

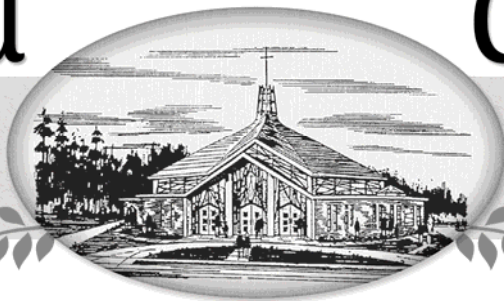
Centennial

1915-2015

Celebration



100 YEARS
OF FAITH



WE REMEMBER
WE BELIEVE
WE CELEBRATE

THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

47 ISLAND ROAD • MAHWAH NEW JERSEY 07430

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015

We Invite You to Share the Life of Our Parish Family.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES †

Weekdays.....8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon (*Monday through Friday*)

Saturdays..... 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Evenings.....5:00 p.m.

Sundays..... 7:30, 9:00 (*Polish*), 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

Holy Days.....Announced

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays..... 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

.....After daily masses and by appointment

BAPTISMS: Last Sunday of each month, with instructions preceding.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: We are greatly concerned about the pastoral needs of the sick, the shut-ins, the elderly, the hospitalized. Please notify rectory of your needs.

TEACHING THE GOOD NEWS

CCD-Religious Education Program

Adult Faith Formation

Baptismal Instruction Classes

Marriage Preparation Program

MARRIAGES: Contact rectory one year in advance.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Please contact rectory for registration cards, contribution envelopes, change of address, etc.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday.....9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Weekends..... Emergency calls only

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

All meeting times are announced.

- * Trustees (Norbert Rebain, Mary Molinelli)
- * Pastoral Advisory Council
- * Rosary Society
- * Ministers of Hospitality
- * Parish Choir
- * Special Ministers of the Eucharist
- * Youth Ministry
- * Spirituality Ministry
- * Altar Servers
- * Home Bound Ministers

DEVOTIONS

† **ROSARY:** Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass

† **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**
Fridays 12:30-6:00pm

† **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Mondays after
12:00Noon Mass

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12, 2015

5:00PM **Richard Saber** by the Family

Sunday, December 13, 2015 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30AM **Anne Stricker**
by daughter, Anne, John & Children

9:00AM **Stanislaw Leszczynski**
by daughter, Bozena

10:30AM **Margaret & Joseph Mendelsohn & Bertha & Paul Janosko**
by Barbara Owens & Family

12:00PM **Robert Himer** by the Family

Monday, December 14 For Our Parishioners and

8:00AM **Health Blessings for Stella Moran**
by the Family

Anthony Suleski by Murial Yarcich

12:00PM **Mary, Stanley & Roger Suleski**
by Anne, Christine, George, Carol & John
Cecilia Chacon & Family
by Valentina & John Link

Tuesday, December 15

8:00AM **Margaret Grubesich**
by Jacob & MaryAnn Grubesich

Health Blessings for Arlene Gentile
by the Family

12:00PM **Jack Baxter** by I.H.M. Parish
Blessings on Conrad Grimsley & Family
by Vincent Lisi

Wednesday, December 16

8:00AM **Stephen & Joanne Olszewski**
by daughter, Christine Olszewski
Jake Jarema by the Gerling Family

12:00PM **Rose Leahy** by Ed Pretko & Family
Anton Leahy by Ed Pretko & Family

Thursday, December 17

8:00AM **Daniel & Angela Tymoch**
by granddaughter, Christine Olszewski
Frank Genatempo by John & Pat Spiech

12:00PM **80th Birthday Blessings for Genowefa Iwanczak** by the Family
Tom Gruja by Denise Duffy

Friday, December 18

8:00AM **Anton Leahy** by Donna Gera Marozin
Michele Szwed by the Family

12:00PM **Son, Michael & Mother, Anna Garbowski**
by the Family
Frederico Chacon by Valentina & John Link

Saturday, December 19

8:00AM **Stanley Zembriski** by brother, Walter
Kevin Barry Ryan by Phyllis & Andrew Cliff

Saturday, December 19

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

Sunday, December 20 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
12:00PM **Stefan Tylus** by Celina & Family

Memorial Candles

Blessed Sacrament (Sanctuary Candle)

In memory of **Josephine Walsh**
From Eleanora Swingle (Omi)

Blessed Mother (Devotional Alcove)

Special Intention for the **Gerling Family**

Sacred Heart (Devotional Alcove)

In memory of **Cynthia**, my loving wife
From Husband, Ed Plicinski

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,

Rob Brembt, 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.

