  
732-254-1800

Presented by Father Carlos

Martins of the Companions of the Cross.

Corpus Christi welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be present, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

In addition, there will also be present a piece of a veil which belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.



Please note – Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - ashes will be administered at 8:00 a.m., 12 noon, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday Lenten Mass and Homily beginning March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. (No morning Mass on Tuesdays during Lent).**

Lenten Soup Suppers: March 12<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. in Desmond Hall. **Please bring donations of baby diapers sizes 4 - 6 to benefit Life Choices diaper bank.**

**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 24<sup>th</sup>:

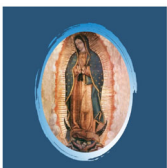
**AVERY MADISON PETYO**

Daughter of Michael and Tracy

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.

**2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

HELP BUILD A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE  
2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal



***Help Build a Civilization of Love***

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more

than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend, March 16/17, which has been designated as Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE HELP NEEDED!**



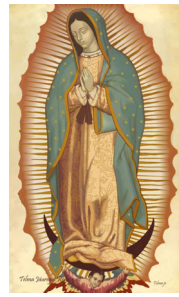
New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.** At this time, the blood supply is critically low – **PLEASE HELP.** Those wishing to donate blood, call to set up

appointment times.

**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.

**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).



### 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).



### WORD OF LIFE

Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19<sup>th</sup>, join us in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption. Visit [www.usccb.org/adoption-novena](http://www.usccb.org/adoption-novena) for the novena, which begins Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

## **REFLECTING ON THE WORD**

During a hospital chaplaincy internship, we wrote *verbatim*, word-for-word transcripts of a conversation between chaplain and patient. Then we reviewed them with our supervisor to learn from our experience. I asked, "How would you know whether or not a conversation actually took place?" He responded, "It wouldn't make a difference. Your writing tells me about you, whether the conversation took place or you made it up." As today's Gospel states: "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). Or, to paraphrase Sirach: when one speaks, one is tested (Sirach 27:7).

Our words say much about us. Do we see clearly or does a beam in our own eye blind us? Our words say much about our focus, the other or only myself. For example, when someone tells me they were fired, instead of empathizing with them, I say "I was fired, too." If someone shares concern about a friend's illness, I say "My mother was sick, too, and died." I might want to relate to them, but my focus is on me. When I notice another person's sin, fault, or defect, I can want to help them change. I can also want to deflect them from noticing my own foibles.

The good news is that the death and resurrection of Jesus have destroyed the power of sin and death. They are not gone from life, but that which is corruptible, like sin, faults, or defects, can be clothed with incorruptibility. For that to happen, I must see the beam in my own eye and ask God to help me remove it. Then the tree that is my life can produce good fruit again. Goodness in my heart can be restored and produce good fruit. Look to your heart. Speak the truth you find there. Invite the Word, Jesus Christ, help you learn from experience and remove whatever blinds you.

### *Consider:*

- What would a *verbatim* of my interactions with other people tell them about me?
- How do I use my words, to invite healing or inflict hurt?

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

Holy God, you have spoken your Word to us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help me learn from his use of words to remove whatever blinds me or keeps me self-centered and to see as you see in order to produce the fruit of healing and life-giving love that Jesus speaks to us.