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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.

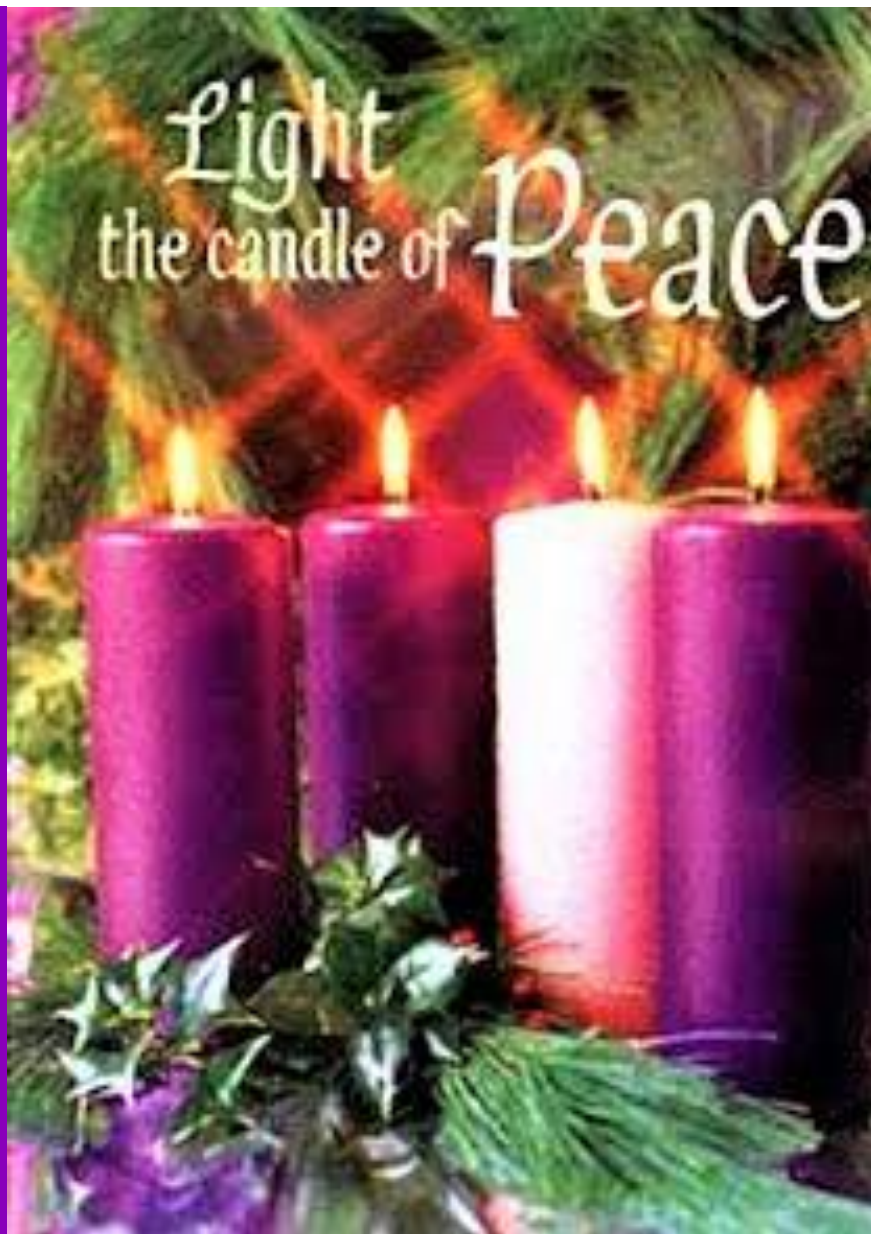
Anointing of the Sick
Contact Rectory for appointment for
home bound or infirmed.

