



MONDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00AM -MICHAEL GINSIORSKY
-r/o Kathy & Gary Pein

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00AM -SAM CHERCHIA
-r/o Peter & Stephanie Gulla

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00AM -IVEN TARABOKIA
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Tarabocchia

FRIDAY JANUARY 10

8:00AM -BARBARA JANKOWSKY
-r/o Paul & Colleen Jankowsky

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00AM -JAMES J. CROWLEY
-r/o Ellen Hartley

5:00PM -WILLIAM DUNDAS, III
-r/o Annette Dundas

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00AM -WILLIAM DUNDAS, III
-r/o Annette Dundas

10:00AM -CLYDE & MARY MURPHY AND
THERESA PORMIGIANA

-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Michael Murphy

11:30AM -TONY CARAFOLA & BILL FREGA
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski

VOTIVE LIGHTS

IN MEMORY OF

Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli Mary Spinelli
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Tony Medina
Howard Whitford Charles Mitchell
William Dundas

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Guidance for Johnny and Dylan
Watch over our daughter

Prayer and guidance for our children

Humility, guidance, acceptance, strength

All personal intentions – Thank you for all our blessings
Brian Law Cure Cancer

HELP WANTED



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

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week in loving memory of DJ Blish
r/o Marilyn Martucci

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 Mangan, Carolyn Smoljan, Karell Christian Bernardo, Anna Schiano, Maryanne Rini, and Gabriela Fabrizio.

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.

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.



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.



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.



PARISH COFFEE SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday, January 19th 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.



JANUARY 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Weekend of December 28/29, 2019: \$7062
Weekend of December 29/30, 2018: \$7068
Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day
Collection: \$ 31
Initial Collection: \$ 83
Additional Christmas Offering to the Lord: \$21,211
Additional Collection for Christmas Flowers: \$ 10



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.*

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.



PRAYER GARDEN BRICK FUNDRAISER



If you are interested in donating a paver for our prayer garden in memory of a loved one, please pick up an order form in the vestibules of the church or stop by the parish office.



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.

Epiphany Home Blessing

January is the first month of the New Year. It is an old Christian custom to bless the home at Epiphany. January is the year's doorway, an entrance into a bright new beginning! Jesus is always beginning again the work of salvation in us and among us. It is true that sin is still part of our life, hatred and greed are not yet destroyed. Even winter is not over, yet we have begun a New Year. The hours of darkness are shrinking before the strengthening sun. We see the Savior and our hopes are made new.

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:
 R. The maker of heaven and earth.
 V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:
 R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray. Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Use chalk so it can be changed each year. A traditional way of doing this is to use the blessed chalk to write above the main door of the house or the door most used by the family. If you like you can bless all the doors of the house or perhaps just the bedrooms or main doors, with **20 + C + M + B + 20**. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2020 is the year.

All present say: For 2020, this house will welcome others as Jesus welcomed the shepherds and the Magi. May this house always seek Jesus as the Magi did years ago.

The Leader prays: Lord God, fill this home with kindness for one another and with respect for guests. Fill us with the wisdom to seek Jesus always, now and forever. Lord God, fill every corner of our world with safety, peace and love. Guide us to the glory of Jesus our Savior. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All answer: AMEN

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE



New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, **Thursday, January 23rd, 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.

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.

**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 24th. 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.

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.

December 20, 2019



**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 a.m. The rally at the State House begins at 11:00 a.m. 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 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat, please e-mail amarshall@diometuchen.org, or call 732-562-1543.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to celebrate this season of Christmas, it is a special joy to announce over and over the wonderful truth that God has made

His home among us in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. While the world quickly moves on in a never-ending chase for the next exciting thing, we are called to reflect again on the truth that God is with His people. Because we celebrate Christmas...what does that mean for the rest of the year?

This year we bask in the additional graces that we received through our diocesan Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are called to "take a step" in faith and hope, putting into action the gifts God has given us. One of the concrete ways we can put faith into action is by caring for the poor in our midst. Every year we have a special opportunity to participate in an annual local collection: *Together in Charity*. The collection funds our Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program, which aids parishes when individuals and families are faced with urgent financial, housing, or medical needs beyond a parish's capacity to meet. Your parish may have been one of those helped by the program, since in the last year 59 (65%) of our parishes turned to Catholic Charities for emergency assistance. In total, 436 households, consisting of 645 adults and 567 children were helped by those who gave to the *Together in Charity* collection.

Please consider giving a gift to express solidarity with all who are seeking the face of Jesus and reach out to the Church in hope. Jesus may be found in the face of a senior citizen who cannot afford a prescription or family facing eviction or the loss of utilities; your gift is an expression of a disciple doing the work of Jesus. The Faith is alive when we reach out in love to meet the needs of all who come to us. Your monetary donation, as your means allow, will be a great expression of our local Church of Metuchen responding to Jesus' words: "What you do to the least, you do unto me."

I thank you in advance for your generosity and assure you of my prayerful best wishes in the new year ahead.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen



**CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUNDAY
ST. AMBROSE OPEN HOUSE**

January 26th - 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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

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