

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



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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

Ash Wednesday — February 22

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 — SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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CCD Office: 845-677-3273

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Sick calls: Anytime 845-677-3422

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent begins on **February 22nd**, Ash Wednesday. The schedule for distribution of ashes is as follows:

Mass at 7:30am and 7:00pm. (NO 5:00pm Mass)

Prayer service outside on the front steps of the Church at 4:00pm.

We will have **Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm



Mass Readings

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time — **Year A**. Today's readings can be found **on page 899** in the hymnal.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 18th -

7:30am Maria Shabani
Intentions of Yvonne Walsh
5:00pm Special Intentions of Rose Lott
(90th Birthday)
April Conger

Sunday, February 19th - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am People of the Parish
Joseph Trano
10:15am George and Marie Giroux
Carmine Angelo Belmonte
12:00pm Emily Panichi
Margaret and Victor Troiano

Monday, February 20th -

7:30am Jane Bly

Tuesday, February 21st - St. Peter Damian

7:30am Ernest Hedrick
Eve Rizzo

Wednesday, February 22nd - Ash Wednesday

7:30am Ann D. Whalen
7:00pm Elizabeth Cassidy
Josefa Jibaja

Thursday, February 23rd - St. Polycarp

7:30am Pjeter Shabani
Intentions of Fanny Manzi

Friday, February 24th -

7:30am Intentions of Sr. Mary Liegey, S.C.

Saturday, February 25th -

7:30am Fr. Jack Hunter
5:00pm Frank Hudik
Thomas Gallagher

Sunday, February 26th - First Sunday of Lent

8:00am People of the Parish
Gloria Meier
10:15am Thomas Byrne
12:00pm Ginny Iannucci
George Lindner

The **Knights of Columbus** will be serving coffee and tea after the 8:00am and the 10:15am Masses **THIS Sunday, February 19th**, in the Parish Hall.
Come and join us!



BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION

Our monthly collection for Birthright is next weekend. *Birthright provides expectant mothers with the support they need to care for their children, since "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."*

Please put your donations of infant and new mother items in the container at the back of the Church.

Please *do not* put food donations in this container, as Birthright cannot handle these items. Please save food donations for our monthly food drive (2nd Sunday of the month) or drop directly at the Vine & Branches food pantry in Amenia.



Love to sing or play an instrument?
Join the 10:15am Choir at St. Joseph-

Immaculate Conception

All ages welcome!

All levels of musician/singer accepted

For more information contact:

Maria T. Vondras 914-474-5487 (Cell)
or mtvondras@gmail.com

OR

Gene Canevari 845-399-0403

We look forward to hearing from you!



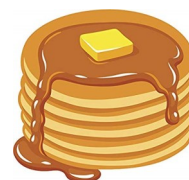
Religious Ed Pancake Dinner

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 21st 5:30-7:00pm

Parish Hall

A Good-Will offering will be collected at the door



UNCLE AL'S THRIFT SHOP

Presidents' Day Sale Continues!!

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

February 22, 24, 25

HALF PRICE ON EVERYTHING IN STORE

except purple and white tags

Miss it last week? Now's your chance!

From Fr. Bancroft

This week is Ash Wednesday, when we are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return (Gen. 3:19), but that Jesus has conquered death and we need just repent and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:15). Come to a service for ashes, and bring a friend as well.

Also be sure to make your plan now for Lent. A good Lenten plan should have three parts: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Take an index card and write down your plan in three parts: For fasting, I will... For prayer, I will... For almsgiving, I will...

My mother will often tell people to go stop by the church for a little prayer if things seem overwhelming. It's a quiet place to let you collect your thoughts and be in Christ's presence. I was talking to a parishioner recently who reiterated the same idea. "I don't know why people don't just go to church and say a prayer when they don't know what to do." True! If you are looking for a good "prayer" section for your Lenten promises, make Jesus a promise to visit Him, even just for a few minutes, each day. Our Church is opened each day by 7am. It is often kept open into the evenings (except Sundays and Tuesdays, when it *might* be closed by the midafternoon).

Stop by and spend some time with Our Lord. "Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

Fr. Bancroft



LENTEN REGULATIONS

FASTING: Fasting prescribes that only one full meal be taken. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength, but these taken together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is to be avoided. Fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those between the ages of 18 and 59.

ABSTINENCE: Abstinence is refraining from meat on Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays of Lent. This is obligatory for everyone over the age of 14.

EASTER DUTY: Catholics are obliged to confess their sins and receive Holy Communion at least once during this season (Ash Wednesday to Pentecost).

