



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, JANUARY 13

8:00AM -JOSEPH PATRICK MURRAY AND JOHN MURRAY
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00AM -FLORENCE VISINSKI
-r/o Jo-Ann and Walter Visinski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00AM -JOE MURPHY
-r/o The Rubino Family

FRIDAY JANUARY 17

8:00AM -LINDA BROWN
-r/o Janet Snyder

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00AM -MICHAEL SEIG
-r/o Richard & Maryann McCann
5:00PM -ANTHONY & ANTOINETTE DeBENEDICTUS
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00AM -STEPHEN T. HARAN & AGNES GOREVIN
-r/o Gerard & Erin Haran
10:00AM -JOHN BALDINO
-r/o Tara Craig & Family
11:30AM -ENEAS P. MULCAHY
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

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 Linda Brown 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, 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 Pacheco, 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, Maryanne Rini, Carmela Fabrizio, Carol Ann Granata and Terry McCormick.

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.**

VOTIVE LIGHTS

IN MEMORY OF

Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli Mary Spinelli
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Tony Medina
Howard Whitford Charles Mitchell
Joseph L. Esposito Michael Kelsall
Susan & Peter Colombo

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Guidance for Johnny and Dylan
Watch over our daughter
Blessings for Michael, Carly, Jonathan and Carolyn
Complete recovery for Frances
Tino Special Intentions
Safe trips for Kristen, Cecilia and Ed



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. Siczkowski, 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.



2020 BOX ENVELOPES

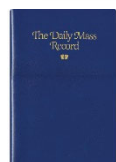
Please take a moment after Mass today to pick up your new set of boxed envelopes for 2020. They are located in the Parish Hall. If you can't find your envelopes, please call the parish office.



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.



2020 MASS BOOK

The 2020 Mass book is now open. Masses are usually booked rather quickly, so if you have your heart set on particular dates for your loved one's Mass, come into the parish office at your earliest convenience. We ask that parishioners make reasonable requests for Masses for their loved ones. **No email requests allowed. Masses must be taken in person.**



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.



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Weekend of January 4/5, 2020: \$6576
Weekend of January 5/6, 2019: \$6183
Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day Collection: \$2058
Initial Collection: \$1301
Together in Charity Collection: \$2348
Additional Christmas Offering to the Lord: \$1410



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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.



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.



ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

with specific intentions

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DIGIOSAFFATTE and CARTY FAMILIES
 r/o Mrs. Dolores DiGiosaffatte



SPECIAL THANKS to the children of Most Holy Redeemer who sang at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Their dedication and enthusiasm created a beautiful, joyful sound for the Christmas Eve Mass. Thanks to their parents who gave up their time to bring them to practices on Sundays. Hope next year more of our children will praise Jesus' birthday in song. A special thank you to Linda McGovern who helped direct the choir.

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| Angelica Gascon | Julia Strom |
| Alexander Roldan | Marie Roldan |
| Veronica Roldan | Cole Spiro |
| Hailey Spiro | Bashler Luxeus |
| Morgan Moreno | |

Holidays are always made even more special by the music we sing and listen to while celebrating the seasons. The traditional choir had been working on seasonal music for many months, and their time and dedication proved to be worth it. Additional practice hours by the musicians are often overlooked, but not unnoticed. Therefore, I wish to thank, Elenor Olona, pianist at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, for her time and talent, not just for the holiday, but all year long.

God bless!
Father Carina

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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020



And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17.

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION



The second collection next weekend, January 18/19, 2020, is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, which provides scholarships to financially-deserving children attending a Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school. Over 100 deserving children are enrolled in one of our schools today thanks to your generous support of last year's collection. Hundreds of families, hoping to give their children the gift of a Catholic school education, will seek financial assistance from the FCE Scholarship Program for the 2020-2021 school year. Your gift will send a child to Catholic school, changing a life forever! Please be as generous as your means allow.

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.

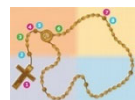
BUS TRIP TO THE RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON

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.

ROSARY FOR LIFE



Our parish will host Rosary for Life on Friday, January 24, 2020 in the daily Mass chapel at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join us. Come and ask Our Lady to inspire our culture to become more pro-life and end the tragedy that is legalized abortion.



**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

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.

CONTACT

**Telephone Crisis Intervention & Suicide
Prevention 24-hours a day**

The next (12-week) training class for telephone volunteers for **CONTACT (24 hour crisis intervention hotline)** will begin on **Thursday, January 23, 2020, from 6:30 - 9:30 P.M. in the Brick Township area once a week, every Thursday, for 12 weeks.** CONTACT, a free and confidential service, has been assisting with the needs of individuals throughout the community since 1975 by providing a safe place for callers to talk about their problems with anonymity. Information and referral are provided when requested.

For additional training information, please call the CONTACT office - 732-240-6104.



**Life Choices Resource
Center's
Annual Charity Banquet**

"Rescue the Beating Heart"

**Sunday, February 23rd
Pines Manor, Edison, NJ**

An inspirational evening highlighting God's love at work in the work we do at Life Choices Resource Center.

Tickets are \$65.00 per person. **Booster & Sponsorship Opportunities still available** For more information, please call 732-516-0911 or visit www.LifeChoicesRC.com.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Imagine that you are a seagull casually flying in from the Mediterranean, hovering for a spell above the Jordan River. It is a beautifully hot day and the wind floats you aloft. All is good. All is peaceful.

Suddenly the heavens open. Power fills the sky. You can feel the air vibrate. The Spirit breaks in. A dove descends. The God of glory thunders, the voice of the Lord over the waters: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

You're knocked off guard, for you haven't seen pictures of a furry man pouring water over a guy with his head bowed, a little bird fluttering overhead; you haven't heard this baptism of Jesus story before. This Spirit of God is not like any other dove that you have ever seen. This is not like any other day. What is going on?

Below you, people walk with their heads bowed, trudging in the dirt, tired by their humdrum existence. You want to caw out, "Looooook, loooooook, loooooook, loooooook! Come and soar with me! The Spirit of God is here!" The voice of the Lord is power. The voice of the Lord is splendor. You are roused with courage, feeling that you could keep flying even through the worst of thunderstorms.

Who are these two men? One stays by the water. The other turns toward the desert, where he will remain for forty days. The dove disappears to lead the man to the desert, that power remains with the man who walks away. Who could this be? Wherever he goes, you want to go. Wherever he stops, you want to stop. Life is richer in his presence. The air still vibrates. The splendor has not gone away. Something just feels fitting and right and abundant. What was crooked is now straight. All is good. All is warm. God is here!

Consider/Discuss:

- How often do we take the story of the inbreaking of the Spirit at the baptism of the Lord for granted, as though we have seen it before? How often do we take the inbreaking of the Spirit in our own lives for granted—a nice story, but not very real?
- The next time you hear a seagull crying or a bird calling, look up. Look around. The Spirit of God is here. The God of glory thunders. The God of splendor whispers. Do we have ears to hear?

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

O Jesus, give us a heart for you. Spirit of God, fill us to the max! Help us to soar and to dance above the humdrum of life, to be empowered anew. You have done something fresh. Break into our lives as well. Thank you for your glory!