St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church

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April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

PARISH STAFF:

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Pastor

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Deacon Emeritus

Mark Hennicke
Deacon

Mrs. Gayle Spezio, *Assistant Administrator*
Mrs. Rosemary Eckert, P.C.L., *Faith Formation*
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PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Parish Religious Education Program:
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM (Children's Liturgy), 12:00 N (Polish)
Saturday: Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 8:00 AM / Thurs: 6:30 PM
{Weekday Masses are in the Chapel except for Holy Days}

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 7:00 PM

ROSARY:

Prayed before daily Mass & before
4 PM Vigil & 8:30 AM Sunday Mass.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Every Monday following the 8:00 AM Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

Prayed following all weekday Masses.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
By Appointment

Offices closed on all Holy Days & Holidays

Parish Mission Statement

Saint Mary of Ostrabrama Parish, a Roman Catholic Community, embraces the teachings of Jesus Christ by fostering our rich traditions and serving the needs of others. Through worship, sacrament and prayer, all are invited to join with us as we continue to inspire and strengthen our parish family.

Anyone wishing to present the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass, kindly speak to an usher prior to the beginning of Mass. Family members of those for whom the Mass is offered are always welcomed and encouraged to present the gifts and given priority.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All parishioners should be registered. Parishioners over the age of 18 should register independently of their parents. It is necessary to be a registered parishioner for at least 3 months in order for us to provide testimonial letters. Kindly notify the Parish Office of any changes.

BAPTISMS: Third Saturday of the month at 1 PM. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements prior to making social plans. **Parents & godparents must attend instructions** on the second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM in the Seniors' Room.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least **one year in advance, prior to making social plans.**

SICK CALLS: Arrangements for communion calls to the sick can be made by calling the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital. Emergency calls are made at any time.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP): Instruction in the Catholic Faith for children in grades 1-8. Classes are held from September to April on Monday afternoons from 4:30 - 5:45 PM. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): A process of prayer, study, & spiritual formation which prepares unbaptized adults & adults baptized outside the Catholic Church to be in full communion.. Any adult 18 years of age or older who desires becoming a Catholic should call the Parish Office.

EASTER SUNDAY

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."
- Acts 10:38

On this Easter Sunday, open your hearts to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.

MASS INTENTIONS . . .

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY (SOBOTA), APRIL 20
7 PM **Easter Vigil ~**
Pro Populo / For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY (NIEDZIELA), APRIL 21
6 AM **+Genowefa & Walerian Gargala**
Req. by: Nawrot Family *{Polish}*
8:30AM **+Leonard Florek**
Req. by: Wife, Children & Grandchildren
10 AM **+John J. Gerenza**
Req. by: Loving Family

MONDAY (PONIEDZIALEK), APRIL 22
Monday within the Octave of Easter
8 AM **+Florence Geiger**
Req. by: Bob & Barbara Chando

TUESDAY (WTOREK), APRIL 23
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
8 AM **+Barbara Pabian**
Req. by: Vicki Lasota

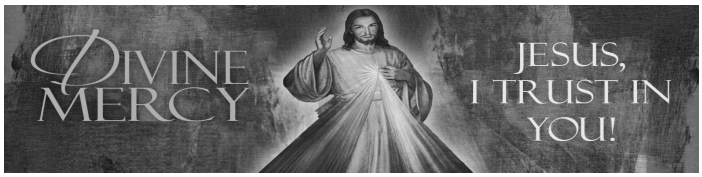
WEDNESDAY (SRODA), APRIL 24
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
8 AM **Intentions of Marie Borichewski**
Req. by: Michael, Maryann & Michele Borichewski

THURSDAY (CZWARTEK), APRIL 25
Thursday within the Octave of Easter
6:30PM **+Zofia & Jozef Wlodarski**
Req. by: Adela Ogrodnik & Family

FRIDAY (PIATEK), APRIL 26
Friday within the Octave of Easter
8 AM **+Ted Barteczko**
Req. by: Lorraine Koszenko

SATURDAY, (SOBOTA), APRIL 27
Saturday within the Octave of Easter
4 PM **+John W. & Justine Ruzicki**
Req. by: Family

SUNDAY (NIEDZIELA), APRIL 28
Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday
8:30 **Pro Populo / For the People of the Parish**
10:30 **+Stasik & Swiderski Families**
Req. by: Family
12 N **+Halina & Stanislaw Pietruszynski**
Req. by: Family



THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Universal:
For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE . . .

