

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2015

Please visit the Parish Website: www.stjosephmillbrookny.org

CATHOLICISM SERIES

The third presentation: *Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast – Mary, the Mother of God*; will be viewed this Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, *Friday, March 27th at 7:00pm in the Church.*

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS ON HOLY SATURDAY

In many Eastern European countries, it is a tradition to prepare a basket of food to be blessed on Holy Saturday. In Poland, the blessing of the baskets is a tradition dating back to the 15th century, and is still observed to this day. The basket is lined with a beautiful embroidered cloth and covered with a white linen cloth, representing the shroud of Christ. A typical basket would include: bacon: a symbol of God's abundant mercy; Easter bread, or babka: a symbol of the Risen Lord who gives us Himself in the Eucharist; butter: normally in the shape of a lamb, symbolic of Jesus, the Lamb of God; cheese: a reminder of the Christian virtue of moderation; colored eggs: a symbol of the hope and new life Christ gives us in His rising from the tomb; ham: to celebrate the end of Lent when we fasted from meat; sausage, or kielbasa: the sausage links are symbolic of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead; horseradish: a reminder of the bitterness of Jesus' Passion; salt: which adds zest to life and preserves us from corruption; sweets: symbolizing the promise of Eternal Life; and lastly, a candle is placed in the basket and lit prior to the Blessing, the candle symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World. (Source: [The Polish Falcons of America](#)) Whatever your family tradition may be, we celebrate the joy of Our Lord's Resurrection with a bountiful feast with our family and friends. We all have special foods for special times of the year. You are welcome to bring your Easter breads, colored eggs, candy, Easter pies, etc. to be blessed on Holy Saturday morning at 11:00am in the Church. Let us give thanks to God for His gift of life and love, which we share with our loved ones around the table of His Altar and the table of our homes.

2015 CARDINAL'S APPEAL - SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Our Parish goal is \$45,500 to date we have raised \$13,660 from 58 gifts. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we must have the support from all of our families.

SESSIONS ON SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke's final presentation of *Praying with Jesus* will be held this Monday, March 23rd from 10:00am – 11:30am in the School. Please call Sr. Margaret Ellen at (845) 800-3166.

GOOD COUNSEL BABY BOTTLES

Please drop off your coined filled Baby Bottles in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for your generous support.

Items for the Food Baskets that will be given to our families in need this Easter can be dropped off on the Rectory porch on Palm Sunday. Thank you for all donations.

To the Parishioners of St. Joseph's

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to Immaculate Conception's Vine and Branches Food Closet (Amenia). Working together as a faith community really makes a difference to those struggling to put food on their table for their families. God bless you. Fr. Kent Wilson, Pastor

VOCATIONS INFORMATION DAY Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council #4065, located at 339 Route 82, Wappingers Falls, NY on Saturday, March 28th, 10am-2pm. Open to all male and female Junior HS Students, age 13 and older interested in finding out more about vocations. The theme of the day will be "COME FOLLOW ME", presented by **Fr. Justin Cinnante**. A light lunch and refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend or would like more information please contact Grand Knight Al Ronda at 917-650-8447 or email GK4065@aol.com

ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, June 20th or Sunday, June 21st at 2:00pm. Pre-registration is required. **To register please contact the Rectory (677-3422) by Friday, May 15, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 21st
7:30am Deceased Members of the
Albert Rotunno Family
5:00pm Frank & Rose Troiano

Sunday, March 22nd
Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00am Rose & Louis DeSantis
8:00 (LSJ) NO MASS
10:15am Christina & Charles
Colomello
12:00pm Constantina Reyes

Monday, March 23rd –
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
7:30am Anthony Roccanova

Tuesday, March 24th -
7:30am Harrison Eddy

Wednesday, March 25th –
The Annunciation of the Lord
7:30am Helen & Joseph Rejowicz

Thursday, March 26th –
7:30am Joan Shanks

Friday, March 27th
7:30am Joan Shanks

Saturday, March 28th
7:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Anthony, Angelina & Albert
Paolucci

Sunday, March 29th - Palm Sunday
8:00am Irma Colacicco
8:00 (LSJ) Anthony Roccanova
10:15am People of the Parish
12:00pm Dominick & Adeline
Constantino