



**PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3**

7:30PM -JAN SEEL  
-r/o Debbie & Scott Dyson

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

8:00AM -JUNE LEWICKI  
-r/o Adele Schulmeister-Wright & Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

8:00AM -IVAN TARABOCCHIA  
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Tarabocchia

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

9:00AM -ROBERT & JUNE LEWICKI  
-r/o Sam Mauro

5:00PM -ELLEN LAPINSKI  
-r/o David Lapinski

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

8:00AM -MARIE VILLA  
-r/o The Villa Family

10:00AM -CHARLES P. CIRBUS  
-r/o The Cirbus Family

11:30AM -CLIVE DE SALES  
-r/o Beulah Remedios

**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 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, Terry McCormick and Nigel DeSales.

**VOTIVE LIGHTS**

**IN MEMORY OF**

Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli	Mary Spinelli
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello	Tony Medina
Joseph L. Esposito	Milton Troland
Helen & William Dundas, Jr.	

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Watch over our Daughter	Brian Law – Health
Thank you for all our blessings	For all personal Intentions
Guidance for Johnny & Dylan	
Health for Harper & Gunner	

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

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



**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.**



**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**

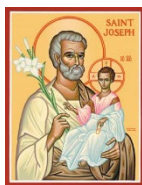
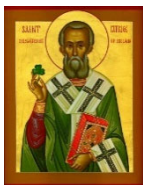


Please call the Parish Office to register. **The next Pre-Baptism class will be held Wednesday, April 1st, at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

**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.

**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.



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

**Weekend of February 22/23, 2020: \$6556**  
**Weekend of February 23/24, 2019: \$6814**

**OFFICE STAFF EMAILS**



Irma Knox - Parish Secretary  
 MHR1987@aol.com

Janet Snyder - Finance Manager  
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Debbie Dyson - Parish Catechetical Leader  
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Barbara Orsucci - Assistant Religious Education Office  
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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.*

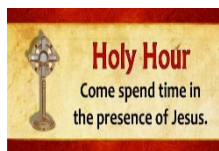
**Food Pantry**

Groceries collected every weekend at Mass.

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

During the month of **January**, the St. Lawrence Food Pantry helped **99** adults and **80** children. Thank you for your generosity.

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



**HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS**

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

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



**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.



8:00 a.m. - Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
 Special Lenten Mass - Tuesdays of Lent at 7:30 p.m.  
 9:00 a.m. - Saturday

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday Evenings - 7:30 p.m.

### **CONFESSION**

April 8 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

April 10 - 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon

N.B. No confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday

### **PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 5**

Palms will be blessed at each Mass

#### **Masses:**

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

### **SACRED TRIDIUM**

#### **HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 9**

#### **LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Mass - 7:30 p.m.

The Church will remain open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 10**

Stations of the Cross - 3:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 7:30 p.m.

#### **HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 11**

Blessing of food - 12:00 noon in the Chapel

#### **SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 11**

8:00 p.m.

**(No Confessions or 5:00 p.m. Mass)**

#### **EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 12**

#### **Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

### **LENTEEN SOUP SUPPER**



All are welcome to join us for a variety of homemade soups on March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in Desmond Hall. If you would like to attend and/or contribute bread or dessert, sign-up sheets are located in both vestibules. **Please bring donations to benefit Life Choices diaper bank.**

- March 10<sup>th</sup> - Pull-ups and baby wipes
- March 31<sup>st</sup> - Diapers size 4, 5, 6 and baby wipes.



### **LENTEEN OBLIGATIONS-2020**

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observe of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the *Rites of Holy Week* and the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Building. Our next meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup>. The group is open to LGBTQ 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.



**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 offer a four-week course, which will meet each Wednesday beginning March 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.



**SCOUT DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

All Catholics Scouts are invited, especially those working on their Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious emblems to attend a *Scout Day of Recollection* at St. Phillip and St. James Church, 430 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08864 on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Prayer, Talks, Adoration, Confession and Holy Mass. Lunch will be provided by Troop 50. To register, call St. Philip and St. James Parish Office at 908-454-0112, ext. 3. RSVP by Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen Committee for Catholic Scouting.



**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.



Health Group

**DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER**

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties through New Jersey.

There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers through home visitation, companionship, administrative support, pet therapy, or phone calls from one of our offices.

Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on three consecutive Mondays: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1, Holmdel, NJ. Volunteers must attend all three sessions.

**Advanced registration is required, please contact Pauline De Palma, BSW at 732-224-6933.**

For more information about VNAHG volunteer services please visit [www.vnahg.org](http://www.vnahg.org).



*As I have loved you*

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Special families begin with special husband – wife relationships. Please join us for a special weekend experience.

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 April 24-26.**

Please apply by April 10<sup>th</sup>, as space is limited. Call 732-904-9636 for application and information. Visit us at: [www.aweekendformarriage.org](http://www.aweekendformarriage.org) for more information.



**THE FUTURE IS MOTHERSETON**

**ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

**Mother Seton Regional HS**

**One Valley Rd., Clark, NJ 07066**

Engineering, Cooking, Fashion Design, Dance, Volleyball and Literature Alive Multi-Media Art. For GIRLS in Grades 6-8, Saturday March 14, 21 and 28. For more information visit: [www.motherseton.org](http://www.motherseton.org) or call 732-382-1952

*The Future is Hers*