

THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

47 ISLAND ROAD • MAHWAH NEW JERSEY 07430

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015

We Invite You to Share the Life of Our Parish Family.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES †

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

BAPTISMS: Last Sunday of each month, with instructions preceding.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: We are greatly concerned about the pastoral needs of the sick, the shut-ins, the elderly, the hospitalized. Please notify rectory of your needs.

TEACHING THE GOOD NEWS

CCD-Religious Education Program Adult Faith Formation Baptismal Instruction Classes Marriage Preparation Program

MARRIAGES: Contact rectory one year in advance.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Please contact rectory for registration cards, contribution envelopes, change of address, etc.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Weekends	Emergency calls only

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

All meeting times are announced.

- * Trustees (Norbert Rebain, Mary Molinelli)
- * Pastoral Advisory Council
- * Rosary Society
- * Ministers of Hospitality
- * Parish Choir
- * Special Ministers of the Eucharist
- * Youth Ministry
- * Spirituality Ministry
- * Altar Servers
- * Home Bound Ministers

DEVOTIONS

- † ROSARY: Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass
- † **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Fridays 12:30-6:00pm
- † MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Mondays after 12:00Noon Mass

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Saturday, November 28, 2015

5:00PM Mary Kownacki

by Dave, Christie & Annabelle

Sunday, November 29, 2015 First Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Happy 90th Birthday Lucille Poplawski by the Children

9:00AM Romuald Zwierz by Christine Wyzsomirski

10:30AM Jan Asztabski

by daughter, Katarzyna & Family

12:00PM Bill & Franies McCloud

by daughter, Darlene

Monday, November 30 For Our Parishioners and

8:00AM Angela Karpowich by Christine Olszewski Frank Genatempo

by Nancy & Lou Giuliano

12:00PM Leon Oles by Joseph Lerch

Rose & Anton Leahy by the Tarolli Family

Tuesday, December 1

8:00AM Angela Karpowich by Sylvia Kuzmik
Anthony Colavita by Steve Adler
Filomena Matarazzo
by the Matarazzo Family

12:00PM Wladyslaw Suleski by Son & Daughter Anna Jasenzak by daughter, Mary & Family

Wednesday, December 2

8:00AM In Thanksgiving by Lulu & Family
Health Blessings for Kurian Thomas
by Laila Vettom

12:00PM Stella, Stanley, William, Eleanor and Anthony Marciniak by Mary, Lottie & Bernice

John & Anna Krupinski by the Family

Thursday, December 3

8:00AM John Sinclair by Henry & Nancy Baker Health Blessings for Gertrude Welters

by Gertrude Sokol & Family

12:00PM Maria Mankiewicz by the Family Jack Baxter by Joann Mauriello

Friday, December 4 First Friday

8:00AM Michele Szwed by the Family Jack Dempsey

by Ron, Deborah & Mary Krupinski

12:00PM Rose Leahy by the Himber Family
Rose Leahy by Gary & Karen Cox

Saturday, December 5

8:00AM Rosary Society

Mary Tymoch niece, Christine Olszewski Brian Connington by wife Maris & Family Special Birthday Intentions for

Drande Berisha

by Children & Grandchildren

Saturday, December 5

5:00PM Albert & Carmela LaBruna, Americo & Caroline LaBruna & James & Ellen Salemo

by Nicholas & Antoinette LaBruno

Sunday, December 6

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Anthony Matrejek

by Maryann & John Matrejek

9:00AM 16th Birthday Blessings for

Natalie Maleszewski

by the Family

10:30AM Anton Leahy

by Barbara & Manny Byalick

12:00PM The Fallon Family

by Nancy Murray & Family

Memorial Candles

Blessed Sacrament (Devotional Alcove)

In memory of **Cynthia** my loving wife From husband, Ed Plicinski

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

For those who are ill: Michael Helms, Christine Sanese-Brett, Joan Malone, JoAnn Best, Stella Moran, Paul Mayer, Jaclyn Best, Helen Kelly, Nora Dempsey, Tara Arbia, Peter Rice, Maryann Titko, Theresa White, John LaPlaca, Rob

Brembt, James and Barbara Straut, Ruth Stager, Eleanora Swingle, Frances Konior, Irene Calotta, Gabrieile DiCarlo, Mary Gisonno, Carol Zarcone, Nicholas Sorgone, Susan Saladino, Henry Baker.

(Names on the sick list will be on five (5) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, call the rectory weekdays, 9:00AM-5:00PM.)

