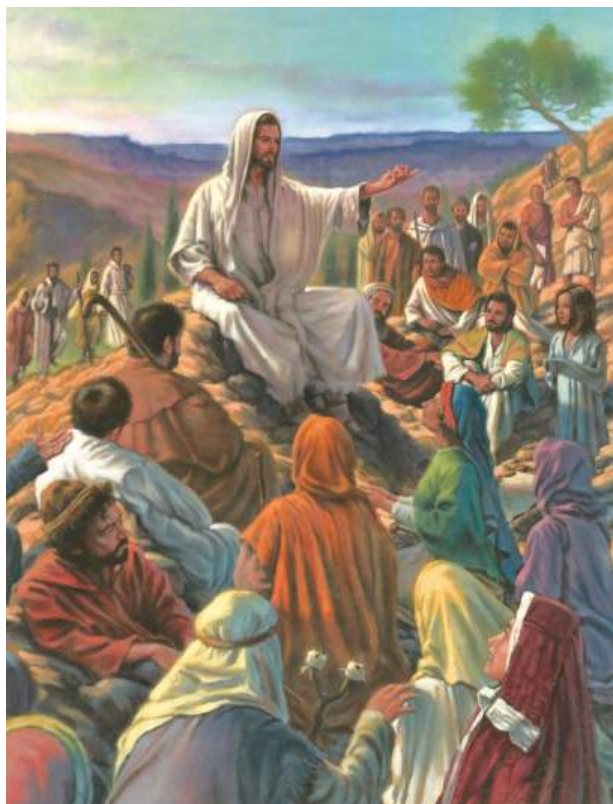


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Saturday5:00 PM Vigil Mass of Sunday

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

“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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Sick calls: Anytime 845-677-3422

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00pm.



The **Knights of Columbus** will be serving coffee and tea after the 8:00am and the 10:15am Masses **THIS Sunday, February 18th**, in the Parish Hall.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.



Mass Readings

First Sunday of Lent— **Year B**. Today's readings can be found on **page 969** in the hymnal.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 17th - **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

7:30am Intentions of Tim and Yvonne Walsh
5:00pm Intentions of Fr. Bancroft
Matthew Freiman

Sunday, February 18th - **First Sunday of Lent**

8:00am People of the Parish
Ted Clement
10:15am Ernest Hedrick
George Bally
12:00pm Margaret and Victor Troiano
Liza Shabani

Monday, February 19th -

7:30am Irene Callaghan
Wanda Bavon Szeliga

Tuesday, February 20th -

7:30am Eve Rizzo
Barbara Clum

Wednesday, February 21st - **St. Peter Damian**

5:00pm Fannie Anderson
Msgr. Luiz Mendonca and
James Mendonca, Sr.

Thursday, February 22nd - **The Chair of St. Peter**

7:30am Ann D. Whalen
Mark and Elizabeth Cassidy

Friday, February 23rd - **St. Polycarp**

7:30am Josephine deLuca

Saturday, February 24th -

7:30am Sr. Mary Motte, FMM
5:00pm Daniel Kelly
Intentions of Ronn Wilt

Sunday, February 25th - **Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00am People of the Parish
Thomas Bargo
10:15am Carmine Giordano
Intentions of Danielle Molella
12:00pm Grace and Nick D'Onofrio
Lydia Tata

"The Imitation of Christ"



*We are forming a **new** group to help our parishioners grow in their faith.*

*We will be discussing the book, "The Imitation of Christ"
written in 1427 by Thomas à Kempis, a Roman Catholic monk.*

*It became a favorite spiritual work of many saints,
and is the most read book among Catholics throughout the world, second to the Bible.*

*"The Imitation stresses an interior spiritual life, meditation, rejection of the world's
materialism, and the practice of Holy Communion to strengthen faith."*

-University of Notre Dame

*The edition we will be using can be purchased online from The Catholic Company,
but any edition is fine.*

*Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month.
Our first meeting is on **March 4, 2024 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall.*

We will be discussing Book 1, Chapters 1-25 (about 50 pages)

For more information call or text Donna Byrnes at 845-548-6298



UNCLE AL'S THRIFT SHOP

Half-price on clothing continues except purple tags and white tags (that's men's, ladies' and children's) and ladies' pants are just \$1.00 (purple and white tags excluded).

Those are not the only bargains — we are pricing and putting out numerous newly donated items for your wardrobe or for your home, all at Uncle Al's low, low prices. What a great time to shop. The store is very busy these days, and it's not unusual for items being marked to fly out the door before they can be placed on hangers or on a shelf. Exciting for everyone—volunteers, customers, browsers. Come on in — shop is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 4:00pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 to 1:00pm.

We gratefully accept your donations of gently used clothing and other items in good condition during shop hours.

Thank you for supporting Uncle Al's...

...all proceeds benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church

Lenten Retreat

📅 March 8th-10th
📍 Mariapolis Luminosa
Hyde Park, New York



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Margaret Kelly

Co-Director
Focolare Movement
Mariapolis Luminosa



SPEAKER

**Fr Matthew
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**Fr Michael
Connolly**

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Birthright of Dutchess County **needs a volunteer for Wednesdays from 12-4pm in our Poughkeepsie office.** The office is located next to the Church of the Holy Trinity. By becoming a volunteer it allows us to keep our doors open to moms in need.

For more information please contact the Birthright Poughkeepsie office at 845-473-1300.

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.

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, Jason Fiore, Elise Haldenwang, Betsy Ketcham, Dorothea Matevichuk, Jackie Morrison, Dotty Mullaly, Jane Muller, Mary O'Keefe, Jill Philipbar, Robert Salberg, Lynne Schlude, William Still, Linda Ippolitto Sullivan, Gail Sweeney, Regina Syversen, Delia Castro Vives, Ronn Wilt, Jane Wisner, Betty Zitz.

Please pray for our recently departed:

Barbara Clum Thomas Sciarrotta

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

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Gerard Spagnoli 677-5607

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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.

Holy Father's Intentions for February 2024

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



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“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 # _____

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“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

PRAYER

FASTING

ALMSGIVING



Healing Weekend

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is inviting men and women of all ages who grieve at the end of a marriage or spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation to an in-person weekend retreat at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon NY.

Upcoming dates: April 19 to 21, 2024 and October 18 to 20, 2024. For information or to register please call *Phyllis* at 914-261-5812 or *Jim* at 845-220-7883.



Looking ahead...

February 18	K of C Coffee Sunday after 8:00am and 10:15am Masses in the Parish Hall	
February 19	Presidents' Day — Rectory Office closed.	
February 23	7:00pm Stations of the Cross	
March 1	12:00-5:00pm Adoration 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	 

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.

St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Donation Statements

If you require a donation statement for 2023 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 _____

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