



MONDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00AM -ROSLYN PIZZA
-r/o The Mandriota Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00AM -MARIE KING
-r/o Bill & Porter Keller

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00AM -LEOCADIO GUADAGNINO
-r/o Laura Pappas

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00AM -JAMES MURPHY
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Frank Marcelonis

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00AM -STEWART RUDNITSKY
-r/o Margaret Dowd
5:00PM -WILLIAM, PAUL & CARMELA STEFANELLI
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00AM -LOUIA COPPOLA
-r/o Louis & Linda Savarese
10:00AM -SUSANNE D'AUGUSTE, RICHARD & MARY MURPHY AND THERESA PORMIGIANO
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Michael Murphy
11:30AM -ANTOINETTE "TONI" RUSSO
-r/o Pauline Kunz

VOTIVE LIGHTS - IN MEMORY OF

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Ann Martorano
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina Angel & Leonor Adia
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Loretta Muscillo
Conrado & Pat Cordero Michael Kelsall
Peter & Susan Colombo Linda LaBatto
Michael Carbone

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski Teresa & Michael DeLuca
Ryan, Julia & Lydia Watch over our daughter
Pray that I find Peace & Love
Help & guidance for Carolyn
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan
Successful & continued recovery for Joe x2
That Gods brings my father back in my life in 2018
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 free from all anxiety, fear, panic & depression



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Mass - 3rd Sunday of every month
Next Mass - January 21st 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 Frank Falcone r/o Mary Falcone

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, Louis Martinez and Joel Rivera.

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 7, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE

FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL
SERVING OVERSEAS



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
Michael J. Sanzone, U. S. Army
Mark G. Sieczkowski, U. S. Navy
Thomas Welch, U.S. Army

2018 BOX ENVELOPES



Please take a moment after Mass today to pick up your new set of boxed envelopes for 2018. They are located in the Parish Hall. If you can't find your envelopes, please call the parish office.

PASTORAL COUNCIL



The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for, Monday, January 29, 2018, 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.

BUS TRIP TO THE
RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON
Monday, January 22, 2018



The Diocese of Metuchen's Respect for Life Office will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Monday, January 22, 2018. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 a.m. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m.. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center between 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990, exts. 1543 or 1629.

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

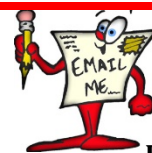
Groceries collected every weekend at Mass.

STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE



Weekend of December 30/31, 2017: \$7336
Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day
Collection: \$1605
Initial Collection: \$281
Additional Christmas Offering to the Lord: \$936

OFFICE STAFF EMAILS



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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 10th. 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, 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.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!



A sincere thank you to all parishioners who contributed to the success of our 2nd Annual Diocesan Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16 for children and young adults with disabilities. Whether you purchased a gift card for your Parish Giving Tree or sent a donation directly to the Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities, we wish to thank you for participating in this huge undertaking. More than 300 people participated in our festivities and some 400 enjoyed a gift for Christmas as a result of your kind charity.

Mark your Calendar for Party next year - December 15, 2018 (1:30 - 3:00 p.m.)

You are great. We are grateful!
Father Hillier & the volunteers

Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities

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 + 18**. 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 2018 is the year.

All present say: For 2018, 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The visit of the magi to the Christ Child has always had a strong hold on the Christian imagination. We like stories that turn conventional expectations on their head. The Old and New Testaments are filled with accounts of God's goodness to human beings, but here, in the magi's gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we have the reverse: the goodness of human beings towards God. There is something not only very appropriate, but very appealing, about that.

But how can we ever begin to repay the LORD for the many ways he has blessed us? Actually, Jesus answered that question in one of his parables:

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me [...] Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one the least brothers of mine, you did for me (Mt 25:35-36, 40).

This weekend you will have the opportunity to give something back to God by contributing to the annual Together in Charity Collection. This collection funds our Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program, which aids parishes when individuals and families are faced with urgent financial, housing, or medical needs beyond a parish's capacity to meet. Your parish may have been one of those helped by the program, since in the last year 59 (or 66%) of our parishes turned to Catholic Charities for emergency assistance. In total, 437 households, consisting of 693 adults and 578 children, were helped by those who gave to the Together in Charity Collection.

Please consider giving a gift to the Jesus who is present in the senior citizen who cannot afford a needed prescription or the family facing eviction or the loss of utilities—not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but a monetary donation as your means allow.

I thank you in advance for your generosity and assure you of my prayerful good wishes for the year ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen



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: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

No fee. Pre-registration required.

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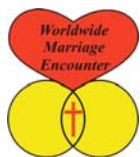


St. Ambrose School presents our 4th Annual Pocketbook BINGO! Friday, January 19, 2018. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. BINGO calling starts at 7:30 p.m.. Prizes include: *Michael*

Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley, Tory 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 GIFT

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for our spouse?



Why not give yourselves 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.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

KERYGMA



KERYGMA RETREAT

January 27-28, 2018

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane
Piscataway, NJ

The Office of Evangelization will offer Kerygma, a Catholic Bible-based retreat which gives participants and opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus through hearing and responding to His Word. Renew the gifts and graces received in Baptism and Confirmation. Meals are not included.

Registration fee is \$25 per person.

Saturday, January 27th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 28th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meals are not included. On Saturday, a bagged lunch may be brought or you may go out to one of the nearby restaurants.

For details or to register, call 732 562-2469 or visit: www.diometuchen.org/evangelization/courses



CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK OPEN HOUSES

St. Ambrose School
81 Throckmorton Lane
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

January 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and February 1, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Come and explore everything that St. Ambrose School has to offer for students in PreK3 to 8th grade. Full day Pre-k and Kindergarten. Extended care from 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call 732-679-4700, ext. 1010.

Our Lady of Victories School

36 Main Street
Sayreville, NJ 08872

Continental Breakfast and Tours

10:00 a.m.-12 noon

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Grades PK3 thru 8

For more information, please call 732-254-1676.

JANUARY 7, 2018 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." -

Matthew 2:11



EPIPHANY

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!