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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, FEBRUARY 1

8:00AM -ROBERT NEALON
-r/o Mary Ellen Byrne

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00AM -BILL STOKES
-r/o Teresa & Michael DeLuca

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00AM -ALBERT PEPE, JR
-r/o Teresa & Michael DeLuca

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00AM -LILIA TENEFRENCIA CRISPINO
-r/o Mercy & Jimmy Cueva

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00AM - CHARLES AGAR
-r/o The Pein Family

5:00PM -MARY RANNEY
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Bramante

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00AM -ANTHONY GASPARINO
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Liotti
10:00AM -JANICE GOTLIEB
-r/o Teresa DeLuca
11:30AM -FRANK & MARY CLAPS
-r/o Michael & Janine Gallo



IN MEMORY OF

Rosalie & Frank Moscarello
Peter & Susan Colombo
Michael Kelsall

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Maria Buonpane
God's protection, strength, courage and humility

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.



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

All parish events have been canceled until further notice.

WEB PAGE

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



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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 Matthew Magliocco
r/o Gerard & Erin Haran



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 Ciezbka, Betty Pulido, Charley Goldsmith, Louis Martinez, Joel Rivera, 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, Bryce Lomas, Susan and Josephine Ponzillo, and Diane Fanning.

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 are 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.

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.

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.**



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Weekend of January 23/24, 2021:	\$4613
Weekend of January 25/26, 2020:	\$6338
Catholic Education Collection:	\$135
Additional Together in Charity Collection:	\$45
Additional Christmas Offering:	\$175
Additional Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day:	\$40



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On February 2nd we celebrate not only the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord but also World Day for Consecrated Life. This observance is the Church's way of acknowledging and celebrating the gift which is the life of those men and women who have consecrated themselves to God through religious vows.

Many of us were taught by religious sisters and religious priests and brothers at different levels of our education. Their example was often one of great inspiration and encouragement in the practice of our Catholic faith. So on this annual observance let us remember those religious who are still serving in the Lord's Vineyard and also pray for those who have been called home by God.

This Wednesday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise on whose feast day we traditionally offer the blessing of throats. Due to the pandemic, we will not use the blessed candles to touch each individual throat, but instead we will offer a general blessing of the throats at the end of the morning Mass.

God bless you,
Father Carina

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day a year. Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for a Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience,

Friday – Sunday, February 12-14, 2021. Phone Al & Mary Liz Heumann 1-610-449-1859 or visit www.wwme.org for application and information.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2021-2022**TUITION ASSISTANCE****ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attending an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grants & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) no later than March 31, 2021. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who participated in our most recent parish blood drive. According to the blood drive service, we had 70 registered donors and collected 69 units. Great success!

AMAZON SMILE

Help support MHR when ordering through Amazon. By using the Amazon Smile site, a portion of eligible purchases will be donated to our parish. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and log in using your personal Amazon account. Select "Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, Matawan, NJ" as your charity. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your support.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Anyone desiring a 2020 Church contribution statement for income tax purposes, please provide a **stamped, self-addressed envelope**

to the parish office or email us at mhr2012bkr@aol.com. We will need your name, address, phone number and your church envelope four-digit number. **No tax statement information will be given over the phone, faxed or emailed.**

Statements for contributions made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society during 2020 are issued separately from statements for contributions made to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer. If you wish a statement of your St. Vincent de Paul contributions, please make your request at the same time as you make your church statement request.

Please be advised:

We can only issue contribution statements for those who contributed through the envelope system. We have no record of contributions made by cash or check.

2020 TAX STATEMENT REQUEST

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Envelope #: _____

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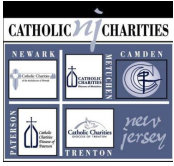
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Yes: ☐

No: ☐



CRISIS COUNSELING SERVICES

For those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through a statewide partnership, Catholic Charities of New Jersey is providing crisis counseling to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. If you or anyone you know needs to speak with someone, call 732-204-6510.

