



**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:00AM -MICHAEL MARTUCCI  
-r/o Tom Caporaso

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

8:00AM -MICHAEL MARTUCCI  
-r/o Rick & Peggy Zebrun

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:00AM -MICHAEL (JOE) MURPHY  
-r/o Teresa & James Murphy

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

9:00AM -DONNA DIAMOND  
-r/o Dolores Hanley  
5:00PM -WILLIAM STEFANELLI  
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:00AM -MICHAEL MARTUCCI  
-Maureen Mulcahy  
10:00AM -TESSIE BUROK  
-r/o The Burok Family  
11:30AM -MARY BETH SCHULMEISTER  
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski

**VOTIVE LIGHTS  
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts    Michael Kelsall  
Peter & Susan Colombo            Angela Carbone  
Juan Antonio (Tony) Medina       Anthony Carbone  
Angelina & Lorenzo Silecchio

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Watch over family                    Pray for my husband  
Pray for our family                    Poor, sick & suffering  
Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski            Teresa & Michael DeLuca  
    Ryan, Julia & Lydia                Watch over our daughter  
Spiritual help & forgiveness        Thank you for all blessings  
    Health for my husband, me & our family  
    Help & health for all dear friends  
Please cure & keep me free of panic, anxiety & depressions  
    Pray for my son-in-law to find a job  
    Help & guidance for Carolyn  
    Help & guidance for Jonathan & Michael



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Mass – January 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.  
Jackets required.  
Meeting – January 10, 2017 at 7:30  
p.m. in Desmond Hall.

**WEB PAGE**

For updated bulletin information, please go to  
[www.mostholyredeemerchurch.org](http://www.mostholyredeemerchurch.org).

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**



Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week  
in loving memory of Consolacion Bool  
r/o Violeta Bool

**PARISH SICK LIST**



Rev. Edward J. Struzik, Shannon, Hayley & Brett Lawrence, Helena Sabo, 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, Elena Coumo, Gabino & Maria Rodriguez, Alice Gorres, Johnny Gibbs, Barbara Celia, Ida Morales, Maryann Hughes, Emilie Matlosz, Germaine Raimo, Luddy Demsia, William Armstrong, Fr. Gregory Moore, Sandra Steinberger, Frank Roberts, Barbara Bradshaw, Fred Morrone, Larry & Marie Fama, Lenny Gatti, Sumanta Chowdhuri, Nicole Elizabeth Montagna, Nico Oneto, Kathleen O'Brien, Debbie Archibold, Liz Frega, Alex Berg, Wendy Oates, Sally Ann Tabasco, Robert Charles Pederson, Jean Pelligra, John McCrodden, Marie Scifo, Patrick Barry, Toni O'Rourke, William Sohor, Robert Pedersen, Robert Conte, Dan Marcellus, Jose Pacheco, Joan Girard, and Tom Barrett.

**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 1, 2017 at 8:00  
p.m. in the Chapel.**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING OVERSEAS**

Matthew B. Kaplan, U.S. Army  
 Michael Lanzafama, U.S. Army  
 Richard A. Lapp, U.S. Navy  
 Douglas Leo, U.S. Army  
 Mason Morgante, U.S. Marines  
 Mark G. Sieczkowski, U. S. Navy  
 Thomas Welch, U.S. Army



**ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**  
 without specific intentions  
*The Zagel Family*



**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Next weekend's second collection will be for the annual "Together in Charity" Collection. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour/seven days a week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs.



**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

- Core Team Meetings – Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Pastoral Council – Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 – 9:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.

**FOODFAST**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Food Fast is approaching. In a six-hour hunger awareness experience, all students grades 6 and up will be invited to discover how people acquire food and gain long-term food security. We are looking for any adult volunteers who are willing to assist our children as they participate in this event on Saturday, March 25, 2017. If you are interested in helping out please call the Religious Education Office at 732-566-5630. Thank you.



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

*Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day*  
**Collection: \$6437**  
**Initial Collection: \$814**  
**Additional Christmas Offering was: \$3095**  
**Additional Christmas Flowers Collection: \$5**



**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.



**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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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, contact Father John at 908-756-0633, ext. 125, or the group may be reached by contacting 908-822-5895 or emailing sacredheartgi@gmail.com.



