

The Roman Catholic Parish

ST.^{of} JOSEPH-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

15 North Avenue, P.O. Box 439 • Millbrook, New York 12545

Serving the people of Millbrook, Clinton Corners and Bangall



*O Come, O Come
Emmanuel!*

Rev. Hartley Bancroft, Administrator
Rev. Richard A. LaMorte

PARISH SECRETARIES
Mary Theresa Soyka
Margaret Hart

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Molly Paglia

MASSES

Saturday5:00 PM Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM, 12:00 Noon
Holydays See bulletin for schedule
Daily Mass.....7:30 AM, Wednesday.....5:00pm only

CONFESSIONS

Saturday4:00-4:45PM or anytime by request

DECEMBER 6, 2020 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BAPTISMS: Sundays at 1:00 PM. Please contact the rectory. Sponsor certificates for the Sacrament of Baptism (godparents) or the Sacrament of Confirmation can be obtained by seeing the Pastor after one of the weekend Masses.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. A Marriage Preparation Program is required.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register in the parish by calling the Rectory.

St. Joseph Cemetery, Millbrook and St. Mary's Cemetery, Bangall: Call the Rectory for information.

Rectory Phone: 845-677-3422 • Rectory Fax: 845-677-3423

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Rectory Office Open 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

CCD Office: 845-677-3273

Website: stjosephmillbrookny.org

Sick calls: Anytime 845-677-3422

Please remember to keep your face mask on during Mass, removing it briefly as you approach for Communion. This will help our neighbors feel safe in coming to Church and receiving Our Lord. Thank you!

— Fr. Bancroft

In Memory of

Angelo Colacicco



In Memory of

Nicolina Rotunno

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 5th -

7:30am Intentions of Superior General
Intentions of Fr. John
5:00pm Frank and Rose Troiano
Harry Irwin, Jr.

Sunday, December 6th -

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of the Parish
Deborah Ann Ashford
10:15am Gilda and Anthony Iannucci
John O'Connell
12:00pm Raymond V. Reamer
Intentions of Fr. Andrew

Monday, December 7th - St. Ambrose

7:30am The Family of Albert and
Teresa Velletri Rotunno
Lyle B. Woodward
5:00pm Rose Risimini
Special Intentions of Irene Wing

Tuesday, December 8th - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30am People of the Parish
Joseph and Grace Abruzzo
7:00pm Michael Misik and Misik Family

Wednesday, December 9th -

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

5:00pm Intentions of Bishop Colacicco
Jesse Bontecou

Thursday, December 10th -

7:30am Special Intentions of Bishop Colacicco
Donald Nash

Friday, December 11th - St. Damasus I

7:30am Terence O'Leary
Daniele and Waryas Families

Saturday, December 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30am Mary Briggs
Alan Pappert
5:00pm Janet Jones
Mary and Fred Paolucci

Sunday, December 13th-

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of the Parish
10:15am Victor Misik and Misik Family
Anna M. Enright
12:00pm Richard Schott
Intentions of Vern Fish

Please note that we are returning to our regular Saturday Confession times: 4:00-4:45pm.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Next Weekend

Help our Elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the *Retirement Fund for Religious* helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Novena in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us for a *Novena in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe* from December 3rd through the 11th. This will culminate with our celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day on December 12th with *Las Mañanitas* prayers at 6:30am and a special *Mass in Spanish* at noon.

December 3-11: Rosary Novena in English and Spanish daily at 6:00pm

December 12: Las Mañanitas Prayers at 6:30am

Procession at 11:30am

Spanish Mass at 12 Noon with visiting priest Padre Juan Wilson



UNCLE AL'S THRIFT SHOP

The Christmas sale was the best ever! A big shout –out to the team of volunteers who made it all happen. A special sale such as this takes a lot of planning and a lot of work. God bless these wonderful volunteers who share their time and talents to benefit our Parish and our community.

So, what's going on at the shop? Well, if you missed our Christmas sale and need some decorations or other holiday related items, don't give up hope — Uncle Al's might have just what you're looking for. And, there is a sale happening right now: **one-half price** on items in the **jewelry case** on the shop's **main level** (jewelry on upper level not included in sale). What an opportunity to buy a gift or a piece of jewelry to go with that sweater or dress you recently bought!

Don't forget to stop and look at Uncle Al's window display that changes with the holiday or season. Most items in the window are for sale, so come on in if something intrigues you!

Uncle Al's is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and on Saturday from 10:00am to 3:30pm.

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church.



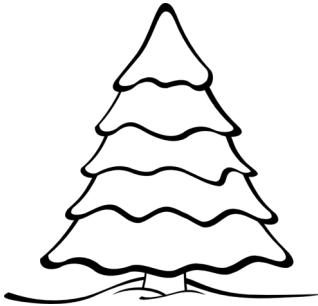
Bambinelli Sunday

On the Third Sunday of Advent the children of Rome gather in St. Peter's Square for the noon Angelus with the Holy Father. During that time, the Pope blesses the children and their statues of the Infant Jesus (the "Bambinelli") which the children bring from their nativity sets at home. On the weekend of **December 12-13, the Third Sunday of Advent**, we will have a special observance of this beautiful tradition here at St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception. Families are invited to bring their statues of baby Jesus to be blessed at all of our Masses.