Sunday, April 21
Masses: 6 am Polish, 8:30 & 10 am English
Easter Egg Hunt after all Masses

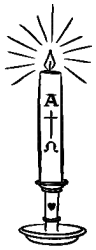
Monday, April 22
No Seniors' Meeting
No PREP
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 27
Confessions 11 am

Sunday, April 28
PREP Mass 10:30 am
Divine Mercy Devotions 1:30 - 4:30 pm

A special "thank you" to Kathryn Paprota for her donation of a beautiful pix to St. Mary's Church in memory of +Milton F. Meade, Jr.

May our Risen Lord Jesus bless you and your family this Easter season for your loving generosity to St. Mary's Parish.



A special "thank you" to Karen & Sam Howarth who donated our 2019 Paschal Candle in memory of +Rose Razzano.

May Our Lady of Ostrabrama bless you and your family this Easter season for your loving generosity to St. Mary's Parish.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS . . .

REMEMBER THE SICK & HOMEBOUND, especially:
Cindy Abreu-Maia, Mrs. Marlene Ahde, Nina Argresta, Eleanor Bara, Jack Batchie, JoAnn Belko, Marie Borichewski, Patricia Brink, Virginia Brown, Cathy Christan, Leon & Claire Chmura, Lynette Cucco, Thomas DelGuercio, Mary Dzienkowski, Tom Fackovec, Evelyn Fafara, Penelope Fry, Sophie Galinski, John Ganser, Matthew Giardelli, Maryann Goccia, Carmela Goff, Veronica Griscavage, Milton Grygo, Amelia Halmo, Irene Hanko, Jean Hill, Eleanor Holz, Mary Beth Jakubowski, Rose Johnson, Edward Jurewicz, Catheryn Kelly, Jason Klee, Boguslaw Kmieciak, Sofia Koutsoupias, Marion Kovacs, Joan Krenzel, Michael Lucas, Anthony Martino, Wanda Massaro, Paul Matias, Dorothy McMahon, Hannah Grace Michlik, Rozalia Milkowski, Kazia Naglik, Cecilia Naperkowski, Adela Ogrodnik, Joe Pawelek, Hattie Pawlowski, Charles Philipone, Shona Pietraczenko, Nicholas Piacenti, Anne Piersanti, Cecelia Polanski, Kevin Rasimowicz, C. Rasmussen, Walter & Edna Rice, Sr. Rosangela, Sean Ryan, Steven Samuel, Gregory Sciscoe, Raymond Stavish, Joe Szumski, Pauline Terelmes, Sylvia Thrasher, Maria Uzzo, Juan Velazquez, Arlene Watson, Claire Watson, Martha Sue Williams, Karolina Wojciechowski, Edward Wolanin, Jr., Kathryn Wolanin, Barbara Zambrzicky, Henry Ziolkowski.

WINE & HOSTS

+Stanislaw Klich ~ Klich Family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sanctuary Candle ~ Church
Cathy & Bill Hester - Nancy Prysiazny

Blessed Mother's Altar Candles
+Joao Parracho - Daughter & Family

Sacred Heart Altar Candles
+Edward Timko - Wife, Mary & Sons

Candle for St. Joseph
+Al & Joan Wojcik - Miss you & Love you, Gary, Michael, Kim & Greg

Candle For St. Anthony
+Mary Barglow - Lisa & John Nasto

Our Lady of Ostrabrama Candles
Blessings for Spezio Family

Sanctuary Candle ~ Chapel
+Frank & Catherine Pish - Kathleen Stricker & Family

Divine Mercy Candles ~ Chapel
+John & Leona Coabey - Daughter, Christine

St. Anne's Altar ~ Chapel
Blessings & Health for Annette Daszkiewicz - Jack & Barbara Sykulski

La Pieta Grotto Candles
+Al & Joan Wojcik

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to donate candles or wine & hosts in honor of a loved one.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMORIALS

In addition to Mass intentions, St. Mary's offers a variety of options to remember your loved ones or special occasions. All of the following are available throughout the year. The names and/or intentions will be printed in the bulletin for that week. Please contact the Parish Office for details and availability.

