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SACRAMENTS

Baptism
Every other Sunday.

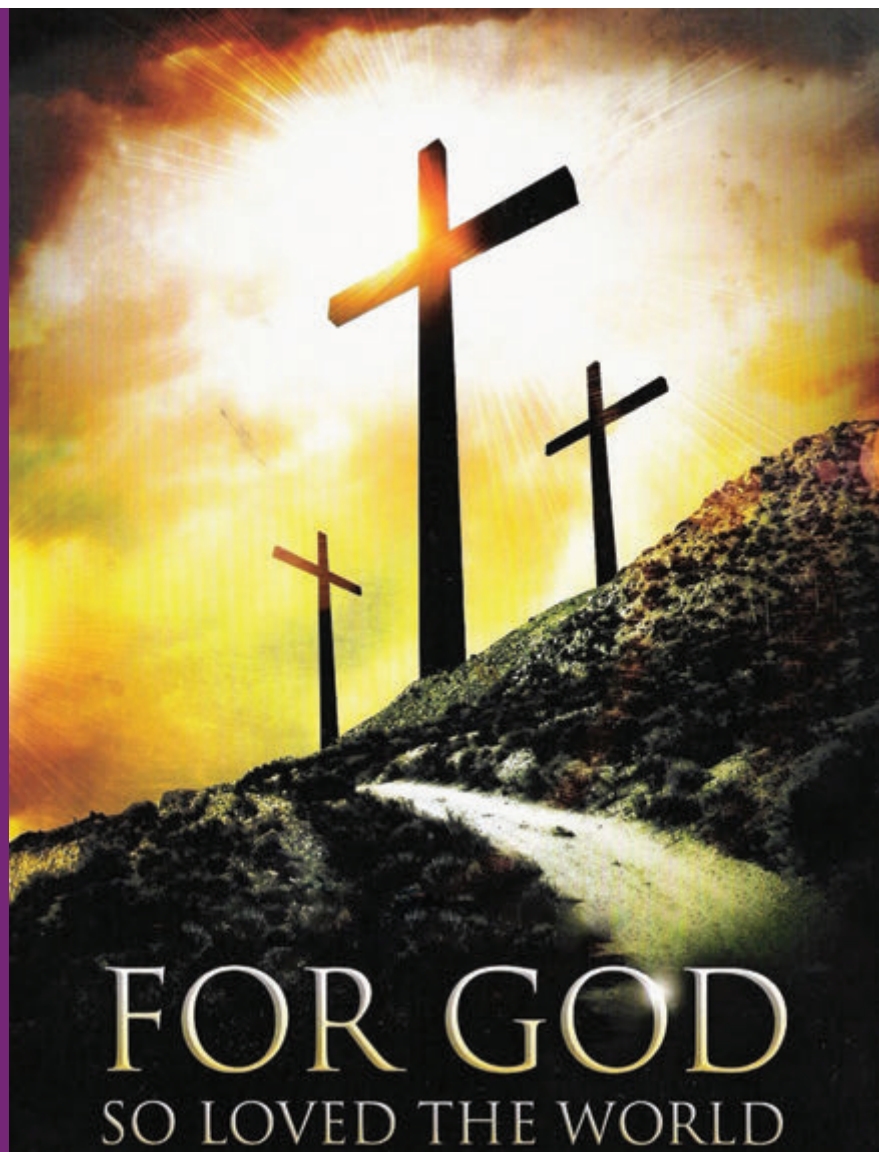
Reconciliation
After all daily Masses and Saturday,
4pm to 4:45pm, or by appointment.

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



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Parish Office Hours
Weekdays: 10am-Noon, 1pm-5pm; Weekends: Emergency calls only

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018

WORSHIP



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 10

- 5pm +Jean & Ray Malverty by Jacqueline Zito
+Stanley J. Sokol by the Sokol Family
+Philippine Wageman by the Sokol Family

Sunday, March 11 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30am For Our Parishioners
9am + Josef Iwanczak by daughter Agata & Family
IHM Fatima Rosary Society for Sincere Devotion
to the Rosary
10:30am + K. S. Kurian by Dominic Kailath & Family
+ James Miles by the Family
+Anna Marie Furman by Mark & Jackie Englishman
12pm +Jim Cummins by the Family