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 in the Parish Center:
Weekdays: 9:00AM - 2:30PM

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022*

WORSHIP



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 17

5pm +Graziella Callioni by Germano Family
+Vincent & Grace Camizzi by Lauerwald Family
+Barbara Remo by Bernadette & George Remo

Sunday, December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am Speedy recovery for Susan Ramirez by Family
9am +Janina & Andrzej Pichala by Paulina & Family
+Edmund Radziszewski by Kosiorek Family
+Jan Pasciak by Pasciak Family
10:30am +Margaret & Joseph Mendelsohn by Barbara Owens
+Bertha & Paul Janosko by Barbara Owens
+Ignacy Kowal by Katarzyna Kowal & Family
12pm +Jozef Iwanczak by Pol Family

Monday, December 19

8am +Santa Lisi by Vincent Lisi

Tuesday, December 20

8am +Anne Medler by Bruce Family

Wednesday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Doctor of the Church

8am +Frankoski & Koltunowicz Families by Ed & Tina

Thursday, December 22

8am +Lisa Zembriski by Aunt Irene Maruggi

Friday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty

8am +Jenna Plant by Nancy & Jim Newman

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

8am +Beverly Mallory by Darlene McCloud
3:30pm +Barbara Tie, Sr. by Family
5:30pm +Catherine & Paul Sokol by Sokol Family
10pm +George Coberg by Family
12am(Pol) Blessing on members by Polish Club

Sunday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

7:30am +Lisa Zembriski by Aunt Irene Maruggi
9am(Pol) +Katarzyna Pasciak by Pasciak Family
10:30am +O'Leary, DiDomenico, D'Amico Fam. by Dan & Joy
12noon +Madeline Delicato by Catherine Delicato

RECENT COLLECTIONS:

December 8: to be reported next week.

December 11: to be reported next week.

MEMORIAL OF LIGHTS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*In memory of
Joseph & Mary Crevani
from daughter Irene Maruggi*

MEMORIAL ADVENT WREATH

*In memory of Neal & Rita Calabrese
from Camille Calabrese*



MEMORIAL CANDLES

Blessed Mother (Altar)

In memory of Betty Mihok
from friend Ed Plicinski

Sacred Heart (Alcove)

In memory of Cynthia & Susan Plicinski
from Ed Plicinski

Blessed Mother (Alcove)

In memory of Gloria Zembriski
from Gianfranco, Ann Faiman & Family

DEVOTIONS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena

Every Monday following the 8am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday following the 8am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday - Noon to 7pm

Rosary

Every Saturday following the 8am Mass



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Virginia Zavoski, Henryk A. Mostek, James M. Smith, Przemyslaw Szeliga, Gloria Zembriski, Arthur J. Menzel, Patricia Phillips, Leonard Pretko, Michael Lehman, Louis Z. Schroeder, Paul Kezmarsky, Halina Kurdyla, Miriam A. Sheehan, William Reid, Alicia Cassotis, Thomas Walsh, Anne Ingrisone, Joseph Ullrich, Carol Zarccone, Catherine Trusewicz, Nicholas Sorgine, Barbara B. Bogorowski, Christine Ann Powers, Joanna Camporeale, Eileen Kwak, Mary Teresa Donnelly

FAITH FORMATION



FOURTH WEEK:



The fourth candle signifies Peace. Light all four candles and pray:

Lord, help me to recognize the gift of other people. Open my eyes to the needs of others. Instill in me a spirit of generosity. Help me to recognize your presence in every person who touches my life. Amen.

ADVENT PRAYER

Dear God, be near me and give me strength and courage when I go out into the world to do you will. May my yes be as unshakeable as Joseph and Mary's. I'm listening for your call! Amen

SPEND TIME LISTENING



Behold. Listen. Behold the calm before the arrival of the Lord, a child who will one day take the world /be storm. **Behold** the power that could move mountains and part seas, as its thunderous strength is corralled into the mewling and cooing of an infant. It is magnificent all the more for taking the shape of vulnerability, humility and love. For many of us, the days leading up to the Fourth Sunday of Advent have been full planning and parties, friends, giving and doing. As the moment draws near, we pause to contemplate the magnitude of this greatest miracle. It's a miracle dependent on vast reservoirs of faith – that of Mary, to say yes to the Angel Gabriel, and that of Joseph, to stay with Mary at the command of the angel in his dream. On the final Sunday of Advent, take some time to pause amid the flurry of preparations. Maybe say no to a few things.

Spend some time listening. Behold the magnificent miracle that takes place in the quiet night.



PARDON & PEACE PENANCE SERVICE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 7PM

*A time for reconciliation,
prayer and confessions.
Multi-lingual priests
will be available.*



SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE:

3:30pm, 5:30pm, 10pm

Midnight:

12am (Polish)

SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY:

7:30am, 9am (Polish), 10:30am, 12 noon

CALLING ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 1, 3, 4 & 5!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 10:30AM MASS



Join us in the Madonna Chapel, at the rear of the church, for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Teachers will explain the day's readings in kid-friendly terms. No sign-up necessary.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20th

9AM IN RECTORY

Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in Lectio:

Philippians: Life in Christ.

