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Then let us  
celebrate  
with a feast,  
because this  
son of mine  
was dead,  
and has come  
to life again,  
he was lost, and  
has been found.

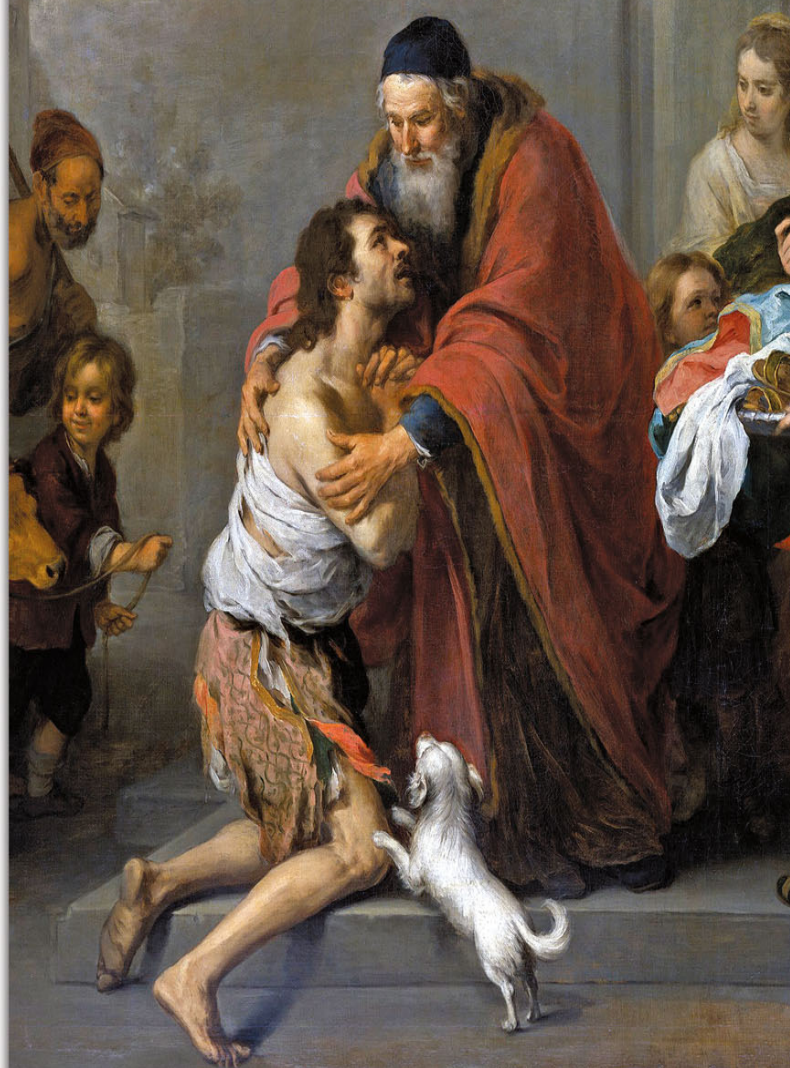
*Luke 15:23, 24*

The Return of the Prodigal Son  
by Barolomé Esteban Murillo,  
circa 1670



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF

# LENT



**MONDAY, MARCH 28**

8:00 AM -MARILYN MARTUCCI  
-r/o Patricia Keaveney

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29**

7:30 PM -ENEAS MULCAHY  
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30**

8:00 AM -TOMY PIAZZA, BRITT & BARBARA  
SCHULMEISTER  
-r/o Adele & Randy Wright

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1**

8:00 AM -WALTER CIEZOBKA (L)  
-r/o Marie Ciezobka

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2**

9:00 AM -JOSEPH RIGGIO, JR.  
-r/o Denise Galluzzo  
5:00 PM -HELEN & BILL DUNDAS, JR.  
-r/o Annette Dundas

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3**

8:00 AM -KATHRYN & MICHAEL M. FLATLEY  
-r/o The Krauss & Sciora Family  
10:00 AM -ABEL DE SALES  
-r/o Beulah Remedios  
11:30 AM -IDA MORALES  
-r/o Laura Jean Palma

**IN MEMORY OF**

Rosalie & Frank Moscarello Annabella Apuda  
Artemia Tan Joseph Scifo  
Michael Boyle & Family

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Maria Buonpane People of the Parish  
Beulah Remedios  
Thanksgiving & blessings of March for Flor & Apuda  
Family and World Peace

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**

The next Pre-Baptism class will be held Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. in the Church. Would you please call the Parish Office to register? Face masks are optional. Adequate social distancing will be maintained.

**PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS**

Blood Drive, Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>,  
1:00—7:00 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](http://www.mhr-parish.org).

