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We invite you to celebrate the Holy Eucharist

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.
Weekdays	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:00 a.m. & Saturday - 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days	Times vary - consult the bulletin

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel or by appointment.

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated twice monthly on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. The Pre-Baptism Program is required for all first-time parents. The program is held the first Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October and December at 8:00 p.m. in the Daily Mass Chapel. Arrangements for Baptism and the parents' program are made through the parish office.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT



The family of Most Holy Redeemer Church is a Roman Catholic community centered in the Eucharist and the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed with many gifts and talents, we celebrate the presence of Christ in the joy of the Holy Spirit, affirming and strengthening each other's faith through worship, sacraments and service to our neighbor, all for the glory of God.

We welcome all through faith and Baptism to join us.

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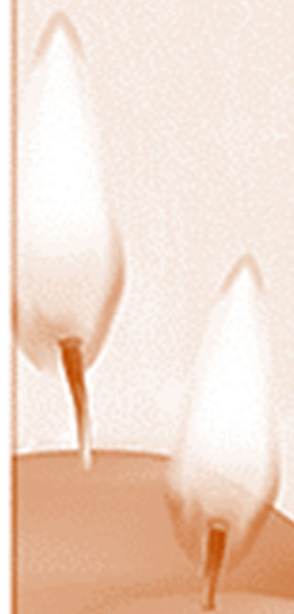
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"For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!"

— Pope Francis



Second Sunday
of ADVENT

Love



MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00AM -BILL DOLAN
-r/o Joseph Resciniti

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00AM -JOHN MATTHEW PLATT
-r/o Thomas & Krystina Putko & Family
7:30PM -WILLIAM DUNDAS, III
-r/o Annette Dundas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00AM -ANGIE PANULLA
-r/o Susan & William Terrill

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00AM -KEITH DYSON
-r/o Scott & Debbie Dyson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00AM -BERNADETTE & RAYMOND RYAN AND
RACHEL & JAMES MURRAY
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy
5:00PM -JOSEPH CONNELLY
-r/o Laura Jean Palma

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00AM -TED MARCIN
-r/o Sylvia Marcin
10:00AM -MABEL DE SALES
-r/o Beulah Remedios
11:30AM -DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
CALENDRILO, PELLIGRA AND
CHYZANOWSKI FAMILIES
-r/o Roseann Chyzanowski



IN MEMORY OF

Carmela & Arthur Gizzarelli Josephine Pospishil
Anthony & Elizabeth Pacilio Joseph Connolly

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

People of the Parish Richard Wiersbicki
Brian Law



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p. m., Monday – Friday and will be closed 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. for lunch. **Face masks and social distancing are required until further notice.**



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

- Blood Drive, Thursday, January 21, 2021, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Desmond Hall.
- All other parish events have been canceled until further notice.

WEB PAGE

For updated bulletin information, please go to www.mhr-parish.org.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

There are no Masses during the summer months. Holy Name Mass and meetings will resume at a date TBD.



TABERNACLE LIGHT

Tabernacle candle in the Church burns this week in loving memory of Anne Del Mastro
r/o The LaCava 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, Peter Skujins, Cindy Junquet, Kenneth Kramer, Timothy McGravey, Beatriz Castillo, Dolores Nee, Marieann Poplaski, Lucy Littlefield, Jean Marie Brigandi, Maryann Hughes, Germaine Raimo, Sandra Steinberger, Frank Roberts, Lenny Gatti, Sumanta Chowdhuri, Nicole E. Montagna, Nico Oneto, Alex Berg, Wendy Oates, Robert C. Pederson, Marie Scifo, Patrick Barry, Toni O'Rourke, William Sohor, Robert Conte, Jose Pacheco, Kathleen Lau, Kimberly Perry, Jackson Christian Thomas, Miguel Ley, Marie Ciezka, Betty Pulido, Charley Goldsmith, Louis Martinez, Joel Rivera, Margaret Podolsky, Ida Morales, Columbia Emilio, Andrew Gasperchek, Dominic DiFede, Jose Santos, Nora Decker, Adelaide Whelan, Faye Parrilla, Debbie Mangano, Karell Christian Bernardo, Anna Schiano, Maryanne Rini, Carmela Fabrizio, Carol Ann Granata, Terry McCormick, Frank Piccillo, Gene Antonelli, William Stefanelli, Vito Vitiello, Ruth Ikan, Amelia Weiland, Frank Piccillo, Dominick Perez and Bryce Lomas.

