

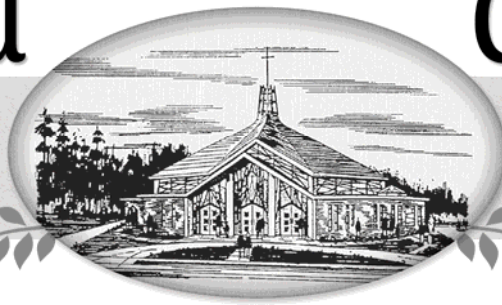
Centennial

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, FEBRUARY 14, 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 (John Sulikowski, 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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Saturday, February 13, 2016

- 5:00PM +Angela Sonzogni
by Loredana De Bruno & Family
+Priscilla Binko by Pat Binko
+Christine Kotos by Mom

Sunday, February 14

First Sunday of Lent

- 7:30AM +Margaret Matrejek by son, John
9:00AM Mindful of 1 Corinthians 13, **On Valentine's Day, We remember God's love for us. We ask God's blessings on all married couples, all families, our friends and ourselves.**
10:30AM +Michael & Stephanie Remo by the Family
+Joseph Krupinski
by Joyce Hammerstein, Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
+George Leahy, Sr. by the Family
12:00PM +Henry Drozdowski by Roberta Drozdowski

Monday, February 15 *President's Day*

One Mass Only

For Our Parishioners and

- 8:00AM +Robert D. Garza by John & Pat Spiech

Tuesday, February 16

- 8:00AM +Emma Keckeisen
by daughter, Frances Backus
12:00PM +Jay Green
by Andrew & Phyllis Cliff
+Libert Potocki
by Katarzyna Kowal & Family

Wednesday, February 17

- 8:00AM Arlene Gentile by the Family
12:00PM +Rose Leahy by Sophie Thorson

Thursday, February 18

- 8:00AM +Julia Miele by daughter, Carol
12:00PM +Rose Leahy by the family
Birthday Blessings for Tom Osadnik
by Mom, Dad & Family

Friday, February 19

- 8:00AM +Michele Szwed by the Family
12:00PM +Owen Fox
by Jennifer & Lou Catanese
+Jadwiga Dziekonska
by Janina Potocka & Family

Saturday, February 20

- 8:00AM +Diane Tobin
by husband, Deacon Bill
+Stella Oliver by Catherine Delicato
Birthday Blessings for Cynthia Soriano
by sister, Grettel

Saturday, February 20

- 5:00PM +Mary Kownacki
by Dave, Christie & Annabelle

Sunday, February 21

Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:30AM +Rose Leahy by John & Pat Spiech
9:00AM +Ryszard Graczyk by the Family
+Thomas & Wanda Kopec
by Emily Kownacki
+Andrzej Krupinski by daughters,
Barbara & Margaret & Family
10:30AM +John Kelly by Robert Franzetti
+Anthony Fontana by the Family
Health Blessings for Gertrude Welters
by Gisela Sokol & Family
12:00PM +Agnes Jablonski by Roberta Drozdowski

Memorial Candles

Blessed Sacrament (Sanctuary Candle)
For Aamira & Aareilla DeFay
From grandmother, Pascale

Blessed Mother (Sanctuary Candle)
Continued Health Blessings
For Pascale & Darly

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

Blessed Mother (Alcove)
Special Intention for the Gerling 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: Anton Leahy, Priscilla Binko, Kathleen Cebulski, Joseph Kotos, Irena Ceglinska, John Kelly, Anna Krupinski, Gilda DiDomenico, , Christina Wyszomirski, Rose Leahy, Bozena Niepostyn, Anthony Fontana, Helena Marut, Joseph Szwerc, Jack Dempsey, Marilyn Jasenzak, Gabriel Wolanski, Stanley Zembriski, Stanislaw Wrzesien, Anthony Suleski, Fr. Chester Szemborski, SDB, Edward Michalak, Richard Gotowoko, Eileen Conway, Stephanie Spiech, Josephine Di Domenico, Joseph De Piano, Robert Garza, Mary Strysko.