Monday, March 12

- 8am +Ron MacLellan by Paul & Elaine

Tuesday, March 13

- 8am +Ken MacLeod by Carolle Spiech

Wednesday, March 14

- 8am +Czeslawa Zakrzewski by Stanley & Ursula Fronal

Thursday, March 15

- 8am +John, William & Anthony Ostrowski by
Joan Ostrowski

Friday, March 16

- 8am +Patricia Stoltz by Arthur & Louise Yankowski

Saturday, March 17 – Feast of St. Patrick

- 8am +George Leahy by the Leahy Family
5pm +Yolanda Kotos by Valentino & Christy Capone
+Joseph J. Johnston by Marianne
+Rev. Anthony J. Sokol S.D.B. by the Sokol Family

Sunday, March 18 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30am +Deceased Members of Mahwah Fire Co. #2
9am +Czeslawa Zakrzewski by Sabina & Family
+Klementyna & Jozef Marzec by son
Henry & Family
Happy Birthday Maria Chrobak by the Family
10:30am +Andrew Sinisi by the Family
+ Joseph Brooks by Nora Dempsey
+Nina Marino & Mari Capiello by
sister Eleanor Platz
12pm +Ron MacLellan by Vicki Burke



MEMORIAL CANDLES

Blessed Mother (Sanctuary)

In memory of Stephen & Sadie Frederico
from loving daughter Nancy & Family

St. Joseph (Sanctuary)

Special Intention for Joseph Myliko
from Linda Booth & Family

Sacred Heart (Alcove)

In memory of Cynthia, my beloved wife,
from husband Ed Plicinski

Blessed Mother (Alcove)

Blessings on the Gerling Family

DEVOTIONS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena

Every Monday following the 8am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday following the 8am Mass

Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph

Sundays, Feb. 4th to Mar. 19th. See weekly Bulletin.

Rosary

Every Saturday following the 8am Mass



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Sylvik Kuzmik, Gisela Sokol, Florence Imperato,
Gregory Morris, Sr., Nicholas S. Mihok, Jozef Iwanczak,
Adela Tuczowski, Sam Iorio, Stasia Krawczyk,
Helen Zembriski, Carmela Jean Pignone,
Winston Govia, Joseph Schnackenberg,
Jan Pasciak, Zofia M. Malta, Santa Lisi, Keith Krupinski,
Tomasz Dluzniewski, AnnMarie Sochulak,
Claire B. McElwain, Deacon William D. Tobin, Sr.,
Mieczyslaw Romanski, Jenna Plant, Carmella Rutella,
Elizabeth Mihok, Anne Keane.



“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”

Such depth of God’s love this Gospel reveals: God gave the only; Son, allowed the only Son to be “lifted up” on a cross, and now remains patient with us while we struggle with choosing between darkness and light, evil and truth. Moreover, in the very midst of our ongoing struggle, it is God who brings us to greater belief and leads us to eternal life. Such is the depth of love God has for us! How devastating it is for a child to grow up without knowing love! We human beings need love to become whole. Without the experience of loving one another, how can we come to experience God’s love for us?

On Monday, March 19th at 12 noon, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, we will offer a special Healing Mass, along with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, for anyone touched by spiritual, physical or emotional ailments. Please join us thereafter for a light Reception in honor of St. Joseph at the Parish Center. Our Lenten Pardon & Peace Reconciliation Service will be held on Thursday, March 22nd at 7pm, with outside priests available for private confessions. As we prepare for Holy Week we need to receive Jesus’ forgiveness and grace and be ready to receive our Risen Lord on Easter Day!

Additionally, walking with Jesus and his Mother, Mary, in the Stations of the Cross, are held each week on Wednesdays at 7:30pm, and Fridays at 7:30pm in Polish, along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 12noon to 7:30pm. All of these events will help change our harden hearts during this Lenten time and help us prepare for the coming of our Risen Lord on Easter Day!

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. For the next few weeks, you will see inserts in this Bulletin on online “Parish Giving”. In the past we have not relied on major “Fund Raisers” for our Parish but we do rely on consistent and ongoing weekly donations and special gifting. “Parish Giving” is a safe, secure and easy way to make online donations whether you attend Mass each week, are away of vacation, or cannot make Mass due to weather or illness. Please think about the use of this system as your regular weekly contributions are so vital to the support and life of our Parish – our ministries, facilities, upkeep, maintenance and staff. You can find the sign-up access directly on the top right-hand corner of our Parish website – www.ihmcmahwah.org.