(Names on the sick list will be on five (5) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, call the rectory weekdays, 9:00AM-5:00PM.)

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,

Joseph Kuzmik, Rose Leahy, Bozena Niepostyn, Brian Slicker, Eileen Conway, Anthony Fontana, Florence Wanamaker, Helena Marut, Adele Sereno, Joseph Szwerz, Jack Dempsey, Marilyn Jasenzak, Ted Bruchalski, Gabriel Wolanski, Stanley Zembriski, Stanislaw Wrzesien, Anthony Suleski, Fr. Chester Szemborski, SDB, Edward Michalak, Richard Gotowko.



December 13, 2015

Message from the Pastor:

Today, the third Sunday of Advent is traditionally referred to as “Gaudete” Sunday - the Latin word for Rejoice. Rejoicing sets the theme of today’s Liturgy as this celebration marks the half-way point in our observance of Advent and, yes, Christmas is less than two weeks away! The first and second readings both speak of rejoicing and suggest to us that the cause of our joy is Christ - “The LORD, your God, is in your midst, he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love...”

In today’s Gospel of Luke, we hear John the Baptist advising the people who have already expressed their sorrow for their sins. John’s clear and unequivocal answers to “What should we do?” gave direction to people’s lives. John’s good news, however, went beyond merely telling the people how to behave toward each other, but also instilled expectation in them. The people wonder whether John might be the promised Messiah of God. John tells them that they must look for someone greater than he. We know that he was directing them to Jesus. We, too, can be like John the Baptist when we help others to find Jesus Christ in their lives. Pray today that your joy in knowing Christ will help lead others to Him.

As we begin this “Year of Mercy” I’d like to remind everyone of our Advent Pardon and Peace Service on Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 7pm. It will be a Reconciliation Prayer Service with individual confessions thereafter in which a number of priests will be available in both English and Polish. Additionally, if you can’t make this, a Communal Penance Service will be available at the Church of St. Paul in Ramsey, on Dec. 19th at 12 noon. Parishes from around the area are invited to come together, either here at Immaculate Heart of Mary or St. Paul’s, to celebrate the Sacrament of God’s love and mercy in preparation of the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

In announcing this “Year of Mercy” Pope Francis proclaimed:

“I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God’s mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness. Let us henceforth entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey: our penitential journey, our year-long journey with an open heart, to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God.”

Have a wonderful and safe week as we prepare our church, our homes, our families and our heart for the glorious gift that is soon to be upon us!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

God Bless You!

Fr. Jacek

Recent Collections

Sunday Collection \$4,897.00
Religious Retirement Collection \$2,073.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

December Parish Events

December 13 Third Sunday of Advent
Youth Choir Sings 12:00 Noon Mass
Christmas Celebration
December 16 **Pardon & Peace Celebration**
Confirmation Class
December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24 Christmas Eve Office Closed
Youth Choir Sings 5:00PM Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

every Friday 12:30-6:00pm



A special thanks to the adult and youth volunteers who helped plan, set-up and participate in the Youth Mass held in the gym on Monday Evening to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. You are an inspiration to us all!



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*

Zabawe Sylwestrowo-Novorooczna

w Czartek 31 Grudnia o godz 8:00pm

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

Dobra Muzyka,

Wspaniale Jedzenie oraz Doskonale Towarzystwo.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WEDDINGS

Our prayers and best wishes are extended to **MaryAnn Kielbasa and John Matrejek** who celebrated their marriage on Saturday, November 28, 2015. We wish you God's blessings as you begin your married life together.

THE GIVING TREE

Giving Tree gifts are due by Sunday, December 13th in the Church. Thanks to all participants for your spirit of Christmas.



Christmas Schedule 2015

Wednesday, December 16th, 2015

7:00 PM – Pardon and Peace Service
Followed by Individual Confession

Saturday, December 19th, 2015

3:00 PM Individual Confessions

Mass Schedule

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 25th

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



The Search is on...

Marriage encounter wants to honor the longest married couple in the United States, as well as in each of the 50 states and territories. Nominations, which are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation, may be submitted by email, or by phone. The information for sending in a nomination, requires the **name of the couple, their wedding date and where they currently reside- plus a contact phone or email address of the individual nominating the couple.**

Please email wwmelmc2015@gmail.com, or call 321-613-5180. Nominations must be received by January 10th, 2015.

The Forty-Fifth Annual Christmas Carol Sing Sacred Heart Basilica

Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 17, 2015, 8:00 P.M.

(Doors open at 7:00 P.M.)

The ambiance of candle light and season décor, along with the Cathedral Choir, organ, brass, percussion and thousands of participants, combine to create an event that must be experienced. Free-will offering