

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, Pastor
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 12, 2021 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BAPTISMS: Please contact the rectory to schedule. 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



Christmas Schedule 2021



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Mon. Dec. 20

11:00am-1:00pm

6:00-8:00pm

MASSES

Christmas Eve, Fri. Dec. 24

4:00pm, 5:30pm, Midnight

Christmas Day, Sat. Dec. 25

9:00am, 12:00 Noon

No 5:00pm Vigil Mass for 12/26

MASSES

New Year's Eve, Fri. Dec. 31

5:00pm

New Year's Day, Sat. Jan. 1

9:00am, 12:00 Noon

Mass Readings

Third Sunday of Advent —**Year C.** Today's readings can be found on **page 1081** in the hymnal.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 11th - **St. Damasus I**

7:30am Anna
Intentions of Rob Sherow
5:00pm John and Sadie Whalen
Rodrigo and Josephine Ciferri

Sunday, December 12th - **Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00am People of the Parish
Intentions of Fr. John (from Ghana)
10:15am Victor Misik and Misik Family
Patricia Reilly
12:00pm Donald Nash
Bernadette Higgins

Monday, December 13th - **St. Lucy**

7:30am Richard Schott
Intentions of Vern Fish

Tuesday, December 14th - **St. John of the Cross**

7:30am Nazzareno and Magdalena Manzi
Special Intentions

Wednesday, December 15th -

5:00pm Bill Risedorf
Joseph Son Van Hoang

Thursday, December 16th -

7:30am Nicola and Maria Natrella
Kathleen Carr

Friday, December 17th -

7:30am Mark L. Zeyher
George F. Dean

Saturday, December 18th -

7:30am Intentions of Tim and Yvonne Walsh
Patricia L. Macura
5:00pm Mary and Fred Paolucci
Pierina Pannozzo

Sunday, December 19th - **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00am People of the Parish
Intentions of Fr. Bancroft
10:15am Charles Wilt
Lula Gazivoda
12:00pm Special Intention
Francis Meehan

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 5:00pm.

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

December 12: Las Mañanitas Prayers at 6:30am

Procession at 4:30pm

Spanish Mass at 5:00pm with celebration to follow



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 12th**, so they can be distributed in time for their celebrations.

Please attach the tag to the gift! Thank you!



UNCLE AL'S THRIFT SHOP

T'was two weeks before Christmas and all through the town
It was quiet and peaceful, hardly a sound.
Mom in her leggings and I in my vest
had just settled down for an afternoon rest
when out on the street there arose such a clatter,
we sprang from our chairs to see what was the matter.

What to our wondering eyes did appear?
Not Santa and not reindeer I fear
but people running, running (guys and gals)
shouting and shouting Uncle Al's, Uncle Al's!
Its that thrift shop I yelled, grab your coat Mom, let's go!
And we saw it — the OPEN banner, the window display,
And I knew Uncle Al's would save the day!

Shop local...shop at Uncle Al's for Christmas trimmings and gifts and holiday clothing.

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
1011 FIRST AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

December 5, 2021

Season of Advent

Year of St. Joseph

Dear friends in the Lord:

Recently, Pope Francis noted that “there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel.” As we approach the annual *Retirement Fund for Religious* collection — an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests — I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows. Instead, the prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel.

In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, parish religious education programs, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Your gift, which will be collected on **December 12** offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

As I write to you today, and express my thanks for last year’s contribution of \$223,217, I am also grateful to you for your support of the *Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal* which, in addition to other worthy causes, provides assistance to our retired archdiocesan priests at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale.

Pray with me for God’s continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for us. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit <https://retiredreligious.org/>

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes to all for a blessed Advent season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Archbishop of New York



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 put into the collection basket or dropped off at the Rectory Office. Please indicate “Christmas Food Baskets” on your check or envelope. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your support is greatly appreciated and is needed in these times more than ever!

In Memory of

James Burns



In Memory of

Irene Burns

Altar Flowers

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



Parish Sick List

Please pray for our Parishioners who are ill, homebound or in our area Nursing Homes: Daisy Abruzzo, Tatum Allen, Kathleen Blank, Ann Brandow, Martha Conners, Linda Dick, Anna Massarelli DiStefano, Nancy Ann Faller, Elise Haldenwang, John Kearins, Gloria Malinowski, Dorothea Matevichuk, John McQuillan, Jackie Morrison, Stephanie Moschier, Dotty Mullaly, Tom Mullaly, Jane Muller, Mary O'Keefe, Mrs. Tom Parker, Mary Peterson, Jill Philipbar, Carla Robertson, Robert Salberg, Angelina Segno, Annette Snyder, Linda Ippolitto Sullivan, Gail Sweeney, Regina Syversen, Carolyn Wilt, Jane Wisner, Lucy Zerafa, Betty Zitz.

Please pray for our recently departed:

Salvatore Fusco

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
Ellen Spagnoli 677-5607

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

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



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Longest Married Couple Search



World Marriage Day, February 13, 2022. The search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in Catholic New York. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 13, 2022. For further information, or to submit an entry, contact Kathleen Crayne at the Family Life Office at Kathleen.crayne@archny.org (preferred method) or 646-794-3182. The deadline for entries is Sunday, January 16, 2022.

St. Sebastian Sports Night

Ignite Young Adults will be playing dodgeball at our **School Gym**.

Monday, December 13th at 8:30pm

Open to young adults, college age & older

For more info:

Core@IgniteTruth.org

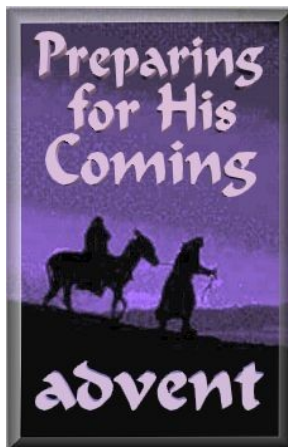
Holy Father's Intentions for December 2021

Intention for Evangelization—Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



**Michael and Ritamary Bell — Renewal of Vows
Happy 50th Anniversary!**



LET'S BRING BABY JESUS BACK TO CHRISTMAS





Paint Baby Jesus figurines at Mariapolis Luminosa,
200 Cardinal Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538

**SATURDAY, DEC 11TH
AND DEC 18TH 2021 FROM 2-5PM
FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-12**

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Everyone needs to wear a mask!
Cost: \$5 per child. RSVP by December 4th
Call 845 743 4491 or 917 545 4059
Email: luminosa.conferencectr@focolare.us



INTERNATIONAL Nativity Display

MORE THAN
200 SCENES
FROM OVER
50 COUNTRIES

ACTIVITIES

- CHORAL GROUPS**
Details to be determined
- GROUP PACKAGE:**
10 people or more RSVP required.
Nativity Display and Lunch by reservation
- BABY JESUS PROJECT** (ages 4-12)
Ceramic Workshop for children on **Dec 11th** and **Dec 18th** at **2^{PM}**
RSVP by **Dec 4th**
- GIFT SHOP**
Gift and coffee shops will be open

OPEN DAYS:
DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

LOCATION
Mariapolis Luminosa,
200 Cardinal Rd.,
Hyde Park, NY 12538
Parking available in
main lot.

HOURS
From **1-5^{PM}** (Friday **1-3^{PM}**)
Suggested donation **\$5 per person**
to help defray the cost of electricity
and lighting.

INFORMATION
(917) 545-4059
(845) 229-0230 ext.127
luminosa.conferencectr@focolare.us
www.luminosa.focolare.us

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 11-12, 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.