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.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL
FROM OUR PARISH**

Patrick Atherton, U. S. Army
Alex Barnhard, U.S. Navy

Jason Del Duca, U.S. Air Force
Krystal L. Godowski, U.S. Army
Matthew B. Kaplan, U.S. Army
Michael Lanzafama, U.S. Army
Richard A. Lapp, U.S. Navy
Douglas Leo, U.S. Army
Robert C. McCann, U.S. Marines
Christopher Putko, U.S. Navy
James Putko, U.S. Navy
Robert Putko, U. S. Navy
Michael J. Sanzone, U.S. Army
Mark G. Sieczkowski, U.S. Navy
Thomas Welch, U.S. Army

If you have a family member who is an active-duty member of the military and wish to have their name added to the Military Prayer list, please call the parish office at 732-566-9334.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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 were collected every weekend at Mass.

St. Lawrence Food Pantry has reopened. The Pantry will be open on **Saturdays only** from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Face masks are required. Social distancing is in practice.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS



Confessions will be heard at the usual time (4:00 – 4:30 p.m.) in the CCD building's main hallway. The entrance is through the exterior doors to the parish hall.

Masks must be worn. Adequate social distancing will be maintained. **No** appointment is necessary.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS



Please call the Parish Office to register. **The next Pre-Baptism class will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. in the Church.** Masks must be worn. Adequate social distancing will be maintained.



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

<i>Weekend of November 21/22, 2020:</i>	\$5584
<i>Weekend of November 28/29, 2020:</i>	\$4993
<i>Weekend of Nov.30/Dec. 1, 2019:</i>	\$6831
<i>Additional Collection for All Souls:</i>	\$170



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Diocesan Missions' Office sent a letter of thanks for our parishioner's World Mission Sunday contribution of \$1523. Thank you for doing your part once again in supporting the missionary work of the Catholic Church. You help to spread the love of Christ through your support of Catholic missionaries.

Registration for the Christmas Masses will be available on our parish website beginning Sunday, December 13th, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

God bless you,
Father Carina



GIVING TREE

We are collecting gift cards for Madison Center, CPC Behavioral Healthcare, Ozanam Shelter, and St Vincent De Paul. We are accepting cards from any local grocery or department store, as well as Mastercard, Visa, and Amex branded cards. Cards can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office or dropped in the basket at all weekend Masses. Cards are due back this Sunday.



**MEMORANDUM TO ALL
MOST HOLY REDEEMER
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

As per Father Carina, if anyone needs to take Communion to the elderly, sick, or homebound, please **DO NOT** go to the tabernacle on your own to take the host. If you need to bring Communion to someone, please ask Father Carina, Deacon Keith, or Deacon Bob, and they will get the host for you. Only the Deacons or Priest are allowed to take Communion from the tabernacle. Due to the current COVID situation, it is not sanitary and risky if we have multiple people handling the ciborium and putting your hand inside it to remove the host.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend will be for the Christmas Flowers. Please **PRINT loved ones' names clearly and legibly so they may appear correctly in the bulletin**



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated Tuesday, December 8th, at 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. This is a Holy Day of obligation.



BOY SCOUTS

Scout Troop 129 will be offering their hand-decorated wreaths for sale as a fundraiser this weekend, after all, Masses. Wreaths are available decorated in several different color schemes to match your décor. Wreaths will be \$17, Kissing Balls, \$20, and Grave Blankets are \$40. The members of our troop are thankful for the blessing of your ongoing support. Tell your friends! All safety protocols will adhere to COVID-19, including social distancing.



OPLATEK CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Oplatek Christmas Wafers are a favorite tradition in Europe, particularly in Poland, Slovakia and Lithuania. We have a limited supply available in the parish office for \$1.00 each. Come in and pick up your Oplatek Wafer for your Christmas meal.

Advent

Second Week of Advent



Gracious Father, pour your love into our hearts so that we may love more fully all those whom you love. Please help us understand the needs of others, as you were understanding of the needs of all people and sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday, December 23rd

11:00 a.m. – 12 noon

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Face masks are mandatory

Confessions heard in the CCD hallway. Entrance through the Parish Hall

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 31st – New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2021 – New Year's Day

8:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.



