



**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](http://www.mhr-parish.org).

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**

8:00AM -EDDIE LOBO  
-r/o Beulah Remedios

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31- NEW YEARS EVE**

8:00AM -MERVYN FORSECA  
-r/o Beulah Remedios & Family  
5:00PM -ABELARDO GARRIDO  
-r/o Gonzalez Family

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEARS DAY**

8:00AM -PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
10:00AM- GERARDO VILLONGCO  
-r/o The Villongco Family

**FRIDAY JANUARY 3**

8:00AM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GEROLD AND McGOVERN FAMILIES  
-r/o Linda & Philip McGovern

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

9:00AM -ROBERT M. HOOK  
-r/o Catherine Dudley  
5:00PM -GABBY RODRIGUEZ  
-r/o Irma Knox

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

8:00AM ANTOINETTE CARMELA VALENTE  
-r/o Andrea Gizzarelli & Family  
10:00AM -FRANK FALCONE  
-r/o Mary Falcone  
11:30AM -JONATHAN ARREZA  
-r/o Lisa Valeroso



**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

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**



Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week in loving memory of Richard Greene r/o Friend of the Family

**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, 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.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**



This weekend's second collection will be the Initial Offering, to cover the cost of the envelopes



**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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**New Year's Day Mass Schedule**  
**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve**  
 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – New Year's Day**  
 8:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.



**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  
 MHR1987@aol.com

Janet Snyder – Finance Manager  
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Debbie Dyson – Parish Catechetical Leader  
 mhrccd@yahoo.com

Barbara Orsucci – Assistant Religious Education Office  
 mhrccd1993@aol.com

**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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

*“Wives be subordinate to your husband...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children...” (Colossians 3:18-21)*

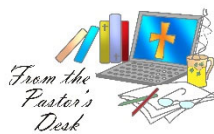
Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become “schools of true human growth”. Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

**BELETED THANK YOU!**



Thanks again to Rebecca Bowsky for overseeing our latest blood drive in November. And thank you to those who donated. Our parish generated 47 blood donations in our drive. We will hold another blood drive on January 23, 2020.

Gratefully,  
Fr. Chester Carina



My personal thanks to our church decorating team, our ushers, Holy Name members, our sacristan and maintenance man who were involved in the decoration of the Church, inside and out, and to all those who participated in our Christmas Masses as altar servers, eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, music ministry and, of course, my brother deacons. We also thank Fr. Joseph Desmond for assisting with the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

The children did a beautiful job and were featured in the Children's Choir and the Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. My thanks to Pat Keaveney, Debbie Dyson, Barbara Orsucci, Guy Smoljan and Linda McGovern for rehearsing the children.

A special thank you to all who sent cards and gifts to me this Christmas. Your kindness and generosity is very encouraging.

We are grateful to all our many volunteers who step forward throughout the year. God bless us all and peace in 2020.

Gratefully,  
Father Chester Carina

**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.

**PARISH OFFICE**



The parish office will be closed Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**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!***

**THANK YOU**

**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 8th. 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).

**ST. AMBROSE**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**BROWNTOWN CLUB**



St. Ambrose and Immaculate Conception Parishes, in coordination with the Knights of Columbus, are sponsoring a free bus trip to the March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 24. Seats will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call the parish at 732-679-5666 for more information and to reserve your seat.





*As I have loved you*

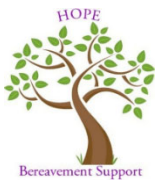
### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 917 330-96 91.

