

The Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament

787 Franklin Lake Road - Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417

Stewards of God's Gifts



Most Blessed Sacrament Parish is a welcoming community which comes together to implement Christ's mission. We join to teach, to evangelize, to accept and to encourage ourselves and others in ongoing spiritual growth. Serving and supporting those within and beyond our parish remains a major focus as we recognize that each of us is called to be a witness to God's love in our world.
Parish Mission Statement

SERVED BY:

REV. JOHN R. JOB,
Pastor
MOST REV. JOHN W. FLESEY,
Pastor Emeritus
REV. JOSEPH O'BRIEN, O. CARM.,
Weekend Assistant
SISTER ROSE MARIE KEAN, SSJ,
Pastoral Associate
THOMAS J. ALTONJY, Ed. D.,
Principal
LAUREN LONGO, Ph.D.,
Office of the Bishop
DAVID MAIULLO,
Music Director-Choirs/Organist
VALERIE TORKELSON,
Director of Music-Programming/Cantor
DOREEN ALLAGHI,
Business Administrator
BARRY DONNELLY,
Director of Communications & Public Relations
DIANE TRIOLO,
R.E. Coordinator, Grades 1 - 6 & Confirmation
PAT WUENSCH,
R.E. Coordinator, Junior High 7th & 8th
KRISTA M. PASTOR,
Director of R.E., Grades 1-9
Local Safe Environment Coordinator

MASSES

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12 Noon
Holy Days: Consult Bulletin for Times
Week Days: 6:45 & 9:15 am
Saturdays: 9:00 am
First Fridays: 9:15 am Mass of Exposition, Eucharistic
Adoration throughout the day, with Benediction 4:00 pm
First Saturdays: 9:00 am Mass of Exposition, Eucharistic
Adoration throughout the day, with Benediction 4:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Center in advance to make arrangements for the date of instructions for parents.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Following the daily 6:45 am Mass & the 9:15 am Mass, 4:30 - 5:00 pm. Saturday and also by appointment. (Additional times during Advent and Lent.)

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the Parish Center one year before the desired date.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Center when a family member is ill, whether in the hospital or at home. Holy Communion will be brought regularly by appointment to those confined to the home. The sick or chronically ill should receive the Sacrament of Anointing. In an emergency, call the Parish Center at any time.

PARISH CENTER
201-891-4200

FAX
201-891-4243

SCHOOL
201-891-4250

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
201-891-4200 x150

CONVENT
201-891-1836

PARISH WEB SITE: www.mostblessedsacrament.ws

SCHOOL WEB SITE: www.ambs.org

This Week at MBS

Sunday, October 6

- Baptism Preparation after 10:00am Mass (CR)

Monday, October 7

- Women's Spirituality 7:00pm (CR)

Tuesday, October 8

- R.E. Classes Grades 1-8, 4:00-5:15pm (AMBS)
- Confirmation Class 4:00-5:15pm (AMBS)

Wednesday, October 9

- Morning Prayer 9:00am (Church)
- Mary's Call Prayer Group 7:00pm (Chapel)

Thursday, October 10

- Bereavement 7-Week Program 7:00pm (CR)



Good Counsel Homes

Next weekend Debbie DuHaime will be speaking on behalf of Good Counsel Homes, at all Masses sharing their mission. Good Counsel operates Catholic pro-life homes for pregnant women and their children as well as a national toll-free crisis pregnancy help line (800-723-8331). We will be handing out baby bottles to be filled with monetary donations to assist with their valuable lifesaving work. You may also find out more and donate online at www.goodcounselhomes.org To help spread the word "LIKE" Good Counsel Homes on Facebook.