Don’t forget this Saturday night we turn our clocks ahead by one hour. For those of us who love our sleep it means one less hour, but we will be blessed by more sunlight which means Spring is shortly ahead! God Bless You! Have a wonderful and Blessed week. Fr. Jacek

FAITH FORMATION



**Truly the words of John 3:16 –
“For God so loved the world that he gave his
only Son so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish but might have eternal life”
are at the heart of our Catholic Faith.**

**The season of Lent is the perfect reminder
that we are called to let our faith show in our
daily lives – with joy and fervor!**

The events that give rise to the teachings in today’s Gospel begin a few verses before when the Pharisee Nicodemus comes to visit Jesus secretly in the night. Nicodemus has heard about Jesus and is curious, but he is also afraid. He wants to believe, but he isn’t quite ready to make a public commitment.

The people of the Gospels aren’t so very different from us. Nicodemus is intrigued by Jesus but unwilling to be seen publicly with him. How often have you learned that someone you’ve known for a long time is or was raised as a Catholic? This is particularly true of people who are afraid that making their faith public will harm their careers. We can fall victim to the same temptation, hiding our faith out of fear. However, we should remember that while we fear that we may be mocked or made fun of for our faith, in some parts of the world, people are being killed for their Christian beliefs.

FOR REFLECTION

- † *Do the people I work with, go to school with, and spend free time with know that I am Catholic?*
- † *Who encourages me most in my faith? Who can I encourage?*
- † *How can I come more closely to the light of Jesus this Lent?*



LENTEN PRAYER

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

Lord, give me the courage to be a brave and bold witness to you in all that I say and do.



SEVEN SORROWS AND JOYS OF ST. JOSEPH

Sixth Sunday – March 11

Ever-obedient Joseph, you trustingly returned to Nazareth at God’s command, in spite of your fear that King Herod’s son might still be a threat to Jesus’ life. Then what fatherly pride you had in seeing Jesus grow in wisdom and grace before God and men under your care.

Show us St. Joseph, how to be free from all useless fear and worry, so we may enjoy the peace of a tranquil conscience, living safely with Jesus and Mary in our hearts.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

O blessed St. Joseph, tenderhearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God, I pray and beseech you to offer to God the Father my praise to Him through his divine Son, who died on the cross and rose again to give us sinners new life. Through the holy name of Jesus, pray with us that we may obtain from the eternal Father, the favor we ask . . . (Pause) . . . We have been unfaithful to the unfailing love of God the Father; beg of Jesus mercy for us. Amid the splendors of God’s loving presence, do not forget the sorrows of those who suffer, those who pray, those who weep. By your prayers and those of your most holy spouse, our Blessed Lady, may the love of Jesus answer our call of confident hope. Amen.

(Courtesy of Oblates of St. Joseph)

MASS OF HEALING

and

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK ON THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH MONDAY, MARCH 19, 12 NOON

The Anointing of the Sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness whether it be physical or emotional. In this season of Lent this is the perfect way to prepare ourselves for our Risen Savior. Additional Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



All are invited to a light Reception immediately following in the Parish Center honoring St. Joseph!

FAITH FORMATION

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK



SATURDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:



"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the Druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted thousands of people and began building churches across the country.



He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked

many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461, at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

LENT PARDON & PEACE: A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 – 7pm

*We invite you to come
together as a community
to seek Pardon and Peace
from God!*



This service of communal reconciliation will include song, scripture, time for examination of conscience, and prayer around the cross. We will pray together for forgiveness of our sins and a deeper conversion to Christ. At the end of the service, there will be an opportunity for you to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance in individual confession.

To help us get in the right frame of mind let us reflect on a section of the Apostolic Letter "*Misericordia et misera*" of Pope Francis in November 2016:

"The celebration of mercy takes place in a very particular way in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Here we feel the embrace of the Father, who comes forth to meet us and grant us the grace of being once more his sons and daughters. We are sinners and we bear the burden of contradiction between what we wish to do and what we do in fact (cf. Rom 7:14-21). Yet grace always precedes us and takes on the face of the mercy that effects our reconciliation and pardon. God makes us understand his great love for us precisely when we recognize that we are sinners. Grace is stronger than sin: it overcomes every possible form of resistance, because love conquers all." (cf. 1 Cor 13:7).

