



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Patrick/St. Joseph's Dinner, Saturday, March 7th, 6:00 p.m., Desmond Hall
- Soup Suppers, March 10th and March 31st, 6:00 p.m., Desmond Hall
- Blood Drive, Thursday, April 23rd, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m., Desmond Hall.

WEB PAGE

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



TABERNACLE LIGHT



Will be lit in honor or in memory of loved ones during the week of your choice. Call weekdays at 732-566-9334; donations - \$20.00



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 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, Maryanne Rini, Carmela Fabrizio, Carol Ann Granata, Terry McCormick and Nigel DeSales.

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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00AM -RITA HERBERT
-r/o The Lindner Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00AM -MARIA PALANGIO
-r/o The Iuzzolino Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00AM -RICHARD CHLEBOWSKI
-r/o Celeste Rosa

12NOON -SERVICE WITH ASHES – (No Mass)

4:30PM -SERVICE WITH ASHES – (No Mass)

7:30PM -ANNA & ENEAS MULCAHY
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28

8:00AM -NORA ALVAREZ
-r/o Bill & Porter Keller

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00AM -JUNE LEWICKI
-r/o Don Resciniti & Kathy

5:00PM -ANTHONY & ANTOINETTE DE
BENEDICTUS & STEFANELLI FAMILIES
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:00AM -CHUCK CIRBUS
-r/o The Cohen Family

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-r/o The Cohen Family

11:30AM -BERNADETTE & RAYMOND RYAN AND
IDA & FRANK DUNCAN
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy



IN MEMORY OF

Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli	Mary Spinelli
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello	Tony Medina
Charles Mitchell	Howard Whitford
Connie & Michele Papalia	Joseph L. Esposito

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Watch over our Daughter For 2 Special Intentions
Guidance for Johnny & Dylan
Need help desperately to get through this specially
difficult period



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, April 1st, at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT



The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit*, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of *The Catholic Spirit* and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

MOST HOLY REDEEMER PRAYER GROUP



Most Holy Redeemer Prayer Group will meet on Friday, February 28th in the daily Mass Chapel after Stations of the Cross. 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.



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Weekend of February 15/16, 2020: \$5741
Weekend of February 16/17, 2019: \$6736

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.*

Food Pantry

Groceries collected every weekend at Mass.

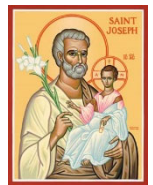
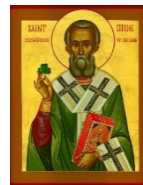
St. Lawrence Food Pantry opens on Saturdays and Mondays from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

P.S.: Our 2020 St. Vincent de Paul collection envelopes were printed with a suggested offering. Please disregard as this was a printing error.

SAVE THE DATE!

Most Holy Redeemer Holy Name Society's Wonderful Annual Family Event

Saturday, March 7, 2020



St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner. A dinner to Celebrate Parish Togetherness.

Tickets for the St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner will on sale after all Masses this weekend thru March 1st.

Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, etc. Desserts and Beverages. Adults: \$15 and Children: \$5.00 (under 12). Only **100** tickets will be sold.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Mass – 3rd Sunday of every month
 Next Mass – March 15th at 8:00 a.m.
 Meeting following the Mass.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE



New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, **Thursday, April 23rd, at 1:30 – 7:30 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.



Please note – Ash Wednesday, February 26th - ashes will be administered at 8:00 a.m., 12 noon, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday Lenten Mass and Homily beginning March 3rd, 7:30 p.m. (No morning Mass on Tuesdays during Lent).**

Lenten Soup Suppers: March 10th and March 31st at 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. in Desmond Hall. **Please bring donations to benefit Life Choices diaper bank.**

- March 10th – Pull-ups and baby wipes
- March 30th – Diapers size 4, 5, 6 and baby wipes.

KARAOKE

St. Ambrose Knights Of Columbus
 Presents

“Karaoke Knight”

Friday, February 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
 1 Frederick Place
 Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Live DJ, Karaoke, Dancing, Dinner, Dessert, Beer, Wine and Non-Alcoholic Beverages included. Cash Bar Available

Price: \$35.00 Adults - \$15.00 Children

Please RSVP by Friday, February 21st to Tom Putko at 732-439-0494 or email: tommy57289@aol.com or Jeremiah Bullen at 917-941-6283 or email: jbullen@scaliahome.com.

