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listen to Him.”***

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**Rev. Richard A. LaMorte**

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Mary Theresa Soyka  
Margaret Hart

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
Molly Paglia

## **MASSES**

Saturday..... 5:00 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**

Saturday..... 4:00-4:45PM or anytime by request

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## **MARCH 16, 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**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

## Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00pm.



### Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, March 16,** after the **8:00am Mass ONLY** in the Parish Hall.

Coffee and tea will be served after the 10:15am Mass.



### Mass Readings

Second Sunday of Lent — **Year C.** Today's readings can be found on **page 1096** in the hymnal.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, March 15th -

**7:30am** Sr. Jackie LaVie  
Matthew Darcy  
**5:00pm** Richard Forget  
Giovanni (Tony) Giammatteo

#### Sunday, March 16th - Second Sunday of Lent

**8:00am** People of the Parish  
Intentions of Mary Theresa Soyka  
**10:15am** Adele, Ann and Joseph Misik  
Fr. Michael Dibble  
**12:00pm** Kathleen Bonadonna  
Corrine and Tom Lisa

#### Monday, March 17th - St. Patrick

**7:30am** Geraldine Shanley  
Manuel Pintassilgo

#### Tuesday, March 18th - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**7:30am** Charles, Anne and Terri Timke  
Victor Setaro

#### Wednesday, March 19th - ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**5:00pm** People of the Parish  
Carolyn Wilt

#### Thursday, March 20th -

**7:30am** Joseph Trano  
Giovanni Perna

#### Friday, March 21st -

**7:30am** Kola Shabani  
Intentions of Fr. Bancroft

#### Saturday, March 22nd -

**7:30am** Fr. Joseph Darbouze  
Msgr. Charles Coen  
**5:00pm** Harry Scrivani  
John Tumino

#### Sunday, March 23rd - Third Sunday of Lent

**8:00am** People of the Parish  
Michael Volino  
**10:15am** Mary Briggs  
Gregory Petrone  
**12:00pm** Sylvester and Leokadia Konys  
Marion Catherine Robb

## Pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee Year of Hope

Fr. Matthew MacDonald will be leading a pilgrimage with two groups to Italy for the Jubilee Year of Hope through 206 Tours June 29 through July 9, 2025. The First Group is with Queen of Peace Prayer Group and is open to anyone of any age. The Second Group that will be joining the Queen of Peace Prayer Group will consist of Ignite Young Adults, the Young Adult Office of the Archdiocese of New York Catholic NYC, and is open to any Young Adult ages 20-40. We will spend 4 nights in Rome, 2 nights in San Giovanni Rotondo, and 3 nights in Assisi, with stops at Monte Cassino, Monte Sant'Angelo, Loreto, Lanciaio and Orvieto. There is also an optional extension from July 9-13 to Padua, Siena, Venice and Florence. Daily Mass and confessions are also available. The final price is \$5966.00 with departure from JFK Airport, which excludes the addition of the Venice extension cost (which is \$2344.00 extra). The cost includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, buses, and a tour guide.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Fr. MacDonald at the Rectory office. Please see the following link for pricing and more information. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE for the Pilgrimage is March 29, 2025.**

Link for Registration for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. MacDonald and the Queen of Peace Prayer Group (open to all ages): <https://www.206tours.com/cms/frmacdonald/italy/>

Link for Registration for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. MacDonald and the Youth, Young Adult, and University Outreach Office of the Archdiocese of New York (open to young adults ages 20-40):  
<https://www.206tours.com/cms/frmacdonald/nyarch/>

