



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00AM -JULIA E. IMPORTICO
-r/o Marlise Siracusa

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00AM -ELSE GERWAN
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Buonpane

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00AM -MICHAEL MARTUCCI
-r/o The Cirbus Family
12NOON -SERVICE WITH ASHES – (No Mass)
4:30PM -SERVICE WITH ASHES – (No Mass)
7:30PM -MICHAEL MARTUCCI
-r/o Robert & Kathy McGovern

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

8:00AM -JAN SEEL
-r/o Scott & Debbie Dyson

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

9:00AM -CONNIE CHOLOWINSKI
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. George Poracky
5:00PM -ANTHONY & ELIZABETH PACILIO
-r/o Annette & Bill Dundas

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:00AM -GENEVIEVE BARNETT
-Gerard & Erin Haran
10:00AM -RUTH D’SOUZA
-r/o Robert & Beulah Remedios
11:30AM -IDA & FRANK DUNCAN
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

**VOTIVE LIGHTS
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Milt Troland
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Michael Kelsall
Peter & Susan Colombo Virginia DeLillo
Albert “Jack” DeLillo Louis DeLillo
Connie Papalia Howard Whitford
Charles Mitchell

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Watch over family Teresa & Michael DeLuca
Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski Watch over our daughter
Ryan, Julia & Lydia Spiritual help & forgiveness
Health for my husband, me & our family
Thank you for all our blessings
Health & help for two dear friends
Please cure & keep me free from panic, anxiety & depression
Health & help for a dear friends’ son
Help & guidance for Jonathan & Michael
Help & guidance for Carolyn



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Mass – March 12th, at 8:00 a.m.
Jackets required.
Meeting – March 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in

Desmond Hall.

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 Donald Wayne Stokes, Sr.
r/o Scott Dyson

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, 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, Tom Barrett, and Margaret Malloy.

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, April 5, 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

NANNY NEEDED



Single dad looking for live-in nanny for 3 children. Ages 12 and 13. 5 days a week. Driving required. Please call 732-740-0031. **This family belongs to our parish.**

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



Our parish Respect Life Committee will meet Tuesday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Anyone wishing to join the committee is welcome to attend.



Please note – Ash Wednesday, March 1st - ashes will be administered at 8:00 a.m., 12 noon, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday Lenten Mass and Homily beginning March 7th, 7:30 p.m. (No morning Mass on Tuesdays during Lent).**

Lenten Soup Suppers, - March 7th, March 14th, and April 4th at 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. in Desmond Hall. **Please bring donations of baby diapers sizes 4-5-6 and/or baby wipes to benefit Life Choices diaper bank.**

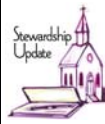
**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE
HELP NEEDED!**



New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, **Thursday, April 6th, at 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.** At this time, the blood supply is critically low – **PLEASE HELP.**

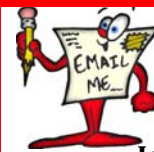
Those wishing to donate blood, call to set up appointment times.

STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE



Weekend of February 18/19, 2017: \$7404
Weekend of February 20/21, 2016: \$9358
Additional Human Development/Church of Latin America (Winter Collection) Collection: \$180
Additional Catholic Spirit Collection: \$34
Additional Initial 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

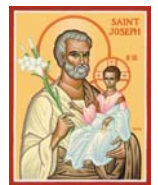


The next pastoral council meeting will be on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:15 – 9:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!



Most Holy Redeemer's Holy Name Society will be hosting a St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 11th, 6:00



– 9:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall. Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, etc. Desserts and Beverages. Adults: \$15 and Children: \$5.00 (under 12). Tickets will be on sale starting this weekend after all Masses. Only 100 tickets will be sold.



EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Easter Flowers. **Please print loved ones' names clearly and legibly so they may appear correctly in the bulletin.**

HELP A MOTHER CHOOSE LIFE!

From Life Choices Resource Center



Help us build a legacy of life! Over the past year, babies have been saved, hearts changed and lives transformed because of your support of our life saving ministry.

Life Choices Resource Center (Metuchen) serves women and families in our area by providing FREE services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material aid, adoption referrals and abortion recovery support.

