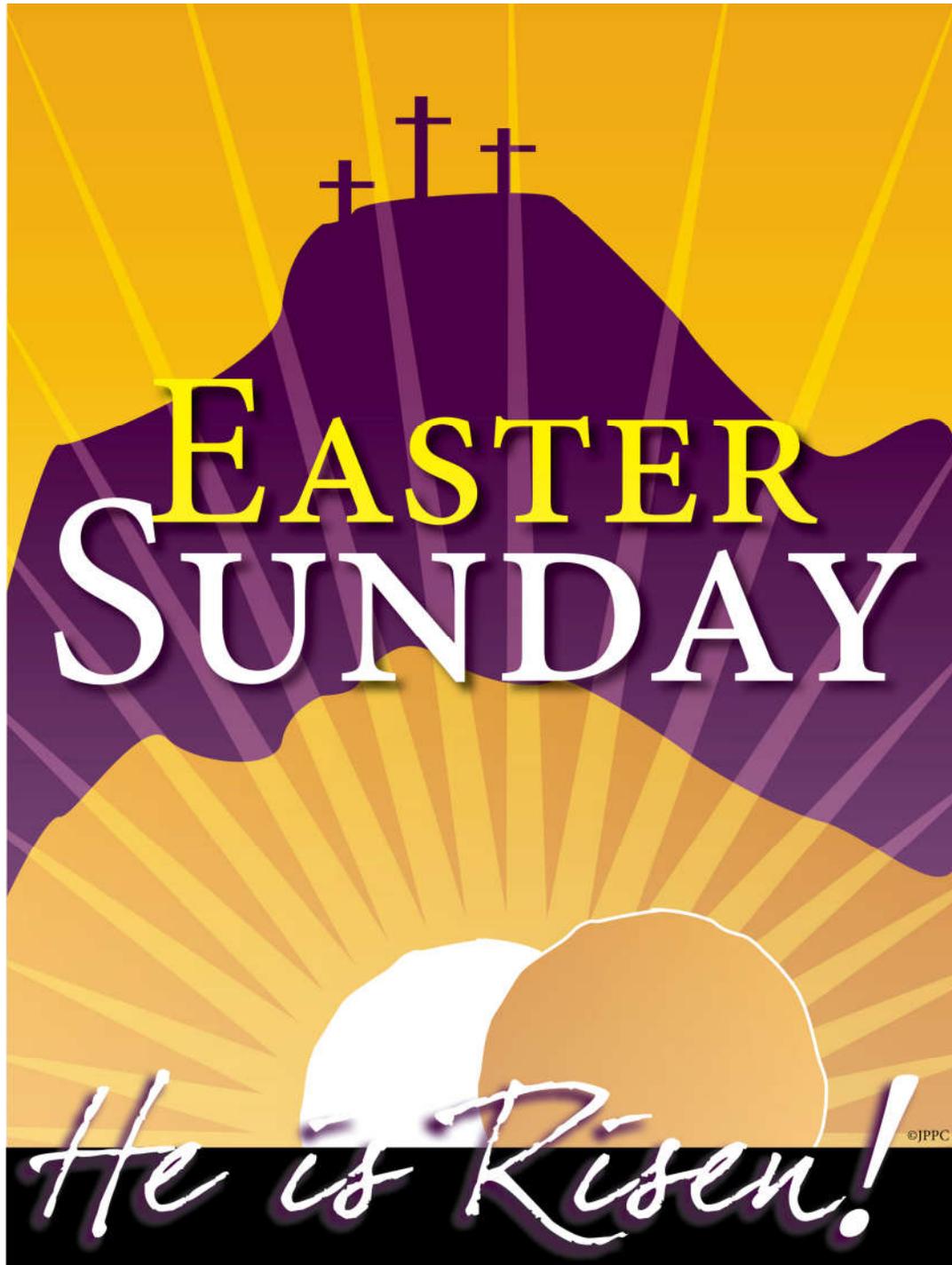


**Most Blessed Sacrament  
Roman Catholic Church  
Franklin Lakes, New Jersey**



**Easter Sunday  
April 12, 2020**

## ABOUT OUR PARISH

**REVEREND JOHN R. JOB,**  
Pastor

**MOST REVEREND JOHN W. FLESEY,**  
Pastor Emeritus

**REVEREND JOSEPH O'BRIEN, O. CARM.,**  
Weekend Assistant

**SISTER ROSE MARIE KEAN, S.S.J.,**  
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Local Safe Environment Coordinator

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Junior High Grades 7 & 8

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**BARRY DONNELLY,**  
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**DAVID MAIULLO,**  
Music Director: Choirs and Organist

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**LAUREN LONGO, Ph.D.,**  
Office of the Auxiliary Bishop  
and Parish Administrative Assistant

**CHERYL HENDRICKS,**  
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**BARBARA SCHAAF,**  
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### **MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH PARISH OFFICE**

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Hours:

Monday through Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

***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*



## STAY CONNECTED WITH MBS



Be sure to stay connected with us. For Mass broadcasts, prayerful resources and updates on our rebuilding process,

log on to our website:

[www.mostblessedsacrament.ws](http://www.mostblessedsacrament.ws)

and our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Most-Blessed-Sacrament-Church-969215356503252>.

