



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood Drive, January 23, 2020, 2:00 - 8:00 p.m., Desmond Hall.

WEB PAGE

For updated bulletin information, please go to www.mhr-parish.org.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00AM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LONG FAMILY
-r/o Deacon Frank

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00AM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MACRE FAMILY
-r/o Deacon Frank
5:00PM -THE CIRBUS - ROSANIA FAMILY
-r/o The Cirbus Family
9:00PM -ELLEN LAPINSKI
-r/o David Lapinski

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00AM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF FLAGG & PALMA FAMILIES
-r/o Laura Jean Palma
10:00AM-ELIZABETH HELLER AND JOHN AMBUTA
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Michael Murphy
11:30AM-FRANK MOSCARELLO
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Sam Mantle

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00AM -LUCILLE HANCOCK
-r/o The Gonzalez Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00AM -JOHN WISEMAN
-r/o Laura Jean Palma
5:00PM -DORIS DYSON
-r/o Scott & Debbie Dyson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00AM -WILLIAM LIPP
-r/o The Truchen Family
10:00AM -BIAGIO, TERESA, FRANKLIN, & SAL PELLIGRA, AND STELLA & TONY CARAFOLA
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski
11:30AM -EDWIN AND CECILIA LEAHY
-r/o Patricia Keaveney



TABERNACLE LIGHT



Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week in loving memory of Linda Imbriale
r/o Anthony & Patricia Sierra

Tabernacle candle in the Chapel burns this week in loving memory of Ronald LeMaire
r/o Adie Whelan



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 Ciezbka, 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, Anna Schiano, Elias Arout and Maryanne Rini.

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

Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli Mary Spinelli
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Tony Medina
Jimmy DiCarlo Ellen DiCarlo Mangano
Charles Mitchell Howard Whitford
James P. Murphy

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Humility for my daughter Two Special Intentions
Blessings for Michael, Carly, Jonathan & Carolyn
Speedy Recovery for Francis



**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 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.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS



Please call the Parish Office to register. **The next Pre-Baptism class will be held Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



Mass – 3rd Sunday of every month
Next Mass – January 19 at 8:00 a.m.
Meeting following the Mass.

2020 BOX ENVELOPES



Please take a moment after Mass today to pick up your new set of boxed envelopes for 2020. They are located in the Parish Hall. If you can't find your envelopes, please call the parish office.

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.



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Weekend of December 14/15, 2019: \$7708
Weekend of December 15/16, 2018: \$6662
Our Christmas Offering to the Lord: \$ 20
Additional Collection for Christmas Flowers: \$ 170
Additional Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious: \$ 270

OFFICE STAFF EMAILS



Irma Knox – Parish Secretary
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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



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

Practices: Wednesdays, **December 11th** and **December 18th**, 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.

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.

PARISH OFFICE



The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th. The parish office will reopen on Thursday, December 26th at 8:30 a.m.



MOST HOLY REDEEMER PRAYER GROUP

Most Holy Redeemer Prayer Group will meet on Friday, December 27th, 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.



PRAYER GARDEN PAVERS

Leave a lasting legacy this Christmas Season with your name or custom inscription on a personalized brick or recognize family or friends with a lasting message that will be seen for generations to come.

Commemorative paving stones will be installed in the renovated Crucifix Prayer Garden opposite the entrance to the Church. Order forms are available in the Church office.

4 x 8 paver is \$125.00
8 x 8 paver is \$200.00

There is an additional cost of \$25 if clip art is added.

Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information, please call Tom Caporaso at 908-461-2247.



SAVE THE DATE!!

**Annual Charity Banquet
"Rescue the Beating Heart"**

- When:** Sunday, February 23, 2020
 - Time:** 4 pm - 8 pm
 - Where:** Pines Manor, 503 Main Street Metuchen, NJ 08872
 - Why:** To Honor Faithful Servant Recipients
Tickets are \$65 per person
 - Call or Text:** 732-516-0911
- We look forward to seeing you!***

Advent

Fourth Week in Advent



Blessed God, we await the coming of your Son our Savior. In this last week of our waiting, bring us to greater love of our family by learning to give to one another greater respect and honor, that our homes may be happy, joyful places into which your Son, Jesus Christ, may come. **Amen.**



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday, December 21st
11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

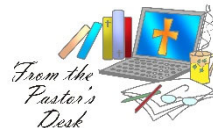
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25th - Christmas Day
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Monday, December 31st - 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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Special thanks to Emily Hayes and her assistants for organizing once again our Parish Giving Tree. This is a wonderful charitable effort and I ask God's blessing on, not only our organizers, but also on all our Parishioners for making the effort to contribute gifts which will help make someone's Christmas a little brighter.

Secondly, my thanks to our Holy Name Society, especially our President, Louis Savarese and Bill "Santa Claus" Keller, for hosting the annual "Cookies with Santa". The kids really get excited and I'm grateful to our Society for organizing this heartwarming event.

A Blessed Christmas to all and may God grant us peace and good health in 2020!

God Bless Us All!
Fr. Carina

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



As I have loved you

Now that fall is here, why not 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, 2020 as space is limited. For more information and registration, call 732-904-9636 or visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

A bereavement support program of five meetings will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle in Old Bridge (parish room in the Parish Hall). The meetings will continue on Tuesdays, January 21st, February 11th, February 25th and March 10th. The program is offered as a support for all persons who have recently lost a loved one and are struggling with the mourning process. Registration is required. No walk-ins. For more information, please call Deacon Pat at 732-251-4000 ext. 8218.

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 you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE 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.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: February 21-23, 2020.

For information and to register:
 Call Rich Colasuonno: 732-236-0671 or
 Annette Colasuonno: 732-672-0748 or
 email 3024@retrouvaille.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.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUNDAY
ST. AMBROSE OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 26, 2020 – 11:30 AM-2:00 PM

Come and explore everything that **Saint Ambrose School** has to offer students in **PreK3 to 8th grade**.

- Excellent faith-based education
- Exceptional standardized test scores
- Differentiated education plans
- Club, sports and activities for grades Pre-K3 through 8.
- Extended care from 6:30am-6:30pm.
- Ask about our **Transfer grant and referral programs**.

Saint Ambrose School...Coming here is coming home.

For more information call 732-679-4700 ext. 1010

BUS TRIP TO THE RALLY FOR LIFE
IN TRENTON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The rally at the State House begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. Passengers will attend a small reception afterwards. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center around 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat, please e-mail amarshall@diometuchen.org, or call 732-562-1543.



Home Companion/Aide for 91 year old woman in her home to help with everyday tasks, Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Light home care involved. Call Jeanne Egan at 917 330-9691.