



**PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS**

Cookies with Santa, December 15<sup>th</sup> after 5:00 p.m. Mass and December 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mhr-parish.org).

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10**

8:00AM -NEAL FITZPATRICK  
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

8:00AM -KEITH DYSON  
-r/o Scott & Debbie Dyson

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

8:00AM -WILLIAM ALBERTI  
-r/o Kathy & Art Barnes

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**

8:00AM -ANGELINA PYTELL  
-r/o Phyllis & Chuck Cirbus

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

9:00AM -ANGELINA PYTELL  
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Tom McTague

5:00PM -BILL LIPP  
-r/o Lisa & George Truchan

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

8:00AM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MALONE,  
HARAN & BARNETT FAMILIES  
-r/o Gerard & Erin Haran

10:00AM -CARMELA SOUZA  
-r/o De & Joe Passaretti

11:30AM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
CALENDRILLO & PELLIGRA FAMILIES  
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski


**VOTIVE LIGHTS - IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts	Mary Spinelli
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina	Joseph Scifo
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello	Michael Kelsall
Peter & Susan Colombo	Charles Mitchell
Howard Whitford	Virginia DeLillo
Jack DeLillo	

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Watch over our daughter      Please help my son  
Thank you for all our blessings    All personal intentions  
Help & guidance for Carolyn  
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan  
A speedy recovery for Joe without any more procedures  
Personal healing for myself, for my two daughters &  
granddaughter

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**

 Please call the Parish Office to register.  
**The next Pre-Baptism class will be held  
Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00  
p.m. in the Chapel.**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

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

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

Tabernacle Candle in the Church burns this week  
in loving memory of Ronald LeMaire  
r/o Mother

Tabernacle Candle in the Chapel burns this week in  
loving memory of William A. Dundas, III  
r/o Annette Dundas

Tabernacle Candle in the Church for the weekend of  
December 1/2 was in memory of Peter & Susan Colombo  
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, 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 Ciezka, 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.**



**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.**



**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**  
**Religious give thanks.**

“This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for

Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!



**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.



**COOKIES WITH SANTA**

The Holy Name will be having “Cookies with Santa” the weekend of December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. and December 16<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.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Next weekend’s second collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. **Please make checks payable to: St. Vincent de Paul Society.** Your generosity helps the Society help others.



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

**Weekend of December 1/2, 2018: \$6594**  
**Weekend of December 2/3, 2017: \$7440**  
**Additional Christmas Flowers Collection: \$746**  
**Additional Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious: \$3591**  
**Additional Collection for the Campaign for Human Development: \$25**



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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.



**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.

Discount Cards may be purchased after all Masses this weekend.



**GIVING TREE**

This year we will be collecting for Parker House, CPC, Ozanan Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Madison Center and Diocesan Office of Persons with Disabilities. Please return the wrapped present, with the tag attached, this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**Who:** Students grades K-7  
**When:** Christmas Eve Mass – Monday, 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.

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



**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for, Monday, January 28, 2019, 7:15 – 9:00 p.m. in the Desmond Hall.



**LIGHTING HEARTS ON FIRE**  
**Diocesan Marian Consecration Preparation Year**

Bishop Checchio has announced his plan to consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2019. There will be a year-long preparation process launching December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Evening Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen at 7:30 p.m. All of the faithful are invited to attend.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and was also given the title, The Star of the New Evangelization, by St. John Paul II. The purpose of this consecration is to invoke her aid for our diocese so that we can be spiritually renewed and equipped to live out our call to evangelize more faithfully. For more info: [www.LightingHeartsOnFire.com](http://www.LightingHeartsOnFire.com).



**2019 BOX ENVELOPES**

Please take a moment after Mass today to pick up your new set of boxed envelopes for 2019. They are located in the Parish Hall. If you can't find your envelopes, please call the parish office.



**CHRISTMAS ONE-LINERS**

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

*The Christmas alphabet has Noel.*

*Advent*

**Second Week of Advent**



Gracious Father, pour your love into our hearts so that we may love more fully all those whom you love. Help us to be understanding of the needs of others, as you were understanding of the needs of all people and sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**  
 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, 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, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve**  
 5:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – New Year's Day**  
 8:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.

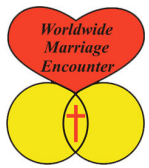


**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY**

*"Come Celebrate Christmas With Us"* – Our Christmas Tree Display had it's opening last weekend. We have a variety of trees (more than last year) and they are beautifully decorated. There is also a large Nativity display. The next showing is scheduled for Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. when our special guest Bishop Checchio plans to arrive. So please do plan to come and "meet and greet" him with a warm welcome. The display is set up in the **St. Mary of Mount Virgin/Parish of the Visitation CYO Gymnasium**. More dates and times will be listed in upcoming bulletins. Thank you!



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



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 25 - 27, 2019

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

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE!



- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are your frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
Are you constantly fighting?
Do you simply shut down?

- Have your thought about separation or divorce?
Does talking about it only make is worse?

RETROUVAILLE (Rediscovery) is a Lifeline to help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program begins the weekend of February 8-10, 201p. All inquiries are confidential. For more information, please call the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, to register please call Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or email: 3024@retrouvaille.org.

COLLEGE-AGE RETREAT

January 4 - 6, 2019

Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212



This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college-age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with god and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

Cost: \$135 per person, double occupancy

Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

Some financial aid is available. \*High School Seniors are welcomed.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteer mentors. Both male and female mentors are needed to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people.



Do you:

- 1. Have a minimum of three hours per week to offer a child?
2. Like having fun?
3. Reside in or near Middlesex County or Franklin Township
4. Want to make a difference in a child's life?

For more information, please contact Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email: jcullen@ccdom.org.

CONTACT TRAINING



The next (12-week) training class for telephone volunteers for CONTACT (24-hour crisis intervention hotline) will begin on Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the Brick Township area once a week for 12 weeks. CONTACT, a free and confidential service, has been assisting with the needs of individuals throughout the community since 1975, by providing a safe place for callers to talk about their problems with anonymity. Information and referral are provided when requested. For additional training information, please call the CONTACT office at 732-240-6104.

ADVENT



Word search grid containing letters for finding words related to Advent.



WORDSEARCH

- MARY, ANGEL, JESUS, ADVENT, CANDLE, REJOICE, SAVIOUR, EMMANUEL, GOODNEWS, ISRAEL, JOSEPH, PURPLE, WREATH, BELIEVE