LENTEN PRACTICES: Traditionally we "give something up" during Lent. This sacrifice is in response to the great Sacrifice of Love offered for us by Christ upon the Cross. In addition, we are encouraged to offer extra prayers as well, perhaps attend daily Mass, pray the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy or other devotions. Also, some spiritual reading is appropriate, perhaps reading the Holy Scriptures, or some spiritual book that will deepen our faith and our love for Jesus. Let us pray for each other for the grace of a Holy Lent.

Knights of Columbus — Millbrook Council #381

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an Academic Award competition again this year. In May 2023, we will be offering awards of \$250 each to one male and one female senior graduating from high school.

To apply:

- 1) Applicant needs to be one of the following — a graduating HS Senior and a child or grandchild of a member of our Council, **OR** a child of a member of St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Parish, **OR** a graduating senior of Millbrook High School, Millbrook, NY
- 2) Applicant must be going on to a school of further learning — either a College, University or Trade School
- 3) Applicant must submit a letter stating why he or she should be considered and awarded one of the above awards. This letter must include the school they attend, their academic standing, and activities they participated in (in school and out of school) such as clubs, sports, music, theater, charities, religious activities, etc.
- 4) Letter of application must be received by April 15 to be considered. Time and place of award will be determined by where winners are located.

For more info, contact Arthur Kascsak at 845-605-1032 or Gerard Spagnoli at 845-677-5607.



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.

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, Elise Haldenwang, John Kearins, Gloria Malinowski, Dorothea Matevichuk, Jackie Morrison, Stephanie Moschier, Dotty Mullaly, Jane Muller, Mary O'Keefe, Mary Peterson, Jill Philipbar, Rob Rogers, Robert Salberg, Angelina Segno, Annette Snyder, Frank Spola, William Still, Linda Ippolitto Sullivan, Gail Sweeney, Regina Syversen, Jane Wisner, 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.

The **Catholic Widows and Widowers** of Dutchess & Putnam counties will be meeting on the **third Tuesday** of the month at 7:00PM in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Kateri Church, 1925 Rt. 82, Lagrangeville, NY.

(845) 475-4292



VITA— Love Life

This Lent help save lives by praying for an end to abortion.

40 Days for Life —

February 22 - April 2

www.40daysforlife.com

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.



Beginning Experience

Healing Weekend

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is inviting men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spousal relationship to an overnight weekend retreat held at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY from **April 21 to 23, 2023.**

Registration required. Please call Phyllis at 914-261-5812 or Betty at 973-903-3941 to register.

Redemptorist Mission at St. Columba

You are invited to a Redemptorist Mission at St. Columba Church, Hopewell Junction, February 25-March 1. The mission will be led by Fathers Francis Gargani, James Wallace and Philip Dabney. The theme is "Real Presence — God's Gift". All welcome!

Saturday, February 25 — 12 noon — Anointing of the Sick Service

Sunday, February 26 — 3:00pm — Our Lady of Perpetual Help Service

Monday, February 27 — 7:00-8:30pm — "Real Presence in Everyday Life" includes Adoration and Benediction followed by Social

Tuesday, February 28 — 7:00-8:15pm — "Jesus as God's Real Presence" followed by an opportunity to go to Confession

Wednesday, March 1 — 7:00-8:30pm — "Real Presence for Others as a Community of Missionary Disciples" ends with Holy Mass — followed by Social

St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Donation Statements

If you require a donation statement for 2022 tax purposes, please fill out the request below and submit it to the Rectory by mail or you may drop the request in the collection basket. Statements will be mailed. If you use WeShare, please note here _____

REQUEST FOR TAX DONATION STATEMENT

NAME: _____

ENVELOPE # _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____, NY **ZIP CODE** _____

Looking Ahead ...

February 21



Religious Ed Pancake Dinner 5:30pm in the Parish Hall

February 22



Ash Wednesday Ashes will be distributed at 7:30am Mass, at 4:00pm (service) and at 7:00pm Mass

February 25



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally at 11:00am in front of Whalen's Insurance

March 3



Adoration from 12 noon to 5:00pm in the Church

March 18



First Reconciliation

St. Joseph Dinner at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall



March 23



Parish Retreat Afternoon and evening

March 31



K of C Pasta Dinner at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall



Mardi Gras, also known as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday, marks the close of the pre-Lenten season. People would often make pancakes to use up their supplies of eggs, milk and butter in preparation for Lent, a season of repentance, fasting and abstinence.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally



As we begin our journey this Lent, may we deepen our Rosary devotion.

The Rosary is the privileged way to fight daily temptation.

The Rosary makes us slow down and find calm — to find peace in our days.

The Rosary lets us live a life connected to Jesus Christ.

The Rosary connects us to the loving care of Our Mother Mary.

The Rosary helps us pray for others in a strong dedicated way.

Please join us on **Saturday, February 25th at 11:00am** in front of Whalen's Insurance to pray the Rosary.