Message from the Pastor:

This past Wednesday, we began a period of forty days during which the whole Church renews itself through prayer, fasting and acts of Mercy. Today, the first Sunday of Lent, according to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus retreated to the desert for forty days to prepare for His mission after being baptized by John the Baptist. Luke dramatically describes what happened to Jesus while He was alone in that deserted place. The devil tempts Jesus with promises of bread (a symbol for material comfort), of power (authority over others), and of false glory (to be gained by daring to test God). But Jesus defeats the devil by defending Himself with God's word from the Old Testament. But even then the devil does not give up. He "awaits another opportunity" to tempt Jesus. Yes, Jesus is divine, but He is also fully human. Jesus resists the devil's temptation to put aside His humanity and act like God, thus remaining true to Himself and to why He came. Jesus' resisting the temptations has implications for us, too. By fully embracing His humanity, Jesus lifts us up to be who we are in our relationship with God. Only from this relationship do we have the inner strength and conviction to make right choices in face of the temptations that are always part of our human existence.

Today, the Church also celebrates World Marriage Day! "Among the many blessings that God has showered upon us in Christ is the blessing of marriage, a gift bestowed by the Creator from the creation of the human race." (USCCB) While marriage is a special blessing for Christians because of the grace of Christ, marriage is also a natural blessing and gift for everyone in all times and cultures. It is a source of blessing to the couple, to their families, and to society and includes the wondrous gift of co-creating human life. As St. John Paul II never tired of reminding us, the future of humanity depends on marriage and the family. Let us congratulate and pray for all married couples and especially those who are preparing for marriage.

As you might have heard, over the past year, our Archdiocese has embarked on a Capital Campaign endeavor, titled "We are Living Stones" for all parishes. We have been included in the 3rd phase, or Block 3, which will begin shortly. All parishioners will be receiving a letter this week with more detailed information on the Campaign itself and its mission as well as being invited to meetings here at our Parish to hear more about it. As a heads up and to mark your calendars, there will be two Wednesday evening meetings, March 2nd and March 9th, at 7 pm, and a noon Mass, celebrated by our Archbishop Bernard Hebda (followed by a 12:30 reception) on Monday, March 7th. I hope that everyone will find the time to make one of these time periods to learn more about how this campaign will help those in need and our Parish as well.

Please see the insert in today's Bulletin on all our Lenten activities to strengthen our faith in this year of God's Mercy.

Lastly, Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! Have a wonderful and safe week.

God Bless you.

Fr. Jacek

Recent Collections

Sunday Collection \$5,501.00
 Second Collection \$2,008.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

February Parish Calendar

February 14 Valentine's Day
 February 15, 16 Presidents Day Recess
 No CCD
 Feb 15 Parish Office Closed
Only 8:00AM Mass
 February 17 Stations of the Cross English
 February 19 Stations of the Cross Polish
 February 21 **Youth Group Meeting**
 February 25 Confirmation Class
 February 27, First Reconciliation
 February 28 Youth Choir Sings 12:00 Mass

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



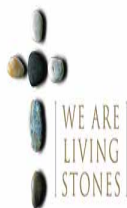
We are in the process determining the final score from our Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive! We will announce the final tally next week.

One thing we do know ~ we have **decimated** last year's count of 640 and it's looking pretty good that we will be over 1,000!

Stay tuned for the Final Ruling!!!



We Are Precious, Living Stones



As you come to him, the living Stone- rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him- you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1Peter 2:4-5

Christ is the precious, living chief (first) cornerstone. Those who believe in him are also precious, living stones, for we are as he is (I John 4:17). When we confess Jesus as Lord and believe in our hearts that God has raised him from the dead (Rom 10:9,10) we become "living stones" in God's spiritual, eternal temple. David Augenstein



Our parish is participating in *Operation Rice Bowl*, the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official overseas relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States. 75% of your gifts to *Operation Rice Bowl* come to CRS to fund development projects overseas and Lenten education efforts in the U.S. 25% remains in dioceses in the U.S. to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

We encourage our families to pray and make small sacrifices on behalf of the poor (such as making simple meals or skipping desert) and deposit the money saved in their individual donation box. Donation boxes can be found in the church vestibule and have been distributed to students through our religious education program.

Operation Rice Bowl connects us through prayer and action with the poor and vulnerable overseas and in the U.S. Visit www.crsricebowl.org during the weeks of Lent to learn more about the people you assist through *Operation Rice Bowl*.

***World Marriage Day
 February 14, 2016***

*I'm not telling you
 it's going to
 be easy—
 I'm telling you
 it's going to be
 worth it.*



Presidents' Day Monday, February 15, 2016 the parish office will be closed.

There is only the 8:00AM mass that day.



For God so lo**V**ed the world
 That he ga**V**e
 His on**L**y
 begott**E**n
 so**N**
 tha**T** whosoever
 believes **I**n Him
 should **N**ot perish,
 but have **E**verlasting life.

John 3:16