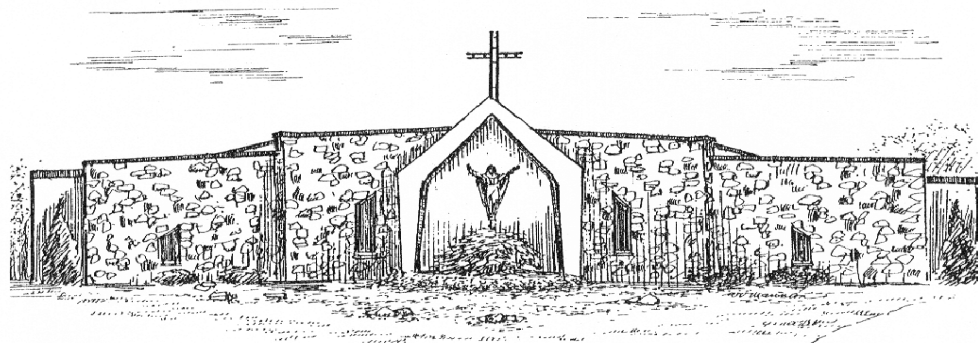


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We invite you to celebrate the Holy Eucharist

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.
Weekdays	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:00 a.m. and 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 Church. Arrangements for Baptism and the parents' program are made through the parish office.

PARISH MISSION



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, MARCH 13**

8:00 AM -ANTHONY CORIO
-r/o The Lindner Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:30 PM -LILLIAN, PATRICK, JOHN &
PHILIP MURRAY
-r/o Mary Murray

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM -VINCENT VILLA
-r/o Mary Falcone

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM -JUDY & WILLIAM MURPHY
-r/o Louis & Linda Savarese

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 AM -GEORGE PORACKY
-r/o Theresa & Family
5:00 PM -SANDRA CREVOISERAT
-r/o The Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 AM -FRANCESCA ATARDO
-r/o Charles & Linda Fundaro
10:00 AM -WINSTON FERNS
-r/o Beulah Remedios
11:30 AM - GABRIELLA McDERMOTT
-r/o Deacon Robert & Kathy McGovern

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Kourtney Sherman Sabatini Nick & Anna Circolone

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Prayers for You

**SATURDAY CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will be heard in the
Reconciliation Room. **MASKS MUST BE
WORN WHEN MAKING YOUR
CONFESSION.**

**PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS**

Soup Supper, March 21st, 6:00 p.m.,
Desmond Hall
Christian Seder Supper, March 31st,
5:30-7:00 p.m., Desmond Hall

WEB PAGE

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

**TABERNACLE LIGHT**

The Tabernacle Candle in the Church
burns this week in loving memory of
Deceased Members of the
DeSimone and Marinaccio Families
r/o Michael DeSimone

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Rev. Edward J. Struzik, Shannon,
Hayley & Brett Lawrence, Veronica
Baltimore, Beatriz Castillo,
Marieann Poplaski, Germaine
Raimo, Sandra Steinberger, Frank
Roberts, Lenny Gatti, Sumanta Chowdhuri, Nicole E.
Montagna, Nico Oneto, Alex Berg, Wendy Oates, Robert
C. Pederson, Patrick Barry, 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,
Columbia Emilio, Andrew Gasperchek, Dominic DiFede,
Jose Santos, Nora Decker, Faye Parrilla, Debbie
Mangano, Karell Christian Bernardo, Anna Schiano,
Carmela Fabrizio, Carol Ann Granata, Terry McCormick,
Vito Vitiello, Ruth Ikan, Dominick Perez, Bryce Lomas,
Susan & Josephine Ponzillo, Courtney Palehonki, Robert
Miglione, Michael J. Williams, Elisa Ortiz, Jennifer
Vezzuto, Manny Marana, Deacon Bob McGovern, Frank
Cotroneo, Maureen Finnegan, Jenna Rosant, Nina Miller,
Janelle Thomas, Joanne Glidden, Mary Ellen Sullivan,
Craig DeBenedictus, Mary Ann Kordich, Elaine
Gostkowski, Dina Marie Putko, Sharon Rodriguez,
Stephen Dello Russo, Karen Brand, Kenny Fisher, Debbie
Timko, Noemi Fabros, Sue Hartnett, Patricia Schuck,
Diane Cowan, Cathleen Calian and Amy Mangan.

**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.**



PRAY FOR ALL who have died in the service of our country, and remember the military men and women below who are currently serving at home and abroad:

Alex Barnhard, U.S. Navy
 Jason Del Duca, U.S. Air Force
 Krystal L. Gadowski, U.S. Army
 Matthew Gray, U.S. Marines
 Matthew B. Kaplan, U.S. Army
 Michael Lanzafama, U.S. Army
 Richard A. Lapp, U.S. Navy
 Douglas Leo, U.S. Army
 Marco de asa-Littig, U.S. Air Force
 Dominique Lovallo, U.S. Air Force
 Johanna Lovallo-Medero, U.S. Army
 Joseph Lovallo, U.S. Army
 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 anyone has a son, daughter, or relative currently serving in the Armed Forces and wishes to have their name on this Special Prayers List, please call the parish office at 732-566-9334. Also, please notify the parish office when a name may be removed.

