



MONDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00AM -MELINDA ERRICO
-r/o Nicole & Jesse Buonomassa

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00AM -ANTHONY CARBONE
-r/o Anthony, Anna & Shari Carbone

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00AM -CHARLES DI RAIMONDO
-r/o Francine Lentini

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00AM -DANIEL C. BELLI
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Michael Murphy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00AM -JOANN DATTOLO
-r/o Robert Black
5:00PM -VIRGINIA DE LILLO
-r/o Laurie & Rich Iandoli

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00AM -LOUISE REVELLO
-r/o The Zoppi Family
10:00AM -KIM CASO
-r/o Lisa & George Truchan
11:30AM -EMILY BRAMANTE
-r/o The Bramante Family

**VOTIVE LIGHTS
IN MEMORY OF**

Muriel, Leslie & Anna Roberts Joseph L. Esposito
Juan Antonio "Tony" Medina Michael Kelsall
Peter & Susan Colombo Salvatore Basile
Mike & Anna LaCava LoCoscia Fortunato
Rose & Ferninand Carbone Antonina Basile

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mark & Kelly Chrzanowski Teresa & Michael DeLuca
Ryan, Julia & Lydia Poor-Hungry-Homeless
Lucy Ciccone World Peace

Special Intention

Help & guidance for my dear friend, Kerry
Help & guidance for Michael & Jonathan
Help & guidance for Carolyn



Elliot T. Campbell and Melissa A. Maglaqui – 3rd
James S. Rossidis and Colleen G. Hanley – 3rd



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 for strength and recovery of Jack Noble r/o Adelaide, Rachel, Patti & Denise

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 C. Pederson, Jean Pelligra, John McCrodden, Marie Scifo, Patrick Barry, Toni O'Rourke, William Sohor, Robert Pedersen, Robert Conte, Dan Marcellus, Jose Pacheco, 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, October 4, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING OVERSEAS

- Jason Del Duca, U.S. Air Force
- 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 August 19/20, 2017: \$6142
 Weekend of August 13/14, 2016: \$7018



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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.

Please note the following dates:

- Confirmation Retreat: Sunday, September 10th, at 11:00 a.m.
- Sacrament of Confirmation: Tuesday, September 12th, at 7:00 p.m.
- Communion Retreat: Saturday, April 14, 2018
- Sacrament of 1st Eucharist: Saturday, May 5, 2018



VIRTUS TRAINING

For those Religious Education catechists and volunteers who need VIRTUS training, please note the following dates in September:

- **Wednesday, September 6th or 27th, 7:30 p.m.**
St. Francis Elementary, Metuchen
- **Saturday, September 9th or 16th, 9:00 a.m.**
St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen
- **Tuesday, September 12th, 7:00p.m.**
St. Ambrose, Old Bridge

You must register online prior to attending at www.diometuchen.org. On home page go to RESOURCES, click on link, SIGN UP FOR VIRTUS SESSIONS, click on START REGISTRATION and follow instructions.



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.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY?
HOW ABOUT ADVENT IN AUGUST?

Religious Education is selling Advent candles! Cut out and fill in the order form below and submit with check (made payable to Most Holy Redeemer) or cash by September 10th. Use a separate envelope and place in the collection basket. Questions call 732-566-5630. Thanks for your support!

ADVENT 10" TAPER CANDLE SET ORDER FORM
3 purple & 1 rose per set

Print first & last name

Phone _____

of sets _____ Total included \$ _____



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**

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Children up to 12 years old - FREE
Ages 13 - 18 - \$5.00
Adults - \$10.00



LIFT

(Living in Faith Together)

It's confirmed, our next LIFT meeting will be Monday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in Desmond Hall. Lots to discuss and settle on for this year so please make plans so you can attend.



GIANT CLOTHING/LINEN SALE

Martha Mary Guild
Saint Mary Parish
1 Phalanx Road, Colts Neck, NJ

Giant Clothing/Linen Sale, great bargains, huge selection of men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes and accessories in Madonna Hall (behind the church). "Boutique" with designer and nearly new items, plus jewelry and lines in Church Hall.

- Thursday, September 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 8th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit organizations that help women and children. For more information, please call the Church Office at 732-780-2666 or visit our web page at: www.stmaryscoltsneck.org.



SAVE THE DATE

**2017 Somerset County
DisABILITY Services Fair.**

You are invited to participate in the community event: Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Hall, 600 Washington Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835. FREE ADMISSION. Free registration. Tables and refreshments provided.

For more information, please contact: Paulann Pierson, Disability Services Coordinator, Office on Aging & Disability Services: 908-704-6334.



A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

By Pope Francis*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

*Pope Francis published this prayer in his *Laudato Si'* encyclical, and is meant for sharing with all who believe in a God who is the all-powerful Creator.



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 September 13th. 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 by emailing sacredheartigi@gmail.com.



SAINT OF THE DAY FOR AUGUST 27TH

Saint Monica

Saint Monica's Story. The circumstances of Saint Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these

temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, Saint Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

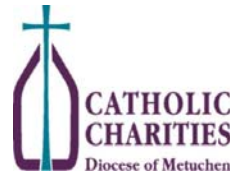
She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, Saint Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of Saint Augustine, especially his *Confessions*.



METUCHEN CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Curillo (pronounced "kur-see-yo") means "short course" – a shout course in Christianity. A Cursillo weekend is an encounter with Christ which will strengthen your faith and bring you closer to Jesus. The next women's weekend is scheduled for October 26 – 29, and men's weekend date will be announced soon. Both will be held at the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ. For more information, visit the website: www.metcursillo.org or contact Lorri DeNoyelles at ldenoelled@yahoo.com or 732-738-1796.



COMBATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE

We are excited to announce that Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, is now offering a Substance Use Prevention Group for adolescents ages 11 to 13. The group will begin on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 5:00pm in our East Brunswick Outpatient Clinic, 288 Rues Lane, East Brunswick, NJ. It is anticipated that the group will occur weekly on Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. The group will focus on education, prevention, and/or treatment of substance use in young adolescents as deemed appropriate to the attendees of the group. The group will be facilitated by one of our Substance Use Clinicians who has several years of experience working with adolescents with single and co-occurring disorders in addiction and mental health.

The East Brunswick Outpatient Clinic provides general outpatient mental health counseling, bilingual counseling services, anger management services, and Level 1 substance abuse treatment to children, adults, and families. It will be a pleasure to add this group to our comprehensive list of services.

For information about enrollment in the group, simply call Carol Quick, Program Director for Middlesex Outpatient Services, at 732-257-6100. Eligibility for the group will include both individuals already enrolled in CCDOM services as well as those who are new to the agency. Both Carol Quick and our Access Department will ensure that the necessary demographic and insurance information is obtained to ensure a smooth transition into the group.

We accept Medicaid, Medicare, some private insurance, and self-pay.