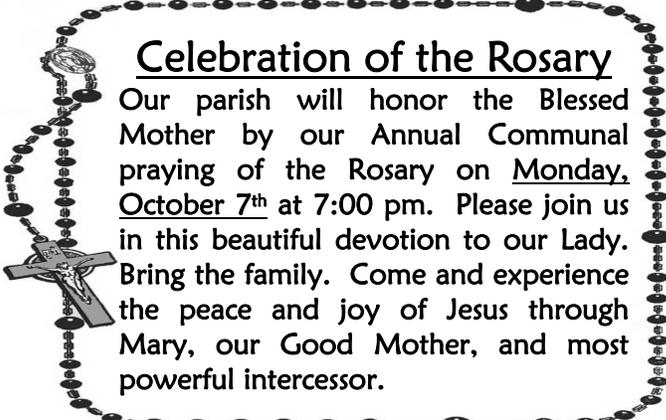
These four letters stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a faith journey for adults desiring to become full members of the Catholic Church. Through a gradual process of prayer, faith sharing, study, and rituals, the R.C.I.A. process prepares people for full initiation within the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist.

The R.C.I.A. process is designed especially for:

- Adults never baptized who might desire to become a Catholic.
- Adults baptized in another Christian church who might desire to become a Catholic.
- Adults baptized Catholic who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please note that one of the qualifications to be a baptismal godparent or Confirmation sponsor is that he/she is a fully initiated Catholic, i.e., the person has received the Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Formation sessions will begin on October 9th, so please contact Fr. John as soon as possible at 201-891-4200 x280 or jjob.mbs@gmail.com, so that he can go over some of the logistics and answer any questions you may have.

The Community of Most Blessed Sacrament looks forward to sharing and celebrating this journey of faith with you!



Celebration of the Rosary

Our parish will honor the Blessed Mother by our Annual Communal praying of the Rosary on **Monday, October 7th** at 7:00 pm. Please join us in this beautiful devotion to our Lady. Bring the family. Come and experience the peace and joy of Jesus through Mary, our Good Mother, and most powerful intercessor.



LECTOR FORMATION

We will have a lector orientation workshop on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST** from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the **Church**. Please attend this workshop if you are considering the call to serve. Also consider attending if you are one of our "veteran" lectors who has not attended a previous workshop here at Most Blessed Sacrament. Finally, if you have previous lector experience in another parish and would like to serve here at MBS, you are most welcome as well.

***If interested, please contact Father John by Friday, October 11th.
Registration is required.***



GATHERING FOR WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

All women are welcome to the Women's Spirituality Gathering on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Parish Center. It is time to meet others, break open the scriptures and share. Give yourself the gift of giving. For more information, call Sister Rose Marie at 201-891-4200 ext. 120.



With great joy we rejoice for:

Lucy Grace Burns, Avery Lou Colon, Juliana Marie Corrado, Aurora Lucia DeAlto, Carter William Delaney, James Edward Donovan, Connor Peter Stahl, Serasina Aleece Trentacost, Madison Sharon Zarco

who were baptized in September 2019
Welcome to Jesus Christ and His Church.

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed"

Parish Sick: Joseph Rechichi, Ivan Castellanos, Agnes Gallagher, Lucille Creighton, Jackie Kobes, Bohan Minogue (grandson of Liz and Dan Minogue), Patricia Pohns, James Gruber (brother of Judy Medeiros), Rylan Davidson, Anya Fagien, Baby Leah Cicchion, Margherita Chiciulla, Sara Culkin, Christine Wyllie, Beverly Klingler, Mary Dilenno, Michael Maher, Rose McConway, Mimoo Khodadi, Linda Brown Gearity, Florence Gorsky, Marian Jakubik, Alice Peisch, Jeff Cotugno and Robert Cotugno

"A time to mourn"

Recently Deceased: and all those who grieve them

"A time for peace"

For national and world leaders and those in the armed services: especially Ronald Anzalone, Greg

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19



Saturday, October 12

5:30 pm: E. Behrens

Sunday, October 13

8:00 am: R. Dvoretzky
 10:00 am: P. Dragonetti
 12:00 pm: E. Campbell



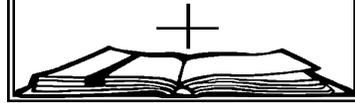
Food Collection

Second Sunday Food Collection

Next Sunday, October 13th will be the Second

Sunday Food Collection. Please drop off all food donations at the Narthex of the Church.

