

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

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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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

DECEMBER 10, 2023 – 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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CCD Office: 845-677-3273

Website: stjosephmillbrookny.org

Sick calls: Anytime 845-677-3422

This week's second collection is for our Retired Religious.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be serving coffee and tea after the 8:00am and the 10:15am Masses **NEXT Sunday, December 17th**, in the Parish Hall.



PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Tuesday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, is at 7:00pm. There is NO 7:30am Mass on Tuesday.

Mass Readings

Second Sunday of Advent — **Year B.** Today's readings can be found on **page 954** in the hymnal.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 9th - **St. Juan Diego**

Cuauhtlatotzin

7:30am Joseph and Grace Abruzzo
Special Intentions
5:00pm Deceased Members of the Dean Family
Thomas Bargo

Sunday, December 10th - **Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Intentions of Bishop Gerardo Colacicco
People of the Parish
10:15am Mary G. Briggs
John Frenzel
12:00pm Intentions of Bishop Gerardo Colacicco
Donald Nash

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

7:30am Anthony Iannucci
Special Intentions

Tuesday, December 12th - **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:00pm Intentions of the Rochfort Family
Christine Brennan

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

5:00pm Richard Schott
Margie Cassidy

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

7:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
Nazzareno and Magdalena

Friday, December 15th -

7:30am Rebecca Fountain
Special Intentions

Saturday, December 16th -

7:30am Nicola and Maria Natrella
Intentions of Ronn Wilt
5:00pm Gilda Iannucci
Intentions of Tim and Yvonne Walsh

Sunday, December 17th - **Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00am People of the Parish
Mark Zeyher
10:15am Charles Wilt
Bernard Connolly
12:00pm Emily Panichi
John, Joan and Steven Kearins

“Be a Light” Ministry

The Women’s Guild of St. Joseph– Immaculate Conception Parish is beginning a new ministry called “Be a Light”. It aims at reaching out to fellow parishioners who may be homebound and in need of a friendly check-in phone call or visit. As followers of Christ, we are called to see Him in our neighbor. It is our duty to reach out and serve Him there (Matt. 25:40)

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from such a service, fill out the information below, and leave it in the basket at the back of the Church. One of the members of the committee will contact you; any information you provide will be held in strict confidence.

Please be advised that all volunteers of the committee are required to undergo a background check.

Request Assistance: Circle one

Visit / Phone Call

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

“In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify you Father in heaven.” Matt. 5:16



UNCLE AL’S THRIFT SHOP

If you are feeling a bit frazzled with Christmas shopping, decorating, etc., etc., don’t forget Uncle Al’s. It’s just possible you will be able to find the right gift, the right piece of clothing or jewelry or scarf or the perfect serving dish for holiday entertaining. We’re there to help you! Most items on display in the window will be available to purchase beginning Dec. 13. (Please note: some items in the display are not for sale.)

Are you interested in volunteering or do you know someone who might be? Stop in during shop hours for further information or to obtain a volunteer form. Thank you!

Uncle Al’s in open Monday, Wednesday , Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm; Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph– Immaculate Conception Church



Looking Ahead...

- December 3-12** Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena in the Church
Rosary each evening at **6:00pm** Dec. 3 through Dec. 11,
Dec. 12 — 5:00am Mañanitas
- December 12** **5:00am** Mañanitas
6:15pm Procession
7:00pm Mass followed by Reception in Parish Hall
PLEASE NOTE: No 7:30am Mass
- December 16** Youth Group Christmas Caroling
- December 17** Knights Coffee in Parish Hall after 8:00am and 10:15am Masses
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners announced
- December 18** Reconciliation Monday — Confessions 2:00-4:00pm, 6:00-8:00pm



Christmas Schedule 2023



MASSES

Sunday Masses, Dec. 24, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am and 10:15am

Christmas Eve, Sun. Dec. 24

4:00pm, Midnight

Christmas Day, Mon. Dec. 25

9:00am, 12:00 Noon

MASSES

Sunday Masses, Dec. 31

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

New Year's Eve, Sun. Dec. 31

11:30pm

New Year's Day, Mon. Jan. 1

9:00am, 12:00 Noon



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.

In Memory of

Angelo Colacicco



Intentions of

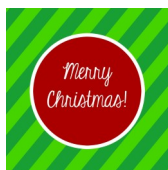
*Bishop Gerardo J.
Colacicco*

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.

Christmas Gift Tags are available in the vestibule of the Church for our parishioners to buy gifts for residents at Lutheran Care and Cardinal Hayes Home.

PLEASE bring gifts to the Church **by Sunday, December 10th**, so they can be distributed in time for their celebrations.



Please attach the tag to the gift! Thank you!

We are grateful to Michael Sontheimer and Allen Funeral Home for providing the 2024 calendars once again this year.

The calendars are available in the Church vestibule.



Parish Sick List

Please pray for our Parishioners who are ill, homebound or in our area Nursing Homes: Daisy Abruzzo, Tatum Allen, Kathleen Blank, Martha Conners, Eileen Donahue, Jason Fiore, Elise Haldenwang, Betsy Ketcham, Gloria Malinowski, Dorothea Matevichuk, Jackie Morrison, Dotty Mullaly, Jane Muller, Mary O'Keefe, Mary Peterson, Jill Philipbar, Robert Salberg, Lynne Schlude, Annette Snyder, William Still, Linda Ippolitto Sullivan, Gail Sweeney, Regina Syversen, Ronn Wilt, 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.

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



Holy Father's Intentions for December 2023

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



VITA— Love Life

Our Lady of Guadalupe

— Patroness of Unborn Children

A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

-www.usccb.org

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

-www.dioceseoftrenton.org

Pro-life Rosary

-www.vivaguadalupe.org/pro-life-rosary

Retirement Fund for Religious

Sr. Brenda Cherry, OSP, 84 65 years of religious life.

"My father instilled in me a deep love for the Lord from a young age," says Sr. Brenda Cherry, an Oblate Sister of Providence.

Sr. Brenda has spent her entire ministry in education, teaching in schools in Baltimore, Washington, DC and New Orleans. Today, Sr. Brenda lives in her congregational motherhouse and serves as the director and kindergarten teacher at the Mount Providence Child Development Center.

Fr. James Day, OSST, 77 59 years of religious life.

"I was inspired by the joy and dedication of the Trinitarians," says Fr. James Day, a member of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, commonly called the Trinitarians. He entered religious life in the 1960s and has served as a formation director and parish priest. For the last 29 years, he has been a Catholic school administrator. Today, in his retirement, he continues to serve as president of DeMatha Catholic High School, a four-year Catholic high school for boys located in Maryland.



The annual collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious* will be taken up **this weekend, December 9 and 10.**

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. Like 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!



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Priests Christmas Concerts 2023

December 15, 2023 7:00 PM Church of Saint Ann 25 Eastern Ave, Ossining, NY 10562	December 16, 2023 7:00 PM Church of The Holy Trinity 775 Main St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
December 17, 2023 3:00 PM The Church of Saint Michael The Archangel 765 Co-op City Blvd. Bronx, NY. 10475	

Tickets
\$20
on- Sale
Now



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 16-17, 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.



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



Delfina Magdalena Ibañez

Thank you to everyone who made our Uncle Al's Christmas Sale a big success! We are always thankful for all Uncle Al's does to support our Church and our local community. They are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested, please stop by their store in town to get more information.

