



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00AM -ROBERT REMEDIOS
-r/o Stephanie Macaluso & Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00AM -SUSANNE D'AUGUSTE
-r/o Gil & Pat Thomas

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00AM -SUSANNE D'AUGUSTE
-r/o Patricia Keaveney

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00AM -SUSANNE D'AUGUSTE
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00AM -VIRGILIO GARCIA
-r/o The Conte Family
5:00PM -HELEN & JOHN MARCHELEWSKI
-r/o Annette & Bill Dundas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00AM -CORINNE SOLTYS
-r/o Annette & Bill Dundas
10:00AM -WILLIAM LIPP
-r/o Lisa & George Truchan
11:30AM -SAL PELLIGRA
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski

**VOTIVE LIGHTS
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Angelina & Lorenzo Silecchio
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina Anna & Walter Kachnowski
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski Teresa & Michael DeLuca
-Ryan, Julia & Lydia Sick-Poor-Hungry-Homeless
Health for my husband, me & our family
Spiritual help & forgiveness
Thank you for all our blessings
Health & help for all dear friends
Please cure & keep me from anxiety, panic & depression

GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree will be ready for the weekend of November 25/26. Gifts are due back on the weekend of December 16/17.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Mass – 3rd Sunday of every month
Next Mass – December 17th at 8:00 a.m.
Meeting – following the Mass.

WEB PAGE

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

TABERNACLE LIGHT



Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week in loving memory of Peter & Susan Colombo, and Michael Kelsall
r/o The Sacco Family

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, 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 E. Montagna, Nico Oneto, Kathleen O'Brien, Debbie Archibold, Alex Berg, Wendy Oates, Robert C. Pederson, Marie Scifo, Patrick Barry, Toni O'Rourke, William Sohor, Robert Pedersen, Robert Conte, Jose Pacheo, Margaret Malloy, Rose LaFergola, Kathleen Lau, Anne Slate, Kimberly Perry, Jackson Christian Thomas, Miguel Ley, Marie Ciezka, Betty Pulido, Charley Goldsmith and Louis Martinez.

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, December 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING OVERSEAS

Jason Del Duca, U.S. Air Force
 Matthew B. Kaplan, U.S. Army
 Michael Lanzafama, U.S. Army
 Richard A. Lapp, U.S. Navy
 Douglas Leo, U.S. Army
 Michael J. Sanzone, U. S. Army
 Mark G. Sieczkowski, U. S. Navy
 Thomas Welch, U.S. Army



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Weekend of November 18/19, 2017: \$7256
Weekend of November 19/20, 2016: \$7322
Collection for the Campaign for Human Development: \$1824



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Help support the Parish Religious Education Program by purchasing a discount card for \$20 per card. It is good from time of purchase through December 31, 2018 with unlimited and reusable discounts to over 350+ merchants. No need to carry around a bulky discount book when you can place the discount card in any wallet. It will pay for itself in no time.

Route 9 Community Discount Cards may be purchased through the Religious Education Office.



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BOXED ENVELOPES



We will soon be in the process of preparing our year 2018 **boxed envelopes for registered parishioners.** You must be registered to receive envelopes. If you did not use your 2017 envelopes a minimum of 10 times during the past year, envelopes will not be reissued to you. Besides assisting with the regular financial support of your parish, your usage of envelopes also helps record your Mass attendance. This, in turn, helps the pastor to better verify your level of commitment to the parish when requesting sponsorship certificates. Participation in the envelope system is also necessary for the parish office to be able to issue statements for IRS purposes.



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 NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS. The Food Pantry is beginning to assemble the items needed for the food baskets. When you go shopping this week it would help them out by contributing one or more of these non-perishable items: potatoes, canned vegetables, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, canned fruits, cereal, and cake mixes. Thank you for your help.

PARISH COFFEE SUNDAY



Sunday, November 26th

Please join us on this Sunday, November 26th 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.



DID YOU KNOW WHEN YOU SING YOU PRAY TWICE?

The choir of Most Holy Redeemer is looking for members who wish to pray via music. *Can you imagine Christmas or Easter without music???* During these special holidays, we sing in harmony, which involves four voice ranges. However, you need many voices to create those melodic sounds, and the choir could use more members. If you like to sing (or play an instrument), we practice on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., and sing the 11:30 Mass on Sunday. **All ages are welcome.** The 10:00 a.m. Mass is also looking for voices and instruments to enhance the Mass. For more information, please call Pat Keaveney at 732-566-2937, or the parish office at 732-566-9334.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Practices will begin for the 9th Annual 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Mass.

If you are in 2nd grade and up, and you would like to make a "Joyful Sound" on Christmas Eve, please come on Sundays after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on November 5th. If you have any questions, please call 732-566-2937 and ask for Mrs. Keaveney. Practices last about one hour. Hope to see everyone there.



PARISH COAT DRIVE
Share the Warmth

Once again our parish will collect gently-used coats for both genders, infants through adult sizes.