For Facebook, you can also connect with the link on our website. Remember, Jesus is the vine and we are the branches...let's stay connected!

### **DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL???**

During these days the Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament wants to keep in touch with you. If you are not receiving information from us, perhaps it is because we do not have your e-mail. If we do not, would you please take a moment, to send your e-mail address to [kpastor@mbschurchnj.org](mailto:kpastor@mbschurchnj.org). Let's stay connected!

### **MASSES**

Saturdays: 5:30pm

Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 Noon

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin for Times

Week Days : 6:45 & 9:15am

Saturdays: 9:00am

#### **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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I am writing this Easter column on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent, the last day of the month, March 31<sup>st</sup>. I do so because of production deadlines as issued by the bulletin company. What has transpired in the days between March 31<sup>st</sup> and Easter Sunday, I do not know. Nevertheless, my greeting to you is the same: Happy Easter!

I regret that we are not able to celebrate the Easter feast with you in person. I especially regret that we are not able to celebrate the Rite of Christian Initiation with our Elect and the candidates at the Easter Vigil this year. Because of that, I ask each and everyone of you to lift them up in your prayers: Philip Doyle who is being received into the Catholic Church; Anthony Ferrer, Alexandria Kolodko, and Alexander Sica who are completing their sacraments of initiation; Joshua Tham, one of our Academy students who is being received into the Catholic Church; and Amanda DiFlora, a member of the Elect who is seeking to be baptized. We look forward to celebrating these sacraments on a Sunday in the near future.

I pray that this Easter will be a special time of grace for you and your families. Easter Sunday celebrates the fact that death does not have the last word. Christ's resurrection enables us to share in eternal life with him. This is the great mystery that we celebrate at Easter; this is the great mystery we celebrate each time we gather for Mass.

We will be praying for each of you especially on this great day! May the "Alleluia" of our faith resound in you wherever you find yourself at Easter.

On the day when we can come together in person for Mass, we will repeat the words of today's Easter psalm (118): *This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.*"

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Father John Job*  
Pastor

## STEWARDSHIP...Your Help is Needed

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In difficult and challenging times, families stick together and take care of each other. Your parish family is no different, and that is why we are asking for your help.

Most Blessed Sacrament is always grateful for the weekly stewardship that our parishioners offer the parish. Your contributions fund the necessary day to day operations of the parish, its ministries and outreach programs, and the critical expenses associated with it. Because of the crisis, the usual steady flow of income - as generated by the weekly collection - has been severely affected.

As our website ([www.mostblessedsacrament.ws](http://www.mostblessedsacrament.ws)) indicates, we urge our parishioners to continue their financial stewardship of Most Blessed Sacrament in several ways:

- Online giving through Parish Giving...a convenient and secure way to make your weekly offering by using a credit card or bank transfer.
- Online giving through PayPal...a newer option for our parish.
- Online giving through GoFundMe. Share this link with friends on social media.
- Sending your envelopes or checks by way of the mail or dropping them off in the mail slot on the door of the Franklin Lake Road side of the parish center.

Information about all of these payment options is available on our website.

In my March 1<sup>st</sup> column, I quoted Cardinal Tobin's definition of stewardship: "It is what we do, with what we have, when we believe in God." I have every confidence that you will do your very best to help our Parish.

May God bless you and your families as we respond in faith, rely on hope, and share the love of Christ in our hearts.