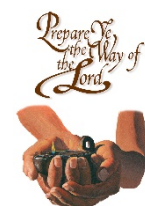
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Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and mercy acts. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet, years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious help provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. The collection is scheduled for the weekend of December 12/13. Please be generous.



SHOP AT AMAZON SUPPORT THE PARISH

If you shop on Amazon, you can help support the parish by designating Most Holy Redeemer Church as the charity you wish to support. Eligible purchases will result in Amazon donating a portion to the parish. You do have to designate Most Holy Redeemer Church, Matawan, NJ, as your charity. You also have to use the Amazon Smile site instead of the normal Amazon site. It is the same merchandise and account as Amazon, but it allows you to be connected by the Amazon Smile Program. To check it out, go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and log in using your personal Amazon account or, if you do not have one, click on "create one." Select a charity by typing Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, click the search tab and select the one that says Matawan, NJ. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your support.



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."

-Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives for the lives of others as well.



PARISH BLOOD DRIVE HELP NEEDED!

New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, **Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.** At this time, the blood supply is critically low – **PLEASE HELP.**

To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing.

DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom-free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions.

Please be aware that we **DO NOT test for COVID-19.** You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested. Remember to eat, drink, and bring your Donor ID or ID with your name and photo.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

It was a football weekend at the University of Notre Dame. Sacred Heart basilica was packed. People from all over streamed forward in a straight line, holding open their hands—tender hands with well-formed nails, broad hands accustomed to strength. A few opened their mouths. All had straight white teeth. And I kept saying it: "Body of Christ." And they replied: "Amen." "Body of Christ." "Amen." "Body of Christ." "Amen." The multitudes streamed toward the Lord.

Then I saw him in line. He didn't fit among the well-dressed crowd. Scraggly long hair. Shorts (in November?). Hiking boots. Gray wool socks with red stripes. He might have walked in straight from the Appalachian Trail. What was he doing here? He stopped in front of me and opened his hands to receive the One who was mightier than he. Eager for the One he so obviously loved, his eyes gleamed with joy.

I wondered if John the Baptist were here among us, is this what he would look like? Would he choose to unsettle the status quo deliberately? Would he intend to show us how transitory this life is? Would he want us to be cognizant that all earthly things will pass away? That this glorious building, with these good-looking people celebrating this famed football team—would John the Baptist rail at us not to forget that all is nothing compared to the grandeur of the One who comes to us at Christmas? In spite of our self-assurance that we control the present, would he remind us that we are simple Advent people—never secure in the now, always on a tenuous trek to something more? Maybe he would. Maybe he should.

I focused back on my task for those who flowed forward, offering food for the journey: "Body of Christ." "Amen." "Body of Christ..."

Consider/Discuss:

- Unexpected events unsettle our surety. What has sharpened our focus, made us realize that this earthly life is not sufficient, not all there is? Where has God been in those moments?
- In this tenuous Advent of our lives, paths are not always straight, mountains can seem high, valleys can feel abysmally low. How can we be like John the Baptist for each other, helping to prepare the way for the Lord?

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Lord, with you, one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like one day. Yet, we can become so focused on what we are doing right here and now that we lose sight of your bigger picture. Sharpen our eyes to see your broader vision. You alone are enough. Ready us to receive your forgiveness as we prepare for your coming, eager to be found without spot or blemish. Come, Emmanuel, come and be born in our hearts!

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Advent | Mark 1:1-8

BE AWARE, PREPARE!

John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, was sent to Baptize many people and prepare them for the coming of Jesus, the True Messiah.

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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

We begin the second week of Advent preparing ourselves for the Messiah. Our Advent wreath has 4 candles (3 purple, 1 rose/pink) for the four Sundays, or weeks before Christmas. The more candles we light, the brighter it gets, and the closer we are to the birth of Christ.

WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle.
Draw flames on 2 purple candles and
color the holly leaves green.

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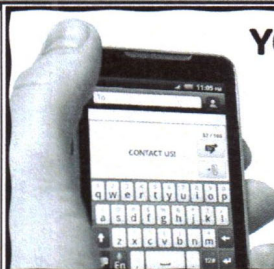


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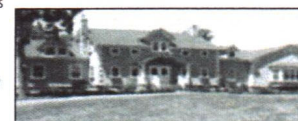
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