



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00AM -FRANK CANGRO
-r/o The Barry Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00AM -CHARLES MONACHINO
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Michael Coscia

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00AM -ELKE MC NAMARA
-r/o Catherine & Ralph Dudley

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00AM -NATIVIDAD TUAZON
-r/o Jimmy & Mercee Cueva & Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00AM -KENNETH G. KUNZ
-r/o Pauline Kunz
5:00PM -ANTHONY C. PACILIO
-r/o Annette & Bill Dundas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00AM -FRANK J. SMITH
-r/o The Borriello & Smith Family
10:00AM -DR. THERESA WALLS
-r/o De & Joe Passaretti
11:30AM -IDA & FRANK DUNCAN
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

**VOTIVE LIGHTS
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts	Mary Spinelli
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina	Joseph Scifo
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello	Virginia DeLillo
Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli	Jack DeLillo
Peter & Susan Colombo	Michael Kelsall
William & Filomena Riccio	Joseph L. Esposito
Angel & Leonor Adia	Conrad & Pat Cordero

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Good Health for my family	Special Intention
All Personal Intentions	Please help my son
Thank you for all our blessings	Special Intentions
Watch over our daughter	All Souls
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan	
Help & guidance for Carolyn	
A successful cancer operation & recovery for Joe	



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

- Blood Drive, Thursday, November 29th, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.
- Cookies with Santa, December 15th after 5:00 p.m. Mass and December 16th after 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses in Desmond Hall.

WEB PAGE

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



Mass – 3rd Sunday of every month
Next Mass – December 16th at 8:00 a.m.
Meeting following the Mass.

TABERNACLE LIGHT



Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week in loving memory of Lee Lovitt
r/o The Rodman 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, 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 Pacheo, Kathleen Lau, Kimberly Perry, Jackson Christian Thomas, Miguel Ley, Marie Ciezbka, Betty Pulido, Charley Goldsmith, Louis Martinez, Joel Rivera, Margaret Podolsky, Ida Morales, Tommy Brown, Philip Genchi and Joan & Richard Zipp.

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 12th at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.



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

If you 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.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Practices will begin for the 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. If you have any questions, please call 732-566-2937 and ask for Mrs. Keaveney. Practices last about one hour. Hope to see many of our young people there.



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.**



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be ready for the this weekend. Gifts are due back on the weekend of December 8/9.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grade K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Weekend of November 17/18, 2018: \$6846

Weekend of November 18/19, 2017: \$7256

Additional Collection for the Campaign for Human Development: \$1767



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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.



BLOOD DRIVE

New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, **Thursday, November 29th, at 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.** At this time, the blood supply is critically low – **PLEASE HELP.** We will need volunteers to help on that day – register and serve juice and other miscellaneous chores. Please call the parish office at **732-566-9334** to volunteer. Also, those wishing to donate blood, call to set up appointment times.



BOY SCOUTS

Scout Troop 129 will be offering their hand-decorated wreaths for sale as a fundraiser this weekend and the weekend of December 1/2 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!



MOST HOLY REDEEMER PRAYER GROUP

Most Holy Redeemer Prayer Group will meet on Friday, November 30th, in the daily Mass Chapel from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction.

The prayer program includes the Holy Rosary and a Scriptural reading. A short fellowship will follow after the prayers. All are welcome to join us as we gather together. For more information, please contact the parish office.



LUKE'S GOSPEL

Let LUKE'S GOSPEL Prepare You for a Most HOLY Holiday – A Parish Spiritual Retreat for Getting the Most Out of ADVENT and CHRISTMAS. Paulist Father James DiLuzio offers reflections and tools to apply the infancy Narratives of Luke Chapters 1 and 2 directly to your life and relationships over three consecutive evenings meant to assist you in maximizing *the Season's Prayerful Positives*. Fr. James will offer his dramatic proclamation of Luke's Gospel from memory with Song, Meditations and reflections for everyday life. **Fr. James will preach at all Masses the weekend of December 1st and 2nd. The Retreat will be held on Monday, December 3rd, Tuesday, December 4th, and Wednesday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m.** (A special CCD presentation for children and parents will be held on December 4th and 5th at 4:30PM.) *Please consider a Free-Will Offering for The Paulist Fathers at the Retreat.*



COOKIES WITH SANTA

The Holy Name will be having "Cookies with Santa" the weekend of December 15th after the 5:00 p.m. and December 16th 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Help support the Parish Religious Education Program by purchasing a Route 9 Community Discount Card for \$20 per card. Good from time of purchase through December 31, 2019 with unlimited discounts to over 350+ merchants. No need to carry around a discount book when you can place the discount card in any wallet.

