



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

8:00AM -SILVIO CASTILLO  
-r/o The Castillo Family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

8:00AM -LISA ANN LEWIS  
-r/o Joyce Caldon

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

8:00AM -MAURICIO CASTILLO  
-r/o The Castillo Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**

8:00AM -ANNA MARIA LODETTI ERRICO,  
JULIANO & MAURIZIO AMENDOLA,  
ANGELA MEROLA ERRICO, PIETRO  
ERRICO & SARA SCHIANO ERRICO  
-r/o Cynthia Errico

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

9:00AM -SISTER EILEEN O'CONNOR  
-r/o Margaret Dowd  
5:00PM -ANTHONY & ANTOINETTE DE BENEDICTUS  
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

8:00AM -MARLENE GUIAMANO  
-r/o Thomas Caporaso  
10:00AM -GERARDO VILLONGCO  
-r/o The Villongco Family  
11:30AM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MC TAGUE  
& MARINACCIO FAMILY  
-r/o Tom & Pat McTague

**VOTIVE LIGHTS  
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts	Connie, my sister
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello	Milt Troland
Jack DeLillo	Virginia DeLillo
Ellen DiCarlo Mangano	Jimmy DiCarlo
Claire & Rocco Riccio	The Soltis Family

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski	Teresa & Michael DeLuca
Ryan, Julia & Lydia	Guidance & Strength
Spiritual & Physical Healing	Watch over family
Spiritual help & forgiveness	Thank you
Pray for my son-in-law to find a job	
Watch over our daughter	
Health for my husband & our family	
Health & help for two dear friends	
Please cure & keep me free of panic, anxiety & depression	
Please guide & protect my children & help them to find jobs	
Help & guidance for Carolyn	
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan	



**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](http://www.mostholyredeemerchurch.org).

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**



Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week  
in loving memory of Doris Dyson  
r/o Scott & Debbie Dyson

Tabernacle candle in the Chapel burns this week in  
loving memory of Michael Zipp  
r/o Mom & Dad

**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 Pacheco, Joan Girard and Rosita Castro

**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 1, 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  
 Mason Morgante, U.S. Marines  
 Mark G. Sieczkowski, U. S. Navy  
 Thomas Welch, U.S. Army



**HELP FUND THE NEW ORGAN**

Your contribution, no matter the size, is very much needed. Please help!

- Special Organ Fund Collection – the last weekend of December, January and February.

- Make a one-time gift or spread your gift over four collections – whatever you find easier.

N.B. In order to credit your annual church contribution record for income tax purposes, donation must be in check form stating it is for the new organ in the check memo.

God bless your generosity!  
 Cost of the new organ is \$24,900.



**MOST HOLY REDEEMER PRAYER GROUP**

There will be no Prayer Group for the month of December. Next prayer group is scheduled for January 27, 2017.



**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.**



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

**Weekend of December 17/18: \$7436**  
**Weekend of December 19/20, 2015: \$9547**  
**Additional Immaculate Conception Collection: \$36**  
**Additional Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious: \$175**  
**Additional Christmas Flowers Collection: \$181**



**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.

**PARISH OFFICE**



The parish office will be closed Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

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



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

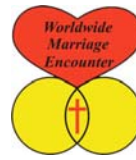
**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**  
5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – Vigil Mass**  
5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 1, 2017 – New Year's Day**  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



**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](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org) for more information.



**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

**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.



**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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1990, exts. 1543 or 1629.



**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](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829

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

**POST-ABORTION HEALING RESOURCES**



**Are you suffering after an abortion? Help is available!** If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, **confidential, non-judgmental help is available!** Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing:

- Call Project Rachel's local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300 or visit **[HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org)**. Spanish-speakers may visit **[EsperanzaPosaborto.org](http://EsperanzaPosaborto.org)**.
- Or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)



**YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!**  
**Retrouvaille - A lifeline for troubled marriages**

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship grown cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/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 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**

Christmas celebrates the light of God's Word-made-flesh. Light comes in many forms. Some light is direct. Others are a mere reflection of another source. The glow of a candle, lights on a highway, motion detectors, and lamps in our homes lessen darkness, offer comfort, provide guidance, calm fears, and help us see. Lights in church tell us God is here.

Jesus, the Word, is the light that no darkness can overcome; but at times it seems as though darkness is overcoming the light. While these words on this page were being written, a series of terrorist attacks changed the lives of many and more senseless shootings took place in our cities. News reports often pay more attention to darkness than the lights of people who hold a dying stranger, welcome others into their homes, and protest the violence. These sisters and brothers testify to the power of light, like John the Baptist. They help us see glimpses of God-with-us. Their actions announce glad tidings and bear the good news that the light of Christ is stronger. Small deeds speak loudly. Our words and deeds give birth to Jesus each day. They testify that the seemingly impossible can happen, that is, God's light grows stronger when our actions and presence reflect that God is here.

Celebrate Christmas as people of hope who give praise and thanks for Jesus Christ. Restore peace by offering comfort and hope in actions that make God's glory known. Let the light of our lives match the lights that decorate our trees and homes to lessen darkness, offer comfort, give guidance, calm fears, and help all see that God is here. That's how all the ends of the earth can see the saving power of God, even where darkness seems stronger on any given day.

***Consider /Discuss:***

- When have you experienced the Light of Christ as stronger than darkness in your life?
- What is one way that you can testify to the power of the Christ-light this Christmas?

**LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD**

Luminous God, you took on our flesh in the Word, Jesus Christ, so that we might know your nearness in concrete ways. Help us live in ways that testify to the power of your light so that others can see your face today and come to believe that no darkness can overcome it.