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

The tabernacle candle in the church  
burns this week in loving memory of  
Gabriella "Gabby" McDermott  
r/o The Haran Family

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Rev. Edward J. Struzik, Shannon, Hayley & Brett Lawrence, Sophie Wojtaszek, Veronica Balmore, 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 Ciezobka, Betty Pulido, Charley Goldsmith, Louis Martinez, Joel Rivera, Columbia Emilio, Andrew Gasperchek, Dominic DiFede, Jose Santos, Nora Decker, Adelaide Whelan, Faye Parrilla, Debbie Mangano, Karell Christian Bernardo, Anna Schiano, Carmela Fabrizio, Carol Ann Granata, Terry McCormick, Frank Piccillo, William Stefanelli, Vito Vitiello, Ruth Ikan, Dominick Perez, Bryce Lomas, Susan and Josephine Ponzillo, Courtney Palehonki, Robert Miglionica, Michael J. Williams, Alexander Pollack, Michael Tocci, Jr., Debbie Timko, Elisa Ortiz, Jennifer Vezzuto, Manny Marana and Mark S. Hartnett.

**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.**



Did you hear about the Italian chef that died? We cannoli do so much.





**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. Gadowski, 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  
Edward K. Littig, U.S. Navy  
Robert C. McCann, U.S. Marines  
Timothy P. 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  
Thomas Welch, U.S. Army

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



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry expresses our gratitude for our Parish's generous contributions during this recent pandemic.

If you know of someone struggling with financial help or just in need of advice or support, currently, suggest they call St. Vincent de Paul at 732-566-9334. Many are too embarrassed to make that call but may be encouraged to know that our discussions with them are strictly confidential. However, our members are trained to be empathetic, non-judgmental, and eager to assist all who call us regardless of their religion, ethnicity, or financial status.

We are currently reviewing the federal, state, and county offerings available to better assist at this challenging time of recovery from the pandemic.



**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.



**STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE**

<i>Weekend of March 19/20, 2022:</i>	<b>\$7280</b>
<i>Weekend of March 20/21, 2021:</i>	<b>\$9463</b>
<i>Additional Easter Flowers Collection:</i>	<b>\$1676</b>
<i>Additional Ukraine Collection:</i>	<b>\$ 320</b>



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

As of March 22<sup>nd</sup> our parish raised \$2241. This money will be channeled to the US Bishops' Conference to aid in all the various concerns related to the war in Ukraine. Let us continue to pray to Our Lady for an end to this tragic affair. Many thanks to all who contributed to the special collection for Ukraine.

Blessings,  
Father Carina



**2022 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

*Celebrating 40 Years—*

***Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith  
into Service***

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

You can find the link to the Bishop's Annual Appeal Video by going to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.



**HELP A MOTHER CHOOSE LIFE!**

**From Life Choices Resource Center**

Life Choices Resource Center (Metuchen) serves women and families in our area by providing FREE services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material aid, adoption referrals, and abortion recovery support. Over the past year, babies have been saved, hearts changed, and lives transformed because of your support of our life-saving ministry. Help us build a legacy of life!

Most Holy Redeemer is once again graciously sponsoring a Baby Bottle Blessings Fundraiser benefitting Life Choices. Pick up a baby bottle before or after Mass this weekend. Fill it with your change, cash, or a check and return it by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

***Your gift will make a difference in the life of a mother and child! [www.LifeChoicesRC.com](http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com).***

**WEEKDAY MASS**

8:00 a.m. - Monday-Wednesday-Friday

Special Lenten Mass - Tuesdays of Lent at 7:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. - Saturday

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday Evenings - 7:30 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS**April 12<sup>th</sup> following 7:30 p.m. Mass until 9:00 p.m.April 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.N.B. No confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday**PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Palms will be blessed at each Mass

**Masses:**

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

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

**SACRED TRIDUUM****HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>****LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Mass - 7:30 p.m.

The Church will remain open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Stations of the Cross - 3:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 7:30 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Blessing of food - 12:00 noon

**SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL – APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 p.m.

**(No Confessions or 5:00 p.m. Mass)****EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>****Masses:**

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



Brothers &amp; Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a diocese, we pause to reflect on the many blessings we have received over the years. I know you will agree that one of those blessings has been our faithful and generous priests who have and are serving the Church of Metuchen. Hundreds of priests have served in our parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and in diocesan ministries during these 40 years. As I think back on my own life, I see my own faith has been shaped by the priests who ministered to my family and me while growing up. Good, holy and faithful priests bring joy to our people and to the Church.

Currently, the Diocese of Metuchen has 32 retired priests, 10 living at our Maria Regina Residence for retired priests while others live in rectories or in private homes or apartments which they or their family and friends have arranged. Just imagine how many Masses, baptisms, and confessions these priests have celebrated. They have blessed us, mourned with us, and ministered to us, selflessly offering decades of service to God and the faithful of our diocese. Even in retirement, those who are able continue to celebrate Mass and assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They bring Christ's love to the sick and serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, and teachers, giving freely of their time to assist our parishes. The retired priests, who for health reasons can no longer minister in our parishes, also continue to support our local Church through their prayers and example.

