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Every other Sunday.

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After all daily Masses and Saturday,
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Arrangements should be made one year in
advance. Contact Rectory for appointment.

Anointing of the Sick
Contact Rectory for appointment for
home bound or infirmed.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays and Saturday: 8am
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Polish), 10:30am,
12 Noon



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Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

WORSHIP



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 24

- 5pm +Sam Iorio by Richard & Janet Cruse
+Gary Sellarole by Donna
+Ewa & K. Irani by Donna Kopcio

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:30am For Our Parishioners
9am Blessings on Ava, Ella & Camilo by
grandparents Mike & Olga
+Jozef Iwanczak by Agatha Pol & Family
+Zofia Morszytyn by the Family
10:30am + Stella Oliver by daughter Catherine Delicato
+ Concetta D'Amico by the O'Leary Family
+William Frank by Mary A. Krupinski
12pm +Frances Annese by Maris Connington

Monday, February 26

- 8am +Tadeusz Kownacki by Helen & Elaine

Tuesday, February 27

- 8am +Ann M. Lake by the Family

Wednesday, February 28

- 8am +Ann Brown by Pat LaPlaca

Thursday, March 1

- 8am +Ronald Zwierz by Stanley & Ursula Fornal

Friday, March 2 – First Friday

- 8am +Sam Iorio by Maryann & Steve Masi

Saturday, March 3

- 8am +Sylvia & Bernard Kuzmik by the Family
5pm +Stanley J. Sokol by the Sokol Family
+Charles Sokol by the Sokol Family
+Bill & Frances McCloud by daughter Darlene

Sunday, March 4 – Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:30am +Marion & Patrick Truppo by Patti Sheridan
9am Living and +Deceased Members of
the Polish Club
For all Women from our Parish Community
10:30am +Barbara Tie, Sr. by the Family
Happy Birthday Chris Kurnat by the Family
+Sabina Fallon by Katie Ross
12pm +Juanita M. DeValencia by the Cassotis Family



MEMORIAL CANDLES

Blessed Mother (Sanctuary)

In memory of John and Agnes Froland
from daughter Virginia Sochulak and Family

St. Joseph (Sanctuary)

Health Blessings for Albert Dayap
from the Family

Sacred Heart (Alcove)

In memory of Cynthia, my beloved wife,
from husband Ed Plicinski

Blessed Mother (Alcove)

Blessings on the Gerling Family

DEVOTIONS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena

Every Monday following the 8am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday following the 8am Mass

Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph

Sundays, Feb. 4th to Mar. 19th. See weekly Bulletin.

Rosary

Every Saturday following the 8am Mass



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Sylvik Kuzmik, Gisela Sokol, Yolanda Kotos,
Florence Imparato, Gregory Morris, Sr.,
Nicholas S. Mihok, Jozef Iwanczak, Adela Tuczowski,
Sam Iorio, Stasia Krawczyk, Helen Zembriski,
Carmela Jean Pignone, Winston Govia,
Joseph Schnackenberg, Jan Pasciak, Zofia M. Malta,
Santa Lisi, Keith Krupinski, Tomasz Dluzniewski,
AnnMarie Sochulak, Claire B. McElwain,
Deacon William D. Tobin, Sr., Mieczyslaw Romanski.



“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

In today's Gospel, Peter, James, and John witness Jesus' transfiguration. But they themselves also undergo a transfiguration. Some change occurs within them, so they are able to hear God's voice announcing Jesus' identity - "beloved Son" - and the clear terms of their own discipleship - "listen to him". Lent is meant to be our time of transfiguration. What change needs to occur in us so that we grasp the clear terms of our own discipleship? What change needs to occur in us so that we truly listen? The pressures of life often keep us from taking the time to stop and listen—to each other, to ourselves, and to God. But only by taking the time to listen can we grow in our relationships, in our quality of life, in self-understanding, and in discipleship.

I want to thank our Retreat Leaders, Fr. Michał Olszewski, SCJ, Missionary of Charity, and Fr. Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, along with musicians, Szymon Gil and Michael Corsini, for the provocative Parish Missions we held here at our Parish last week. I would also like to thank all our parishioners who made the time to participate in this time of self-examination and prayer and draw us closer to our Risen Lord on Easter day. Stay tuned for a few photos in next week's Bulletin.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! We will begin our small Faith-Sharing groups with *"Live Lent – Don't just observe Lent. Live it!"* - a series of stimulating discussions going deeper into the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent and exploring old testament insights - tomorrow evening, Monday, February 26th at 7pm for 5 weeks through Monday, March 26th. Please call the Parish Office for sign-up at this time.

