



THE CHURCH OF THE  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary*  
MAHWAH, NEW JERSEY

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, December 19, 2015**

**5:00PM Eleanor Cruse**  
by Dave, Christie & Annabelle

**Sunday, December 20, 2015****The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**7:30AM Anne Stricker** by Teresa & James Sun  
**9:00AM Blessings for Members of the Polish American Club**  
**10:30AM Pauline Lerch** by husband, Joseph Lerch  
**12:00PM Stefan Tylus** by daughter, Celina & Family

**Monday, December 21 For Our Parishioners and**

**8:00AM Rose Leahy & Anton Leahy**  
by the Gerling Family  
**Michele Szwed** by the Family  
**12:00PM Florence & John Quinn, Roger Suleski, and Michael Cleary**  
by Julia Cleary, Shannon, Kelly & Ryan Hall  
**Walter Trusewicz** by wife, Mary & Family

**Tuesday, December 22**

**8:00AM Bill & Frances McCloud** by the Family  
**Uncle Tony Suleski** by niece, Nancy & Bob  
**12:00PM George Gera** by the Family  
**Anna Krupinski** by Mary Krupinski  
**Chacon & Castro Families**  
by Valentina & John Link

**Wednesday, December 23**

**8:00AM Lisa Zembriski** by Mom & aunt Irene  
**Rose Genito** by Barbara & Carol  
**12:00PM Roger Suleski** by wife, Anne  
**Rose Leahy** by Mark Soboleski

**Thursday, December 24**

**8:00AM The Frankoski Family** by Tina & Ed

**Christmas Celebrations**

**3:30PM Lou Molinelli**  
by wife, Mary & Children  
**5:00PM Adam Suleski** by grandchildren,  
Robert, Megan & Adam  
**10:00PM Emma Keckeisen**  
by daughter, Frances Backus  
**12:00PM (Polish) Zofia & Ed Dembia** by Olga

**Christmas Day**

**9:00AM (Polish) Jozefa & Ignancy Sobilo**  
by son, Tadeusz & Family  
**10:30PM Lisa Zembriski** by Mom & aunt, Irene  
**12:00PM Joseph Suleski** by Brother & Sister

**Saturday, December 26**

**8:00AM Lou Molinelli** by Mary & Children  
**Health Blessings for Karen Sokol**  
by Gisela Sokol & Family

**Saturday, December 26**

**5:00PM Mary Kownacki** by the Family

**Sunday, December 27****The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph**

**7:30AM Anne Stricker**  
by daughter, Anne, John & Children  
**9:00AM Robert Maleszewski** by wife & Children  
**10:30AM Tom O'Sullivan** by wife, Peggy  
**12:00PM Stephanie & Michael J. Remo** by the Family

**Memorial Candles**

**Blessed Mother (Sanctuary Candle)**  
In memory of **Vito Nappo** from wife, Rose

**Blessed Mother (Sanctuary Candle)**  
In memory of **Agnes Carbora**  
From Henry & Nancy Baker

**Saint Joseph (Sanctuary Candle)**  
In memory of **Pat & Kevin Malone** from Wife & Mother

**Blessed Mother (Alcove)**  
In memory of **Camilo Cabig**  
From wife, Fe

**Sacred Heart (Alcove)**  
In memory of **Cynthia**, my loving wife  
From husband, Ed Plicinski

**Host & Wine**  
In memory of **Michael & Stephanie Remo**  
From the Family

**PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS**

**For those who are ill:** Michael Helms, Christine Sanese-Brett, Joan Malone, JoAnn Best, Stella Moran, Paul Mayer, Jaclyn Best, Helen Kelly, Nora Dempsey, Tara Arbia, Peter Rice, Maryann Titko, Theresa White, John LaPlaca, James and Barbara Straut, Ruth Stager, Eleanora Swingle, Frances Konior, Irene Calotta, Gabriele DiCarlo, Mary Gisonno, Carol Zarcone, Nicholas Sorgine, Susan Saladino, Henry Baker, Louise Yankowski, Michael Cardinale.

**For the recently deceased:** Anna Garbowski, Anne Stricker, Jack Baxter, Florence Micik, Anton Leahy, Priscilla Binko, Kathleen Cebulski, Joseph Kotos, Thomas Skerry, Irena Ceglinska, John Kelly, Anna Krupinski, Gilda DiDomenico, Francesco Matarazzo, Christina Wyszomirski, Frederico Chacon, Rose Leahy, Bozena Niepostyn, Anthony Fontana, Helena Marut, Joseph Szwerc, Jack Dempsey, Marilyn Jasenzak, Ted Bruchalski, Gabriel Wolanski, Stanley Zembriski, John Sinclair, Stanislaw Wrzesien, Anthony Suleski, Fr. Chester Szemborski, SDB, Edward Michalak, Richard Gotowoko, Eileen Conway.