Mass Intentions



Sunday

8:00 am
 10:00 am

12:00 pm

October 6

Our Parish Family
Protection of Babies in the Womb & Their Families
Elizabeth Kehoe (Pat McGuinness)
Lupangelo Orsini (Dina Suriano)
Matteo Hroncich (Peter & Maria Morin)
Robert Brady (Katherine Brady)
Americo Crecco (Bigica Family)

Monday

6:45 am
 9:15 am

October 7

Louis Squitieri (Family)
Bishop & Neues Families (Family)

Tuesday

6:45 am
 9:15 am

October 8

Richard Fellingner (Stella Felliinger)
Special Intentions for Maria Muskardin

Wednesday

6:45 am

9:15 am

October 9

Elaine LaGuardia
 (Steve & Diane Loiacono)
Jany Morabito (Family)

Thursday

6:45 am
 9:15 am

October 10

John J. Corrigan, Sr. (Adam & Aiden)
Ernesto V. Lagdameo
 (Mayen & Brian Hogan)

Friday

6:45 am
 9:15 am

October 11

Julia Lewis (Tersa Family)
Charles Bilotti (Friend)

Saturday

9:00 am
 5:30 pm

October 12

Chuck Engborg (Rory Quinn)
Julia Lewis (Growney Family)

Sunday

8:00 am
 10:00 am
 12:00 pm

October 13

Our Parish Family
Chester Brodzinski (Family)
Kazimierz Dziuba (Family)



Join in praying the rosary after every weekday and Saturday morning Masses.



The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week for
Janet DeCesare
 requested by
 Denise Nicolosi



The Bread & Wine

will be offered this week with special intentions for
Marilyn Garrod
 requested by
 Bert & Joan Rottkamp



AMBS is a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School!!!



We are truly blessed with a dedicated and caring faculty and staff and parents who support and collaborate with us in so many ways! God Bless all of you!!!

Save the date!



Our Home Academy Partnership (HAP) will be sponsoring a Family Halloween Extravaganza on Sunday afternoon, October 27. There will be lots of food and fun activities for the family! All parish families are invited to attend!

Thank you to Father John for leading us in our Blessing of the Animals on Thursday, October 3. We were happy to have these wonderful "new students" join us!



Congratulations to our Aquinas Middle School House Leaders who were inducted this past First Friday! We wish all the best to our new House Leaders in these roles:
Amanda Benneh - Xavier House and Mary Gassib - Seton House.

May God continue to bless our school!!!

Sacramental Linens Ministry

- Sunday, October 6 - Toni Wagner
- Friday, October 11 - Chris Hanlon
- Sunday, October 13 - Lydia Piacentini
- Friday, October 18 - Barbara Behrens

Please Mark Your Calendars

If anyone would like to help in this ministry, please call Joan McAuliffe at (201) 891-1712. If you are unable to commit to six times a year, consider being a substitute.



SENIOR MINISTRY

Please Note: Chair Exercises

Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am
at the Parish Center



COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP

God bless you for sharing your **NEW or GENTLY** used items with us. **AT THIS TIME, WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING GENTLY WORN WINTER CLOTHING.**

All donations must be brought to the shed in the back of the parking lot. The key is at the Parish Center. Every donation is a blessing to the Sisters of Saint Joseph Retirement Community.



Help Us To Help Thy Dear Neighbor!

The Associates of the Sisters of Saint Joseph will once again be collecting coats for those in need. Please bring your coats with you to Mass the weekend of October 26 and 27. The coats can also be left on the porch of the Parish Center. Thank you for your support!

Religious Education



CCD GRADES 1-6



Prayer for the Beginning of Autumn

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

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First Communion



The First communion Meeting was held on October 1st. If you did not attend, a recap will be emailed home. Please pick up your folder with all the important information regarding First Reconciliation and Communion in the Religious Education Office located in the Parish Center M-F from 9:00-4:00.

