

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 13, 2020 - THIRD 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

E-mail: stjosephmillbrook@gmail.com

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

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

In Memory of

Jo DeSomma



In Memory of

Lucille Pickering

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, December 14th - St. John of the Cross

7:30am Francesco and Marietta Molella
Deceased Members of the Flanigan
and Richard Families

Tuesday, December 15th -

7:30am Mary Briggs
Intentions of Bishop Colacicco

Wednesday, December 16th -

5:00pm Nicola Natrella
Maria Natrella

Thursday, December 17th -

7:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
Eva Rizzo

Friday, December 18th -

7:30am Intentions of Tim and Yvonne Walsh
Joan Dolan

Saturday, December 19th -

7:30am Special Intentions
Tibor Megyeri
5:00pm Andrew, Marguerite and Mary Rotunno
Charles Wilt

Sunday, December 20th-

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of the Parish
10:15am Joan Kearins
Marion Bon
12:00pm Patrick and Anne Ciferri
Eugene and Camille DeFelice



Christmas Schedule 2020



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Mon. Dec. 21

4:00-8:00pm

MASSES

Christmas Eve, Thurs. Dec. 24

2:00pm (outside), 4:00pm, 5:30pm, Midnight

Christmas Day, Fri. Dec. 25

9:00am, 10:30am (in Latin), 12:00 Noon

MASSES

New Year's Eve, Thurs. Dec. 31

5:00pm

New Year's Day, Fri. Jan. 1

9:00am, 12:00 Noon



Christmas Food Baskets

Our Christmas Food Baskets, which provide food for needy families in our area for Christmas dinner, will be assembled again this year. To reduce the risk of contagion, we will follow the same procedure as for Thanksgiving and are asking for monetary donations to be made to the Church for this purpose. Members of the Women's Guild will then purchase the food for the baskets. Your donations can be mailed in or dropped off at the Rectory. Please indicate "Christmas Food Baskets" on your check or envelope. If you or someone you know could use the extra help this Christmas, please let us know. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your support is greatly appreciated and is needed in these times more than ever!

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection is this weekend. It helps US religious communities provide for Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests in their senior years. Thank you for your generosity.

UNCLE AL'S THRIFT SHOP

Have you heard the positive comments about our Christmas Sale last week? People from a wide area came, were impressed with what they saw and purchased a lot of Christmas and holiday items. Talk about cheerful customers — these folks were so excited about the quantity, the quality and the reasonable prices! It was a rewarding experience for our volunteers who especially enjoyed the children who proudly chose a gift for mom or for a friend. The softly spoken "thank you" some said as they completed their purchase was icing on the cake!

If you missed the sale or are still shopping for Christmas, please do stop in at Uncle Al's. There is a good selection of decorations and gift items for the holidays and after. A nice variety of winter clothing and accessories is also at the shop. We look forward to seeing you. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 3:30pm.

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church.

2021 Calendars

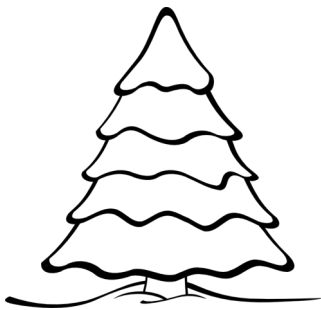
We are grateful to Michael Sontheimer and Allen Funeral Home for providing the 2021 Calendars once again this year.

The calendars are available in the Church vestibule.



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 Lyall 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.



Drive Thru Living Nativity

The Nativity Story Comes Alive!

Join us as the Nativity story comes to life in our drive through event this holiday season. Come visit the five separate scenes set up with live animals and actors portraying what the first Christmas would have been like as the choir sings hymns and carols.

December 12th, 13th, 19th 20th 5:00-6:30pm

Hopewell Reformed Church

143 Beekman Road

Hopewell Junction, NY

We will be collecting donations to help local families in need to purchase food and Christmas gifts for their children.



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.

*Born into the new life of
Christ in the waters of
Baptism*



Nestor Bruno Martínez García

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:

The Souls in Purgatory

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

Millbrook F.D. Rescue Squad is in need of new volunteers. Help us help you! Call 845-527-7814.



VITA— Love Life

Pregnant and Praying

by Elaine Tomski

*A collection of short, simple prayers,
based on baby's prenatal development
from weeks four through forty.*

www.elainetomski.com

Mass Readings

Third Sunday of Advent — Year B

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

I rejoice heartily in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to
the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the
Lord
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the Lord,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of

salvation.
and wrapped me in a mantle of
justice
like a bridegroom adorned with a
diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her
jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth
spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and
praise
spring up before all the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Luke 1: 46-48, 49-50, 53

R My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the
Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will
call me blessed. **R**

The Almighty has done great things for
me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation. **R**

He has filled the hungry with good
things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant
Israel
for he has remembered his promise
of mercy. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

May you entirely, spirit, soul and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.



GOSPEL

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said:

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make straight the way of the Lord,'*

as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them. "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.