



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

8:00AM -DIANE BOUFFARD  
-r/o The DeSimone Family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

8:00AM -SUSANNE D'AUGUSTE  
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

8:00AM -THE ASSANTE FAMILY  
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Buonpane

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

8:00AM -SUSANNE D'AUGUSTE  
-r/o Gerry Shea  
7:30PM -ANTOINETTE & TONY IERVOLINO  
-r/o Annette & Bill Dundas

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

9:00AM - SUSANNE D'AUGUSTE  
-r/o Bill & Porter Keller  
5:00PM -ANTHONY C. PACILIO  
-r/o Annette & Bill Dundas

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

8:00AM -KEVIN MILLER  
-r/o Teresa & Michael DeLuca  
10:00AM -MABEL DE SALES  
-r/o Beulah Remedios  
11:30AM -PHILIP MURRAY & EDWARD MC NULTY  
-r/o Mary Murray

**VOTIVE LIGHTS  
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Charles Mitchell  
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina Howard Whitford  
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Joseph L. Esposito

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski Teresa & Michael DeLuca  
-Ryan, Julia & Lydia World Peace  
Special Intention Charlie  
Successful open heart surgery for Joe  
Help & Guidance for Michael & Jonathan  
Help & Guidance for Carolyn  
Please cure & keep me free of anxiety, depression & panic  
For my mother's serious health issues, Edna Sylvia Ste. Croix-x4

**WEB PAGE**

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



**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this  
week in thanksgiving  
r/o The Margallo 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 Ciezbka, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Siczkowski, U. S. Navy  
Thomas Welch, U.S. Army



**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.



**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.



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated, Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. This is a Holy Day of obligation. **The parish office will be closed and will reopen on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

**Weekend of November 25/26, 2017: \$7110**  
**Weekend of November 26/27, 2016: \$7953**  
**Christmas Flowers Collection: \$2770**  
**Additional Collection for the Campaign for Human Development: \$145**



**OFFICE STAFF EMAILS**

**Irma Knox – Parish Secretary**  
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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  
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.



**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

**Help religious communities.**

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to

continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!.



**BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the parish community of Most Holy Redeemer the following children who were baptized here on the weekend of November 26<sup>th</sup>:

**JULIANA GRACE BENFORD**

Daughter of Christopher and Dina

**JOHN PHILIP CONA**

Son of John and Lisa

**EDWARD GIANNI MACK**

Son of Edward and Jacquelyn

We pray that their parents will be examples of faith to inspire them to follow the Lord. We, as their family in faith, also accept the responsibility to help these parents in their duty to bring up the children in the practice of the Faith by our prayers and example.



**OPLATEK CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

Oplatek Christmas Wafers are a favorite tradition in Europe, particularly in Poland, Slovakia and

Lithuania. We have a limited supply available in the parish office for \$1.00 each. Come in and pick up your Oplatek Wafer for your Christmas meal.



**PARISH COAT DRIVE**

**Share the Warmth**

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



JERSEY CARES

Coats can be dropped off in either vestibule in the designated coat collection boxes until December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**GIVING TREE**

This year we will be collecting for Parker House, CPC, Ozanan Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Madison Center and Diocesan Office of Person with Disabilities. Please take the tags after Mass and return the wrapped present, with the tag attached, the weekend December 16/17. Thank you for your generosity.



**COOKIES WITH SANTA**

The Holy Name will be having “Cookies with Santa” the weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. and December 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



**BOY SCOUTS**

Scout Troop 129 will be offering their hand-decorated wreaths for sale as a fundraiser this weekend 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!



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

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

**When:** Christmas Eve Mass – Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Practices:** Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The Pastoral Council meeting scheduled for Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for, Monday, January 29, 2018, 7:15 – 9:00 p.m. in the Desmond Hall.

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEKS IN ADVENT**



**Advent Wreath Blessing**

Lord, by Your word, all things are made holy. We offer to you this Advent Wreath which we ask you to bless. Help us to use it to prepare our hearts for the great coming of your Son, and help us to receive Jesus into our hearts with joy. **Amen.**

**First Week in Advent**



Almighty God, be in our midst to cast away all works of darkness which separate us from you. In your great mercy, forgive all the things we have done; and all things we failed to do that we should have done; and teach us to live as your children; we ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

11:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

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

**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

**Monday, January 1, 2018 – New Year's Day**

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

(January 1, 2018 is not a holyday of obligation this year)

**POCKETBOOK BINGO**

Come and for your chance to win a Michael Kors or Michael Kors bag!



**POCKETBOOK BINGO**

St. Ambrose School presents our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pocketbook BINGO! Friday, January 19, 2018. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bingo calling starts at 7:30 p.m.. Prizes include: **Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley, Tora Burch and more!** Raffle tickets will also be sold. Coffee, tea and desserts will be served. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments. \$25 includes: Admission, 10 bingo sheets containing three bingo cards on each (10 games in all). For more information, please call Eileen Lee at 908-902-9121.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK**



Corpus Christi Church, South River, will be having a Christmas Cookie Walk on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Church Hall off of Kamm Avenue. Delicious home made cookies will be sold by the pound.

**JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF**

***"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted"***



Grief is a long process of untangling ourselves after the loss of a cherished loved one. WHO AM I NOW? HOW DO I FIND THE STRENGTH TO GO ON? The program is offered as a support for all persons who have recently lost a loved one and are struggling with the mourning process. Let us help you as you help yourself.

**The Group will be meeting MONDAY EVENINGS for seven (7) weeks.**

**PLACE:** St. Thomas Parish Hall  
One St. Thomas Plaza  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

**BEGINS:** January 18, 2018

**ENDS:** February 26, 2018

**TIME:** 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**CONTACT:** Deacon Patrick  
732-251-4000, ext. 8218

*No fee. Pre-registration required.*

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**



Celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending 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 26-28, 2018.**

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.