Next CCD Classes Tuesday October 8th from 4:00-5:15



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Reminder:
Fall classes begin on October 8th.

Stewardship of Treasure

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good **Steward** requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

September 28-29: Parish Basket Collection: \$10,865

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God bless you,
Father John





Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest, NJ
201-768-7822

Sunday, October 6th from 11:00 am-2:00pm

Paramus Catholic H.S., Paramus, NJ
201-445-4466-ext. 104

Sunday, October 6th from 12:00-3:00pm

Tuesday, October 29th from 6:00-8:00pm

Immaculate Heart Academy, Oradell, NJ
201-445-6800

Sunday, October 20th from 11:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, October 24th from 6:30-8:30pm

Don Bosco Preparatory H.S., Ramsey, NJ
201-327-8003

Sunday, October 27th from 1:00-3:00pm

Bergen Catholic H.S., Oradell, NJ
201-261-1844

Wednesday, October 30th from 6:30-8:30pm

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Camp Acorn, Paramus, NJ
Volunteers Needed

Camp Acorn's school year programs serve children and young adults with multiple disabilities. Program is need of compassionate and responsible volunteers to help make the camp experience an unforgettable and fulfilling one.

If you would like more information please call Thaddeus, Communications & Development Coordinator at 201-785-1101.

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Third Saturday Mass

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place Closter for the Third Saturday Mass on **Saturday, October 19** at 12:00pm. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only those individuals directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. A support group, Meeting of Hope will follow the mass. For information please call 201-768-7565. The Fr. Jim McKenna Fund will be having a Spaghetti dinner with entertainment on Saturday, October 19th starting at 7:00pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Check out our website for information fatherjimckenna.org.



Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Newark



Become A Pilgrim for A Day

The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a one-day pilgrimage to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, on Saturday, October 26, 2019.** The pilgrimage will take place under the leadership of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. **Most Blessed Sacrament will offer a bus from our parking lot.** The features of the day will be a Rosary devotion and concelebrated Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine. Plan now to be a part of this Archdiocesan act of love and devotion in honor of Mary, Mother of the Church, in the beautiful national sanctuary dedicated to her honor. **The registration form is included in this bulletin.** Spaces are limited. We look forward to this day. For more information visit: <https://rcan.org> or <https://www.nationalshrine.org/history/> or <https://www.nationalshrine.org/visit/>.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Open your heart to God and your spouse. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. Go to www.wwme.org to find weekend dates and locations. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email: mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com.

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Legacy Society Prayer Service and Tea

On **Tuesday, October 29** at 2:00 pm, the Archdiocese of Newark will hold its annual Legacy Society Tea honoring all parishioners who have included their parish or the Archdiocese of Newark in their Will or who have made some other type of planned gift. The event begins with a Prayer Service in the Cathedral Basilica Lady Chapel and is followed by afternoon tea hosted by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. in his Residence. If you have named a parish in your Will or are in the process of doing so, you are eligible for membership in the Legacy Society. Please contact Margaret Konapaka at 973-497-4091 for further information.

Founded on the Past, Focused on the Future **Capital Campaign Update #3**

With the official end of summer and the start of a new school year upon us, we wanted to update you on the progress of the parish capital campaign.

During the month of August, about a dozen general contractors (as well as the various sub-contractors who work with them) visited the parish to inspect the church and review our parish plans for renovation and new construction.

Their final bids will be delivered to the Archdiocesan Office of Property Management on Monday, October 7. That office will offer its comments, and deliver all the bids to the parish, which will make the final decision.

At this time, it is anticipated that about eight of the twelve contractors who visited this summer are preparing to submit a bid. Once these proposals have been received at the parish, it will take two weeks to review all the documents. At the conclusion of that process, a decision will be made and, by the end of October the general contractor for the project will be named.

“We are certainly happy that a number of respected, well-established construction firms are considering this project,” said Tom Rybak, the architect for Most Blessed Sacrament. “Along with their bids, the contractors will be providing a narrative as to how they intend to approach the project, taking into account the costs involved for all three phases (chapel, community center and church) of the work we have planned.”