CURSILLO ENCOUNTER

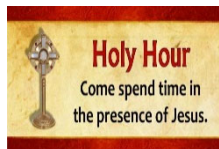


The Cursillo 11th Annual Encounter With Christ will be held at Mary, Mother of God Parish, 157 South Triangle Road, Hillsborough, on Saturday, February 29th from 8:00

a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our distinguished speakers will be Father Glenn Sudano, CFR of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (Saint Joseph Friary, New York, NY) and Deacon Sal Bonfiglio, OFS (Secular Franciscan Order). The theme of the Encounter is "One Does Not Live on Bread Alone" (Matthew 4:4).

Morning coffee as well as a light lunch will be served. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; as well as celebration of the Mass. There is no charge for the event; but a free will offering will be accepted. ALL ARE WELCOME. To register, please log on to <http://metcursillo.org/events-encounter.htm>.

Cursillo, (pronounced “kur-see-yo,”), is a Spanish word meaning “short course,” — a short course in Christianity. A Cursillo Weekend is an “Encounter with Christ.” Please see our web site www.metcursillo.org for more details.



HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Holy Hour for Priests will be held on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane,

Piscataway. All are welcome. For more information, email: priest.personnel@diometuchen.org.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount

Adult Enrichment Classes – Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount: The Diocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation will be offering a four-week course, which will meet each Wednesday beginning March 11th at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. The classes will explore and examine Chapters 5-7 of Matthew’s gospel in which the Beatitudes are couched. Through the use of PowerPoint slides, Q & A and the “New American Bible,” students will have a better grasp of what God is communicating through the pen of the second evangelist. This Adult Enrichment class is free of charge and open to anyone who is interested. Registration is required. To register please visit <https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation>.

For additional information, please contact Angela Marshall at amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2020-2021
TUITION ASSISTANCE
ONLINE APPLICATIONS PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) no later than March 31, 2020. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.



GIFT AUCTION
Mother Seton Regional HS
One Valley Road
Clark, NJ 07066
732-382-1952

Mother Seton Regional High School presents "A Night on Broadway Gift Auction", March 6th. Doors opens at 5:30 p.m. Auction starts at 7:00 p.m. To order tickets email: giftauction@motherseton.org. Tickets: \$25

"The Future is Hers"



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Metuchen

Connection Program is looking for volunteers, both men and women to participate in one-to-one activities and become a mentor to the youth of Middlesex County and Franklin Township.

Do you:

1. Have a minimum of three hours a week to offer to a child?
2. Like having fun?
3. Want to make a difference in a child's life?
4. Enjoy being a positive role model?

Then call Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email at jcullen@ccdom.org for more information.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

When I taught high school theology, on the first day of the semester, I had a student proudly walk into my sophomore morality class with a colorfully decorated binder. She showed off to me her cover picture of Moses holding two stone tablets. On the tablets was written, "The Ten Suggestions." She grinned at me as only a teenager can, whimsically testing, as if to ask, "What do you, teacher, think about my cleverness in re-casting the Ten Commandments?" with a shrug of the shoulder of "Who do you think *you* are to tell *me* what I should do?" Having lived with teenagers at my house for the previous twenty years, I just nodded and smiled. It was going to be an interesting semester.

In the world in which we live, what are we to do with ethical laws and commandments? Are they just "suggestions"? Are there any absolutes? Is anything always wrong? Is anything always right? Is there anyone to Whom we are accountable? Is there really a test at the end of life, or is God such a "nice guy" that no one goes to hell? Who is in charge anyway?

My fifteen-year-old student presumed a world that was kind and benevolent. She may never have experienced killing and war and infidelity and betrayal. Her parents were probably good people. Her friends may have been, too. If that were the case, then why did we need the ten "ethical suggestions"? Our access to God comes through Jesus and does not rely on our perfection, right?

Right, but the flourishing of life certainly does. Forming the heart to love and be generous and prayerful and forgiving—this bears fruit, fruit that lasts, in relationships that are solid and enduring. A holy life is a life worth living.

Consider/Discuss:

- ❖ In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lays out clear principles for holy living, commanding us to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Similarly, the Levitical holiness code reveals how to be holy as God is holy. What does holiness look like in your life? Why does it matter to you?
- ❖ Does someone you love dismiss ethical laws as though they were just "suggestions"? What life stories could you tell to respond to that person?

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Lord, sometimes, we throw up our hands at what is happening in our world. There are so many things what we cannot control. Help us to make an impact in the small world in which we live, by living lives of holiness and goodness and prayer. With your grace, please help us. And bless all those who do not believe in you or follow you, for you send blessings on the just and the unjust. We entrust all of that to you—it is not ours, but yours. Thank you for taking this world and carrying it for us.