



MONDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00AM -WILLIAM JOY
-r/o The Keller Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00AM -DOROTHY CHAMBERLAIN
-r/o Patricia Keaveney

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00AM -FATHER ALFREDO BALINONG
-r/o The Villa Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00AM -MARY BETH SCHULMEISTER
-r/o Laura Jean Palma

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00AM -MARY BETH SCHULMEISTER
-r/o Don Resciniti
5:00PM -MARION RYAN
-r/o The Dunn Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00AM -SUSAN M. COLOMBO
-r/o Gerard & Erin Haran
10:00AM -RAYMOND BARROW
-r/o Charles & Linda Fundaro
11:30AM -TONY CARAFOLA & BILL FREGA
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski

**VOTIVE LIGHTS
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Milt Troland
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Deceased Family Members

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Watch over family Watch over our daughter
Spiritual Help & forgiveness Thank you
Health for my husband & our family
Health & help for two dear friends
Please cure & keep me free of panic, anxiety & depression
Pray for my son-in-law to find a job
Help & guidance for Carolyn
Help & guidance for Jonathan & Michael

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS



Please call the Parish Office to register.
**The next Pre-Baptism class will be held
Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 8:00
p.m. in the Chapel.**



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Mass – January 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.
Jackets required.

Meeting – January 10, 2017 at 7:30
p.m. in Desmond Hall.

WEB PAGE

For updated bulletin information, please go to
www.mostholyredeemerchurch.org.

TABERNACLE LIGHT



Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week
in loving memory of DJ Blish
r/o Marilyn Martucci

Tabernacle candle in the Chapel burns this week in
loving memory of Susanne d'Auguste
r/o Irma Knox

PARISH SICK LIST



Rev. Edward J. Struzik, Shannon,
Hayley & Brett Lawrence, Helena
Sabo, 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 Elizabeth Montagna, Nico Oneto,
Kathleen O'Brien, Debbie Archibold, Liz Frega, Alex
Berg, Wendy Oates, Sally Ann Tabasco, Robert
Charles Pederson, Jean Pelligra, John McCrodden,
Marie Scifo, Patrick Barry, Toni O'Rourke, William
Sohor, Robert Pedersen, Robert Conte, Dan Marcellus,
Jose Pacheo, Joan Girard, Rosita Castro and Tom
Barrett.

**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.**

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed Monday,
January 2nd and will reopen on Tuesday,
January 3rd at 8:30 a.m.





PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING OVERSEAS

Matthew B. Kaplan, U.S. Army
 Michael Lanzafama, U.S. Army
 Richard A. Lapp, U.S. Navy
 Douglas Leo, U.S. Army
 Mason Morgante, U.S. Marines
 Mark G. Sieczkowski, U. S. Navy
 Thomas Welch, U.S. Army



WE DID IT!

Our new parish organ was blessed on Christmas Eve. Thanks to all of you, our organ is paid in full.

As previously mentioned the cost of the organ was \$24,900. With the second collection taken up Christmas weekend, our final tally is \$29,533. The extra money raised will help to finance our music ministry, covering the purchase of new music and subsidizing Diocesan Music workshops which are occasionally offered for musicians and choir members.

Thank you for being so generous, God bless, Father Carina.

2018 MASS BOOK



The 2018 Mass book is now open. Masses are usually booked rather quickly, so if you have your heart set on particular dates for your loved one's Mass, come in to the parish office at your earliest convenience. We ask that parishioners make reasonable requests for Masses for their loved ones. It would be wonderful if a parishioner, who has just lost a loved one, could walk into the parish office later in the year and still find available dates on the calendar. Let's keep this in mind when requesting Masses. **No email requests allowed.**



ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

with specific intentions

FRANK C. MC GUFFIN, JR.
 r/o Florence McGuffin

CHRISTMAS FLOWER

without specific intentions

The Gaudette Family



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Our Christmas Offering to the Lord was: \$25,769
Our Christmas Offering to the Lord for 2015 was: \$22,315
Additional Christmas Flowers Collection: \$3



OFFICE STAFF EMAILS

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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.

During the month of November the St. Lawrence Food Pantry helped 264 adults and 163 children. This includes Thanksgiving Baskets. Thank you for your generosity.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be the Initial Offering, to cover the cost of the envelopes.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Core Team Meetings - Monday, January 23rd - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Pastoral Council - Monday, January 30th - 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My personal thanks to our church decorating team, our ushers, Holy Names members, our sacristan and maintenance man who were involved in the decoration of the Church, inside and out, and to all those who participated in our Christmas Masses as altar servers, eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, music ministry and, of course, my brother deacons. We also thank Fr. Joseph Desmond and Fr. Henry Hemmerling for assisting with the Christmas Masses.

