

# Centennial

1915-2015

# Celebration



100 YEARS  
OF FAITH



WE REMEMBER  
WE BELIEVE  
WE CELEBRATE

## THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

47 ISLAND ROAD • MAHWAH NEW JERSEY 07430

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

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

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES †

**Weekdays**.....8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon (*Monday through Friday*)  
**Saturdays**..... 8:00 a.m.  
**Saturday Evenings**..... 5:00 p.m.  
**Sundays**..... 7:30, 9:00 (*Polish*), 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 Noon  
**Holy Days**.....Announced

### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays**..... 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.  
.....After daily masses and by appointment

**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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**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, January 2, 2016**

- 5:00PM **Patricia Deserio** by Christine Graham  
**Arnaldo Callioni**  
 by Loredana DeBruno & Family  
**Health Blessings for Joann Duma Blanco**  
 by Olga, Mike & Family

**Sunday, January 3, 2016 The Epiphany of the Lord**

- 7:30AM **Priscilla Binko** by John & Pat Spiech
- 9:00AM **God's Blessings for Natalie & Boleslaw Halka on their 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.**  
**Christine Wyszomirski**  
 by Ursula & Stanley Fornal & Family  
**Deceased Members Polish American Club**
- 10:30AM **Anna Krupinski** by Joyce Hammerstein  
**Jean Storms** by the Leahy Family  
**Ted Bruchalski**  
 by Larry Janisheski & Dwight Grogon
- 12:00PM **Anthony Fontana** by Antoinette Fontana

**Monday, January 4****Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton  
For Our Parishioners and**

- 8:00AM **Walter Gunn** by the Gerling Family
- 12:00PM **Stanley Zembriski, Jr.**  
 by Michele Malinoski  
**Thomas Skerry** by the Family

**Tuesday, January 5****Saint John Neuman, Bishop**

- 8:00AM **Anthony Suleski**  
 by Kenny & Virginia Sochulak  
**Health Blessings for Jaimie Vetton**  
 by Laila Vetton
- 12:00PM **Rose Leahy**  
 by Christy & Valentino Capone

**Wednesday, January 6**

- 8:00AM **Health Blessings for Henry Baker**  
 by the Gerling Family
- 12:00PM **Helen Hunt** by Denise Duffy

**Thursday, January 7**

- 8:00AM **Michele Szwed** by the Family
- 12:00PM **Anthony Suleski**  
 by Shirley Sochulak & Family

**Friday, January 8**

- 8:00AM **William Frank**  
 by daughter, Catherine Delicato
- 12:00PM **Rose Leahy** by the Leahy Family  
**Ted Bruchalski** by Helen Soboleski & Family

**Saturday, January 9**

- 8:00AM **Mr. & Mrs. John Maleszewski & Sons, John Jr., Chester, Francis, Joe & Eddie** by Steve & Sophie

**Saturday, January 9**

- 5:00PM **Richard Bayer** by Gisela Sokol & Family  
**Health Blessings for Ava & Ella**  
 by Grandparents

**Sunday, January 10 The Baptism of the Lord**

- 7:30AM **John Kelly** by Betty & Larry Mihok
- 9:00AM **Stanislaw Szuler**  
 by daughter, Grazyna Czygier & Family  
**Eugena Dreszel** by Sabina & Family  
**Christina Wyszomirski**  
 by the Polish American Club
- 10:30AM **Rose Leahy** by Bill & Jean Finn  
**Dolores Mendolia** by Tina & Ed Frankoski
- 12:00PM **Helen & Warren Miller**  
 by daughter, Barbara Thome

**Memorial Candles****Blessed Sacrament (Sanctuary Candle)**

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

**Blessed Mother (Sanctuary Candle)**

A Special Intention by the Gerling Family

**Saint Joseph (Sanctuary Candle)**

Health Blessings for **Pascal Joseph** by the Family

**Sacred Heart (Alcove)**

In memory of **Gary Maruggi & John Brady**  
 From Irene & Gloria

**Blessed Mother (Alcove)**

In memory of **Yolanda Auditore & Lisa Zembriski**  
 From sisters, Irene & Gloria & Mom & Aunt

**Host & Wine**

In memory of **Mary & Joseph Crevani**  
 From daughters, Irene & Gloria

**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, Gabrielle DiCarlo, Mary Gisonno, Carol Zarcone, Louise Yankowski, Michael Cardinale.

