

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, JANUARY 3, 2016

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, January 2, 2016**

- 5:00PM **Patricia Deserio** by Christine Graham
Arnaldo Callioni
 by Loredana DeBruno & Family
Health Blessings for Joann Duma Blanco
 by Olga, Mike & Family

Sunday, January 3, 2016 The Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:30AM **Priscilla Binko** by John & Pat Spiech
- 9:00AM **God's Blessings for Natalie & Boleslaw Halka on their 44th Wedding Anniv.**
Christine Wyszomirski
 by Ursula & Stanley Fornal & Family
Deceased Members Polish American Club
- 10:30AM **Anna Krupinski** by Joyce Hammerstein
Jean Storms by the Leahy Family
Ted Bruchalski
 by Larry Janisheski & Dwight Grogon
- 12:00PM **Anthony Fontana** by Antoinette Fontana

Monday, January 4**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
For Our Parishioners and**

- 8:00AM **Walter Gunn** by the Gerling Family
- 12:00PM **Stanley Zembriski, Jr.**
 by Michele Malinoski
Thomas Skerry by the Family

Tuesday, January 5**Saint John Neuman, Bishop**

- 8:00AM **Anthony Suleski**
 by Kenny & Virginia Sochulak
Health Blessings for Jaimie Vetton
 by Laila Vetton
- 12:00PM **Rose Leahy**
 by Christy & Valentino Capone

Wednesday, January 6

- 8:00AM **Health Blessings for Henry Baker**
 by the Gerling Family
- 12:00PM **Helen Hunt** by Denise Duffy

Thursday, January 7

- 8:00AM **Michele Szwed** by the Family
- 12:00PM **Anthony Suleski**
 by Shirley Sochulak & Family

Friday, January 8

- 8:00AM **William Frank**
 by daughter, Catherine Delicato
- 12:00PM **Rose Leahy** by the Leahy Family
Ted Bruchalski by Helen Soboleski & Family

Saturday, January 9

- 8:00AM **Mr. & Mrs. John Maleszewski & Sons, John Jr., Chester, Francis, Joe & Eddie** by Steve & Sophie

Saturday, January 9

- 5:00PM **Richard Bayer** by Gisela Sokol & Family
Health Blessings for Ava & Ella
 by Grandparents

Sunday, January 10 The Baptism of the Lord

- 7:30AM **John Kelly** by Betty & Larry Mihok
- 9:00AM **Stanislaw Szuler**
 by daughter, Grazyna Czygier & Family
Eugena Dreszel by Sabina & Family
Christina Wyszomirski
 by the Polish American Club
- 10:30AM **Rose Leahy** by Bill & Jean Finn
Dolores Mendolia by Tina & Ed Frankoski
- 12:00PM **Helen & Warren Miller**
 by daughter, Barbara Thome

Memorial Candles**Blessed Sacrament (Sanctuary Candle)**

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

Blessed Mother (Sanctuary Candle)

A Special Intention by the Gerling Family

Saint Joseph (Sanctuary Candle)

Health Blessings for **Pascal Joseph** by the Family

Sacred Heart (Alcove)

In memory of **Gary Maruggi & John Brady**
 From Irene & Gloria

Blessed Mother (Alcove)

In memory of **Yolanda Auditore & Lisa Zembriski**
 From sisters, Irene & Gloria & Mom & Aunt

Host & Wine

In memory of **Mary & Joseph Crevani**
 From daughters, Irene & Gloria

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, Gabrielle DiCarlo, Mary Gisonno, Carol Zarcone, Louise Yankowski, Michael Cardinale.

For the recently deceased: Jack Baxter, Florence Micik, Anton Leahy, Priscilla Binko, Kathleen Cebulski, Joseph Kotos, Irena Ceglinska, John Kelly, Anna Krupinski, Christina Wyszomirski, Rose Leahy, Bozena Niepostyn, Brian Slicker, Anthony Fontana, Helena Marut, Joseph Szwerc, Jack Dempsey, Marilyn Jasenzak, Ted Bruchalski, Gabriel Wolanski, Anthony Suleski, Fr. Chester Szemborski, SDB, Edward Michalak, Eileen Conway., Stanley Zembriski, Stanislaw Wrzesien,

January 3, 2016



Message from the Pastor:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – the child born in the darkness of night in a lowly manger is revealed as the manifestation of God! In today's Gospel, Matthew tells of the magi, or astrologers, who were Gentiles, arriving in Jerusalem, ask "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" Following the light of a distant star to a distant place, they found Him, not in a palace surrounded by signs of wealth and might, but as a helpless baby in the arms of Mary, His mother, in a bare and lowly manger. Yet the magi believed and worshiped Him, offering Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They had the faith and wisdom to see in this baby the promised Messiah. Jesus shows Himself to us, too, and comes into our lives in many ways and through many people. If we are people of faith, we will find Him in these little "epiphanies." We will offer Him our own gifts - our prayers and worship, our loving service of others, and our constant faith, even when it might seem hard to find Him.

