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SACRAMENTS

Baptism
Last Sunday of each month.

Reconciliation
After all daily Masses and Saturday,
4pm to 4:45pm, or by appointment.

Marriage
Arrangements should be made one year in
advance. Contact Rectory for appointment.

Anointing of the Sick
Contact Rectory for appointment for
home bound or infirmed.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays and Saturday: 8am
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Polish), 10:30am,
12 Noon and 6pm Youth Mass



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Monday – Friday: 9am to 4pm Weekends: Emergency calls only

Sunday, February 26, 2017

WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25

5pm +Stella Oliver by daughter Catherine Delicato
+Nicholas Lauerwald by the Coates Family
+Stanley Strysko by niece Rosemary

Sunday, February 26

7:30am +Lucille Poplawski by John & Pat Spiech
9am +Deceased Members of the Losak Family
by Sophie
+Antoinette Anastasia by Anna Debska
+Teresa & Eugeniusz Jarzebowska by
daughters Justyna, Marlena & Family
10:30am +Rev. Floyd Rotunno by Pat Binko & Sons
+Joseph Szwerc by wife Judy
+Andrew O'Sullivan by Mom & Family
12pm +Tadeusz Kownacki by the Family
6pm Youth Mass +John Link by
wife Valentina & Family

Monday, February 27

8am +Ann M. Lake by I.H.M. Parish

Tuesday, February 28

8am +Andrew J. O'Sullivan by I.H.M. Parish

Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday

8am +Henry Baker by Joyce Loughlin
12pm +Dr. Kathleen Hefner by the Sokol Family
6pm +(English) Lucille Poplawski by Shirley Sochulak &
Family
7:30pm +(Polish) Stanislaw Bodyziak by son Tadeusz &
Family

Thursday, March 2

8am +John Freeley by the Freeley Family

Friday, March 3 - First Friday

8am +Michael Grzanka by Agnes Driscoll

Saturday, March 4

8am +Paul Ferguson by Agnes Driscoll
5pm +Charles J. Sokol the Sokol Family
+Barbara Tie, Sr. by the Family
+Robert Weglicki by Karen Margulies

Sunday, March 5

7:30am +Carl Erikson by Maris Connington
9am +Marta Mazurkiewicz by Emily Kownacki
10:30am +Ethel Klug by sister Frances Backus
+Jim Cummins by his loving Family
12pm +Al Ciola by Marc Lipar
6pm Youth Mass +R. Michael Wright by Nancy Beattle.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Blessed Mother (Sanctuary Candle)

Birthday Blessings for Angela Sowa
from Aunt Helen & Cousins

St. Joseph (Sanctuary Candle)

In memory of Ted Kownacki
from Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Sacred Heart (Alcove)

In memory of Cynthia my loving wife
from husband Ed Plicinski

Blessed Mother (Alcove)

Blessings for the Gerling Family

DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Cross during Lent

7:30 pm: Wednesdays – English; Fridays – Polish

Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena

Every Monday following the 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Every Friday at 3pm

Rosary

Every Saturday following the 8am Mass

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Saturdays, March 4th - April 8, 4:15pm, before 5pm Mass



PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

For those who are ill:

Christine Sanese-Brett, Joan Malone, Stella Moran,
Nora Dempsey, Peter Rice, Maryann Titko,
John LaPlaca, Ed Pretko, Frances Konior,
James & Barbara Straut, Nancy Mayer, Dave Conklin,
Fred Bader, Carol Zarcone.

For the recently deceased:

John Freeburn, James Coty, Lucille Poplawski,
Henry Baker, Patricia Radesky Brennan,
Rev. Floyd Rotunno, Teresa Maretzo, Stanley Strysko,
Anna Sudal, Nicholas Lauerwald, Margaret Borish,
Paul F. Walter, Michael Cardinale, Alfred Kozakiewicz,
Teresa Jarzebowska, Robert E. Weglicki, John Link,
Patricia Sorgine, Sylvia Kuzmik, John Giza,
Yolanda Kotos.



