

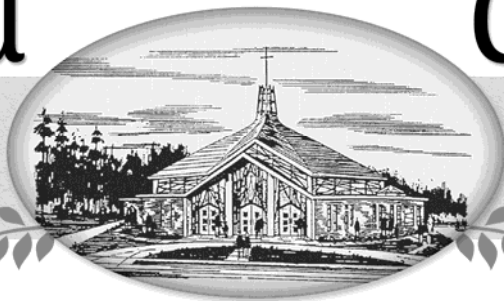
Centennial

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, FEBRUARY 28, 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 (John Sulikowski, 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, February 27, 2016

- 5:00PM +**Robert Humber** by the Family
 +**John Freeley** by the Freeley Family
 +**Suzy Meyer** by daughter, Pascale & Family

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:30AM +**Edward Sinclair** by the Poplawski Family
 9:00AM +**Christina Wyszomirski**
 by Malgorzata Wysocki
 +**Slawomir Szuler**
 by sister, Grazyna Czygier & Family
 +**Janina Kropa** by Adela Tuczowski
 10:30AM +**Lucy Weiss** by the Weiss Family
 12:00PM +**Priscilla Binko** by Ed Pretko

Monday, February 29 For Our Parishioners and

- 8:00AM +**Stephanie Spiech**
 by Michele Malinoski
 +**Solomon Pil** by Aleli Salazar
 12:00PM **Birthday Blessings for Mary Trusewicz.**
 by daughter MaryAnn Haight
 +**Nicholas Capowski**

Tuesday, March 1

- 8:00AM +**Robert Garza** by Jane Donovan
 +**Talat Zehtab**
 by Vincent Lisi & Family
 12:00PM +**John Quinn**
 by daughter, Anne Suleski

Wednesday, March 2

- 8:00AM +**Nancy Di Re**
 by Stephen & Melina Bisciglia
 12:00PM +**Phyllis Morrice**
 by Ron & Deborah Krupinski

Thursday, March 3

- 8:00AM +**Ruth Jones**
 by Gloria Zembriski & Irene Maruggi
 12:00PM +**Stephanie Spiech**
 by Tina & Ed Frankoski

Friday, March 4 First Friday

- 8:00AM +**Ethel Klug**
 by sister, Fances Backus
 12:00PM +**Michele Szwed**
 by the Family
 +**Sadie & Stephen Federico**
 by the Giulano Family

Saturday, March 5

- 8:00AM **I.H.M. Rosary Society**
 +**Joseph Kotos** by I.H.M. Parish
 +**K. S. Kurian**
 by Dominic Kailath & Family

Saturday, March 5

- 5:00PM +**Frank & Robert DeGeorge**
 by Mary Trusewicz
 +**Stanislaw Bodyziak**
 by Maria & Tadeusz & Family
 +**Joseph G. Kotos**
 by wife, Yolanda & Family

Sunday, March 6

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30AM +**Rose Leahy**
 by Barbara Suleski & Family
 9:00AM +**Jan & Aniela Cieslar**
 by Children & Grandchildren
 +**Paulina Swiecicki** by Father & Family
 +**Romuald Szwierz** by Frank Zdyzik
 10:30AM +**Anna Krupinski** by the O'Leary Family
 +**Barbara Tie, Sr.**
 by the Tie, Briell & Kasting Families
Health Blessings for Erika Jentgens
 by Gisela Sokol & Family
 12:00PM +**Tom Lagata**
 by Eleanora Swingle & Family &
 Jean Demeduk

Memorial Candles

Sacred Heart (Alcove)

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

Blessed Mother (Alcove)

In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
 From The Gerling Family

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

For those who are ill: Michael Helms, Christine Sanese-Brett, Joan Malone, JoAnn Best, Stella Moran, Jaclyn Best, Helen Kelly, Nora Dempsey, Tara Arbia, Peter Rice, Maryann Titko, Theresa White, John LaPlaca, James and Barbara Straut, Ruth Stager, Eleanora Swingle, Frances Konior, Irene Calotta, Gabrielle DiCarlo, Mary Gisonno, Carol Zarcone, Nicholas Sorgine, Susan Saladino, Henry Baker, Louise Yankowski, Michael Cardinale, Nancy Mayer, Yolanda H. Kotos.

For the recently deceased: Anton Leahy, Priscilla



Binko, Joseph Kotos, Irena Ceglinska, John Kelly, Anna Krupinski, Christina Wyszomirski, Rose Leahy, Bozena Niepostyn, Anthony Fontana, Helena Marut, Joseph Szwerz, Jack Dempsey, Marilyn Jasenzak, Gabriel Wolanski, Stanley Zembriski, Stanislaw Wrzesien, Anthony Suleski, Fr. Chester Szemborski, SDB, Edward Michalak, Richard Gotowoko, Eileen Conway, Stephanie Spiech, Josephine DiDominico, Joseph DePiano, Robert Garza, Mary Strysko, Alice Levandowska-Pyka, Irena Nowicka.

February 28, 2016



Message from the Pastor:

Today, the third Sunday of Lent, we continue on our Lenten journey. In the first part of today's Gospel of Luke, we hear that some people in Jesus' time believed that those who suffered tragedies and injustices were being punished because they were great sinners. However, Jesus tells them "By no means!" and goes on "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Strong words by Jesus, but a clear message.