- ***Altar Flowers***: Available weekly for specific areas in the church & chapel except Lent & Advent
- ***Wine & Hosts***: Available for Masses for one week
- ***Candle Intentions***: Available weekly for specific areas in the church & chapel
- ***Memorial Room Candles***: Available monthly
- ***Memorial Room Plaques***: Various sizes available
- ***Tree of Life***: Leaves still available

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING . . .

St. Mary's Parish is totally dependent upon the generosity of its parishioners for parish support. Our church support program is called "Sacrificial Giving". Each individual parishioner or family is asked to consistently give "their fair share", in support of their parish in a spirit of thanksgiving to God, to enable our parish church to carry out the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The envelopes provided for you are to be used as gift wrappers for each sacrificial gift you give to the Lord. Please be generous, since God is generous to us.

Sunday Collection - April 7, 2019

Offertory
Building Fund
Monthly Offering

Sunday Collection - April 14, 2019

Collection amounts for this weekend were not available at the time of the bulletin deadline. Totals will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Thank You & God Bless You! Bóg Zapłać!

Shop-Rite Certificates

Everyone needs to shop for **groceries** & **prescriptions**. The certificates program is a means for St. Mary's to earn five cents on every dollar spent at Shop-Rite without any additional cost to shoppers. Certificates are available before and after all Masses at the entrances of the church, or may be purchased at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S IN YOUR WILL

God will never be outdone in generosity. Please remember St. Mary's Parish in your Will & Testament!

The repairs you are witnessing in our Beautiful Church are the results of donations and remembrances in our Parishioners' Last Will & Testaments. Thank you & Bóg Zapłać for your generosity!!!

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Help Build a Civilization of Love

To date, the Development Office received pledges totaling $32,247.00 and payments totaling $30,072.00 from 133 parishioners. This represents 76.8% of our $42,000.00 goal. Thank you to all who pledged.

CHURCH REPAIR PROJECTS

The following are Church Repair Projects that require immediate attention:

Emergency Repairs of Jackson Street side entrance way is ongoing. Additional charges will be forthcoming.

Thank you & Bóg Zapłać for your love for our "Jewel of South River"!

IN OUR PARISH . . .

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 28, 2019

You are invited to join with us to celebrate Divine Mercy Devotions 1:30 to 4:30 PM

The devotions will include:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Procession with Blessed Sacrament
Confessions (2 to 3 pm)
Veneration of Divine Mercy Image
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Benediction
Celebration of the Holy Mass (3:30 pm)

Please come and join us!

Memorial Room Candle Intentions
April 2019

+ Robert & Dorothy Pogroszewski
Req. by: Family

+ Blandino & Tagliente Families
Req. by: Bob & Grace Tagliente

+ Joan M. Uler
Req. by: Husband, Ron

+ Chester Zubrzycki
Req. by: Wife, Dorothy

+ Frank & Anna Blaszka
Req. by: Deacon Tom & Janet

+ Julius & Tillie Blaszka
Req. by: Deacon Tom & Janet

+ Msgr. Martin Komosinski
Req. by: Deacon Tom & Janet

+ Ben & Caroline Ciak
Req. by: John, Patty, J.R., Julie, Lindy

My Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Rejoice! I say again,
Rejoice for He is Risen!
He is truly Risen!!!
Jezuz Zmartwychwstal!
Prawdziwie Zmartwychwstal!
Blessings from our Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

We have journeyed together through Holy Lent and now at Easter, we rejoice in our Lord Jesus' gift of victory!