*Father John Job*  
Pastor



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 11

7:30 pm Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April 12

7:30 am Our Parish Family  
 9:00 am Elaine Murray LaGuardia (Marie Pastore)  
 10:30 am Mike Guerrasio (Family)  
 12:00 pm Dr. Larry Pizzo (Family)

### Monday, April 13

6:45 am Vincent J. Vonzwehl (Rosemary Vonzwehl)  
 9:15 am Soledad Balein (John & Blanche Carabuena)

### Tuesday, April 14

6:45 am Peter Pfeiffer (Family)  
 9:15 am Richard Moskal (Bello Family)

### Wednesday, April 15

6:45 am Elaine LaGuardia (Jerry LaGuardia)  
 9:15 am Jan Karwowski (Karwowski Family)

### Thursday, April 16

6:45 am Darren Was (Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Ged)  
 9:15 am Patrick McLaren (Lori Flynn)

### Friday, April 17

6:45 am Jorge Moure (Cornerstone)  
 9:15 am Bishop & Neues Family (Kathy Messano)

### Saturday, April 18

9:15 am Jack Collins (JoAnn & Gregg Irwin)  
 5:30 pm May Massood (Massood Family)

### Sunday, April 19

8:00 am Our Parish Family  
 10:00 am Dr. John Scarpa (Family)  
 12:00 pm Mario Hroncich (Nick Hroncich & Family)



### THE BREAD AND WINE

In memory of Deceased Members of the Massood Family  
 Requested by The Massood Family

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

In memory of Deceased Members of the Palazzone &  
 D'Amore Families  
 Requested by The Massood Family

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL PUBLIC WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES ARE SUSPENDED IN THE ARCHDIOCESE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**Many of our regular parish ministries (for example, Choir rehearsal, Bereavement Ministry, Senior Chair exercises and our Community Thrift Shop) are currently "on hiatus" because of current health concerns. We have temporarily removed the announcements about these programs from the Sunday bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Center.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### SACRAMENTAL LINENS MINISTRY

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.

## MBS RESTORATION FUND

Needless to say, everyone in our parish family has been stunned and heart-broken by the fire at MBS, but we are united in our resolve to build again and to move forward as a Catholic community.

A number of parishioners have already come forward to offer their financial support to these rebuilding efforts. Should you wish to support the parish in this effort, we invite you to make a tax-deductible contribution to the MBS Restoration Fund.

Please make your checks payable to *The Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament* (write MBS Restoration Fund on the memo line). Mail to the MBS Parish Center, 787 Franklin Lake Road, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417.

God Bless You,  
*Father John*

## SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST: THE 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

The 2020 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have about \$50,400 already pledged. This is approximately **63% of our goal** of \$80,000. The outpouring of support helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

I am also happy to remind you that **100% of every dollar raised above goal will be returned to our parish**. Therefore, if we achieved \$100,000, MBS would receive a rebate in the amount of \$20,000.

I encourage you to join me in prayerfully considering making a gift or you may choose to make a pledge instead, which can be fulfilled through the end of the year. Please use the pledge form that was mailed to you or you can visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support.

Peace,

*Father John*  
Pastor

## PRAYER LIST

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

### **"A time to be healed"**

**Parish Sick:** Gene and Tery Velarde, Debbie Innocenti, Chris Dilenno, Theresa Hanes (sister of Stella Fellingner), Bill Schafer, Marion Goudy, Joseph Rechichi, Ivan Castellanos, Agnes Gallagher, Jackie Kobes, Patricia Pohns, James Gruber (brother of Judy Medeiros), Rylan Davidson, Anya Fagien, Baby Leah Cicchino, Margherita Chiciulla, Sara Culkun, Christine Wyllie, Mary Dilenno, Michael Maher, Rose McConway, Mimoo Khodadi, Linda Brown Gearity, Florence Gorsky, Marian Jakubik, Alice Peisch, Jeff Cotugno, Robert Cotugno and Those Dealing with Mental Illness and Addiction

### **"A time to mourn"**

**Recently Deceased:** Dr. Enrico Gonzalez, Eugene Rotella, Lawrence A. Guarino, Rosalie Triolo, Domenica Hroncich, Juliette Kehoe, and all those who grieve them 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 Mucks, Liam Berrett Hall, Thomas Duffy, Jason Bottamedi and Delaney Williams



### **eGiving through Parish Giving!**

**Please sign up to give electronically through Parish Giving. Visit the parish website at**

**[www.mostblessedsacrament.ws](http://www.mostblessedsacrament.ws) and click on the Parish Giving button. We prefer the safe and secure Parish Giving program for collecting your weekend offertory. No more envelopes or last-minute check writing! Electronic giving is safe and easy for you. It is good stewardship which is appreciated by the parish. For additional information, please visit Parish Giving at [www.paritygiving.org](http://www.paritygiving.org).**

## BEEFSTEAK DINNER



Due to the current health crisis and concerns regarding the potential spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-10), the Most Blessed Sacrament School and Education Foundation Annual Beefsteak Dinner originally scheduled for March 23rd, has been postponed and is **rescheduled for September 21, 2020 at the Brownstone.**

## VIRTUALLY THE SAME

While we are all at home, Bishop Flesey and Father John have continued to lead the parish in worship virtually.