## Message from the Pastor:

As we prepare in this final week of Advent for the birth of our Savior we listen to the words of Luke in today's Gospel describe a very moving scene in which Mary has made a difficult journey through the country hills to be with her relative Elizabeth, who is several months pregnant. Mary, pregnant with our Lord Jesus Christ, and Elizabeth, who is an older woman carrying John the Baptist, embrace each other with tears and laughter. Elizabeth recognized and responded to the mystery taking place. She expressed astonishment, wonder, amazement: "how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Elizabeth recognizes Mary's true identity as "the mother of my Lord." She calls Mary "blessed" three times. Mary is blessed because she trusted that the Lord's words to her would come true. Blessed Mary, help us to be more willing to trust the Lord's words to us!

I would like to say a special thank you to all those who worked so hard last week on our Jubilee Christmas Celebration on Sunday from our wonderful Youth Group who spent many hours setting up to all the children who practiced and participated in our spectacular Children's Nativity Pageant; and all those who volunteered and contributed their talents for this beautiful event! It was also wonderful to have the Jubilee couples there and we are grateful for their visible sign of God's love in the Sacrament of their marriage. Congratulations to all of these couples!

There are no words that I could say better as we approach Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the end of this week than the words of Pope Francis in his "Urbi Et Orbi" Christmas message from last year:

***"Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit today enlighten our hearts, that we may recognize in the Infant Jesus, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, the salvation given by God to each one of us, to each man and woman and to all the peoples of the earth. May the power of Christ, which brings freedom and service, be felt in so many hearts afflicted by war, persecution and slavery. May this divine power, by its meekness, take away the hardness of heart of so many men and women immersed in worldliness and indifference, the globalization of indifference. May His redeeming strength transform arms into ploughshares, destruction into creativity, hatred into love and tenderness. Then we will be able to cry out with joy: 'Our eyes have seen your salvation'."***

With these thoughts, I wish a Blessed and very Merry Christmas to you all and your families and friends!

God Bless You always and keep you always in His tender loving care!

Fr. Jacek

## Recent Collections

Sunday Collection \$5,302.00

Second Collection \$1,782.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### December Parish Calendar

December 24 8:00AM Mass only  
Christmas Eve Masses  
See Mass Schedule  
Youth Choir Sings 5:00PM Mass  
Parish Office Closed

December 25 Christmas Day

December 27 Feast of the Holy Family

December 28, 29 No CCD Christmas Break

December 31 8:00AM Mass Only  
New Year's Eve Dance

January 1 Solemnity of Mary  
Holy-day of Obligation

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*  
every Friday 12:30-6:00pm



On Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> we held our Parish Christmas Celebration. We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the event.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Youth Group did a fantastic job hosting the event. As a parish, we were all reminded how thankful we are for our youth. Every moment they spend caring for our parish makes a difference!

A special thanks to our play director, Irene Contey and the cast of our Christmas Pageant. Through their genuine and enthusiastic expression of love for Jesus Christ, our faith journey was enriched, as well.

In our youth we see God's hand illuminating the hearts and minds of students who will change the world.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Peace-filled New Year.

Barbara Dillon  
Director of Religious Education

## Christmas 2015

### Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Vigil Masses in English  
3:30PM 5:00 PM 10:00 PM

Mass at Midnight – Pasterka in Polish

### Christmas Day, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM (Polish), 10:30AM, 12Noon

### Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2016

Vigil Mass: 5:00pm English  
9:00AM Polish  
10:30AM English



## Christmas Gift Suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To the less fortunate, charity and  
The hope of better things to come.  
To every child, a good example.  
To everyone – especially yourself, respect.



Oren Arnold.

The Parish Office will be closed for business Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Office Hours will resume Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. Emergency calls are always accepted.



Merry Christmas

*Wesołych Świąt Bożego narodzenia!*

### **The Polish American Club**

invites you to

### **Celebrate New Year's Eve**

December 31, 2015 8:00PM.

Tickets are \$80.00/person Youth-\$15.00.

**Good Food, Good Music, Good Friends.**

**Klub Polsko-Amerykanski**

zaprasza na

**Zabawę Sylwestrowo-Novorooczną**

w Czwartek 31 Grudnia o godz 8:00pm

Bilety \$80.00/Osoby; Młodzież-\$15.00/Osoby

Dobra Muzyka,

spaniale Jedzenie oraz Doskonale Towarzystwo.