Discount Cards may be purchased through the Religious Education Office or after all Masses the weekends of December 1/2 and December 8/9.



PARISH COAT DRIVE
Share the Warmth

It's that time of the year for our annual coat drive on behalf of Jersey Cares. This marks our 5th year benefitting our fellow community members throughout the state of New Jersey. Please donate gently used warm coats from newborn to adult sizes. Due to the size of the collection, we can ONLY accept COATS, not sweatshirts or other warm items. Collection boxes are located in both vestibules from now until December 8th. For more information, please feel free to reach out to Christine Alfano at 732-801-3471 or 732-241-8266. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Who: Students grades K-7

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

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

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

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



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Respect Life Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the New Jersey Right to Life car raffle. The \$840 we raised will help New Jersey Right to Life continue their advocacy for the dignity of all life from conception to natural death.



COOKIE WALK FUNDRAISER

Corpus Christi Church

To benefit our

75th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m. – to 1:00 p.m. come to the Church Hall at Corpus Christi Church and take a box, and fill it up with delicious, homemade cookies and small cakes or candy. They are \$8.00 a pound. If you have any questions, please call Ann at 732-589-1576 or Pam at 732-921-0307.

CAN YOU HELP??



Diocesan Christmas Party for Children with Disabilities is accepting monetary donations for those who wish to donate. Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Metuchen and mail to: The Diocese of Metuchen, Office for Persons with Disabilities, P.O. Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Thank you for your generosity!

CRAFT FAIR

"The Future is Hers"



Mother Seton Regional High School Parents' Guild, One Valley Road, Clark, NJ (Exit 135 on the GPS) presents, "The Peppermint Boutique" Craft Fair, Saturday, December 1st, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Over 100 vendors of assorted crafts and handmade items! Free admission, 50/50 raffles and open kitchen.

POLAR PLUNGE



The Sixth Annual Bishop Ahr High School Polar Plunge is scheduled for January 27, 2019! Please support this important fundraising event. You can learn more about it by visiting our website: bgahs.org/polarplunge.



FAMILY THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

I give thanks for my family
I give thanks for my family; Father, Mother,
And all the happy things we do together
For understanding, laughter and for love
Strong and warm in any kind of weather.
Amen.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Human ideas about royalty often diverge from how Jesus identifies himself throughout the Gospels. Christ is a king whose throne was a cross (Luke). Christ is a shepherd king, served by attention to the least, the last, and the lost (Matthew). Christ's kingdom is not of this world (John). Christ reigns by serving the truth: "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:17). But—what is truth?

Dictionaries define truth as being consistent with fact or reality, something accepted as true, or the message of God proclaimed by the prophets and Jesus Christ. We impose human understandings of royalty on Jesus Christ as king. It's a human tendency to project our experience and understanding onto people and things we value, to assert what we believe, or affirm the impact someone has had on us. The result is that we picture Christ on a throne, wearing fine robes and a crown and holding a scepter, with servants bowing before him.

The truth is that Jesus Christ is a servant king. He washes feet. His throne was a cross. His power source was fidelity to God's message, which brought him rejection, crucifixion, and death. His kingdom is not of this world. Living his reign leads to the world of the Ancient One, to whom belong dominion and glory. If we can accept that truth we will honor Christ, the King of the Universe, by washing feet, caring for the least, the last, and the lost, and thus find life by accepting death. Then every eye will see this Servant King in those of us who embody the truth he came to share.

Consider:

- How do you describe the truth that Jesus came to share with us?
- How does your life make it known that you serve Christ, the King of the Universe?

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Christ our King, you are our way, our truth, and our life. Open our eyes to follow the ways of your reign. Open our ears to hear the words of your truth. Open our spirits to imitate you and find life, even in the face of suffering and death.