Mr. Rybak added that, “All of the contractors bidding on the project are aware of the parish’s intention to begin work as quickly as possible.”

With that in mind, it is anticipated that the official ground-breaking for the project will take place sometime in November.



SAVE THE DATES

Altar Server Training (Grades 4 and up):
4:00 pm Monday, October 7th



Parish Celebration of the Rosary:
7:00 pm Monday, October 7th

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick:
11:00 am Saturday, October 12th



Lector Formation:
7:00 pm Monday, October 21
Contact Fr. John at 201-891-4200 ext. 280
by October 11 to register
Registration is required.

Training for New Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy Communion:
7:00pm Monday, October 28
Contact Fr. John at 201-891-4200
x. 280
by October 18 to register
Registration is required.





**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
NEWARK ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019**

**THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN WASHINGTON, DC**

The Travelers Information Form below must be filled out and returned with your \$25.00 check (cost of bus transportation to and from DC). The actual cost is much higher but MBS has agreed to underwrite 50% of the bus cost. Remember to make your checks payable to Most Blessed Sacrament and mail or turn them in to the parish center to the attention of Rev. John Job. The address for Most Blessed Sacrament is 787 Franklin Lake Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

Our motorcoach will be departing at 5:30 am the morning of Saturday, October 26, 2019 from the MBS parking lot. Please arrive at least 20 minutes beforehand for check-in and seat assignments. When our motorcoach arrives in Franklin Lakes, do not board until your name is called. This will be done in the order of when your checks were received. If you are late in arriving, you may miss your name being called to board. We cannot save seats for those who arrive late. There are no refunds if the coach must depart without you, as all monies have already been disbursed. Because some of you need to arrange for rides on our return to Franklin Lakes in the evening, our estimated time of arrival will be approximately 10:00 pm.

The driving distance between Franklin Lakes and Washington, DC is approximately 250 miles. With a stop along the way for food, bathrooms, and to stretch our legs, driving time should be approximately 5 hours, barring any traffic problems we might encounter along the way. As for food, you may bring your own. However, lunch can be purchased at the basilica's cafeteria in DC, and dinner at the rest stop on our return.

Please keep the cell phone number of Gary...our group leader...with you on this trip. You may need to contact us when the group is separated. His cell is # 646-457-0730.

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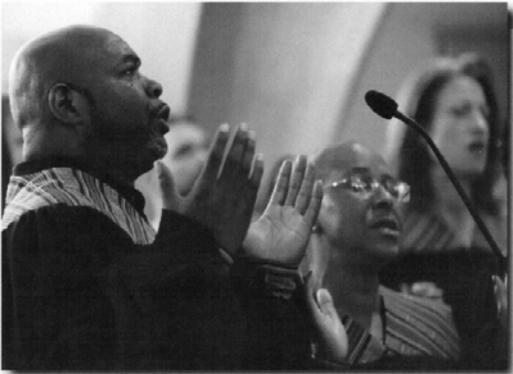
-TRAVELERS INFORMATION FORM

Name(s): _____ cell # _____

Address: _____ cell # _____
Home Tele # _____

Email: _____

Contact Person in Case of an Emergency:
Name: _____ Tele # _____



*The St. Anthony Parish Family and
The Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph
from Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in
Franklin Lakes proudly present*

The Concert for Hope

Featuring the Straight and Narrow Choir

Benefiting:

Catholic Charities, Straight and Narrow
www.ccpaterson.org/sn

Dawn's Place
www.ahomefordawn.org

Saturday Evening, October 26, 2019
St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church
276 Diamond Bridge Avenue
Hawthorne, NJ

Doors Open at 7:00PM
Concert Begins at 7:30PM

Featuring:

Performances by the Straight and Narrow Choir • Guest Speakers
Stories of Hope • Leaders in the Field of Recovery

Inspirational, Empowering, Fuel for Your Soul!