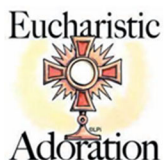
On Palm Sunday weekend, April 9 and 10, the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the priests who have faithfully served our diocese by responding to the **Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests**. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to assist our retired priests, subsidizing the Maria Regina Residence.

Your generous response to next week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service as well as make it possible for us to continue to properly care for them. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. We depend on your prayerful support in order to accomplish the work of the Gospel in our challenging times.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER ADORATION**

Adoration will be on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, after Stations of the Cross, and it will be held each month in the Church from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.



### **PUTTING MERCY INTO ACTION**

#### ***One-Act at a Time***

#### **CLOTHE THE NAKED**

- Go through your drawers and closets and donate those clothes or shoes that are still in good condition to agencies that support those in need
- Volunteer at a local clothing drive or volunteer to staff a local thrift store, such as Catholic Charities' thrift store in Phillipsburg, which generates funds to help operate the Warren Basic Material Needs Program
- Knit, crochet, or sew baby blankets for your local pregnancy aid center
- Distribute warm winter clothes, such as jackets, sweaters, scarves, and hats to those in need
- Buy new socks and underwear and donate them to a local shelter
- Host a clothing drive and donate the items to those in need
- Ensure your loved ones have clothes that are clean and in good condition
- Offer to launder vestments and albs for your parish
- Reduce waste by offering to repair clothing for those in your local community



#### **SHELTER THE HOMELESS**

- Let your house be a welcoming place for your friends and loved ones
- Send cards or gift cards to a local homeless shelter
- Adopt a family in need through Catholic Charities
- Hold a garage sale with some of your unused items and donate the proceeds to Catholic Charities or your local shelter
- Print a list of local homeless shelters to hand out as you encounter people in need
- Help a family working towards adoption by hosting a fundraiser for them
- Offer to assist a neighbor with home repairs
- Advocate for public policies and legislation that support housing people in need
- Refer job opportunities you see to your local homeless shelter



#### **COMFORT THE SICK**

- Visit or call the homebound, hospitalized or those in assisted living or nursing homes
- Serve as a Eucharistic minister to the homebound
- Make or send cards to those who are hospitalized, homebound or those in assisted living or nursing homes

- Offer to help a homebound loved one, friend or parishioner with household chores, such as shoveling snow or grocery shopping
- Coordinate with your local senior center or nursing home to donate any extra medical supplies or equipment that is in good condition and able to be safely passed on to another person
- While interaction with patients may be limited due to Covid, offer to volunteer in some way at Saint Peter's University Hospital or at your local hospital
- Knit, crochet, or sew blankets or hats for those in treatment for cancer or other medical conditions
- Buy flowers or collect your homegrown flowers in a bouquet for display at a hospital admitting desk or in another main area
- Pray for or with those who are ill in mind, body or spirit by praying the rosary or attending a Mass of Healing
- Volunteer to drive a loved one, parishioner or community member to a doctor's appointment or to Mass



#### **BAPTISM**

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the parish community of Most Holy Redeemer the following child who was baptized here on March 19<sup>th</sup>:

**RAVI JAMES KOMAL**

Son of Ravi and Allison

We pray that his parents will be examples of faith to inspire him to follow the Lord. We, as their family in faith, 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.



#### **ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?**

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of this summer; interested men must attend an Information Meeting before applying. A General Information Meeting will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60 and believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife, and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions or wish to advise that you will attend, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Diocesan Diaconate Office at 732-562-2457 or [diaconate@diometuchen.org](mailto:diaconate@diometuchen.org).



Fourth Sunday of Lent | Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

A man had two sons, and the younger took his share of inheritance and went to a distant country where he spent it all. Finding himself alone and hungry, he returned home to ask for forgiveness and become a servant to his family. The father welcomed him with love and rejoicing, the way God welcomes His people back from a sinful life when they truly want forgiveness.

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HE WAS LOST  
AND IS FOUND.

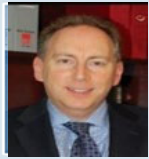
*It took great faith  
for the young son to  
ask for forgiveness.  
Let us also believe  
in the truth as we:*

Follow  
our **FAITH** for  
 **40 DAYS**

Find all the words... left,  
right, up, down or diagonally.

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Two														
Sons														
Father	I	A	S	Y	O	U	N	G	E	R	R	S	T	N
Divided														
Property	S	S	E	N	E	V	I	G	R	O	F	K	R	I
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Took														
Share	T	C	R	H	T	Y	N	N	E	P	O	E	U	G
Inheritance														
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