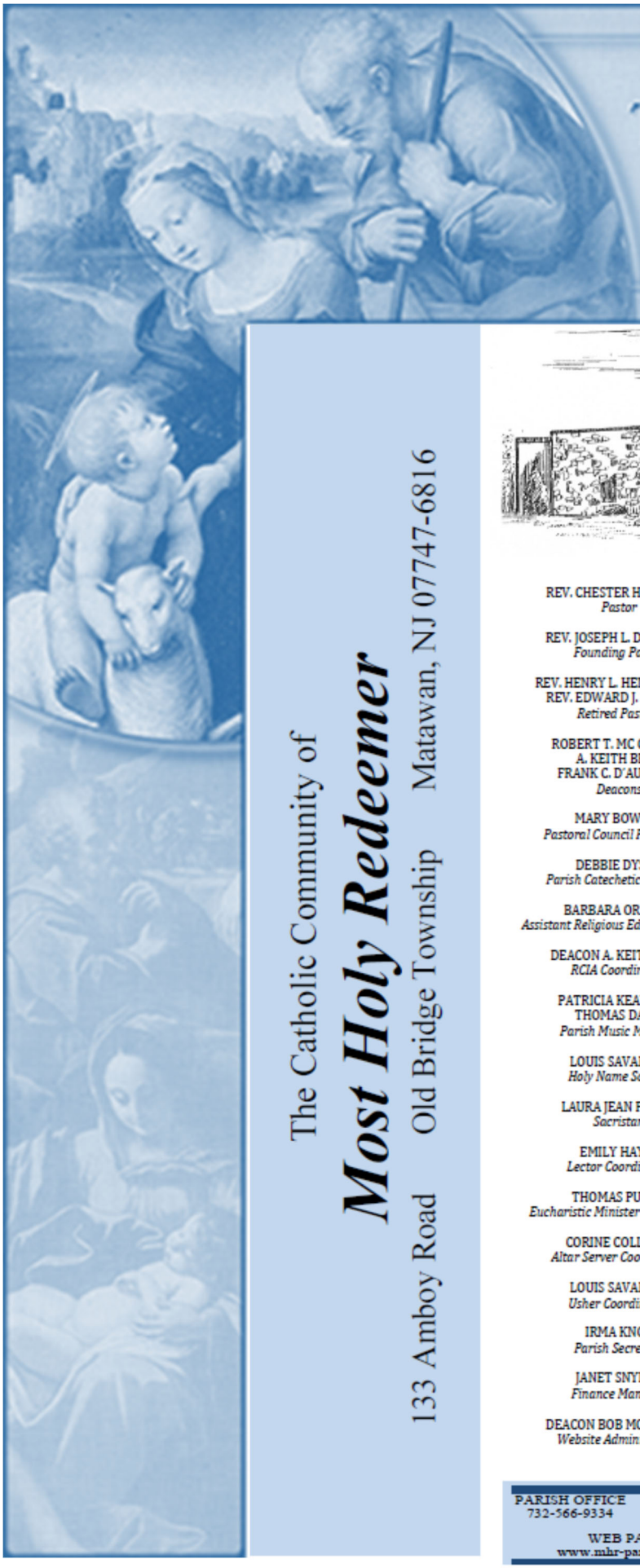

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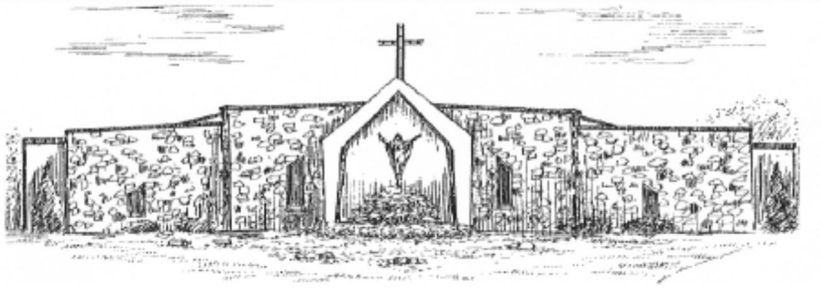

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We invite you to celebrate the Holy Eucharist

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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MONDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:00AM -CHARLES AGAR
-r/o Linda & Joe Brady

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29
8:00AM -CHARLES AGAR
-r/o Betty Colovito

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30
8:00AM -JACKIE LOMBARDI
-r/o Pat Keaveney & Most Holy Redeemer Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEARS EVE
5:00PM -HILARIA QUILLAO & ROMMEL QUILLAO
-r/o Corazón Medina & Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 – NEW YEARS DAY
8:00AM -STEPHEN STERUSKY
-r/o Paul Gumeny
10:00AM -JULIA ZEBROWSKI
-r/o Somnie Medina & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2
9:00AM -CHARLES AGAR
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Stephen McInerney
5:00PM -WILLIAM & MARY STEFANELLI
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3
8:00AM -TIMOTHY LOFUS
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Don Green
10:00AM -FRANK FALCONE
-r/o Mary Falcone
11:30AM -DENNIS RYAN
-r/o Kathy & Deacon Bob McGovern

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

People of the Parish
Maria Buonpane

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed Friday, January 1st and will reopen on Monday, January 4th at 8:30 a.m.