In the sacrament of Forgiveness God shows us the way to turn back to him and invites us to experience his closeness anew. This pardon can be obtained by beginning, first of all, to live in charity. The Apostle Peter tells us this when he writes that 'love covers a multitude of sins' (1 Pet 4:8). Only God forgives sins, but he asks that we be ready to forgive others even as he forgives us: 'Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us' (Mt 6:12). How sad it is when our hearts are closed and unable to forgive! Resentment, anger and revenge gain the upper hand, making our lives miserable and blocking a joyful commitment to mercy."

Whether you celebrate this sacrament regularly, or if it's been a while since you've celebrated it, this Pardon and Peace Lenten Penance will help us come closer to the Lord and his infinite mercy!

PARISH & COMMUNITY



LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT OUR PARISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

† LENT FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Mondays – Mar. 12th, 19th, 26th, 7pm

“Don’t just observe Lent – LIVE LENT!”

Three weeks left of small group Faith-Sharing.

† BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday beginning at 8:30am

Acts of the Apostles

Rectory Meeting Rooms

† HEALING MASS

Monday, March 19 – 12 noon

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

A reception celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph will follow in the Parish Center.

† LENT PARDON & PEACE

Thursday, March 22nd – 7pm

Reconciliation Prayer Service followed by confessions.

† STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

† EUCHARIST ADORATION

Fridays, 12 noon – 7:30pm

† DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every Friday following 8am Mass

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 7:30pm

Meetings are held monthly on a continuous basis for support and sharing - 7:30pm-9pm, fourth Tuesday of every month in the Parish Center.

For info, call Nancy Baker 201-529-4411 or email bakerhcrabby@aol.com.



A TIME TO HEAL AND A TIME TO BEGIN ANEW!

HEALING WEEKEND - APRIL 6 – 8

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is offering a healing weekend from April 6-8 at the St. Lawrence Friary in



Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the **loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation**. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For info, please call Phyllis at 914-261-5812 or Janice at 845-490-7466.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN - AGES 5-11... JOURNEY WITH JESUS THIS LENT...

March 11 & 18

April 8 & 22, May 13 & 27, June 10 & 24



Hear the Word of God with the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) – every Sunday at the 9am and 10:30am Masses.

Before the Readings begin all children will be invited to go with a teacher to the Chapel. No pre-registration is necessary.

PREPARE FOR EASTER IN A SPECIAL WAY



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you find new life closeness with each other and God.

For info & registration brochure, contact Mike & Janet Turco 973 427- 7016 or 609 335 6880; email njwwme@peoplepc.com.

ARCHDIOCESE HONORING 5, 25, & 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Our Archdiocese is once again preparing for the annual tradition of honoring couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage



during 2018. The following anniversary liturgies will be celebrated with you and your spouse by Cardinal Tobin in the Cathedral in Newark on the following dates:

5 and 25 years – Sunday, April 29th – 3pm

50 years – Sunday, May 6th – 3pm

If you will be celebrating one of these milestones this year, please fill out registration form in the Parish Office so that it can be submitted to the Archdiocese ASAP.

PARISH & COMMUNITY



The Youth Choir is scheduled to sing next Sunday, March 18 at the 10:30am Mass.

IS JESUS IS TAPPING YOU... TO BECOME A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER?

Is the Lord calling you?

Please see or email Fr. Jacek if you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (formal name) for our Parish. **Training is Sat., April 28th.**



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.



Daylight saving time will begin at 2am on Sunday, March 11 and end at 2am on Sunday, November 4.

PARISH CALENDAR, CONTACTS & STEWARDSHIP

MARCH

3/12	7pm	Lent Faith-Sharing Group
3/19	7pm	Lent Faith-Sharing Group
3/19	12noon	Mass of Anointing Immediately following - St. Joseph Reception
3/22	7pm	Lent Pardon & Peace
3/26	7pm	Lent Faith-Sharing Group
3/27	7:30pm	Bereavement Ministry

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