Still ushering: Joe Puzio remains 'on duty', even at home.

The Maloof's are really missing going to Mass each Sunday (even Maddy) and really look forward to seeing Father John and Bishop Flesey on the TV at home.



Father John prays the Stations of the Cross for the children of the parish.



## A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN ABOUT SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Have you ever heard the expression, *Spiritual Communion*?

The expression *Spiritual Communion* has not been a regular part of our Catholic vocabulary in the recent past, but it is a practice in the Roman Catholic Church.

Saint Jean Marie Vianney, who lived in France in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries and who is the patron saint of parish priests said, "If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by Spiritual Communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God."

"When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a Spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice," wrote Saint Teresa of Jesus, "by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you." Saint Teresa of Jesus was a mystic from Spain who lived in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

The great theologian and Doctor of the Church Saint Thomas Aquinas (13<sup>th</sup> century) described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him" at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion.

Certainly, these weeks - as we deal with the Coronavirus - have seen the necessity for Spiritual Communion as we find ourselves self-isolating and in quarantine situations.

Spiritual Communion requires the same disposition as the actual reception of the Sacrament and a turning to Jesus with the heart.

One of the most popular prayers of Spiritual Communion is one composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori (an Italian moral theologian) in the 1700s:

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive  
You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself  
wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.*

In these days when we are not be able to attend Mass, let us rely on the wisdom of Saints Jean Marie Vianney, Thomas Aquinas, Teresa of Jesus, and Alphonsus Liguori. May their intercession help us all during this challenging time. Holy Saints of God, pray for us!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CCD Registration 2020-21** CCD registration for Grades 1-8 for next year was emailed on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The dates for the Summer program are June 25<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30-12:30 at the AMBS School. All 5 days are mandatory. In the event there are additional school days, the Summer Program days may be shifted. Due to the current situation along with the health and safety of all, we are requesting that "ALL" Registrations for the Summer CCD Program be mailed from home. We rarely put anyone on a waiting list for the Summer program and will make every effort to accommodate everyone this year in light of the circumstances.

\*\*The Confirmation Summer program is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00-3:30pm or August 17 -21 from 9:00-11:30. Registrations forms will be emailed separately.

### **JUNIOR HIGH NOTES**

Thank you to all the home study students who have completed and handed in your online work, books and signed bulletins. Registration materials have been emailed to all the 7th graders. Those 8th grade students can be on the lookout later this month for the registration materials for the Confirmation Program. If you have not completed your home study work, or if you attended class and did not hand in your missing lessons and/or signed bulletins; you will not be able to register for next year's program until everything is handed in.



### **DID YOU KNOW???**

*By the 50th day (the second month of pregnancy) the unborn child has highly pigmented eyes.*

## **ACADEMY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**



### **A 2016 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL!!!**

Even if we are not in school currently, we are ALWAYS OPEN for a private conversation with our Principal, Dr. Altonjy, to explore the possibility of enrolling at AMBS for the 2020 – 2021 school year! We are offering Pre-K programs for 2, 3, and 4 year old children! We also have a Transitional Kindergarten full day class and, of course, Grades K – 8! Be part of the excitement here – call and leave a message...201.891.4250, extension 4. Dr. Altonjy checks his voicemail messages regularly.

Also you may reach us by sending an email to [admissions@rcmbs.org](mailto:admissions@rcmbs.org). *We are very proud of our school and would love to hear from you!!!*



**DON'T DELAY – take advantage of the generous \$500 grants available from the Most Blessed Sacrament School & Education Foundation to be applied to tuition for next year!!! For further information, please visit our website: [ambs.org](http://ambs.org).**

With the physical school building of AMBS closed until further notice, our school community continues to learn together remotely each day! May God continue to be with us as we explore our studies together in many locations and pray for those around us who are affected both directly and indirectly!

**May God continue to bless our school!**

## **LOCAL PARISH NEWS**

### **THE 7 LAST WORDS**

#### ***A Lenten Video Reflection Series***

Join Immaculate Conception Seminary School as we reflect on the last words of Jesus during this holy season of prayer and repentance. Subscribe today at: [www.shu.edu/lentenseries](http://www.shu.edu/lentenseries)

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

A peaceful vigil to help unborn babies and put an end to abortion. For more information or to sign up contact: Margaret at 201-805-0937/ [scullyfam@yahoo.com](mailto:scullyfam@yahoo.com).



### **ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HS IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

from qualified 8th grade students for September 2020 admission. Please call for more info. at 201-391-3300 or email: [admissions@sjrnj.org](mailto:admissions@sjrnj.org). **Join us for our Open House on April 30th.**