



MONDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00AM -ROSARIO FINISTRELLA
-r/o Lisa & George Truchan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00AM -VINCENT VILLA (L)
-r/o The Villa Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00AM -RICHARD KISS
-r/o Eileen & Laura Pappas

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00AM -ANNE REGINA (MALONE) HARAN
-r/o Gerard & Erin Haran

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00AM -PATRICK PAPACCIO
-r/o annette & Bill Dundas
5:00PM -PAUL, CARMELA & WILLIAM STEFANELLI
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00AM -JOHN D. OSBORNE
-r/o Mom, Dad Nicolette & Family
10:00AM -ALVIN MERRILL
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Michael Murphy
11:30AM -TERESA PELLIGRA
-r/o Roseann Chrzanowski

VOTIVE LIGHTS - IN MEMORY OF

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Michael Kelsall
Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Peter & Susan Colombo
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina Joseph L. Esposito
Howard Whitford Charles Mitchell

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski Teresa & Michael DeLuca
Ryan, Julia & Lydia Watch over our daughter
Health for John Dobos, Sr.
Health for my husband, me & our family
Spiritual help & forgiveness
Thank you for all our blessings
Health & help for all dear friends
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan
Help & guidance for Carolyn

PARISH PICNIC

The Picnic Committee will meet Monday, August 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

PARISH PICNIC
Sunday, September 24th



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

There are no Masses during the summer. They will resume September 10th at 8:00 a.m.

No meetings during the summer. Will resume September 12th, 7:00 p.m.

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 Colombo, Kelsall & Sacco Family r/o 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, 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, Gary Flynn, Kathleen Lau, Sharon Thylan, Anne Slate, Kimberly Perry, Jackson Christian Thomas, Miguel Ley, Marie Ciezka and Betty Pulido.

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, August 2, 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
 Michael J. Sanzone, U. S. Army
 Mark G. Sieczkowski, U. S. Navy
 Thomas Welch, U.S. Army



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE
Weekend of July 29/30, 2017: \$7017
Weekend of July 30/31, 2016: \$7055



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



-Tuesday, 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. -Grade 3

Come join us as a catechist and share your faith with our children.



YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

The diocese invites young people ages 18-39 to monthly Holy Hour at the Diocesan Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ (off Stelton Road). The next Holy Hour will Sunday, August 13th, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner at a local restaurant (individual responsible for their own meals).



WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine

Sunday, August 13th celebrate the **100th Anniversary** of Our Lady's 1917 Apparition to the three shepherd children. World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802. Experience the 150 acre scenic beauty and serenity of our outdoor Shrine. 10:30 a.m. Confessions; 12:00 noon Outdoor Rosary Procession; 12:30 p.m. Speaker: **Rev. Chris Alar**, Dir., Assoc. of Marian Helpers; 1:00 p.m. Holy Mass Celebrant: **Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades**, Bishop of Ft. Wayne-S. Bend, Ind; 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet. Visit the Holy House USA with largest piece of tree upon which Our Lady stood, altar from Tuy, stone from Loreto. Visit the Angel Tabernacle carved according to the description of the Angel of Portugal by the Fatima seers. For more information, please visit our website at www.bluearmy.com, or call 908-689-1700. A Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence has been granted to this Shrine.



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.



YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

Diocese of Metuchen
 Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Next Young Adult Holy Hour
 Sunday, August 13th

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
 146 Metlars Lane
 Piscataway, NJ

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 (followed by fellowship)

Praise and Worship led by Bread Ministry:
www.breakministry.com.



**SILVER & GOLD
WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS**



You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Application forms may be secured by contacting our parish office or by logging on to the diocesan website: <http://www.diometuchen.org/marriage-enrichment/>. Kindly note that this form can be typed on and printed out but cannot be forwarded. If you wish to keep the information in must be **SAVED AS** a word document in your computer.

Forms must be signed by your priest, pastoral minister or deacon and returned to the Family Life Office by our parish office. Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office **until the deadline for registration Friday, September 1st**. A confirmation letter with further details will be sent once your application has been processed.

For further information, please call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990, ext. 1705 or 4573 or email mfonseca@diometuchen.org.



STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or do you simply shut down?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

...RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuche, New Jersey.

Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six-follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **September 15 - 17, 2017**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573, Rich Colasuonnon at 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague at 732-583-4468 (evenings).



FATIMA CENTENNIAL JUBILEE

1917 - 2017

ALL ARE WELCOME

Solemn Eucharistic Celebration for Peace

Sunday August 13, 2017

12:00 noon Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with a Presentation of Our Lady of Fatima Statue. Immediately Followed by: Solemn Eucharistic Exposition Adoration & Benediction, with Reflection of the 1917 Apparitions together with the Recitation of the Scriptural Rosary on the Glorious Mysteries.

Host: The Altar Rosary & Holy Name Societies
The Church of the Sacred Heart
531 Washington Ave, South Amboy, NJ 08879

AMPLE PARKING AVAILABLE

REFRESHMENTS & FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

For more information, please contact Virginia Zrebiec at 732-721-1521 or Mike Corbin at 732-406-8966



CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE

Applying the teachings of Jesus Christ for the betterment of rural America

CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE MASS

Bishop Checchio will offer Mass for all those engaged in farming and other agricultural related businesses on Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Saint Ann Parish, 32 Main Street, Hampton, NJ 08827-0405.

Families and individuals who are involved in all aspects of agricultural production and services, such as tree farmers and nursery, horticulture, landscapers and lawn care service providers and home or community gardeners and bee keepers, are invited to attend.

Fellowship and light refreshments to follow Mass. So that we may plan properly, please register online by August 20, 2017 at <http://diometuchen.org/RuralLifeMass>.

For questions, contact Rev. Michael C. Saharic, Coordinator of the Diocese of Metuchen's Catholic Rural Life Ministry, at 732-765-6435 or msaharic@diometuchen.org.



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Saint of the Day for August 6th

The Story of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of

faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.



HEALING HEARTS SUPPORT GROUP

If you know someone going through or have gone through a divorce, make sure he or she knows about us. Our next session will begin on Wednesday, September 6th from 7:30 -9:30 p.m. at St. Veronica's ACTS Office (rectory basement) located at 4215 Route 9, Howell, NJ 07731. This is a 12 week program for those who have suffered or are suffering from separation and/or divorce. ***The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide*** program incorporates a DVD and follow-up discussion. Topics that are discussed are: shock, anger, peace, forgiveness, family issues, money, trust, dating, annulments and life beyond divorce. Please email stveronicakre4u@gmail.com for more information or contact Maria at 732-363-5698. This program will be 12 consecutive Wednesday evenings. The best gift you can give yourself is to make a commitment to your healing!

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Only Matthew's account of the Transfiguration has the voice proclaiming Jesus as the one "with whom I am well pleased." Peter's eyewitness account in Acts repeats these words. Jesus is the Son of Man, transformed in looks and clothing, and the One with whom God is well pleased, the beloved to whom we are to listen. No wonder his face shone like the sun.

Our words can transform people for good and for ill. I have seen someone's face, posture, and entire being changed when praised and when ridiculed. While affirming a young woman in recovery last week, her face lit up and she beamed. The face of a young man who shared that he and his wife were pregnant gleamed and he glowed. Similarly, when speaking with someone who was abused, I have seen a face drain while the person shared his or her story and their appearance become listless and lifeless.

We put on Christ in baptism. We became adopted daughters and sons of God, called to be God's beloved and give dominion, glory, and power to the Transfigured Christ. We promised to listen to him and rise up out of any fear that our own sin makes us inadequate to the task of living Jesus and shining with the light of God. We can live in ways that are pleasing to God or that are not because they reveal our preference for darkness to the light of the Transfigured One. Like Peter, James, and John, we are witnesses to Jesus' transforming power. While challenging, that good news can make our faces shine like the sun and fill the world with the light of the Son.

Consider/Discuss:

- What helps you see yourself as God's beloved child? What gets in the way?
- When have you beamed because of your faith? Describe the experience you had.

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Life-giving God, in baptism you have made us your daughters and sons and filled us with the light of your beloved, Jesus Christ. Help us shine like the sun because we choose what is pleasing to you. Through us, fill the world with the light of your beloved Son.