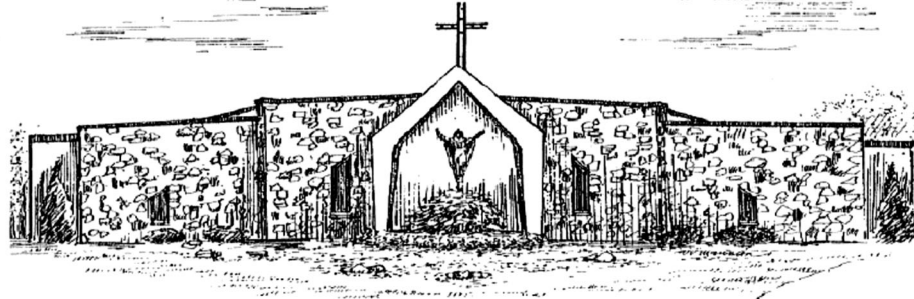


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We invite you to celebrate the Holy Eucharist

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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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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00AM -LINDA BROWN
-r/o Janet Snyder

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00AM -ANDRIANA TARABOKIJA
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Tarabocchia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00AM -VINCENT VILLA
-r/o The Villa Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00AM -JOHN PICCINICH
-r/o Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Tarabocchia

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00AM -CAROLYNN SMOLJAN (L)
-r/o Patricia Keaveney
5:00PM -ANTHONY & ANTOINETTE DE BENEDICTUS
-r/o The DeBenedictus Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00AM -BARBARA ROMANO
-r/o The Poracky Family
10:00AM -MARY & FRANK PASSARETTI
-r/o De & Joe Passaretti
11:30AM -ENEAS MULCAHY
-r/o Maureen Mulcahy



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People of the Parish Maria Buonpane

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.

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 William Dundas, III and Donald Dundas
r/o Annette Dundas

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 Ciezka, 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, 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. Siczkowski, 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.

During the month of **December**, the St. Lawrence Food Pantry helped **53** adults and **26** children. Thank you for your generosity.

We would like to thank all who donated to our pantry in 2020. Your gifts of food were very much appreciated. We wish all of you a Happy New Year, and may you be blessed with good health in 2021.

Most sincerely,
St. Lawrence Food Pantry

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.



STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

Weekend of January 9/10, 2021:	\$4426
Weekend of January 11/12, 2020:	\$6435
Additional Initial Collection:	\$353
Additional Together in Charity Collection:	\$190
Additional Christmas Offering:	\$365
Additional Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day:	\$330



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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.**



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.



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.



PARISH BLOOD DRIVE HELP NEEDED!

New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, **Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. 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.

Appointments recommended. For an appointment, go to smarturl.it/NJBS_Drive, sponsor code 10712 or call 800-933-2566. Walk-ins are accepted only if space allows.



FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

This weekend's second collection is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, which provides scholarships to financially-deserving children attending a Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school. Over 100 deserving children have enrolled in one of our schools today, thanks to your generous support of last year's collection. Hundreds of families, hoping to give their children the gift of Catholic school education, will seek financial assistance from the FCE Scholarship Program for the 2021-22 school year. Your gift will send a child to a Catholic school, changing a life forever! Please be as generous as your means allow.



If you are interested in donating a paver for our prayer garden in memory of a loved one, please get an order form from the church's website or stop by the parish office.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis has declared 2021 to be a special "Year of St. Joseph." Not only do we celebrate St. Joseph Feast Day every March 19th, but we also honor St. Joseph as the patron saint of fathers, the sick, of workers, of a happy death, as well as the patron of the Universal Church. The diocese will be offering suggestions to help us celebrate this year of St. Joseph, and we will announce these observances in the months ahead. Let us not forget to turn to St. Joseph in prayer, asking for his continued intercessions for us all.

Blessings,
Father Carina

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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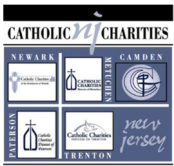
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CRISIS COUNSELING SERVICES

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.



