



MONDAY, MAY 1

8:00AM -MICHAEL PAYOR
-r/o Donna McCloskey & Cindi Weiss

TUESDAY, MAY 2

8:00AM -HUGH MC NIFF
-r/o The Piltz Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

8:00AM -EDWARD MAITNER
-r/o Mark and Hannah Balsam

FRIDAY, MAY 5

8:00AM -NICHOLAS DE GENNARO
-r/o Gerry Nelson

SATURDAY, MAY 6

10:00AM -1ST COMMUNION MASS
-(No 9:00 a.m. Mass today)
5:00PM -CAREN PACILIO
-r/o Annette & Bill Dundas

SUNDAY, MAY 7

8:00AM -LAWRENCE & THERESA BARNETT
-r/o Gerard & Erin Haran
10:00AM -SOFIA & DAVID VECSLER
-r/o The Burok Family
11:30AM -MICHAEL MARTUCCI
-r/o Janet Snyder

**VOTIVE LIGHTS
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Milt Troland
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Michael Kelsall
Peter & Susan Colombo Charles Mitchell
Howard Whitford Victoria Forcino
Charles Moreno Joseph L. Esposito

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski Teresa & Michael DeLuca
Ryan, Julia & Lydia Special Intention
Health for John DoBos, Jr. Watch over our daughter
Good health for Lucy Ciccone Thank you for the cure
Health for my husband, me & our family
Spiritual help & forgiveness
Thank you for all our blessings
Health & help for all dear friends



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Meeting – May 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in
Desmond Hall.
Mass – May 14th, at 8:00 a.m. Jackets

required.
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 Joseph Esposito
r/o JoAnne & Nick LaCava

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, 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, Margaret Malloy,
Rose LaFergola, Billy Malloy, Gary Flynn and
Kathleen Lau.

**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, June 7, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in
the Chapel.**



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
Mark G. Sieczkowski, U. S. Navy
Thomas Welch, U.S. Army

STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE
 Stewardship Update *Weekend of April 22/23, 2017: \$5532*
Weekend of April 23/24, 2016: \$6969
Additional Easter Collection: \$501
Additional Our Collection for the Retired Priests of our Diocese: \$10
Additional Holy Land Collection (Good Friday) was: \$20

MONTH OF MARY



During May, the month traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the members of our Holy Name Society will lead us in the recitation of the Rosary beginning 20 minutes before the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Please come join us. Also, please remember that the Rosary is prayed after each weekday Mass. All are welcome.

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MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET



All submitted intentions for Mother's Day are remembered by the priest at Sunday Mass for the month of May. The written intentions are being kept by the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary during May.

CORRECTION TO EASTER FLOWERS



An Easter Flower request with special intentions should have read RITA CARLSON, requested by Dennis Carlson & Children. We apologize for the error.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious education will have Open Registration on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will need a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate. The registration fee is \$100 for one child, \$150 for two children, and \$200 for a family of three or more, plus a \$150 work bond.

Any registration received after May 10th will pay \$140 for one child, \$190 for two children, and \$240 for a family of three or more, plus the \$150 work bond. If you have any questions call the Religious Education office at 732-530-5630.

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.

MAY CROWNING



On May 7, 2017, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the Crowning of Mary with our First Communicants, while our 7th Grade Confirmandi place the petitions of the parish at the feet of our Blessed Mother. If you would like to submit an intention, please complete the form below and place in the boxes located in the vestibules prior to the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7th.

Let us call to mind the needs that we hold in our hearts and present them to our heavenly Father through Mary's intercession (write petitions here, cut out and place in petition box).



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER ROSES

As we prepare for Mother's Day, you have the opportunity to purchase a beautiful prayer rose to carry on the desire of Our Blessed Mother that we should continue to pray to her Son and to show your own mother your gratitude for the love, nurturing and faith that she has shown to you.

Purchasing this rose will help our church's Respect Life Committee to provide handmade rosaries and family prayer roses for each new child we welcome into the light of faith on the day of their Baptism. The cost of each rose is \$5.00 and we thank you for your help with this important project. The prayer roses will be on sale the weekend of May 13/14 after all Masses.

VIRTUS TRAINING



Virtus Training on Wednesday, May 18th in Desmond Hall begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. To register, go to www.diometuchen.org. On the home page scroll down to the bottom right, under RESOURCES you will see SIGN UP FOR VIRTUS SESSIONS, click on the link, click on START REGISTRATION, then follow instructions.

**SHOP AT AMAZON
SUPPORT THE PARISH**



If you shop on Amazon, you can help support the parish by designating Most Holy Redeemer Church as the charity you wish to support. Eligible purchases will result in Amazon donating a portion to the parish. You do have to designate Most Holy Redeemer Church, Matawan, NJ as your charity. You also have to use the Amazon Smile site instead of the normal Amazon site. It is the same merchandize and account as Amazon but it allows you to be connected by the Amazon Smile Program. To check it out go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and log in using your personal Amazon account or if you do not have one click on create one. Select a charity by typing Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church and click the search tab and select the one that says, Matawan, NJ. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank for your support.



BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS!

Our new parish blood drive coordinator, Rebecca Bowsky, is to be congratulated for her hard work in taking over from former coordinator Roseann Chrzanowski.

The April 6th drive brought in 49 donors resulting in 47 blood donations.

Special thanks to the Bowsky Family who were all there to lend Rebecca a helping hand.

Our next blood drive is set for Thursday, July 13th.

Father Carina

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA



Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine

1917-2017 Saturday, May 13th Anniversary-Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's First

Apparition to the three shepherd children in 1917. All are welcome at Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road, Asbury, NJ 08802. Celebrant: Most Rev. James Checchio; Guest Speaker: Rev. Frederick Miller. Confessions 10:30 a.m.; Rosary Procession Noon; 12:30 p.m. Guest Speaker; 1:00 p.m. Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession, Fatima Farewell Procession, Enrollment in the Brown Scapular, concluding with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Visit the Holy House USA, a replica of the Holy House at Loreto, Italy; the Capelinha (little chapel) with three roof tiles from the original built in Portugal but destroyed in 1922. For more information, please call 908-689-1700, ext. 210 or visit our web page at www.bluearmy.com

CHOOSE LIFE



"We are in the midst of an attempt to normalize suicide as a way of dying. We have the media swooning over suicide parties. We see the increasing numbers of suicides/euthanasia deaths in locales where it is legal. Switzerland exemplifies the trend. Assisted suicide rates are up 250% since 2009, and 26% in one year. It is also worth noting that people fly to Switzerland and pay a lot of money to be made dead, a phenomenon known as 'suicide tourism.'" Wesley J. Smith, J.D. in LifeNews 10/20/16.



LGBT PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART IN NEWARK, NJ

The LGBT community of New Jersey will gather for Mass and fellowship at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ on May 21st at 3:30 p.m.

With the blessings and best wishes of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, please join members of the Catholic LGBT community and their families for Mass to be celebrated by the Rev. Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R. in the Lady Chapel of the basilica.

There will be a tour of this historic church, the largest French Gothic cathedral in the United States as well. All LGBT Catholics and their loved ones are invited to attend. Please RSVP at sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT WITH A THEOLOGY COURSE THIS SUMMER



Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, at Seton Hall University is offering a variety of graduate level evening, Saturday and online courses.

Grow in your faith as you learn about "Christianity and Human Happiness" with Patrick Manning, Ph.D., "Christian Decision Making" with Justin Anderson, Ph.D., "Confessions of St. Augustine", with Rev. Douglas Milewski, "The Spirituality of Disability" and "Biblical Prayer and Spirituality" with Gregory Glazov D.Phil. (Oxon.), "Biblical Theology of Benedict XVI" with Jeffrey Morrow, Ph.D., and more.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith – enroll today!

For more information and applications materials, please contact Lisa DeDreu at 973-761-9633 or by Email: elizabeth.dedreu@shu.edu. You may also request information online at www.shu.edu/diocese-courses.

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 May 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, contact Fr John at 908-756-0633, ext 125. or the group may be reached by contacting 908-822-5895 or by emailing sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

A theology professor noted that today's Gospel about the disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the best summaries we have about celebrating Eucharist. We bring all that we have and are with us when we come to Mass: the disciples "were conversing all the things that had occurred." The story of faith is proclaimed in the Liturgy of the Word: they told the "stranger" what had occurred in Jerusalem. The homily interprets life in light of the Word of God, "he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures." We become aware of Christ's presence in our midst, "Stay with us." And in the Liturgy of the Eucharist we recognize him in the breaking of bread, sent forth to share our faith, "They set out at once and recounted what had taken place." Celebrating word and sacrament transforms us to take Christ to the world and see with new eyes.

In Acts, Peter tells the story Of Jesus, the kerygma, and connects it with all the scriptures to help his hearers see who Jesus was and to invite their faith in him. In the second reading Peter exhorts his hearers to live differently because of their faith: put your faith and hope in God who judges impartially.

Today we are invited to reflect on our lives in the light of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Where does what we hear and celebrate make our hearts burn? How does celebrating the liturgy help us know Christ's presence as clearly as those disciples did on the road? How do you proclaim the good news of the Gospel in ways that invite others to live differently and come to know Christ in the breaking of our lives?

Consider /Discuss:

- When has your celebration of the Eucharist transformed you, as the disciples were on the road of Emmaus?
- Give concrete examples about how you have been a living gospel of Jesus Christ.

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Walk with us along the journey of life, Lord, not as a stranger but as the one who makes our hearts burn with love for you and a desire to bring your messages to all the world.