Jesus goes on to tell the parable of the fig tree. This parable reminds us that God is very patient. The owner of the fig tree only cares about whether the tree bears fruit - he has no regard for the tree and its life. The gardener, on the other hand, cares about the fig tree, sees the life still there, and wants to give it every chance to produce. He understands that as long as there's life, there's potential to bear fruit. What wastes away life within us and prevents us from bearing fruit is sin. Jesus is willing to help us, as the man was willing to give the tree extra help so that it would grow. Repentance for our sins means choosing to nurture new life and all the fullness it can bring. Change in our lives means hard work. Deepening our relationship with God and others takes hard work as well. The discipline of Lent includes this kind of hard work repentance which leads to the new life Easter promises.

By now, everyone should have received my letter on the upcoming "We Are Living Stones" campaign. If you haven't already signed up for one of the receptions in our Parish Hall, starting this week on Wednesday evening, March 2nd at 7pm, I hope that you will do so at this time. There will be two additional receptions, one following the noon Mass on Monday, March 7th celebrated by our Archbishop Bernard Hebda, and the last one on Wednesday, March 9th at 7pm. We would appreciate if everyone would RSVP - even last minute - by phone, email or fax to our Rectory office or drop in the collection basket so that we can plan for the attendance for each reception date. Together, and with prayer, we will learn more specifics about this campaign and in achieving our goal of helping those in need and our Parish needs as well.

As we continue on our Lenten Journey, please mark your calendars for a "Morning of Reflection", on Saturday, March 12th, 10am - 12 noon, here in our Church. Fr. Mark-David Janus, CSP, PhD, President of Paulist Press, will lead us in a Lenten Reflection on God's Mercy in our life's journey. Editor of *Crossing the Threshold of Mercy: A Spiritual Guide for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy*, this collection of short inspirational excerpts will also help encourage us to leave behind doubt and fear and allow God's love to embrace us. Light refreshments will also be served afterwards with time for personal chatting with Fr. Janus!

It seems that time is truly flying by, and I'm sure everyone, like me, cannot believe that March begins this Tuesday! Just think - Spring is now just around the corner! Have a wonderful week.

God Bless You!

Fr. Jacek

Recent Collections

Sunday Collection \$5,745.00

Second Collection \$1,761.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

March Parish Calendar

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| March 2 | We are Living Stones Reception 7:00pm Parish Hall |
| March 5 | Second Grade Mini Retreat |
| March 7 | Mass with Archbishop Hebda 12:00Noon followed by We are Living Stones Reception |
| March 9 | We are Living Stones Reception 7:00pm Parish Hall |
| March 12 | Reflection Day 10:00AM Fr. Mark-David Janus CSP |
| March 13 | Resurrection Eggs Craft Project |
| March 17 | Confirmation Class |
| March 17, 18, 19 | Lenten Retreat Polish 7:00PM |
| March 20 | Lenten Retreat English Sunday All Masses/ |
| March 21, 22 | Lenten Retreat Cont'd 7:00PM |
| March 22 | Pardon & Peace 8:00PM |

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

every Friday 12:30-6:00pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Friday 3:00PM

Family Rosary every Saturday 3:00PM

“We are The Living Stones of God...,”

The “We are Living Stones” Capital Campaign is taking place throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. The receptions are to provide first hand information regarding goals, stewardship participation and, most importantly, to answer your questions. Please **R.S.V.P** for the date you would like to attend via parish website, parish e-mail, telephone or drop off. A last minute R.S.V.P. is acceptable. If you have not yet received you invitation in the mail, please call the parish office.

...Planning for Tomorrow.

IHM YOUTH GROUP MEETING Sunday March 6, 2016 6pm-8pm in the Gymnasium

The IHM YOUTH GROUP will be hosting members of the William Paterson University Catholic Campus Ministry on Sunday, March 6, 2016. Come join us for faith, fun and friendship as they share their insights on being young Catholic adults in today's world. Pizza and volleyball to follow!



First Reconciliation

On Saturday, February 27th, thirty-eight of our children received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Since the family is intimately involved with the formation of a child's moral conscience and are the ones who introduce the child to the church community, parents are an important part of the preparation and the presentation of their child for the first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through their example, parents orient the child toward God and encourage continual growth in the understanding of God's mercy and love.

Please pray for our children as they continue to grow in the way of the Lord.

REFLECTION DAY: Saturday March 12th 10:00AM
Fr. Mark-David Janus CSP, Guest Speaker.



CRACK OPEN THE GLORIOUS STORY OF JESUS' RESURRECTION!

Join us on Sunday, March 13 in the gym after all Masses and make your own set of *Resurrection Eggs*.

Resurrection Eggs are 12 plastic eggs each containing an object pertaining to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. All supplies will be provided - you just need to bring an empty, dozen-sized egg carton. From Palm Sunday to the Empty Tomb, this is a great way to both learn and share the story of Jesus' resurrection.

Create a new Easter tradition!

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!



LENTEN RETREATS

We don't change the message, the message changes us.



In Polish on March 17th, 18th, 19th at 7:00pm with Fr. Krzysztof Kietlinski.

In English on Sunday, March 20th, (all masses) and March 21, and 22nd at 7:00 pm with Fr. Anthony Mastroiani.