Let us continue to pray for all the victims - students, teachers, coaches - and all the families and children of the latest tragedy of the High School in Parkland, Florida. Let all also pray, EVERYDAY, FOR ALL FAMILIES EVERYWHERE, that parents, with Jesus at their side, become more involved in their children's lives; that they be their parents - not their friends - and teach and guide them with moral fiber, teaching right from wrong, not giving them all they want and knowing their whereabouts at all times. Let us also pray for civic leaders that they provide the necessary laws and oversight to protect all people, especially our precious children, from these tragedies happening over and over in our country!

Walking with Jesus and his Mother, Mary, in the Stations of the Cross - held every week on Wednesdays at 7:30pm, and Fridays at 7:30pm in Polish, along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 12noon to 7:30pm, will help change our harden hearts during this Lenten time. Please TRY TO MAKE THE TIME TO ATTEND - YOU WILL BE FILLED WITH GOD'S GRACE afterwards!

God Bless You! Have a wonderful and Blessed week.

Fr. Jacek

FAITH FORMATION



During this second week of Lent, we are asked to think about how we can be transformed through the power of the Risen Lord, and we are reminded that one day we, too, will be resurrected.

“And he was transfigured before them...”

Jesus took Peter, James and John with him up the mountain where he was transfigured before them. When it was over, Jesus told them not to say anything about what they saw until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So, they kept silent but the three of them couldn't help but talk among themselves about what rising from the dead could mean.

The Transfiguration is a powerful reminder that death is not the end of life. If death meant completed annihilation, as some believe, then Elijah and Moses would not have appeared on either side of Jesus. In this way, the Transfiguration foreshadows the Resurrection. Although the Apostles didn't understand what was happening at the time, later, when the Son of Man had risen from the dead, they were able to understand what the Transfiguration meant.

FOR REFLECTION

- † *What would I like transformed in my life by Easter?*
- † *As I look over my life, what are some areas where God has already transformed me?*
- † *What is one sacrificial action I can perform this week?*



LENTEN PRAYER

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

Lord, I don't know what lies ahead for me but I trust that your love will be with me now and until the end of time.

STARTING THIS MONDAY, FEB. 26TH AT 7pm



DON'T MISS THESE STIMULATING FAITH-SHARING DISCUSSIONS!

**MONDAY EVENINGS, 7PM
FEBRUARY 26, MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26**

Go deeper into the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent and explore old testament insights as you reflect and pray every day. Join us for 5 weeks of evening Faith-Sharing groups held in the Parish Center and share your thoughts and beliefs for a more fulfilling Lenten experience! Forms are available in Church Lobby or call the Parish office.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 7:30pm**



Meetings are held monthly on a continuous basis for support and sharing - 7:30pm-9pm, fourth Tuesday of every month in the Parish Center.

For info, call Nancy Baker

201-529-4411 or email bakerhcrabby@aol.com.



EVERY TUESDAY AT 8:30AM

Join us on your Lenten Journey by studying the Acts of the Apostles, Tuesdays at 8:30am, Rectory meeting rooms.



Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

Pope Francis - 2018 Lenten Message

FAITH FORMATION



SEVEN SORROWS AND JOYS OF ST. JOSEPH

Fourth Sunday - February 25

Joseph, loving husband, how bewildered you were when Simeon spoke the words of warning that the hearts of Jesus and Mary would be pierced with sorrows. Yet his prediction that this would lead to the salvation of innumerable souls filled you with consolation.

Help us, St. Joseph, to see with eyes of faith that even the sorrows and pains of those we deeply love can become the pathway to salvation and eternal life.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

O blessed St. Joseph, tenderhearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God, I pray and beseech you to offer to God the Father my praise to Him through his divine Son, who died on the cross and rose again to give us sinners new life. Through the holy name of Jesus, pray with us that we may obtain from the eternal Father, the favor we ask . . . (Pause) . . . We have been unfaithful to the unfailing love of God the Father; beg of Jesus mercy for us. Amid the splendors of God's loving presence, do not forget the sorrows of those who suffer, those who pray, those who weep. By your prayers and those of your most holy spouse, our Blessed Lady, may the love of Jesus answer our call of confident hope. Amen.

(Courtesy of Oblates of St. Joseph)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

**MASS OF HEALING
and
SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
ON THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 12 NOON**



The Anointing of the Sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness whether it be physical or emotional. In this season of

Lent this is the perfect way to prepare ourselves for our Risen Savior. Additional Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

All are invited to a light Reception immediately following in the Parish Center honoring St. Joseph!

**CALLING ALL WOMEN...
SATURDAY, MARCH 3**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION

The Archdiocese of Newark's Women's Commission 2018 Conference themed "**Alive in Christ...Renewing Our Families.**" will be held at Seton Hall University, Saturday, March 3rd, 8am to 4pm.