Tickets: \$10.00 Each
Pay at the door or in advance

Donations welcome

For more information, to make a donation or to purchase tickets, please contact
Debbie Duffy: 201-314-7508 or visit: www.ccpaterson.org/hope



Providing help - creating hope.



“Warm and Welcoming.”

RCIA Begins in October

If there is a single phrase that seems to best describe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) at Most Blessed Sacrament, it would be ‘warm and welcoming’.

The process, which invites new adult members into the parish community with the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil each year, will begin again on October 9.

“The process is both an educational one and a means to welcome these faith-filled adults to the Church and to our parish,” says Father John Job. “There are any number of reasons why someone might consider the R.C.I.A. path. Everyone has a different story, a different history and a personal journey in faith. Whatever brings them to us, all are welcome.”

The Rite of Christian Initiation has various components. One is a period of formal instruction in the sacraments and Catholic doctrine. At Most Blessed Sacrament, it is directed by Father John with the assistance of parishioners and others who have experienced the process. R.C.I.A. candidates are introduced to the parish community through the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance, and, during the Lenten season, they participate in the Rite of Election or Rite of Continuing Conversion, celebrations which take place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The process concludes with the Sacraments of Initiation, which are administered at the Easter Vigil by the Most Reverend John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and our *Pastor Emeritus*.

During the 2018-2019 year, Most Blessed Sacrament welcomed several adults into the parish community through the R.C.I.A. process. All of them had a different story about their own journey of faith.

William Pisani, a junior at Seton Hall University, had been baptized Catholic, attended CCD classes and had received First Communion at MBS while growing up in Oakland. However, he never received the sacrament of Confirmation.

“It had been on my mind for a while, something that I was always meaning to do for myself and my family,” he said. “My girlfriend and godmother encouraged me, but the path seemed a bit daunting.” While

Pisani could have attended R.C.I.A. sessions at Seton Hall, the meeting times at MBS were far more manageable.

Paige Murray grew up one of six children, but when her parents divorced, she drifted away from her Catholic background. As an adult, she realized that she “really wanted to fulfill the upbringing I’d had as a child. I had thought about it for a while and talked to a number of people, and everyone had such great things to say about Fr. John. I made the call, and joined the process, and I’m very glad that I did.”

Murray said that she appreciated the “personal” aspect of the process and its flexibility. “While there were required readings and instruction on different themes, the emphasis was on personal reflection, encouraging each of us to really think about our own faith experience.”

Murray’s feelings were echoed by Josh Delaney, who is an art teacher at the Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament this year. He and his wife Alicia Vitale Delaney were married by Father John in July.

“I was really not a practicing church-goer, growing up,” Delaney said. “But as my fiancé and I were planning our wedding, I knew this was something I wanted to do.”

At the time, however, Delaney was living in California, and he started his R.C.I.A. experience there.

“It turned out to be pretty overwhelming,” Delaney said. “I was one of a hundred twenty candidates and I just felt intimidated. My experience here was very different. There was much more one on one with Father John, and much more of a personal connection to the process. It was like a great new start for me.”

Anyone who might be the least bit reluctant to make the R.C.I.A. commitment should find encouragement from the experiences of last year’s participants.

“If I had to give someone advice about the process,” said William Pisani, “it would be to not feel embarrassed, hesitant or uncomfortable. My R.C.I.A. experience was not only a journey of faith, but also an educational experience and an opportunity to become more engaged in the parish. Father John went out of his way to work with each person individually, and making all of us feel a special part of the group. It was truly a warm and welcoming experience.”

Registration for the 2019-2020 R.C.I.A. process is open now. Interested adults should contact the Parish Center at 201-891-4200 x. 280. The first meeting will take place on October 9 at 7:00 pm.

The Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, October 12

The Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament

11:00 am

Before the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), those who received the Anointing of the Sick were usually very near death, hence the names “last rites” or “extreme unction (final anointing)” identified when this sacrament was celebrated. After the revision of the rite of the Anointing of the Sick, the idea was stressed that this sacrament was to be celebrated as one of healing that encompasses the whole person in mind, body, and spirit. One does not have to be on “death’s bed” to celebrate this sacrament, but open to the healing power and prayers of the Church, praying and anointing in God’s name, as directed by the practices of the early Church: “Are there people sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up.” (James 5:13-14).