The children did a beautiful job and were featured in the Children's Choir and the Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. My thanks to Pat Keaveney, Debbie Dyson, Barbara Orsucci, and Carolyn Smoljan for rehearsing the children.

A special thank you to all who sent cards and gifts to me this Christmas. Your kindness and generosity is very encouraging.

God's blessings on all our many volunteers who keep our parish humming throughout the course of the year. And I would be remiss if I failed to thank all those who contributed to the purchase of our new organ, which is helping us make a joyous noise unto the Lord! With a special remembrance at the Altar of all your intentions, I am.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chester Carina
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FOODFAST

Food Fast is approaching. In a six-hour hunger awareness experience, all students grades 6 and up will be invited to discover how people acquire food and gain long-term food security. We are looking for any adult volunteers who are willing to assist our children as they participate in this event on Saturday, March 25, 2017. If you are interested in helping out please call the Religious Education Office at 732-566-5630. Thank you.

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 11th. 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, contact Father John at 908-756-0633, ext. 125, or the group may be reached by contacting 908-822-5895 or emailing sacredheartgi@gmail.com.

COLLEGE-AGE RETREAT

January 6-8, 2017

Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212



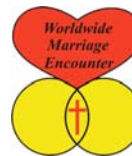
This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college-age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist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

Cost: \$130 per person, double occupancy

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

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



In this season of Thanksgiving, why not 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 13 - 15, 2017

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.

BUS TRIP TO THE RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON

January 23, 2017



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 23, 2017. 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.



CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!

Retrouvaille - A lifeline for troubled marriages

If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but (both of you) wish to try again - then the RETROUVAILLE program may help you.

RETROUVAILLE (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

The next program begins the weekend of **February 10 - 12, 2017**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information please call the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague at 732-583-4468 (evenings).

SPANISH SPEAKING DEACON RECRUITING IS NOW UNDERWAY



The Diocese is looking for faith-filled Spanish-speaking men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A General Information meeting will take place at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway in January 2017. If you believe you are being called to this ministry, you should speak with your pastor and ask that he recommend you to the Diocesan Diaconate Office (732-243-4586), skern@diometuchen.org. Once he has done that, you and if married your wife, will be invited to attend the General Information meeting. In the meantime, if you have questions about the diaconate, feel free to speak with your pastor about it or call the Diaconate Office.

RECLUTAMIENTO DE DIÁCONOS QUE HABLAN ESPAÑOL EN PROGRESO

La Diócesis está buscando hombres de habla hispana llenos de fe interesados en ser Diáconos Perennantes. Una reunión de Información General se llevará a cabo en el Centro Pastoral de San Juan Neumann en Piscataway en enero de 2017. Si usted siente que está llamado a este ministerio, necesita hablar con su párroco y pedir que le recomiende a la Oficina Diocesana del Diaconado (732-243-4586), skern@diometuchen.org. Una vez haya hecho esto, usted y de estar casado su esposa, será invitado a asistir a la Reunión de Información General. Entretanto, si tiene preguntas sobre el diaconado, siéntase libre de hablar con su pastor sobre ello o llamar la Oficina del Diaconado.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

How is your heart? To answer that question for myself, I had an MRI to discover whether widening in a major artery could become an aneurism. I'm grateful that it's just part of my aging and that my physical heart health is good. In today's Gospel people were amazed by what the shepherds shared with Mary, and she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Another translation says that Mary treasured and pondered these things. Mary offers an example for how to maintain spiritual heart health: Take time to listen to God's voice, ponder what you hear, and treasure God's nearness, even when challenged to change your ways. Remember, even Mary's heart was pierced at times.

Mary listened to God's voice and honestly spoke from her heart. Because of this she was free to say yes to God, who dwells with us through Jesus Christ. Their Spirit was "sent into our hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" (Galatians 4:6). The Spirit cries out for us when we know not what to say. The Spirit opens our hearts, clearing them of any blockage that would keep us from knowing God's blessing, shining face, graciousness, and peace. New Year's Day is a good time to ponder the previous calendar year and the year ahead. What do we keep in our heart from both exercises? What do we treasure? What needs to be released? Pray the first reading to feel God's blessing in your life. Cry out in gratitude for God's keeping you. Ask for God's peace. Let this spiritual MRI treasure the good, reflect on the bad, and empower you to live in ways that reveal the presence of Jesus in your life. Be heart-healthy in all ways.

Consider /Discuss:

- Where is God's blessing clear in your life?
- Describe how you speak heart to heart to God.

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Abba, Father, I often focus on your absence more than your presence. Let Mary be my guide so that I take time to reflect on life in ways that treasure what is good and release what gets in the way of my experiencing your blessing.



TODAY'S FOCUS': HOLY CARDIO

Today we celebrate Mary, who held God's mysteries and pondered them in her heart, and whose heart would be pierced in sorrow. Like Mary, we need to train our hearts to be given wholly to God.