Hallie Lord,
Author: *On the Other Side of Fear:
How I Found Peace*

Sr. Brittany Harrison, FMS
Contributor to the Catholic
Hipsters Handbook.
Frequent guest on Relevant
Radio's Morning Air Show.



The Women's Commission Day of Reflection is an annual event that draws over 1,200 Catholic women from many parishes in the Archdiocese. Well known inspirational speaker, **Gloria Purvis**, creator of *Authentically Free at Last* show, will also share her faith experiences and fellowship. Prayer and worship are also an integral part of the day, which includes Mass with **Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.**, as the main celebrant, a Holy Hour of prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet in song and the opportunity for confession.

If any women in our Parish have interest in going to this very rewarding day, please see or email Fr. Jacek, pastor@ihcmahwah.org for registration and carpooling information.



Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

Pope Francis - 2018 Lenten Message

PARISH & COMMUNITY



LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT OUR PARISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

† LENT FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Mondays – Feb. 26th, Mar. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 7pm

“Don’t just observe Lent – LIVE LENT!”

Five weeks of small group Faith-Sharing.

† BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesdays at 8:30am

Acts of the Apostles

Rectory Meeting Rooms

† HEALING MASS

Monday, March 19 – 12 noon

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

A reception celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph will follow in the Parish Center.

† LENT PARDON & PEACE

Thursday, March 22nd – 7pm

Reconciliation Prayer Service followed by confessions.

† STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays – English; Fridays – Polish, 7:30pm

† EUCHARIST ADORATION

Fridays, 12 noon – 7:30pm

† DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Every Friday following 8am Mass

CALLING ALL CHILDREN - AGES 5-11...

JOURNEY WITH JESUS THIS LENT...

February 25, March 11 & 18

April 8 & 22, May 13 & 27, June 10 & 24



Hear the Word of God with the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) – every Sunday at the 9am and 10:30am Masses.

Before the Readings begin all

children will be invited to go with a teacher to the Chapel. No pre-registration is necessary.

THE LENTEN PRETZEL

How are Pretzels and Lent connected?

As the story goes, the pretzel is in the shape of arms folded in prayer. Pretzels can be a wonderful way to teach your children the value of prayer during Lent. Letting them come into the kitchen to help you make the pretzels can also help children learn the value of family. They are also perfect for everyone for days of fasting and days of abstinence!



Ingredients

- 1½ cups lukewarm water (about 110 F)
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 envelope active dry yeast (2¼ teaspoons)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups White Whole Wheat flour (or just use 4 cups all-purpose flour)
- 1 teaspoon Kosher salt
- Coarse salt (for topping)
- 1 egg, beaten

Instructions

1. Add the honey to 1½ cups warm water (about 110 F). You don't want the water too hot... that would kill the yeast.
2. Add the yeast and stir until dissolved.
3. Add 1 tsp salt and stir until dissolved.
4. Blend in the flour using a fork. When the dough begins to pull away from the bowl, lay it out on a hard surface and knead till smooth.
5. Cut the dough into pieces... about the size of the palm of your hand.
6. Roll each piece into "ropes" by hand, then twist into pretzel shapes.
7. Place the pretzels on baking stones (or lightly greased cookie sheets)
8. Brush each pretzel with the beaten egg and sprinkle with salt.
9. Bake at 425 F for 12 to 15 minutes (or until golden brown).

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

PARISH & COMMUNITY

LEND YOUR HAND AT BRANDYWINE THIS LENT!



Enjoy your game while spending time and making new friends this Lent! Brandywine Living in Mahwah is looking for Bridge players/volunteers to

play and/or teach residents the game of Bridge. Please email or call Kathie at Brandywine for more info: kcarrero@brandycare.com or 201-800-8070.

LENTEN ALMS GIVING...

"SHOE" DONATIONS FOR JAMAICA



Your unwanted new or gently used shoes, sandals, rain boots, flip-flops, sport shoes and sneakers (no heavy shoes or winter boots)



are needed to help men, women and children of Sacred Heart Church and Seaford Town, Jamaica. Your donations will be much appreciated and will go a long way in helping less fortunate people. Bins are set-up in the Church lobby and Parish Hall for drop-off on weekends or during the week. If you have any questions please see Joshua, leader of our Altar Servers' team.



PARISH CALENDAR, CONTACTS & STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY

2/26 7pm "Live Lent" – Faith-Sharing Groups
2/27 8:30am - Bible Study – Acts of the Apostles
2/27 7:30pm Bereavement Ministry

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faith, with our
hearts sprinkled
clean from an
evil conscience
and our bodies
washed with
pure Water.
Hebrews 10:22

When anxiety was great
within me, your consolation
brought joy to my soul.
Psalm 94:19

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