WELCOME OUR NEW LECTORS AT MASS:



Michelle Crowe Pax
Teresa Puglisi
Eamon Stuckey

FAITH FORMATION

BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE OR MANGER



The custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time. **When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.**

*God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.*

*Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen*

DID YOU KNOW?

The Christmas carol **"O Holy Night"** ranked first in a list of hymns most played in December at Christian Churches in the United States.

"O Come All Ye Faithful" and **"Silent Night"** ranked second and third, respectively.

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BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE



The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

*Lord our God,
we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.
We praise you for the light of Israel:
the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.*

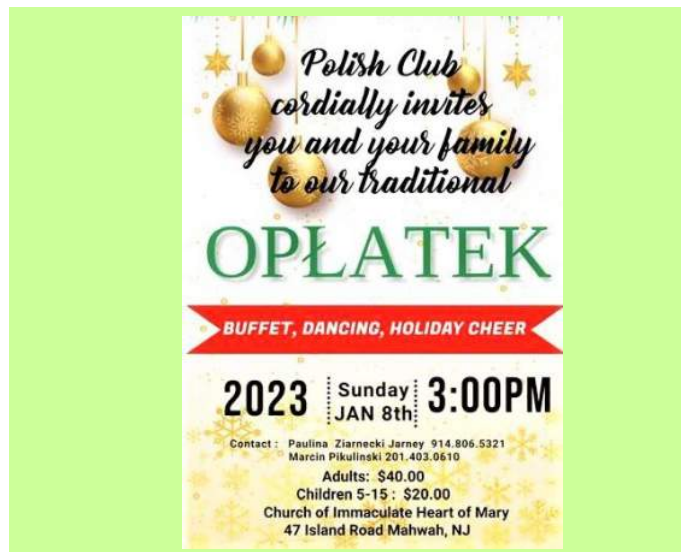
*We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.*

*Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means ‘God is with us’.”**

Today, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent – the last week of preparations for the coming of our Lord. In today’s Gospel of Matthew, the state of affairs is not what it appears to be. Mary is not unfaithful but faithful. Mary is with child but a virgin. The infant is not only an earthly child but also a heavenly One. Yet the infant is not heaven-bound but an earth-bound Emmanuel. Joseph is not the father but in a father’s role names the Child Jesus. When the Spirit of God is at work, and we cooperate as did Mary and Joseph, something altogether new happens: mystery abounds, “God is with us.”

I would like to thank the Polish Club and everyone that volunteered to help with our “Breakfast with Santa” event on December 4. It was a good time had by all – the smiling and “crying” children getting gifts and photos with Santa, the wonderful brunch prepared by our Polish chefs, the room decorations so beautifully done by the Polish decorating committee, and the fellowship enjoyed by all. I especially want to thank Santa and Mrs. Claus, who have dropped by our Church for the past five years – no matter what – Santa’s busy schedule, or illnesses to his reindeer – he has not forgotten our children! Hope to see you again next year, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and all your elves and helpers!

I would also like to thank the families who donated the Advent Memorial of Lights weekly candles and the Advent wreath. Advent is a special time of year when we remember those we hold so dear in our hearts. Additionally, I want to thank everyone who remembered their loved ones in our special Christmas Poinsettia Memorials, as well as all those who donated with the Christmas flowers envelopes. The memories of your loved ones are truly captured in the poinsettias that so beautifully adorn our Church during this Christmas season.

I want to welcome our new lectors – Michelle Crowe Pax, Teresa Puglisi, and Eamon Stuckey. Reading “The Word of the Lord” is an essential part of the liturgy of the Mass. May God bestow many blessings on all those who volunteer for the special ministries of the Mass.

***The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of preparing our heart for Jesus.
We will hold our Pardon & Peace Penance Service this Tuesday, December 20th, at 7pm.
Multi-lingual priests will be available.***

Our Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:

***Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve: 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 10pm; Midnight: 12am (Polish)
Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day: 7:30am, 9am (Polish), 10:30am, 12 noon***

May Jesus watch over us and help us as we prepare during this final week for His Holy Birth! Fr. Jacek

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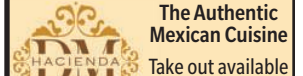
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