

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, Pastor
Rev. Richard A. LaMorte

PARISH SECRETARIES
Mary Theresa Soyka
Margaret Hart

DIRECTOR 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 4, 2022 – SECOND 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.

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

CCD Office: 845-677-3273

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Sick calls: Anytime 845-677-3422

Please Note: Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times: Vigil Mass, Wednesday, December 7th, at 5:00pm, Thursday, December 8th, at 7:30am and 7:00pm.

Mass Readings

Second Sunday of Advent — **Year A.** Today's readings can be found on **page 809** in the hymnal.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 3rd - **St. Francis Xavier**

7:30am Intentions of the FMM Superior General
Mary Furey

5:00pm Janet Jones
Deceased Members of the
Felice Manzi Family

Sunday, December 4th - **Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00am People of the Parish
Doris Murphy

10:15am Jack Strehl
Souls in Purgatory

12:00pm Frank and Rose Troiano
In Thanksgiving

Monday, December 5th -

7:30am The Family of Albert and
Teresa Velletri Rotunno
Intentions of Fr. John from Ghana

Tuesday, December 6th - **St. Nicholas**

7:30am Intentions of Fr. Andrew from Ghana
Ed Allen and Intentions of his Family

Wednesday, December 7th - **St. Ambrose**

7:30am Lyle B. Woodward
Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Shelley

5:00pm Michael Misik and Misik Family
Souls in Purgatory

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

7:30am People of the Parish
Family of Joseph and Grace Abruzzo

7:00pm Jerry Grosskopf
Rev. Msgr. John J. Brinn

Friday, December 9th - **St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

7:30am Intentions of Albina Marku
Alicja Lewandowski

Saturday, December 10th -

7:30am Intentions of Bishop Colacicco
Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm John and Sadie Whalen
Rodrigo and Josephine Ciferri

Sunday, December 11th - **Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00am People of the Parish
Souls in Purgatory

10:15am Victor Misik and Misik Family
Anthony Iannucci

12:00pm Stephen Ciaravella
Donald Nash



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 10-11, 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.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus Millbrook Council invite the children of the Parish to participate in our annual **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**.

Entries should include name, phone number, and age on the back of the poster. Posters should be dropped off at the Rectory Office **by January 6, 2023**.

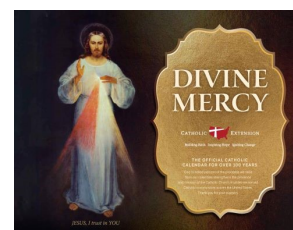
Prizes will be awarded by age group, with winning posters displayed in the Parish Bulletin.



2023 Calendars

We are grateful to Michael Sontheimer and Allen Funeral Home for providing the 2023 calendars once again this year.

The calendars are available in the Church vestibule.



UNCLE AL'S THRIFT SHOP

A very big **THANK YOU!** to all those who helped with this year's Christmas Shop: Uncle Al's regular volunteers who put in many extra hours sorting and pricing items, parishioners (men and ladies) who helped set up the merchandise, work at the sale and help break down at the conclusion. And, of course, our parishioners and those in the community who donated Christmas and holiday items for the sale.

A reminder that although the Christmas Shop sale is over, Uncle Al's Thrift Shop is open for regular hours — Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm — with Christmas and holiday goods as well as gift items in stock.

A second reminder — if you have few extra hours a week and feel the volunteer spirit coming on, Uncle Al's welcomes you! Some of our regular gals spend winter months in warmer climates, so additional volunteers are most welcome!

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church



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

December 4, 2022
Season of Advent

Dear friends in the Lord:

As we approach the annual collection for the ***Retirement Fund for Religious*** — an appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests — I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious — past and present— and I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our archdiocese.

In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, parish religious education programs, hospitals, and works of mercy with very little compensation, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. 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 11**, offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders. Rising health care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities.

As I write to you today and express my thanks for last year's contribution of \$274,100, 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. The procedures will be the same as last year. We are asking for monetary donations to be made to the church for this purpose. The purchase of the food and the assembling of the baskets will be made by members of the Women's Guild.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your support is greatly appreciated, and it's very much needed in these times more than ever!

In Memory of

Angelo Colacicco



In Memory of

Nicolina Rotunno

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.



Knights of Columbus

The next meeting of the Millbrook Council of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, December 6th**, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

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, Nancy Ann Faller, Suzanne Gould, Elise Haldenwang, Don Jerdee, John Kearins, Gloria Malinowski, Dorothea Matevichuk, John McQuillan, Jackie Morrison, Stephanie Moschier, Dotty Mullaly, Jane Muller, Lorraine Nassr, Mary O'Keefe, Mary Peterson, Jill Philipbar, Carla Robertson, Robert Salberg, Angelina Segno, Annette Snyder, William Still, Linda Ippolitto Sullivan, Gail Sweeney, Regina Syversen, Jane Wisner, Betty Zitz.

Please pray for our recently departed:

Gloria Meier

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.

FOOD COLLECTION

Next Sunday we will be collecting food here at St. Joseph's for the food pantry in Immaculate Conception Church, Amenia. Please leave food on our Rectory porch. The food pantry in Amenia is open on the third Saturday of the month from 9:45am to 11am.



VITA— Love Life

Need a unique Christmas gift idea?

CAFE4LIFE The Pro-Life Coffee and the official coffee of the "March for Life"

A generous portion of the proceeds help fund Crisis Pregnancy Centers and Pro-Life Organizations

www.abbeyroast.com



**Happy 25th Anniversary
Erik and Regina Syversen!**

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



Isabella Marie Kravic

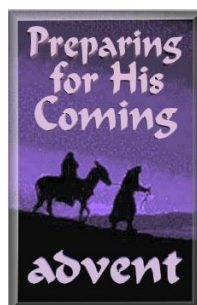
Christmas Gift Tags are available in the vestibule of the Church for our parishioners to buy gifts for our area nursing homes and Cardinal Hayes Home. PLEASE bring gifts to the Church **by Sunday, December 11th**, so they can be distributed in time for their celebrations.

Please attach the tag to the gift! Thank you!



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.



Readings for the Second Week of Advent, Year A:

Isaiah 11: 1-10

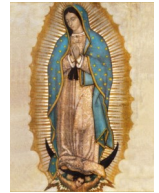
Romans 15: 4-9

Matthew 3: 1-12

Looking Ahead...

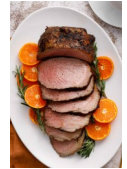
December 3-11

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena in the Church
Rosary each evening **6:00pm** Dec. 3 through Dec. 11



December 7

Women's Christmas Dinner
6:00pm Parish Hall — sponsored by the Women's Guild



December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Masses: **Dec. 7 — Vigil Mass at 5:00pm**
Dec. 8 — Masses at 7:30am (bilingual) and 7:00pm



December 12

6:00am Mañanitas
6:30pm Procession
7:00pm Mass followed by Reception in Parish Hall
PLEASE NOTE: No 7:30am Mass



December 18

1:30pm Nativity Play in the Church



Christmas Schedule 2022



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Mon. Dec. 19

2:00-4:00pm

6:00-8:00pm

MASSES

Christmas Eve, Sat. Dec. 24

4:00pm, 5:30pm, Midnight

Christmas Day, Sun. Dec. 25

8:00am, 10:15am, 12:00 Noon

MASSES

New Year's Eve, Sat. Dec. 31

5:00pm

New Year's Day, Sun. Jan. 1

8:00am, 10:15am, 12:00 Noon