In this 100th Jubilee Year of our Church and in this Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us begin this year by reflecting on the words of Pope Francis from his homily on this Solemnity last year:

"The wise men *entered into the mystery*. They passed from human calculations to the mystery: this was their conversion. And our own? Let us ask the Lord to let us undergo that same journey of conversion experienced by the wise men. Let us ask him to protect us and to set us free from the temptations which hide the star. To let us always feel the troubling question: "Where is the star?", whenever – amid the deceptions of this world – we lose sight of it. To let us know ever anew God's mystery, and not to be scandalized by the "sign" which points to "a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12), and to have the humility to ask the Mother, our Mother, to show him to us. To find the courage to be liberated from our illusions, our presumptions, our "lights", and to seek this courage in the humility of faith and in this way to encounter the Light, *Lumen*, like the holy wise men. Amen."

I again want to say a special "**thank you**" to everyone that donated their time, talent and generosity in making our church so beautiful for all our Christmas liturgies. I would also like to thank the dedication and devotion of those who serve all our ministries year round – Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Music Ministers, Ushers, and all volunteers – that are so vital to the life of our Church.

At the time of this writing we are so blessed to still be enjoying wonderful and warm weather here in January – I hope I am not speaking too soon – at this time last year the snow had already begun and seemed to never end! Good for skiers, but not for walking or driving...or our snow plowing bills!

God Bless You and I wish you all a Blessed and Healthy, Happy and Safe, 2016.

Fr. Jacek

Recent Collections

Sunday Collection (12/27) \$5,556.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

January Parish Events Calendar

January 3 Feast of Epiphany
January 10 Baptism of the Lord
Oplatek Celebration

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

Baptisms of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Please join us in welcoming the following new member into our parish family.

Ava Aurora Menendez
daughter of Steven & Stephanie



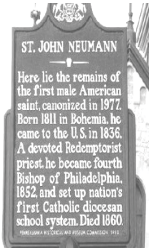
2015 PARISH CALENDARS

Parish calendars compliments of **Van Emburgh-Sneider-Pernice Funeral Home** and **Scarr Funeral Home** are available in the Church entrance. Please pick one up on your way out of church. We extend our sincere thanks to both Funeral Homes.

We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random; God sees every one of us; He creates every soul, . . . for a purpose.

(St. John Neumann, from the sermon: "God's Will the End of Life")

St. John Henry Neumann – Feast Day January 5th - was one of the first canonized saints from the United States. In March 1852, at the age of 41, Neumann was consecrated in Baltimore, as Bishop of Philadelphia, PA. He was the first to organize a Catholic diocesan school system and increased the number of Catholic schools. Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified and was canonized in 1977.



The Polish American Club

Is hosting their annual
Polish "OPLATEK"

Sunday, January 10, 2016 2:30PM

*** Mikolaj Szopka Bozenarodzeniowa ***
Dinner * Dance (DJ)

Donation \$20.00 per person

Children 7-14 years of age \$10.00.

Tickets may be purchased at the door.
Reservations are recommended.

*Wesołych Świąt
i szczęśliwego Nowego Roku*



Bless Your Door on Epiphany

The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ "on entering the house." The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year+C+M+B+the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. It's appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means "door" and the first month is the door to the new year. After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11). Does Epiphany mean anything to you? The wise men endured a tedious journey to visit Jesus, they brought him precious gifts; and they defied royal orders in order to protect the baby, Jesus. ***They were not even Christians.*** How does your faith compare with the wise men?



They came bearing gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh

Reminder...



There are many mass openings in the 2016 Mass Book. Remember that prayers for the deceased always bear good fruit. If those for whom we pray have not reached heaven just yet, these prayers can help shorten their time in Purgatory. And they will be more than happy to pray for us as well. In that sense, we are truly all in this together!

"If I had to advise parents, I should tell them to take great care about the people with whom their children associate . . . Much harm may result from bad company, and we are inclined by nature to follow what is worse than what is better." — **Elizabeth Ann Seton**

THE GIVING TREE

Thank you all for your generosity and participation in this year's Giving Tree Program - another success story. *"The greatest joy is in giving; after all, God gave Christ for us."* — Ashley Ormon.