For the recently deceased: Anna Garbowski, Anne

Stricker, Jack Baxter, Florence Micik, Anton Leahy, Priscilla Binko, Kathleen Cebulski, Joseph Kotos, Thomas Skerry, Irena Ceglinska, John Kelly, Anna Krupinski, Gilda DiDomenico, Francesco Matarazzo, Christina Wyszomirski, Frederico Chacon,

Joseph Kuzmik, Rose Leahy, Ed Sinclair, Bozena Niepostyn, Brian Slicker, Eileen Connelly, Anthony Fontana, Florence Wanamaker, Helena Marut, Adele Sereno, Joseph Zwierz, Jack Dempsey, Marilyn Jasenzak, Ted Bruchalski, Gabriel Wolanski, Stanley Zimbriski, John Sinclair, Stanislaw Wrzesien, Anthony Suleski, Fr. Chester Szemborski, SDB, Edward Michalak.



How fast it seems to have come! Yes, this Sunday, we begin the first week of Advent and the new liturgical year. "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." These powerful and uplifting words open the first apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, by Pope Francis shaping the first year of his Papacy. What better season to immerse ourselves in the joy of meeting Jesus, our Messiah, than Advent. In this holy season, we stop and reflect upon, anticipate and prepare for the miraculous moment when God became human, entering into the history of the world in a way that brought transformation and new life.

Advent is also a time of preparation for Jesus' final coming. The first half of Luke's Gospel today might seem a bit depressing as it prepares us for the end of time but in the second half we hear Jesus tell us how to be prepared for His second coming. It is not a deadline; it is an invitation to "keep us awake." The Gospel calls us to vigilant, not about a future event, but about a way of living, today and now, shaped by Jesus in our lives. What better way to do this than to listen and live by the words of the Gospel! Luke's words are not without hope because implicit in what he says is that we can be among those who "raise your heads" without fear in anticipation of our "redemption." Our destiny is to share in the Son of Man and His great glory!

I would like to invite everyone to join us for our Jubilee Christmas Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 13th after the 12 noon Mass in our Parish Hall. This celebration, sponsored by our IHMC Youth Group, will not only feature our spectacular Children's Nativity Pageant, but will honor all married couples in our Parish who are celebrating a milestone Anniversary – 25, 30, 40, or 50+ years – during our Jubilee year. Please let us know who you are and you will receive 2 free tickets to this event which includes a hot buffet lunch and "make your own" sundaes, Christmas Carols by our adult choir, ornament making and much more! Sign-up sheets are included in today's Bulletin.

As we begin this Advent season let us listen to the words of Pope Francis from his homily in the closing Mass at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia recently: "Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to become faith." Perhaps we could kick-off this joyous season with our families – home at the dinner table (cell phones off) - at least once a week – with even an Advent wreath made by the family - to light... and pray the weekly prayers together... in preparation of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

God Bless You!

Fr. Jacek

December Parish Events Calendar

December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

December 7 Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke
December 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception

Holyday of Obligation

December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

Youth Choir Sings 12:00 Noon Mass

Christmas Celebration

December 17 Third Confirmation Class

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

every Friday 12:30-6:00pm



THE GIVING TREE

Gifts for The Giving Tree can be placed under the tree any day or at the rectory.



All couples celebrating a milestone anniversary, 25, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage, during our Jubilee Year are invited to receive a special blessing and to be our guests at our Annual Christmas celebration on December 13.

Couples such as you serve as wonderful examples of strong, successful and loving marriages. Your commitment to marriage and one another is an inspiration to everyone.

Please fill out the form in this week's bulletin or call 201-529-2294



Tlease give to those Who gave a lifetime

Now more than ever, your support

has a life giving impact on religious by providing financial assistance for those who give a lifetime. Second Collection next weekend is for the Religious Retirement Fund.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Sincere thanks to all who participated in the **Centennial Fund Raising Raffle.**

More details to follow in next week's bulletin after the drawing.



Sunday, December 6, 2015, is *National Service Buffet Breakfast* at the Mahwah, Elks. **Proceeds help American Vets.** See Flyer in Church Vestibule.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 13th

to be held in the Gym after the 12:00 Noon Family Mass.

This event will be hosted by The IHMC Youth Group and will include:

- Hot Buffet Lunch
- Christmas Carols Performed by Our Adult Choir
- Christmas Pageant
- Ornament Making
- Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes

This year we will be honoring the married couples in our parish who are celebrating a milestone anniversary - 25, 30, 40, or 50+ years. Let us know who you are and receive two free tickets to our event!

Admission is \$10.00 for adults \$5.00 for Children (Ages 6-12) Children Ages 5 and under are free.

Payment must be made in advance. Please place the form below with payment in the collection basket during Masses on the weekends of 11/29 and 12/6 or bring it to the rectory or send it in with your child at CCD.

Tables of 8 or more, please call 201-529-2294 by 12/9/15 to reserve a table.

Name		
Phone#		
Address		
Number of Adults@ \$10.00		
Children Ages 6-12@\$5.00		
Number of Children 5 & Under @ \$0.00		
Amount Enclosed: \$		
I want to sit with:		
We are a married couple celebrating a milestone anniversary		
Please circle 25 30 40 50+		
Insert years married if over 50		

Christmas Wafers - "Oplatki"

Traditional Christmas wafers, "Oplatki", & Polish Christmas Cards are currently available