Veteran's Crisis Hotline: 1-800-273-8255



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 is open on **Saturdays** only from **8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

<i>Weekend of March 4/5, 2023:</i>	\$7585
<i>Weekend of March 5/6, 2022:</i>	\$5728
<i>Retired Diocesan Clergy:</i>	\$ 70
<i>Easter Flowers:</i>	\$ 95



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THANK YOU



Thanks to all who responded to our Blood Drive on March 2nd. The results of our blood drive were:

- Registered: 67
- Units Collected: 59

This was the highest response since July 2021. Your support of the recent blood drive at Most Holy Redeemer will help make a difference in the lives of as many as 154 patients!

Mark your calendar for the next Blood Drive scheduled for July 13, 2023.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend's second collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. **Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society.** Your generosity helps the Society help others.



EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION

Next weekend's special collection will be for the Easter Flowers. Names may be placed on the back of the envelope or on a piece of paper and placed inside the envelope. **Please make sure to print loved ones' names clearly and legibly so they may appear correctly in the bulletin.**



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. Fill it with your change, cash, or a check and return it by Palm Sunday, April 2nd.

Your gift will make a difference in the life of a mother and child! www.LifeChoicesRC.com.



SAVE THE DATE

Let's Soup Together

Our next Lenten Soup Supper is scheduled for March 21st at 6 PM in Desmond Hall. Sign-up sheets are located in each vestibule; or call the Religious Education Office to make your reservation at 732-566-5630.



JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted"

This program is being sponsored by Saint Ambrose and Most Holy Redeemer Churches. It is designed to help people work through the pain of grief when a loved one dies. The 9 sessions will be facilitated by Mrs. Jo Briant from Saint Ambrose and Deacon Keith Berg from Most Holy Redeemer. Through confidential mutual support and education, we will come to understand the common elements of the grieving process though each person's loss is unique to them. As we travel this journey together, we will learn coping skills and find new strength and hope. Meetings will begin Thursday, April 13th and continue through 9 successive Thursdays until Thursday, June 8th. They will be held at Saint Ambrose, in the St. Anthony Room in the Parish Office from 6:30-8:00 p.m. There is no fee, but pre-registration (call the Parish Office at 732-679-5666) is required as there is a maximum of 15 registrants for this program.



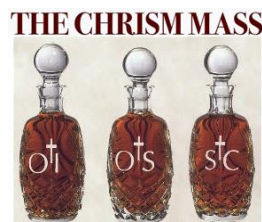
LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The

obligation to fast applies only to **Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59**. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat. Fasting in the Catholic tradition means limiting oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal to experience hunger.

CHRISM MASS

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
Metuchen, 4:00 p.m.



On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of

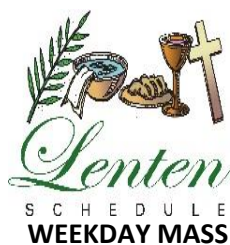
Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 p.m. To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit <https://diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream>.



Dustin Liu & Aline de Oliveira – 1st



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 4th following 7:30 p.m. Mass until 9:00 p.m.
April 5th - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

N.B. No confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 2nd

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 6TH

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 7TH

Stations of the Cross - 3:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 7:30 p.m.
(Service – No Mass)

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 8TH

Blessing of food - 12:00 noon

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL – APRIL 8TH

8:00 p.m.
(No Confessions or 5:00 p.m. Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9th

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



Diocese of Metuchen

2023 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL RENEWED AND SENT ON MISSION BY THE EUCHARIST

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 18/19, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2023

"Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'... Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him, and he would have given you living

water... But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him."

This wonderful conversation of Jesus shows the patience of Jesus in bringing the woman to conversion. He is patient with her, and her openness and curiosity moves her to a new relationship with God. Our Lenten prayer and practice is our chance to respond to the patient love and concern that Jesus has for us all. We listen to His Word and learn as she did that He is a Jew, a teacher, the Messiah. Then she leaves to tell others. Our prayer conversation calls us in the same way. This week, as you look for something to drink, remember Jesus has a thirst for us today as well.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS



FIRST-TIME PARENTS requesting Baptism for their child must attend a **PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**.

NEXT CLASS DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. in our Church.

The purpose of the class is to update parents on their knowledge of Baptism and encourage them to be faithful to their promise to raise their children according to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Parents asking for Baptism for their child are asked to call the Parish Office at 732-566-9334 to schedule the class and set a date for the celebration of the Sacrament.

Third Sunday of Lent | John 4:5-42

The Samaritan woman shared her drinking water with Jesus, a stranger, and Jesus shared “living water” of the Holy Spirit with the woman. The woman and her neighbors believed in Jesus.

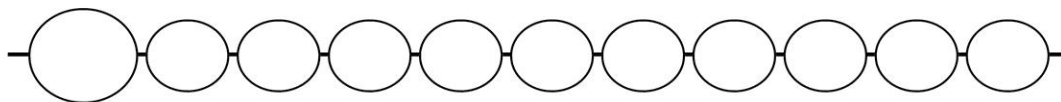
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This week I can share my time, talents and treasure. What will I do?

Write down how you plan to share with others for each day of the week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Think about this mystery before praying.
The Holy Spirit stayed with Jesus through
His final days.



Through our baptismal water the Holy Spirit came to stay with you and guide you. This third week of Lent, what can you do for others with help from the Holy Spirit?

This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.



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