

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

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

PARISH SECRETARIES
Mary Theresa Soyka
Margaret Hart

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Molly Paglia



*O Come, O Come
Emmanuel!*

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 20, 2020 - FOURTH 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, December 21st - St. Peter Canisius

7:30am Barbara O'Leary
Dominic DeSantis

Tuesday, December 22nd -

7:30am Richard W. Steller
Nancy Colkin Tsoubris

Wednesday, December 23rd - St. John of Kanty

5:00pm Felicia and Felice Manzi
Barbara O'Leary

Thursday, December 24th -

2:00pm Elizabeth Bancroft and Irene Burns
4:00pm Maureen and Neil Tonner
Deceased Members of the Pyrch and
Tocco Families
5:30pm Mary C. Setaro
Anthony Nardone, Sr.
12 Midnight People of the Parish
Barbara DeSantis

Friday, December 25th - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00am Lucille Pickering
Connie, Judith, Andrea and Rod Ciferri
10:30am Intentions of Fr. Michael O'Leary
12:00pm Jo DeSomma

Saturday, December 26th - St. Stephen

7:30am Hilda Zadrina
5:00pm Rodrigo and Josephine Ciferri
John and Sadie Whalen

Sunday, December 27th-

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00am People of the Parish
Jerome Aiena
10:15am Catherine Neenan
Robert Lehmkuhl
12:00pm Emily Panichi
Luigi and Elisa Panichi



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

Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed by donating for our Christmas Food Baskets and bringing gifts for our area nursing homes and Cardinal Hayes Home residents. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are appreciated.



Holy Father's Intentions for December 2020

Prayer intention for evangelization — *For a life of prayer*

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



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.

UNCLE AL'S THRIFT SHOP

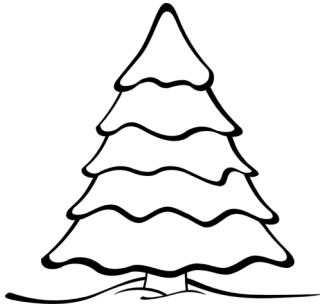
The volunteers at Uncle Al's wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS!** In our smaller sized family gatherings this year, let's bow our heads and thank the Lord Jesus Christ for each other and for the many blessings bestowed on our Parish and our community.

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.



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 Lyall Church parking lot.



Drive Thru Living Nativity

The Nativity Story Comes Alive!

The Hopewell Reformed Church will be having a drive-thru living Nativity this Advent 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 19th, 20th

5:00-6:30pm

Hopewell Reformed Church

143 Beekman Road

Hopewell Junction, NY

They 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.

MARRIAGE



BANNS

I Matthew Walsh and Patricia McGrath



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:

Eva Rizzo

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent — Year B

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

The kingdom of David shall endure forever before the Lord.

When King David was settled in his palace, and the Lord had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!” Nathan answered the king, “Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.” But that night the Lord spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Should you build me a house to dwell in?

“‘It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.’”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

R Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the Lord I will sing
forever;
through all generations my mouth
shall proclaim your faithfulness .

For you have said, “My kindness is
established forever”;
in heaven you have confirmed your
faithfulness. **R**

“I have made a covenant with my chosen
one,

I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all
generations.” **R**

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.’
Forever I will maintain my kindness
toward him,
and my covenant with him stands
firm.” **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 16: 25-27

The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.



GOSPEL

Luke 1: 26-38

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.