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

**SPECIAL THANKS** to the children of Most Holy Redeemer who sang at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. St. Thomas Parish was also represented. 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 and Carolyn Smoljan who helped direct the choir, to Guy Smoljan who provided the percussion accompaniment, our guest pianist, James P. Sullivan, and to George Timmons, who graced us with the beautiful songs, "O Holy Night" and "Some Children See Him". The music was "awesome".

*Charles Barlow  
Angelica Gascon  
Stefani Munoko  
Xolani Munoko*

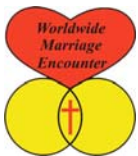
*Vanessa McCartin  
Alexander Roldan  
Marie Roldan  
Nica Roldan*

Holidays are always made even more special by the music we sing and listen to while celebrating the seasons. Additional practice hours by the musicians are often overlooked, but not unnoticed. Therefore, I wish to thank, Elenor Olona, pianist at the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, for her time and talent, not just for the holiday, but all year long.

God bless!

Father Carina and  
Patricia Keaveney

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**



For a truly meaningful Christmas present, one that lasts long after the decorations have been put away, why not give your spouse the gift of 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 13 - 15, 2017**

Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Please call 732-904-9636 for registration and information or visit us at: [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org) for more information.



**CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!**

**Retrouvaille - A lifeline for troubled marriages**

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship grown cold, distant - thinking about separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again - then the Retrouvaille program may help you.

RETROUVAILLE (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

The next program is scheduled for February 10-12, 2017. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information, please call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990, ext. 4573 or Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or Tom and Pat McTague at 732-583-4468 (evenings).

**POST-ABORTION HEALING RESOURCES**



Are you suffering after an abortion? Help is available! If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, **confidential, non-judgmental help is available!** Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing:

- Call Project Rachel's local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300 or visit **HopeAfterAbortion.org**. Spanish-speakers may visit **EsperanzaPosaborto.org**.
- Or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

**OPEN HOUSE**



SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL, 81 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge, will be having an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Join us on Sunday, for Sundaes Sunday, and create your own ice cream treat. Bring the kids! Academic excellence for all students in grades Pre-K, 3-8. Extended care is available daily from 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Tour the school, meet the staff, and explore all that St. Ambrose has to offer your children. Families registering by February 3<sup>rd</sup> receive an early registration discount! Transportation available to families in Old Bridge, Sayreville, South Amboy, Matawan and Aberdeen. For more information, please call 732-679-4700, ext. 1010.



## 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 + 17**. 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 2017 is the year.

**All present say:** For 2017, 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**



### **CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS**

**(18-39)!**

What is your deepest desire?  
Is it to live a happy and meaningful life?

This retreat series is for all young adults who want to live life to the fullest in peace and joy!

Consisting of 5 afternoons of prayer between October and June, the series has been revitalized from previous years and each afternoon will focus on one aspect of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Suggested Offering for Sunday afternoons \$10.

- Sunday, January 15, 2017
- 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., Two Standards
- Sunday, March 19, 2017
- 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., The Examen
- Sunday, June 4, 2017
- 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., Love & How God Loves Us
- June 23-25, 2017
- Weekend to End the Series

All retreats will be held at Loyola Jesuit Center, 161 James Street, Morristown, NJ.

To register, please call 973-539-0740, email: [retreathouse@loyola.org](mailto:retreathouse@loyola.org) or visit [www.dionetuchen.org/young-adult-retreats](http://www.dionetuchen.org/young-adult-retreats)

### **POCKETBOOK BINGO**

Come out for your chance to win a fabulous Coach or Michael Kors bag!



### **POCKETBOOK BINGO**

St. Ambrose School, 81 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge, will be hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pocketbook BINGO, Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Bingo calling starts at 7:30 p.m. \$25.00 per person admission includes 10 bingo sheets containing three bingo cards on each (10 games in all). Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments. Prizes include Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley and More! Plus raffle baskets and 50/50!

For more information, please call Eileen Lee at 908-902-9121.