The celebration of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of faith, a belief that God is with us, cares deeply for us, and desires our wholeness. When this sacrament is administered, the priest lays hands on the head of the sick, silently prays for them, and then anoints the person with the oil of the sick, one of the three blessed oils used sacramentally, on their forehead and hands.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated at home or at a bedside, with a few close members of the family gathered to support their loved one, witnessing the prayers of the Church and the anointing of their loved one by the priest. This sacrament is also celebrated communally, where members of the faith community who seek to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick are gathered with others in the community, known and unknown to them, who hold them with their prayerful support and presence. The community witnesses to the strength that comes from sharing concern, love, and the prayers of the faith that enfold us in the truth that we are called united in Christ who “humbled himself to share in our humanity.” **The Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick within Mass on Saturday, October 12th at 11:00am.**

See the invitation on the reverse side of this insert .

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick **within Mass**

On Saturday, 12 October at 11:00am, Most Blessed Sacrament will celebrate the Mass of the Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament confers a special grace on those experiencing difficulties brought on by illness, old age, or emotional stress. Please consider attending so that you can receive the comfort and peace of this beautiful Sacrament. Caregivers are certainly welcome to be present.

If you are not in need of the Sacrament at this time, but you wish to prayerfully support those who do at this Mass, you are cordially invited to attend.

Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin for a fuller explanation about the meaning of the Sacrament.

To better accommodate those attending the Mass and sharing in light refreshments that will follow, please contact Father John at the Parish Center (201) 891-4200 x. 280 or e-mail him (jjob.mbs@gmail.com) to give your information or complete the form below which you can return to the Parish Center or drop in the collection basket. Please notify us by Tuesday, 8 October. Thank you.

Please see the reverse side for more information.

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick – 12 October

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Number of people who will be accompanying me: _____

_____ I am in need of assistance with transportation (a member of our committee can assist)

The Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Franklin Lakes, New Jersey

Lector Workshop

for

New Lectors

and Continuing Lectors

Do you feel called to be a lector who proclaims the Scriptures at Mass? The lector brings the Word of God to life for the gathered assembly - a prayerful gift of ministry to the Community of Most Blessed Sacrament. We will have a lector workshop on **Monday, 21 October** from **7pm to 9pm in the Church**. Please attend this workshop if you are considering the call to serve. Also consider attending if you are one of our "veteran" lectors looking for an evening of renewal in the ministry or if you have previous lector experience in another parish and would like to serve here at MBS. Finally, if you are a high school student looking for a way to serve your parish, this may be the ministry for you. Topics include:

Scripture and Liturgy
Spirituality of the Lector

Procedures for Lectors at Most Blessed Sacrament

If you have any questions and/or wish to sign up,
please contact Father John. Thank you.

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Register by Friday, October 11th. Registration is required.

The Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament
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Workshop
for
New
and Continuing
Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion

Do you feel called to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMOHC)? After proper training, the EMOHC is mandated by the Archbishop of the Archdiocese to assist the priest in administering the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful: at Sunday Mass, at daily Mass, and in bringing Communion to the sick and homebound.

We will have an EMOHC workshop on **Monday, 28 October** from **7pm to 9pm in the Church**. Please attend this workshop if you are considering the call to serve. Also consider attending if you are a "veteran" EMOHC looking to be updated. Please note that, according to Archdiocesan guidelines, an EMOHC must be 18 years of age or older; be a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, that is, they must have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion); and be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.

Topics include:

Spirituality and Theology of the Ministry
Visiting the Sick
Procedures for the EMOHC at Most Blessed Sacrament

If you have any questions and/or wish to sign up,
please contact Father John. Thank you.

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Register by Friday, October 18th.

Registration is required.