**For the recently deceased:** Jack Baxter, Florence Micik, Anton Leahy, Priscilla Binko, Kathleen Cebulski, Joseph Kotos, Irena Ceglinska, John Kelly, Anna Krupinski, Christina Wyszomirski, Rose Leahy, Bozena Niepostyn, Brian Slicker, Anthony Fontana, Helena Marut, Joseph Szwerc, Jack Dempsey, Marilyn Jasenzak, Ted Bruchalski, Gabriel Wolanski, Anthony Suleski, Fr. Chester Szemborski, SDB, Edward Michalak, Eileen Conway., Stanley Zembriski, Stanislaw Wrzesien,

January 3, 2016



## Message from the Pastor:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – the child born in the darkness of night in a lowly manger is revealed as the manifestation of God! In today's Gospel, Matthew tells of the magi, or astrologers, who were Gentiles, arriving in Jerusalem, ask "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" Following the light of a distant star to a distant place, they found Him, not in a palace surrounded by signs of wealth and might, but as a helpless baby in the arms of Mary, His mother, in a bare and lowly manger. Yet the magi believed and worshiped Him, offering Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They had the faith and wisdom to see in this baby the promised Messiah. Jesus shows Himself to us, too, and comes into our lives in many ways and through many people. If we are people of faith, we will find Him in these little "epiphanies." We will offer Him our own gifts - our prayers and worship, our loving service of others, and our constant faith, even when it might seem hard to find Him.

In this 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year of our Church and in this Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us begin this year by reflecting on the words of Pope Francis from his homily on this Solemnity last year:

"The wise men *entered into the mystery*. They passed from human calculations to the mystery: this was their conversion. And our own? Let us ask the Lord to let us undergo that same journey of conversion experienced by the wise men. Let us ask him to protect us and to set us free from the temptations which hide the star. To let us always feel the troubling question: "Where is the star?", whenever – amid the deceptions of this world – we lose sight of it. To let us know ever anew God's mystery, and not to be scandalized by the "sign" which points to "a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12), and to have the humility to ask the Mother, our Mother, to show him to us. To find the courage to be liberated from our illusions, our presumptions, our "lights", and to seek this courage in the humility of faith and in this way to encounter the Light, *Lumen*, like the holy wise men. Amen."

I again want to say a special "**thank you**" to everyone that donated their time, talent and generosity in making our church so beautiful for all our Christmas liturgies. I would also like to thank the dedication and devotion of those who serve all our ministries year round – Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Music Ministers, Ushers, and all volunteers – that are so vital to the life of our Church.

At the time of this writing we are so blessed to still be enjoying wonderful and warm weather here in January – I hope I am not speaking too soon – at this time last year the snow had already begun and seemed to never end! Good for skiers, but not for walking or driving...or our snow plowing bills!

God Bless You and I wish you all a Blessed and Healthy, Happy and Safe, 2016.

Fr. Jacek

## Recent Collections

Sunday Collection (12/27) \$5,556.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### January Parish Events Calendar

January 3 Feast of Epiphany  
January 10 Baptism of the Lord  
Oplatek Celebration

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*  
every Friday 12:30-6:00pm

### Baptisms of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Please join us in welcoming the following new member into our parish family.

**Ava Aurora Menendez**  
daughter of Steven & Stephanie



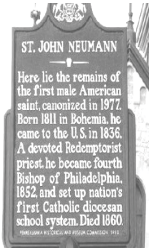
### 2015 PARISH CALENDARS

Parish calendars compliments of **Van Emburgh-Sneider-Pernice Funeral Home** and **Scarr Funeral Home** are available in the Church entrance. Please pick one up on your way out of church. We extend our sincere thanks to both Funeral Homes.

***We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random; .... God sees every one of us; He creates every soul, . . . for a purpose.***

(St. John Neumann, from the sermon: "God's Will the End of Life")

**St. John Henry Neumann – Feast Day January 5<sup>th</sup>** - was one of the first canonized saints from the United States. In March 1852, at the age of 41, Neumann was consecrated in Baltimore, as Bishop of Philadelphia, PA. He was the first to organize a Catholic diocesan school system and increased the number of Catholic schools. Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified and was canonized in 1977.



### **The Polish American Club**

Is hosting their annual  
**Polish "OPLATEK"**

**Sunday, January 10, 2016 2:30PM**

**\* Mikolaj Szopka Bozenarodzeniowa \***

**Dinner \* Dance (DJ)**

Donation \$20.00 per person

Children 7-14 years of age \$10.00.

**Tickets may be purchased at the door.**

**Reservations are recommended.**

*Wesołych Świąt  
i szczęśliwego Nowego Roku*



### **Bless Your Door on Epiphany**

The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ "on entering the house." The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year+C+M+B+the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. It's appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means "door" and the first month is the door to the new year. After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

*Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

***"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11).*** Does Epiphany mean anything to you? The wise men endured a tedious journey to visit Jesus, they brought him precious gifts; and they defied royal orders in order to protect the baby, Jesus. ***They were not even Christians.*** How does your faith compare with the wise men?



**They came bearing gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh**

### **Reminder...**



**There are many mass openings in the 2016 Mass Book.** Remember that prayers for the deceased always bear good fruit. If those for whom we pray have not reached heaven just yet, these prayers can help shorten their time in Purgatory. And they will be more than happy to pray for us as well. In that sense, we are truly all in this together!

"If I had to advise parents, I should tell them to take great care about the people with whom their children associate . . . Much harm may result from bad company, and we are inclined by nature to follow what is worse than what is better." — **Elizabeth Ann Seton**

### **THE GIVING TREE**

Thank you all for your generosity and participation in this year's Giving Tree Program - another success story. *"The greatest joy is in giving; after all, God gave Christ for us."* — Ashley Ormon.