Message from the Pastor:

***“Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?
Why are you anxious about clothes?
Learn from the way the wild flowers grow.
They do not work or spin.
But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor
was clothed like one of them.
If God so clothes the grass of the field,
which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow,
will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?”***

Telling humans not to worry about tomorrow is like telling them not to be the center of their own lives. And that is exactly the point of this Gospel of Matthew. The two masters are God or ourselves. Yes, we ourselves are the mammon. If we choose ourselves, we worry. If we choose God, we will feed on God's generosity, be clothed in God's gift of Life, and be made rich in faith. This choice is sufficient not only for a day but for a whole lifetime - even for all eternity. In the First Reading today, Isaiah tells us no matter what, the Lord will never forget us. Worry leads to nothing more than feelings of being forsaken. Choosing God who can never forget us leads to nothing less than riches beyond measure.

Who doesn't worry in our lives today in this hectic society? We worry about our families, our health, retirement, job security, education, and so on. These are legitimate worries, but when they consume us, we become trapped in our own needs. Only trust and faith in God can take us beyond the immediacy of worries and an inordinate focus on ourselves. This week, the Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday. Let us begin our Lenten Journey with a true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. Stay tuned for all the activities at our Parish that will help us in this journey.

Today, please join me in saying farewell to Fr. Marek as he embarks on his new journey in God's vineyard at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Jersey City. After 14 ½ years of dedicated ministry at our Parish, I know he will be greatly missed. On a personal note, I want to thank him for being so warm and embracing when I joined you as Pastor two years ago. His continual help and assistance made the transition so much easier for me. So, let us rejoice and thank God for his time here and send him off with the words from the *Sound of Music*: “So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu, Adieu, adieu, to yieu...” and of course, “do zobaczenia” too!

May God Bless you, Fr. Marek, and always keep you in His care. Please join me for a reception in Fr. Marek's honor on Saturday, Feb. 25th, immediately following the 5pm Mass.

God Bless You. See you on Ash Wednesday!
Fr. Jacek

FAITH FORMATION

CALLING ALL MEN OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday, March 18

A Day of Recollection for the Men of The Parish.

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Thomas Ruckert, SDB

Does this sound like something new to you? Through faith sharing a blessing can be realized that will make our day-to-day issues seem less challenging. We look to having our outlook on life improve. It's not about church rules, rather an opportunity to bond amongst ourselves to strengthen what we were taught at a young age, and what we seek in our lives today.



You may ask how we will achieve this. Note that this is the year of the Family. St Joseph is a KEY figure in the Holy Family. He is the best model for every man—whether single, beginning a relationship towards matrimony, already married, or with a vocation to Consecrated Life! We cannot

go wrong taking a very good and deep look at the qualities of this Holy man. Devotion to St Joseph is highly regarded and promoted tremendously by our Religion of Faith and the Saints since the time of Jesus.

As a Catholic Community of Men, we are privileged to walk with Jesus, and as St Joseph is His Stepfather, we have an example, a role model to use to pattern our faith. Our lives of dedication, support, and answer to Jesus' call to walk with Him will be enriched. We will help one another on this journey.

Join us, listen at Mass for this invitation, and sign up on the registration sheet at the Men's Spirituality Station in the foyer of the Church. We plan to meet and bond to experience this Men's day of Recollection in the Parish Center on Saturday, March 18th. We will tell you of the details in announcements as we get closer to the date, but put this on your calendars to attend.

St Joseph, lead us to Jesus!

BEGINNING TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Kick-off your Lenten Journey with us by studying the Book of Revelation, every Tuesday at either 8:30am or 7pm, in Rectory basement.



Save the Date...

WOMEN'S MORNING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

Saturday, April 1

Sister Maria Regina of the Sisters of Life will be our Guest Speaker. We will begin with 8am Mass, followed by the Rosary and a Reflection/Faith Sharing gathering in our Parish Center. Stay tuned for more information.

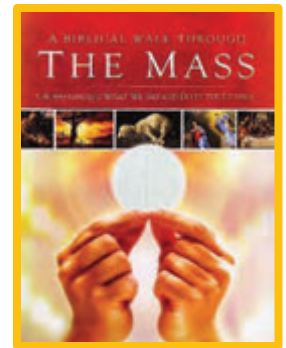
DISCOVER THE RICHES OF THE MASS! A LENTEN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS.