This program is a Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) is brought to you by NJ Hope and Healing, Catholic Charities Community Services in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Disaster and Terrorism Branch, through a FEMA grant.



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.



The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet ... you shall heed such a prophet.

Deuteronomy 18:15, 18:18

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus, the Light from light, illuminates and warms our lives; or, when we try to live as our shadow selves, the same Light from light can seem piercing and blistering."

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

I have a seminarian friend from southern Texas. We were walking together across the Notre Dame campus for midday Mass on a cold winter day. As we turned the corner, I headed toward the sidewalk in the sun. He walked toward the sidewalk in the shade. We laughed. That sparked a rich conversation. Being from Michigan, for me the sun is always a friend. I can never get enough sunshine. Growing up in Texas, for him sun is intolerably hot. He instinctively seeks shade. The sun: friend or foe?

Our God: accessible or inaccessible? The Israelites in Deuteronomy found the voice of the great I AM to be too bright; they asked not to see that fire again lest they die. The unclean spirit in today's Gospel shrieked in terror at the presence of Jesus. He was all too aware of the radiance of God present in their midst.

We believe that God speaks always and everywhere. But is the Almighty One unbearably hot and out of our reach? Infinitely yes. The One who created the universe is far beyond our capacity to bear.

God promised to send a prophet from among the Israelites' own to do the talking, someone not so dazzling, someone easier to hear. Jesus of Nazareth came to the synagogue to proclaim that the kingdom of God is here, that God is near. And the people listened to him. This prophet seemed trustworthy: he was one like them.

Can we walk in the light of Jesus? Intimately yes. The One who created the universe has become one like us.

Is our God like the brilliant sun to make us seek the shade? Is our God like a friendly sun to encourage us to walk in the light? Yes and yes. Hallelujah!

Consider/Discuss:

- *How might our experience of the sun affect our perception of God? Talk to someone from another climate and discuss that question with him/her.*
- *A core marketing principle is that people listen most carefully to people who are like them. That sense of kinship is why folks pay attention to witnesses. In what way can you witness both to the infinity and the intimacy of God to someone who is similar to you?*

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Divine Majesty, you are grander than we could ever imagine. We shrink from your voice; we are not worthy to be in your Presence. We bow in worship, for you are the great I AM. Let us not take your splendor blithely, indifferently. You want to be near us. Please, come sit with us. Warm our hearts. Let us be close to you.

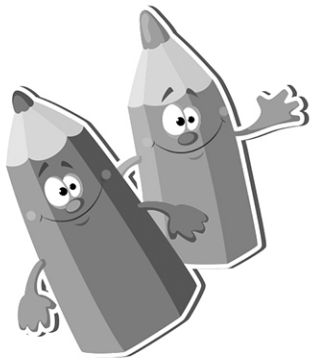
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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:21-28

Jesus teaches and heals with authority in the synagogue.

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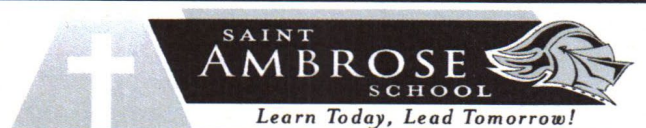
Fill in the blanks with the underlined words from above.

Just like the people in Jesus' community, we still ask Jesus to help and heal us through daily prayer and attending mass.

- ➔ Where can we hear the Good News?
- ➔ How can praying help us in our daily lives?
- ➔ Who in our community can help us keep our bodies healthy?



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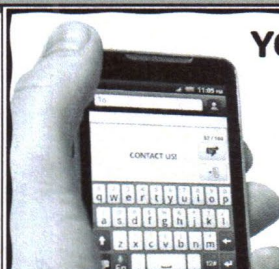


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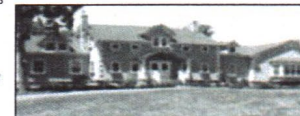
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