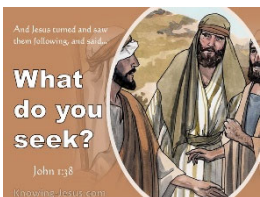
COVID-19 RECOVERY PROGRAM

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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"

-John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Each day, take time in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

A writer lay in bed at 5:52 a.m. She knew that her rooster-alarm would crow to tell her to get up and write at 6:00 a.m. She relaxed back on her pillow ... eight more minutes . . . Then she felt an internal tug, a beckoning, a call: "Rise up, we have things to do." She was startled: "We have things to do?"

Raised in an American individualistic society, she had often thought of "call" as something that she was told to do, something from afar, to which she was simply expected to respond in obedience. That call, "Rise up, we have things to do," implied that the divine Coach was a team builder and a beloved member of the team. She got up with renewed energy and began to write

Notice the team building in today's call of the apostles. John the Baptist is standing in a group of three. Jesus walks by. Two follow him, and they become a group of three. Andrew goes and gets his brother Peter, and with Jesus, they become three again. It is a dance of threes, a gentle and quiet camaraderie of coming and going—one points out, two follow; another points out, his brother joins in. It almost feels Trinitarian, like the dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, coming and going, gently and forever loving and drawing in.

That tug that calls is not just for a select few called apostles or prophets or saints or clergy. That awakening is for each of us as well. We arise to join in the dance of the Trinity, no matter what path we walk along in life. Like young Samuel, we call out in the night, "Speak, LORD, your servant is listening!"

Consider/Discuss:

- When we ponder our call, what is our underlying perception? Is that call something that the divine Someone from afar imposes upon us as a task to be done? Is that call like taking the hand of a dance partner and joining in an already swirling dance? What difference does it make how we perceive that beckoning?
- Each morning, the tug of the Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, beckons us to rise up one more time. What, God, are we going to do together today in this wild and wonderful life?

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

God of Trinity, you tug at me to join in with what you are doing. You call me to link my life with yours in the dance of your being. Wherever we go together, whatever we do, shine through my eyes, touch through my hands, and speak through my mouth. Teach me to glorify you better through this earthly body so that it is both transformed and transforming. Most of all, thank you for letting me be a beloved member of your team. Thank you, thank you!

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Gospel Today

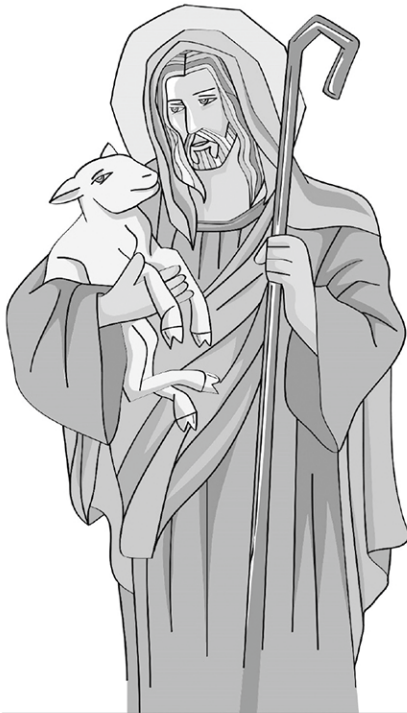
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 1:35-42

John saw the Holy Spirit when he baptized Jesus and told the others "this is the Lamb of God". Interested people began to follow Jesus.

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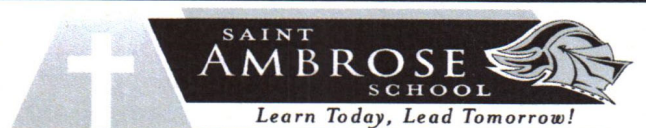
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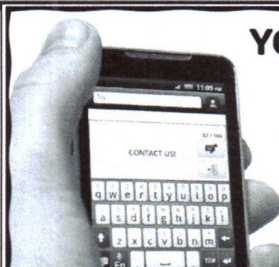


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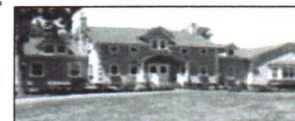
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