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 Catherine Zoppo & Jenny Vitola
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 Pacheo, Kathleen Lau, Kimberly Perry, Jackson Christian Thomas, Miguel Ley, Marie Ciezbka, 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

Weekend of December 19/20, 2020: ***$6405***
Additional Christmas Flower Collection: ***$125***

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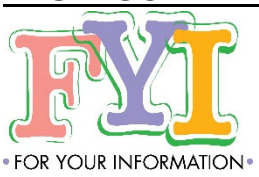
If you shop on Amazon, you can help support the parish by designating Most Holy Redeemer Church as the charity you wish to support. Eligible purchases will result in Amazon donating a portion to the parish. You do have to designate Most Holy Redeemer Church, Matawan, NJ, as your charity. You also have 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.

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.**

2021 BOX ENVELOPES

Please note that the 2021 box envelopes were mailed to your home address this year due to the pandemic. If you did not receive your envelopes, please notify the parish office.



MEMORANDUM TO ALL MOST HOLY REDEEMER EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My personal thanks to our church decorating team, our ushers, Holy Name members, our sacristan and maintenance man who were involved in the decoration of the Church, inside and out, and to all those who participated in our Christmas Masses as, eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, music ministry and, of course, my brother deacons. We also thank Fr. Joseph Desmond for assisting with the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

A special thank you to all who sent cards and gifts to me this Christmas. Your kindness and generosity is very encouraging.

We are grateful to all our many volunteers who step forward throughout the year. God bless us all and peace in 2021.

Gratefully,
Father Chester Carina

BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the parish community of Most Holy Redeemer, the following child baptized here on Sunday, December 20th.

JONAH ALEXANDER BARRETT
Son of Jonathan and Jillian

We pray that his parents will be examples of faith to inspire him to follow the Lord. As their family in faith, we also accept the responsibility to help these parents in their duty to bring up their child in the practice of the Faith by our prayers and example.

TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION

On the weekend of January 2/3, 2021, the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hours/7-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2020, over 48% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
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r/o Ms. Roseann Chrzanowski

CHRISTMAS FLOWER
without specific intentions

Ms. Gloria Mitchell
Mrs. Mary Falcone
Ms. Karen Podolsky
The De La Cruz Family
The DeGuzman Family
The Smidili Family
Mrs. Beatrice Esposito
Mrs. Jeanette Poplasky
Ms. Margaret Podolsky
The Ferrara Family
The Savarese Family

COVID-19 RECOVERY PROGRAM

About the COVID-19 Recovery Program. St. Peter's Healthcare System has developed a COVID-19 Recovery Program to address the lingering complications endured by many COVID-19 patients.

The program provides patients that have previously tested positive with COVID-19 access to multi-specialty care. The program's goal is to provide patients with the best medical care from experienced physicians and a multitude of specialists to manage the ongoing symptoms of COVID-19.

Patients will also receive help and support throughout their road to long-term recovery. The COVID-19 Recovery Program is dedicated to ensuring all post-COVID-19 patients get the proper assistance and medical treatment they need while obtaining a better understanding of this new virus's effects.

Patients that have recovered from COVID-19 but are still experiencing persistent symptoms should contact the COVID-19 Recovery line at 732-745-8552 or email COVID19Recovery@saintpetersuh.com. Someone will contact you within two business days.

NEW JERSEY REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT

On October 8, 2020, The Reproductive Freedom Act (RFA) S3030 was introduced in the New Jersey State Senate and was referred to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. If passed, the RFA would codify into New Jersey law the findings of Roe v. Wade, meaning that abortion would remain legal in New Jersey even if the case were overturned by the Supreme Court. The RFA would also strip safeguards and regulations on the abortion procedure, making New Jersey a more dangerous place for women and their unborn babies. The Assembly companion bill is A4848.

The Diocesan Office of Human Life & Dignity has been working closely with the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) on this issue to develop resources and monitor the bill. Here is the link to NJ Catholic Conference's updated Reproductive Freedom Act resource page: https://njcatholic.org/reproductive-freedom-act. Please check this website frequently for updates. Also, please make sure to sign up on the above website to receive action alerts.

A webinar has been recorded which focuses on providing an overview of the legislation, an update on the bill's legislative status, and suggestions on action steps people can take at this time. This is something you can use to help educate family, friends and fellow parishioners. You are encouraged to watch it so you can understand the radical nature of this measure. The link is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kshuo78QZdA&feature=youtu.be.

For more information contact: human.life.and.dignity@diometuchen.org. Thank you!

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Gospel Today

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph took the newborn baby Jesus to the Temple to be presented to God. When Simeon and Anna laid eyes upon Jesus, they proclaimed Him to be the Anointed One.

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Holy Family of

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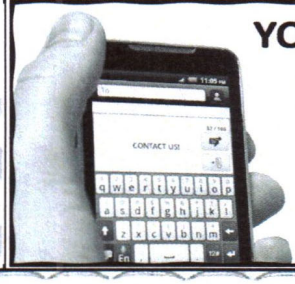

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