## UNCLE AL'S THRIFT SHOP

*May the love and protection Saint Patrick can give  
be yours in abundance as long as you live...  
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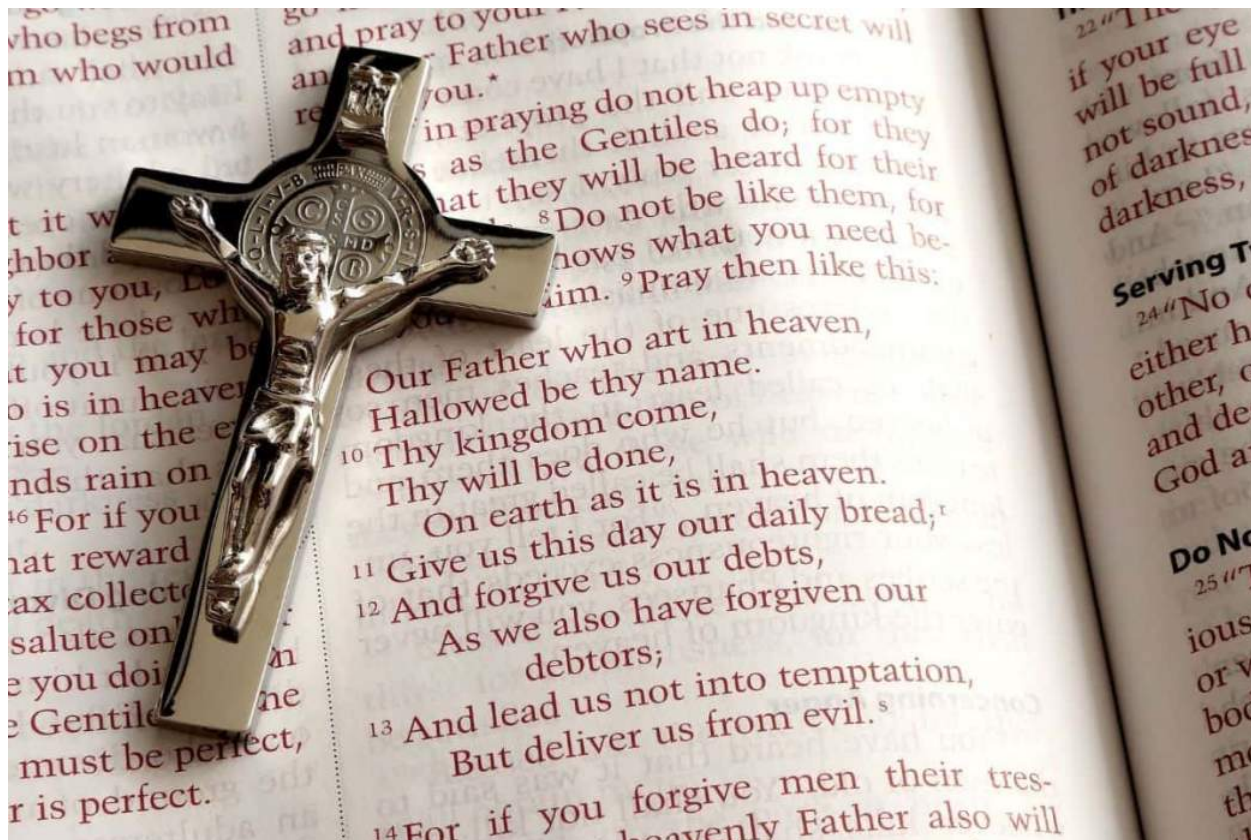


What an exciting time to shop at Uncle Al's! Spring has almost sprung and the cheerful outside mood carries over into the store. Lighter brighter clothing is gradually appearing on our racks. And home inventory of attics, closets and other storage areas seems to have begun. When recently donated items are sorted and priced at the shop, there is a cheerful chatter among the volunteers...*look at this beautiful set of dishes; wow! I haven't seen one of these in ages; oh my goodness, this dress could be worn to a wedding; these shoes were never worn.* The happy chatter continues as boxes are emptied and bags unpacked. Why is this task so interesting? Because each item might have a story. Was this a wedding gift back in the 70's? Did this person just retire after working many years in a high-end clothing store? And we think that some donations were probably treasured at one time but now need a new home due to a variety of reasons. After an item such as this is priced and placed for sale, it's a good day when a customer comes in, looks at it, smiles and buys it. When it is paid for, packaged and carried out, everyone feels good — the volunteer who's glad the [pretty dish, nice blanket, whatever] has a new home and certainly the pleased customer.

*Volunteering at Uncle Al's is very rewarding — you are not only helping our parish and community, but also enjoying those few hours a week spent at the shop!*

## Lenten School of Prayer

Come and join us for a Lenten School of Prayer  
led by Fr. Matthew MacDonald, our administrator,  
Thursdays of Lent from 7:00-8:15pm in  
St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, Millbrook, NY



We will cover some of the basic teachings of the Church on prayer, one of the most important and most taken for granted things in the Christian Life. It will be on the following Thursdays of Lent:

**March 20th** — Topic: How to Pray—An Introduction to Good Prayer Habits and to Mental Prayer (Lectio Divina)

April 3rd — Topic: Prayer as a Relationship with God

April 10th — Topic: How to Hear the Voice of God—An Introduction to The Discernment of Spirits

Each Thursday Night Session will include Eucharistic Adoration, a half hour talk on some aspect of prayer, twenty minutes of silent meditation on a Gospel of a given Sunday of Lent, Benediction, Sharing of Graces and Q & A in the Church.

For more information, please contact Fr. Matthew at the parish office. Hope you can come and join us!



## Chocolate Crosses



The Knights of Columbus will be selling chocolate crosses after all Masses beginning this weekend. Prices are as follows:  
1 cross — \$8                      2 crosses — \$15                      3 crosses — \$20



**St. Patrick, pray for us!**

**Feast Day**

**March 17**

## Cardinal's Appeal

**This weekend, March 15-16** is commitment weekend for the Cardinal's Appeal. Thank you for your generosity in the past. Please prayerfully consider donating again this year. The Cardinal's Appeal serves the people and priests of the Archdiocese in many ways: formation of priests, retired religious, financial assistance for struggling parishes, charitable outreach, Catholic education. You can help through your support.

Thank you for your generosity.



## Parish Sick List

Please pray for our Parishioners who are ill, homebound or in our area Nursing Homes: Daisy Abruzzo, Tatum Allen, Lenny Anderson, Kathleen Blank, Martha Conners, Jason Fiore, Elise Haldenwang, Betsy Ketcham, Dorothea Matevichuk, Jackie Morrison, Dotty Mullaly, Jane Muller, Joyce Ann Nielsen, Mary O'Keefe, Jill Philipbar, Robert Salberg, Lynne Schlude, Linda Ippolitto Sullivan, Gail Sweeney, Regina Syversen, Delia Castro Vives, 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

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Molly Paglia 677-3273

**Uncle Al's Thrift Shop** 677-5002

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Michael Sugg 332-9092

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



**St. Joseph, pray for us!**

**Feast Day**

**March 19**



**VITA— Love Life**

**National Down Syndrome Society**

*Join them on March 21, 2025, to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day with their 9th annual virtual Racing for 3.21 event!*

[www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org)

## St. Joseph's Dinner

Come celebrate our patron saint! You are invited to attend the St. Joseph's Dinner on **Saturday, March 22, at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall following the 5:00pm Mass. The dinner menu includes: Garden Salad, St. Joseph's Day Pasta with Toasted Bread Crumbs, Meatballs in Red Sauce, Baked Ziti, Pasta with Oil and Garlic, Gluten Free Penne with Oil and Garlic, Rolls and Butter, and Homemade Desserts. The dinner is sponsored by the Women's Guild.



Tickets are \$10. Children 6 and under are free. Tickets for families with children 7-17 are \$25. They may be purchased after all weekend Masses.

## "The Imitation of Christ"



*We meet on the first and **third** Monday of each month.*

*March's dates are the 3rd & **17th***

*7:00pm in the Parish Hall*

*Newcomers are **still** always welcomed!*

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

## Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

**LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE:** During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5** and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, April 17.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. This is a serious matter within Church law.

Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken. Two smaller meals may be eaten to maintain physical strength, but together they should not equal another meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obligated to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those who have reached the age of 14 and older are obligated to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent until death.

Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are urged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

All Fridays of the year are designated as days of penance during which we are encouraged to practice self-denial out of gratitude for the suffering and death Jesus accepted for us. Abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent and Good Friday is required by Church Law but can be dispensed only through a private dispensation obtained from your local parish priest.





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## JUBILEE YEAR WALKING PILGRIMAGE

FROM DUTCHESS COUNTY TO ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

July 8-13, 2025

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND WOULD LIKE TO  
GET MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE ATTEND  
OUR INTEREST MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 22 AT 7:00 PM AT  
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, FISHKILL, NY

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING BUT ARE INTERESTED IN  
JOINING US. PLEASE EMAIL MADELINE BUTTA  
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*Born into the new life of Christ  
in the waters of Baptism*



*Milania Arabella Seaman  
Jorge Lopez Marcial*



### 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.



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