Beginning Tuesday, March 7

The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist that Christ instituted at the Last Supper. From the time of the apostles, the Mass has been the central act of Christian worship. As Catholics, the Mass is the center of our Faith. We celebrate it every day. We know all the responses. We know all the gestures. **But...**

do we understand it and know what it all means?



Through prayer, readings, video presentations by Dr. Edward Siri, and group discussions and sharing, we will explore the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and gain an enriched understanding of their profound significance. Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN.

He has written several Catholic best-selling books, including *A Biblical Walk through the Mass* which was used in many parishes in the US in preparation for the new translation of the Mass.

Our group will meet on **Tuesday evenings: March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 11** from 7:15pm-8:30pm in the **Parish Center**. An enrollment fee of \$20 includes all reference and study materials. For more information or to register, please contact T. Malone, 201-529-2294, or at religiouseducation@ihmcmahwah.org.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to take this Lenten Spiritual Journey with your family and friends? Give yourself, family members or friends this gift and join us for this very special Lenten Journey!

**OUR EVERLASTING THANKS & DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO
FR. MAREK BOKOTA
GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU IN YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT!**



WE WILL MISS YOU ALWAYS!

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Ash
Wednesday



March 1

Mass Schedule with Distribution of Ashes:
8am, 12noon, 6pm, 7:30 (Polish)

Liturgy of the Word/Distribution of Ashes:
3pm and 4pm

Mark Your Calendars...

HEALING MASS
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
on
March 20 – 12 noon
The Solemnity of St. Joseph

All are invited to a Reception immediately following in the Parish Center honoring St. Joseph, spouse of Mary.

OPERATION RICE BOWL LENTEN SACRIFICIAL ALMSGIVING



Our Parish is participating in *Operation Rice Bowl*, the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official overseas relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

75% of your gifts to *Operation Rice Bowl* come to CRS to fund development projects overseas and Lenten education efforts in the U.S. 25% remains in dioceses in the U.S. to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

We encourage our families to pray and make small sacrifices on behalf of the poor (such as making simple meals or skipping dessert) and deposit the money saved in their individual donation box. Donation boxes can be found in the church vestibule and have been distributed to students through our religious education program.

Operation Rice Bowl connects us through prayer and action with the poor and vulnerable overseas and in the U.S. Visit www.crsricebowl.org during the weeks of Lent to learn more about the people you assist through Operation Rice Bowl.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2017 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the Fast on Good Friday is continued to the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2017 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 11, 2017.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

The collection on Ash Wednesday will be for the Priests Retirement Fund of our Archdiocese. Please be as generous as your means permit to help defray the ever-rising costs for our retired priests who have served us through their ministries most of their life.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

LIGHT OF CHRIST EMBLEM



On Sunday February 12, Boy Scout Sunday, Anthony Zampino, Tyler Reid, and Timothy Morris received the Light of Christ Emblem from Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark. This is the first of four Catholic Emblems offered by the Boy Scouts of America. May God bless them as they continue their Spiritual Journey in scouting.

Anthony Zampino with Cardinal Tobin.

100th ANNIV. OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

JOIN OUR ROSARY DURING LENT SATURDAYS - BEFORE THE 5pm MASS

Beginning **Saturday, March 4th**, and every Saturday through Lent, till Saturday, April 8th, we will gather together at 4:15pm to 4:45pm, before the 5pm Mass, and recite the Rosary.



Fatima is a call from the Mother of God for a renewed fidelity to penance and prayer. It brings out the desire of Our Lord that His Mother be better known, loved and venerated through devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

PARISH CALENDAR, CONTACTS & STEWARDSHIP

MARCH

3/1		Ash Wednesday – see schedule
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28		Discover the Riches of the Mass
3/17		Feast of St. Patrick
3/18		IHM – Men's Day of Reflection
3/20	12noon	Feast of St. Joseph, Healing Mass
3/25		Annunciation of the Lord
3/31	7pm	Lenten Retreat - Polish

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