



**PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Cookies with Santa**, December 14<sup>th</sup> after 5:00 p.m. Mass and December 15<sup>th</sup> after 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses in Desmond Hall.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

8:00AM -CATHERINE SORGE  
-r/o Rhea Grundman

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

8:00AM -LOUIS J. COPPOLA  
-r/o Angelina Savarese

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

8:00AM -FRANCIS ANCHETA  
-r/o Lucille Ancheta

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**

8:00AM RICHARD RADIGAN  
-r/o Scott & Debbie Dyson

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

9:00AM WILLIAM DUNDAS III  
r/o Truchen Family  
5:00PM ANTHONY & ANTOINETTE DeBENEDICTUS  
-r/o DeBenedictus Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

8:00AM TED MARCIN  
-r/o Sylvia Marcin  
10:00AM MABEL DeSALES  
-r/o Beulah Remedios  
11:30AM -SALVATORE PELLIGRA  
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Mass – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month  
Next Mass – December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.  
Meeting following the Mass.



**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week  
in memory of Joan Zipp  
r/o Louise Wayne  
Tabernacle candle in the Chapel burns this week  
In memory of Charles Agar  
r/o Brett McInerney



**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, 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, Mario Buongiovanni, Columbia Emilio, Jerzy Cierkowski, Andrew Gasperchek, Dominic DiFede, Jose Santos, Megan LaFergola, Nora Decker, Adelaide Whelan, Faye Parrilla, Debbie Mangano, Carolyn Smoljan, Karell Christian Bernardo and Anna Schiano.

**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.**



**IN MEMORY OF**

Mary Spinelli Tony Medina  
Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli Joseph L. Esposito  
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Joseph Connolly

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Tina Forcino Speedy Recovery for Frances  
For Carolyn and Jonathan

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.



**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  
Jeremy Neff, U.S. Army  
Michael J. Sanzone, U.S. Army  
Mark G. Sieczkowski, U.S. Navy  
Thomas Welch, U.S. Army  
Christopher Putko, U.S. Navy

**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.**

**ST. LAWRENCE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** will hold their annual **TRICKY TRAY** on **December 8<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Hall, on Laurence Harbor Parkway, LH. Doors will open at 1pm, calling will begin at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 and include 2 sheets of tickets. Refreshments will be available for purchase. To obtain tickets call Maria at 732-290-3002, or Karen at 732-721-774, or the rectory during business hours at 732-566-1093.



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



Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and 7:30 p.m. This is a Holy Day of obligation.

**BAPTISM**



We wish to welcome into the family of God and the parish community of Most Holy Redeemer the following child who was baptized on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**GIOVANNA MARIE PISTONE**  
Daughter of Anthony & Tara

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 their children in the practice of the Faith by our prayers and example



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

**Weekend of November 23/24, 2019: \$ 6924**  
**Weekend of November 24/25, 2018: \$7278**  
**Christmas Collection:.....: \$ 20**  
**Collection for Christmas Flowers \$ 60**  
**Campaign for Human Development \$ 1943**

**OFFICE STAFF EMAILS**



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**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**



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

**Practices:** Wednesdays, **December 11<sup>th</sup>** and **December 18<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.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION**



The second collection this weekend will be for the Christmas Flowers. **Please PRINT loved ones' names clearly and legibly so they may appear correctly in the bulletin**

**COOKIES WITH SANTA**



The Holy Name will be having “Cookies with Santa” on December 14<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. and on December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses in Desmond Hall. Have your picture taken with Santa. Donations of cookies will be greatly appreciated

**Pregnancy Resources for Women**

[www.pregnancycenters.org](http://www.pregnancycenters.org)

(Services are Free & Confidential)

Life Choices Resource Center  
503 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840  
732-516-0822 or 732-516-0911  
[LifeChoices@Optonline.net](mailto:LifeChoices@Optonline.net)  
[www.lifechoicesre.com](http://www.lifechoicesre.com)

The Center for Great Expectations  
Pregnancy/Addiction Help  
19 Dellwood Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873  
732-247-7003 (toll free 855-467-3548)  
[www.cge-nj.org](http://www.cge-nj.org)      [info@cge-nj.org](mailto:info@cge-nj.org)

Catholic Charities – Maternity and Adoption  
319 Maple Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
732-324-8200

**24/7 Toll Free Hotlines:**

National Life Center 1-800-848-LOVE

Birthright 1-800-550-4900

[www.lifecall.org](http://www.lifecall.org)



**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.*

St. Lawrence Food Pantry opens on Saturdays, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. and Mondays, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Groceries collected every weekend at Mass.

**The Giving Tree**

Helping Those in Need



**GIVING TREE**

If you took a tag from the Giving Tree, please return all wrapped gifts before the end of Masses next weekend. We need

volunteers to help sort gifts for delivery. If you can help, please come down to the parish hall immediately after Mass



**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**

Please call the Parish Office to register. **The next Pre-Baptism class will be held Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**



**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.**



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m. – 12 noon

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve**

5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 1, 2019 – New Year's Day**

8:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.

**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.



**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.





**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Catholic Charities is seeking **volunteer mentors**. Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to youth.

Do You:

1. Have a minimum of three hours per week to offer a child?
2. Like having fun?
3. Reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township?
4. Want to make a difference in a child's life?
5. Enjoy being a positive role model.

If interested, please contact Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or [jcullen@ccdom.org](mailto:jcullen@ccdom.org) for more information.



**BOY SCOUTS**



Scout Troop 129 will be offering their hand-decorated wreaths for sale as a fundraiser on the weekends of November 30/December 1, and December 7/8, after all Masses. Wreaths are available decorated in several different color schemes to match your décor. Wreaths will be \$18, Kissing Balls, \$20 and Grave Blankets are \$40. (We accept cash, check or charge). The members of our troop are thankful for the blessing of your ongoing support. Tell your friends!



**CHRISTMAS ONE-LINERS**



We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.



**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 next week'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.



*As I have loved you*

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Now that fall is here, why treat yourselves to a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

**The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 24-26.**

Please register by January 10, as space is limited. For more information and registration, call Russ or Janet Baker at 732-494-3188 or visit us at:

[www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)



**24-HOUR PRAYER LINE**



Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24-hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us at 732-765-6431 and leave a detailed message, or send an e-mail to our office:

[catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com)



**THANK YOU!**

Our special celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first parish Mass was a happy and memorable occasion. We thank Father Desmond for celebrating the Mass and recounting those first days of parish life in his homily. Thank you also to the choir for that special rendition of "How Beautiful".

Also, many thanks to Joanne Berg, Kathy Pellegrino, Beulah Remedios, Joanne and Ed Glidden, Joanne and Nick LaCava, Frank Contrera, Lilianna Brzezinski, Zenaida and Benny Manibo, Jimmy Cueva, Judy and John Fries, and Maria and Jim Gray for hosting the lovely reception which followed the Mass.

God bless us all as we continue our communal journey of faith as disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Chester H. Carina  
Pastor