Polish Wigilia (Oplatek)

The Christmas Eve Wigilia Supper forms the focal point of the Polish Yuletide customs. Wigilia, which means vigil, commemorates the birth of Jesus. For Polish families, the meal starts when the eastern star appears through the parlor window to serve as a guide to the Birth of Jesus in the same manner as the star of Bethlehem was a guide to the Magi! The meal begins with the ancient tradition of breaking oplatek, a thin wafer, or bread of love. It is passed to the various members of the family who put it to their lips and wish each other Blessings for the upcoming year. These wafers are now available in the Rectory Office.



The 4th Annual First Harvest Pantry Christmas Dinner will be offered on Christmas Day at Lyaal Memorial Church.

Because of Covid, complimentary dinners will be distributed curbside for you to enjoy at home.

Pick-up begins at 1:00pm and continues until 3:00pm (or until we run out of meals) in the Church parking lot.

Thank you from Fr. Wilson

Dear Fr. Bancroft,

Please extend my sincere thanks to your parishioners for their very generous food donations to our Vine & Branches Food Closet.

I sincerely appreciate your parishioners' steadfast commitment to our Food Closet which is such an important ministry for our community.

I want to extend a special thanks to those who deliver the food.

Your friend in Christ,
Fr. Kent Wilson
Pastor

2020 Mariapolis Luminosa Virtual Nativity Display

This year the Focolare Movement at Mariapolis Luminosa will be presenting their 2020 International Nativity Display **virtually**. Each week during Advent a different episode will be presented. Please visit our Virtual Nativity Display (link below) and share this gift with your family and friends. <https://youtu.be/hD27EcYrzdE>

We wish you and your families a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. For more information, visit: <https://www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa/>

Altar Flowers

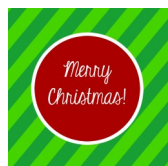
If you would like to donate the flower arrangements on the Altar, please stop by the Rectory to reserve the week.
Our 2021 calendar is open.
Each arrangement is \$30.00.

Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Monday, December 7th at 5:00pm and Tuesday, December 8th at 7:30am & 7:00pm.



Christmas Gift Tags are available in the vestibule of the Church for our parishioners to buy gifts for our area nursing homes and Cardinal Hayes Home. PLEASE bring gifts to the Church **by Sunday, December 13th**, so they can be distributed in time for their celebrations.

Please attach the tag to the gift! Thank you!



Parish Sick List

Please pray for our Parishioners who are ill, homebound or in our area Nursing Homes: Daisy Abruzzo, Tatum Allen, Ann Brandow, Rose Marie DeSantis, Anna Massarelli DiStefano, Edna Ferguson, Elise Haldenwang, John Kearins, Gloria Malinowski, Dorothea Matevichuk, John McQuillan, Jackie Morrison, Stephanie Moschier, Jane Muller, Mary O'Keefe, Josefina Otero, Mrs. Tom Parker, Mary Peterson, Jill Philipbar, Carla Robertson, Robert Salberg, Angelina Segno, Annette Snyder, Linda Ippolitto Sullivan, Gail Sweeney, Regina Syversen, Jane Wisner, Lucy Zerafa, Betty Zitz.

Please pray for our recently departed:

Rita McEnroe

Anna M. Enright

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH INFORMATION

Immaculate Conception, Amenia
Food Pantry 373-8193

Religious Education (CCD)
Molly Paglia 677-3273

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop 677-5002

St. Joseph's Women's Guild
Judy Yarochoewicz 677-5778

Knights of Columbus
Gerard Spagnoli 677-5607

CYO Basketball
Kim Knittel 605-1383

Choir
Gene Canevari 399-0403

Men's Group
Michael Sugg 332-9092

Bishop Colacicco's New Address

As of October 2020, Bishop Colacicco's address will be:

Bishop Gerardo J. Colacicco
Holy Cross Church
626 County Route 22
Middletown, NY 10940

Rectory phone 845-355-4439



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Mass Readings

Second Sunday of Advent — Year B

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and
proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand
of the Lord
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the
Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a
highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in
every mountain and hill shall be
made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country a broad valley.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be

revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord has
spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!
Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
Who rules by his strong arm;
here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom,
and leading the ewes with care.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

R Lord let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the Lord — for he proclaims
peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those
who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land. **R**

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from
Heaven. **R**

The Lord himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3: 8-14

We await new heavens and a new earth.

Do not ignore this one face, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay”, but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.



GOSPEL

Mark 1: 1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.*

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”