Next weekend Most Holy Redeemer is once again graciously sponsoring a Baby Bottle Blessings Fundraiser benefitting Life Choices. Pick up a baby bottle before or after Mass during the weekend of March 4/5. Fill it with your change, cash, or a check and return by April 9th

Your gift will make a difference in the life of a mother and child! www.LifeChoicesRC.com

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Ambassadors for Christ

Twenty-four percent - \$1.7 million dollars - of the funds raised by the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend, March 11/12, which has been designated as ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend.*** Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

Our parish goal is \$65,000.

JOB OPPORTUNITY
Custodial Position



The Catholic Community of St. Matthias is seeking a responsible individual for a full-time custodial position. Individual would be responsible for cleaning classrooms, bathrooms, cafeteria, set-up for special events, assistance with snow removal, along with other miscellaneous custodial duties.

If you are interested, please email jobs@stmatthias.net.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



The ninth annual conference, a daylong event for Catholic men to learn, experience fellowship, and renew and strengthen their

Catholic faith, will be held on Saturday, March 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange. The Conference theme is "Be Not Afraid...Becoming Missionary Disciples." Speakers will be: (English track:) Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark; Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston and keynote speaker, Joe Lombardi, assistant coach of the New Orleans Saints and grandson of legendary coach Vince Lombardi; (Spanish track:) Mario Paredes, Presidential Liaison to Roman Catholic Ministries, the American Bible Society and Jose 'Pepe' Alonso of EWTN en Español.

In addition to the speakers, Conference events will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation in multiple languages, a Holy Hour, and Adoration Chapel open all day for prayer, music, exhibitors, and opportunity for fellowship. Registration is \$25 per attendee ages 18 year and older. Admittance is free for priests, deacons and religious. Breakfast and lunch are included. To register online, visit www.NJCatholicMen.org. for more information, email CatholicMen@rcan.org or call 973-497-4545.

Diocese of Metuchen
Youth & Young Adult Office



PJ ANDERSON IN CONCERT!

A Night of Praise and Worship
March 4, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Hall
34 Yorktown Road
Hillsborough, NJ

All Donations will be used to support St. Joseph Youth Ministry Mission Trip.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY RETREAT



March 10-12, 2017

Marianist Family Retreat Center
www.capemaymarianists.org
609-884-3829

Join with other women in an exploration of your own story and sotries of women in faith. Come alone, or with a relative or friend. A team of women has prepared this weekend of rest and renewal. Eucharist, other prayer experiences, beach walks, socials and fun are included. Cost: \$135 per person, double occupancy.



**DIOCESE OF METUCHEN
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS-2017

Lent allows each of us to let our Catholic tradition of fasting and abstaining be an important reminder of what it means to suffer or to be without. This liturgical season is a blessed opportunity for us to unite with our brothers and sisters who are hungry, poor, homeless, or living on the fringes of society and to draw near to all those who suffer from illness, affliction, addiction or other serious burden. The following is a reminder of the Lenten instructions to use as a guide as we unite with those who suffer, near and far.

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast is suggested so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the Rites of Holy Week and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

My faithful brothers and sisters, in our fasting and abstaining this Lent, I pray that we each may choose to embrace this small suffering rather than accept it with misery or complaint. For, if we are joyful in our Lenten observances, we will be granted an opportunity to more fully understand the true sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for all humanity by accepting death on the cross in order to gain our eternal salvation.

+Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

As you may know, the Memorial of St. Patrick falls on a Friday this year. For members of the faithful celebrating this Memorial and who desire it, Bishop Checchio has commuted the penitential obligation on March 17th to the abstain from meat on another day that same week.

7TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC DEAFEST



Sponsored by Pastoral teams throughout New Jersey who work with the Deaf, this event will take place at Our Lady of Peace Parish, 1740 US-130 North, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and the day concludes with Mass at 5:30 p.m. Free Admission. Free Lunch. Lots of special exhibits of interest. The special presenter will be Father Ray Fleming, a deaf priest from the Diocese of Rochester, NY. To register please email: catholicdeafestnj@gmail.com or call 856-283-3962 (ask for Kate). Deadline to register is March 12, 2017.

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 March 8th. 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, please contact Father John at 908-756-0633, ext.125 or the group may be reached by contacting 908-822-5895 or by emailing sacredheartigi@gmail.com.