Coats can be dropped off in either vestibule in the designated coat collection boxes until December 3rd before and after all Masses, and during the week on CCD nights (Tuesdays and Wednesday).

Thanks to one of our catechist, Christina Mennella for organizing the coat drive once again. For more information or questions, please contact her at christina.mennella@yahoo.com.



BLOOD DRIVES 2017

We thank all those who have made our blood drives this year so successful. Rebecca Bowsky, who took over the responsibility for the blood drive this year, has done a wonderful job in advertising. Last week's drive brought in 42 donors. Our next blood drive is scheduled for April 5, 2018, 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be for the Christmas Flowers. **Please PRINT loved ones' names clearly and legibly so they may appear correctly in the bulletin.**



CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND

This weekend, Christians of the Holy Land will be here to sell hand-crafted religious articles in the parish hall after all Masses. Proceeds from this sale benefit our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land of Jesus' birth. Please come and have a look at all the beautiful religious articles and works of art.

Our parish coffee will be in conjunction with this sale after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.



ADVENT'S COMING!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday Evening, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. (right after the 5:00 p.m. Mass) for Our Annual "Best Ever Advent Celebration."

This Year it's the amazing "Manger of Kindness Experience" for you and your family. Watch the Bulletin and Parish Website for details. It's all FREE but plan to REGISTER EARLY; the last two years have been sold out!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Who: Children grades K-7 interested in being a shepherd, angel, sheep, or narrator.

When: Christmas Eve Mass – Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Practices: Wednesday, December 13th and 20th, 5:45 – 6:15 p.m.

Children in grades 2-7 are also invited to participate in the choir.

Contact the Religious Education Office for further details at 732-566-5630.



COOKIES WITH SANTA

The Holy Name will be having "Cookies with Santa" the weekend of December 16th after the 5:00 p.m. and December 17th after all 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses in Desmond Hall. Have your picture taken with Santa. Donations of cookies will be greatly appreciated.

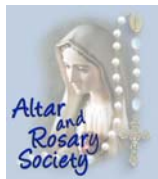


SAVE THE DATE!

The Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities will host its 2017 Christmas Party for children and young adults with disabilities on **Saturday, December 16th, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.** at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact our Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com for more information.

CAN YOU HELP??

The Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities would like to present each Special Guest at their Christmas Party with a \$50 gift card to one of the following stores: Walmart, Target, Shop-Rite, Stop & Shop, Rite-Aid, CVS or Walgreens. The gift cards can be mailed directly to: **Office for Persons with Disabilities**
P.O. Box 191
Metuchen, NJ 08840
Attn: Christmas Party



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Lawrence Altar Rosary Society will hold their annual Tricky Tray on December 3rd in the Parish Hall, Laurence Parkway, Laurence Harbor. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and calling will begin at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. **NO ONE UNDER 18 WILL BE ALLOWED.** For additional information or tickets, please call Maria at 732-290-3002 or Karen at 732-721-3774.

Also, we are sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA to see "Jesus". Tickets are \$135, which includes transportation, show ticket and lunch at Good and Plenty. For information, please call Anne at 732-566-9276.

WHEN GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and, as I approached, there in the window were a host of chocolates, donuts and cheesecakes. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed – "Lord, it's up to You. If You want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was! God is so good!!!



BOY SCOUTS



Scout Troop 129 will be offering their hand-decorated wreaths for sale as a fundraiser this weekend and the weekend of December 2/3 after all Masses. Wreaths are available decorated in several different color schemes to match your décor. Wreaths will be \$17, Kissing Balls, \$20 and Grave Blankets are \$40. The members of our troop are thankful for the blessing of your ongoing support. Tell your friends!

SAINT COLUMBAN



Saint of the Day for November 26
Saint Columban's Story:

Columban was the greatest of the Irish missionaries who worked on the European continent. As a young man who was greatly tormented by temptations of the flesh, he sought the advice of a religious woman who had lived a hermit's life for years. He saw in her answer a call to leave the world. He went first to a monk on an island in Lough Erne, then to the great monastic seat of learning at Bangor.

After many years of seclusion and prayer, he traveled to Gaul with 12 companion missionaries. They won wide respect for the rigor of their discipline, their preaching, and their commitment to charity and religious life in a time characterized by clerical laxity and civil strife. Columban established several monasteries in Europe which became centers of religion and culture.

Like all saints, he met opposition. Ultimately he had to appeal to the pope against complaints of Frankish bishops, for vindication of his orthodoxy and approval of Irish customs. He reproved the king for his licentious life, insisting that he marry. Since this threatened the power of the queen mother, Columban was deported back to Ireland. His ship ran aground in a storm, and he continued his work in Europe, ultimately arriving in Italy, where he found favor with the king of the Lombards. In his last years he established the famous monastery of Bobbio, where he died. His writings include a treatise on penance and against Arianism, sermons, poetry, and his monastic rule.