I would like to offer my sincere ***Thank you & Bog Zaplac!*** *to our Holy Name Society, Altar Rosary and Polish Heritage Society members and all who had volunteered to bake, prepare and serve our delicious Fish Fry Lenten Dinners. Many* ***"Thank you's"*** *to all who have given their time and talent to decorating our beautiful church for Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum. Our Choir, Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, Michael Solinski and our Dear Deacons, Tom and Mark:* ***Thank you!*** *for all your hard work in making this Easter a Holy and memorable one! Your loving care and concern for our Parish is exemplary, kind and humbling!!!*

May our Risen Lord reward all of you for your unshakable faith!

Happy Easter!
Rev. Michael Gromadzki
Pastor

FOLLOWING ALL MASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019 ON THE RECTORY LAWN. ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED!

FIRST FRIDAY MASS INTENTIONS
APRIL 5, 2019

The following intentions were remembered during First Friday Mass on April 5, 2019:

+Katherine B. Maggio
+Sophie Marie Migut
+Stephanie Kapusta
+Rose Razzano
+Margarita W.F. Lam
+Florence Impellizzeri
+Frances Favre
+Pauline Pisinski
+Joseph Pisinski
+Madeline Barglowski
+Kathleen Zuck

FIRST SATURDAY MASS INTENTIONS
APRIL 6, 2019

The following intentions were remembered during First Saturday Mass in the Polish language on April 6, 2019.

+Kazimiera Jakubowski

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

****IMPORTANT CONFESSION NOTICE****

Please be advised that on Saturday, May 4, Confessions will be cancelled due to the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in our church. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION . . .

****IMPORTANT PREP NEWS****

Registration for the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for the 2019-2020 school year is now underway in the Parish Office during regular business hours. Please register as soon as possible so books can be ordered.

Registration fees for the 2019-2020 school year are:

One Child $125.00
Family $200.00

New registrations should bring copies of birth and Baptism certificates. Any questions, please contact the Parish Office. *Please note* ~ **A late fee of $50.00 will be charged for any re-registrations received after May 31st.** This late fee will be used to offset those families in need.

Students transferring from another Religious Education program must have a transfer letter indicating grade level and sacramental information.

Katholic Kidz

After the Easter vigil, it's time for a glorious Easter Sunday; so how will you celebrate? …

If you and your family don't go to the Easter vigil, you will probably go to Mass on **Easter Sunday.** And on the altar, you will see the paschal candle lighted and all the Easter lilies and decorations from the night before. And again, the choir and the people will sing Alleluia, which means "Praise the Lord."

Of course you know all about Easter eggs and new Easter clothes and Easter baskets--but all those customs or traditions came from the religious celebration of Easter as a joyful holiday.

Does your family have any special **customs or traditions**--like eating turkey on Thanksgiving Day or going to the opening game of the baseball season or singing songs in the car when you're going on vacation? Isn't it great that your family AND your church have so many happy traditions?

Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave,
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright,
Orange is for the edge of night.
Blue is for the sins we made,
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hour of sorrow,
Pink is for our new tomorrow!

A bag full of jelly beans,
So colorful and sweet,
Is a prayer, is a promise…
Is a special treat!

MARRIAGE

The Christian community is enriched and renewed through the union of couples in the sacramental bond of marriage. We ask your prayers for those who have been married recently:

Kenneth Younghans, Jr. & Samantha Marie Faragalli

We pray that they may find an ever-growing unity in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE . . .

Our Lady of Victories Parish, Sayreville

MASS & HEALING SERIVCE
Monday, May 13, 2019 ~ 7:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. John Campoli, Director His Love Ministries.

Individual healing prayers will be given following Mass. All are welcome.

For information, call Marilyn 732-991-7379 or visit www.frjohncampoli.com.

Please join us for an open house at

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY
840 Cranbury South River Rd., Jamesburg

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Memorial Counselors will be available to answer your questions and assist you in pre-planning for your final resting place. Special weekend discounts will be offered. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call (800) 943-8400 or visit www.diometuchen.org/cemeteries.

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE … If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website:

https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse.