

The Roman Catholic Parish

ST. JOSEPH-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

15 North Avenue, P.O. Box 439 • Millbrook, New York 12545

Serving the people of Millbrook, Clinton Corners and Bangall



**Rejoice in the Lord always; again
I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is
near.**

**Rev. Msgr. Gerardo J. Colacicco, Pastor
Rev. Richard A. LaMorte**

PARISH SECRETARIES

Mary Theresa Soyka
Regina Calvano

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Laura Warning

DIRECTORS OF MUSIC

Gene Canevari Patricia Mark
Regina Syversen Bernadette Syversen

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Begins at 12:00 Noon every 1st Friday and continues throughout the afternoon, ending with Benediction at 5:00 PM.

DECEMBER 17, 2017 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BAPTISMS: Sundays at 1:00 PM. Please contact the rectory. 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.

Rectory Phone: 845-677-3422 • Rectory Fax: 845-677-3423

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Rectory Office Open 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

CCD Office: 845-677-3273

Website: stjosephmillbrookny.org

Sick calls: Anytime 845-677-3422

Please Note: Mass on Wednesday, December 20th will be held at 7:30am, **NOT** 5:00pm

Advent Confessions: Every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45pm

Reconciliation Monday: December 18 from 3:00 to 5:00pm and 7:00pm

Mass Readings

Third Sunday of Advent —Year B. Today's readings can be found on **page 956** in the hymnal.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 16th -

7:30am Nicola and Maria Natrella
Anthony Iannucci
5:00pm Deceased Members of the Family of
Felice and Felicia Manzi

Sunday, December 17th -

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of the Parish
Patricia Hinck
10:15am Zane Grey
12:00pm Edward Rochfort
John W. Hart

Monday, December 18th -

7:30am Barbara and Thomas Rochfort
Intentions of Regina Syversen

Tuesday, December 19th -

7:30am Charles Wilt
Special Intentions

Wednesday, December 20th -

7:30am Grace Walsh
John Liskey

Thursday, December 21st - St. Peter Canisius

7:30am Intentions of Tim and Yvonne Walsh

Friday, December 22nd -

7:30am Nancy Colkin Tsoubris
Intentions of Buddy Marona

Saturday, December 23rd - St. John of Kanty

7:30am Abigail Conley
Intentions of Mary O'Keefe
5:00pm Steven Kearins

Sunday, December 24th -

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of the Parish
10:15am John C. Marrone
Gilda Iannucci
12:00pm John and Sadie Whalen
Rodrigo and Josephine Ciferri
4:00pm Neil and Maureen Tonner
5:30pm Ethel and Albert Morrison
Deceased Members of the Pyrch and
Tocco Families
Midnight People of the Parish
Maureen Murphy Gregory



Christmas Schedule 2017



CONFESSIONS

Reconciliation Monday, Dec. 18
3:00-5:00pm and 7:00pm

MASSES

Christmas Eve, Sun. Dec. 24
4:00pm, 5:30pm, Midnight (program
of traditional Christmas choral music
beginning at 11:30pm)

Christmas Day, Mon. Dec. 25
9:00am, 12:00 Noon

MASSES

New Year's Day, Mon. Jan. 1
9:00am, 12:00 Noon

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's. Families are invited to bring their statues of baby Jesus to be blessed at all of our Masses.

Christmas Gifts

Thank you for your generosity in providing gifts for the residents of our area nursing homes and Cardinal Hayes Home. Please bring any remaining gifts to the Church **by Monday, Dec. 18.**

2018 Calendars

We are grateful to Michael Sontheimer and Allen Funeral Home for providing the 2018 Calendars once again this year. The calendars are available in the Church vestibule.



2017 Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

DECEMBER

THE ELDERLY

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Catholic Widows & Widowers

The Catholic Widows and Widowers group will **NOT** meet in December, but will meet again on the third Tuesday of January at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Kateri Church, 1925 Rte. 82, Lagrangeville, NY 12540.

Our Parish Nativity Set

This past winter when the renovation work was being done on the interior of our Church, the artist that was painting the stencils went down to our basement to get some of his materials. He found in the corner a very old and damaged Nativity set. He asked me if he could take it to his shop and work on it through the summer and bring it back to us in time for Christmas. I was very happy to let him do just that. The figures have been returned to us like new. The detail in the painting is as beautiful as the details found in our Church. We are guessing that the set is very old, perhaps even the original Nativity set our Parish had over a hundred years ago. What a blessing to have this set in time for our first Christmas in our newly restored Church. We are grateful to the following Parishioners who helped in setting the scene: Lawrence Clegg for building the base, Joe and Laura Warning for setting up the Christmas trees, Tom DiStefano for creating the beautiful stained glass star, and Mary Schaller for sewing the velvet skirt. I hope you love it and it draws your thoughts and prayers to that first Christmas so very long ago.

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.



Uncle Al's Thrift Shop

Can you help? A few good men are needed to help transfer boxes (mostly clothing) from the thrift shop to storage. This is an ongoing need that can take an hour or so a week on Monday, Wednesday or Friday (during shop hours). If you can help, please call Uncle Al's at 677-5002 when shop is open.

**THRIFT
SHOP**

Merry Christmas! **Christmas Shop Now Open!**



News from Uncle Al's Shops: Both the Thrift Shop and the Christmas Shop continue to do well thanks to all who donate items and /or patronize the shops. God bless the volunteers who devote much time and energy to maintaining Uncle Al's shops during the year and at the Christmas Season. Hours this week at the Christmas Shop are Monday, Dec. 18 through Friday, Dec. 22 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. We will then close for the season. Uncle Al's Thrift Shop will also be open (regular hours) through Friday, Dec. 22, and then be closed for two weeks, reopening on Monday, Jan. 8. **Effective Saturday, Dec. 16, both shops will have a ONE-HALF PRICE SALE** on clothing and all Christmas related items. These sales will continue through Friday, Dec. 22.

Proceeds from both shops benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church.

In Memory of
Orlando and Catherine
Andreini



In Memory of
Mark Andreini

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



Charles John Wilbur
Lucy Elspeth Ketcham



PARISH INFORMATION
Immaculate Conception, Amenia
Food Pantry 373-8193

Religious Education (CCD)
And Youth Group
Laura Warning 677-3273

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop 677-5002

St. Joseph's Women's Guild
Judy Yarochowicz 677-5778

Knights of Columbus
Greg Butta 677-0182

CYO Basketball
Kirsten Rappleyea 677-6581

Choir
Gene Canevari 399-0403

Men's Group
Mike Appolonia 594-7804

Parish Sick List

Please pray for our Parishioners who are ill, homebound or in our area Nursing Homes:

Daisy Abruzzo, Tatum Allen, Rosemary and Melville Bonanno, Ann Brandow, Leititcia Burack, Salvatore Carrubba, Richard Caza, Carolyn Chernick, Rose Marie DeSantis, Michael Eades, Millie France, Susan Liskey, Buddy Marona, June Martin, Vincent Massarelli, Dorothea Matevichuk, Rita McEnroe, Gloria Meier, Stephanie Moschier, Jane Muller, Mary O'Keefe, Dan Palumbo, Mrs. Tom Parker, Helen Pelletier, Jill Philipbar, Lucille Pickering, Robert Salberg, Angelina Segno, Rose Risimini, Linda Ippolitto Sullivan, Regina Syversen, Betty Zitz.

Please pray for our recently departed:

Gilda Iannucci

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.



March for Life

Washington D.C.

The March for Life on Friday, **January 19, 2018**, in Washington, DC will truly be an unforgettable, inspiring, joy-filled adventure for hundreds of thousands of prolife persons of all ages (mostly under 35). Buses will leave St. Columba Church, Hopewell Junction, **after the 4:30am Mass**. The cost is reasonable at \$35/adult; \$25/child. Call George Morton (845 226-6896) before December 25th to reserve your seat. (Seats are limited so please call soon!) Since 1974, millions have said, "Thank God I participated in the March for Life!" And you will too!