

First Sunday of *Advent*

December 2, 2018

The Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament
787 Franklin Lake Road - Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417



Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

SERVED BY:

REV. JOHN R. JOB,
Pastor
MOST REV. JOHN W. FLESEY,
Pastor Emeritus
REV. JOSEPH O'BRIEN, O. CARM.,
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*Director of R.E., Grades 1-9
Local Safe Environment Coordinator*

MASSES

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & Noon
Holy Days: Consult Bulletin for Times
Week Days : 6:45 & 9:15 am
Saturdays: 9:00 am
First Fridays: 9:15 am Mass of Exposition, Eucharistic
Adoration throughout the day, with Benediction 4:00 pm
First Saturdays: 9:00 am Mass of Exposition, Eucharistic
Adoration throughout the day, with Benediction 4:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Center in advance to make arrangements
for the date of instructions for parents.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Following the daily 6:45 am Mass & the 9:15 am Mass,
4:30 - 5:00 pm. Saturday and also by appointment.
(Additional times during Advent and Lent.)

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the
Parish Center one year before the desired date.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Center when a family member is
ill, whether in the hospital or at home. Holy Communion
will be brought regularly by appointment to those confined
to the home. The sick or chronically ill should receive the
Sacrament of Anointing. In an emergency, call the Parish
Center at any time.

PARISH CENTER
201-891-4200

FAX
201-891-4243

SCHOOL
201-891-4250

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
201-891-4200 x150

CONVENT
201-891-1836

PARISH WEB SITE: www.mostblessedsacrament.ws **SCHOOL WEB SITE:** www.ambs.org

This Week at MBS

Monday, December 3

- R.E. Grades (1-6) & Confirmation Class 4:00-5:15 pm (AMBS)

Tuesday, December 4

- R.E. Grades (1-8) 4:00-5:15 pm (AMBS)
- Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 pm (CR)

Wednesday, December 5

- Morning Prayer 9:00 am (Church)
- Mary's Call Prayer Group 7:00 pm (Chapel)

Friday, December 7

- First Friday Mass 9:15 am; AMBS Early Dismissal
- Mass for Immaculate Conception 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 8


- Mass for Immaculate Conception 9:00 am
- First Reconciliation 12:30 pm (Church)

Sunday, December 9

- Confirmation Retreat 9:00 am (AMBS)
- Baptism Preparation after 10:30 am Mass (CR)



Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday, December 7th
 9:15 am Mass of Exposition
 Eucharistic Adoration until 4:00 pm
 Please sign-up to watch during the day!




**SOLEMNITY OF
THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
December 8th

This solemnity of the conception of Mary (a holyday of obligation) falls nine months before the celebration of her birth on September 8th. The Church teaches that Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived. This special grace prepared her to be the Mother of God. Masses for this solemnity will be:
Friday, December 7th at 6:30 pm
Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 am

Please note that the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, December 8th, celebrates the Second Sunday of Advent.




Second Sunday Food Collection
 Next **Sunday, December 9th**, will be the Second Sunday Food Collection. Please drop off all food donations at the Narthex of the Church.



Advent

Advent begins this weekend. Any family or individual wishing to light the Advent Candle at a weekend Mass should sign up on the sheets in the narthex.

The Little Blue Advent Prayer Books are in the Narthex of the Church. Please help yourself.




Children's Christmas Choir

Sunday Rehearsals: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23
Christmas Eve Mass: 12/24 4:00 pm
 Rehearsals are all after the 10:30 am Mass in the church Sanctuary. We look forward to having your children join us. Thank you!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

There will be a second collection next weekend for the flowers and greens that will decorate our church during the Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity. Memorial envelopes are at the exits of the church.



A Christmas Miracle: Come Let Us Adore Him

It was Christmas.....December 25, 2013.....at St. Jacek parish in Legnica, Poland. While distributing Holy Communion, a Sacred Host fell to the floor, and was picked up and placed in a container of water. On January 5, 2014, the Host began to assume a red discoloration. The then-bishop of Legnica appointed a Commission to observe the phenomenon. In February 2014, in order to analyze the fragment, the Commission ordered the taking of samples and conducted appropriate tests by different competent authorities.

The final judgment of the Department of Forensic Medicine stated that the tissue fragments were found to contain a part of the skeletal muscle, most similar to the heart muscle under the strains of agony. Genetic studies indicate the origin as human tissue.

At times, it can be difficult for us to completely fathom the wondrous and awe-inspiring reality that the Eucharist, in fact, is His "Real Presence". And so, sometimes Jesus sends us proof, to strengthen our belief and to remind us how much He loves us and wants us to be in His Presence.

So, during this blessed season, **come let us adore Him**.....during **Eucharistic Adoration at MBS on First Friday, December 7 (from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM)**.

We need adorers to sign up and commit to a specific hour of adoration for First Friday. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed"

Parish Sick: Rosa Dragonetti, Anya Fagien, Harvey Clarke, Baby Leah Cicchion, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Danny Muskardin, Doris Doherty, Carlene Gruber, Margherita Chiciulla, Sara Culkin, Lori Alexander (niece of Bert Rottkamp), Christine Wyllie, Beverly Klingler, Mary Dilenno, Jackie Kobes, Michael Maher, Rose McConway, Mimoo Khodadi, Linda Brown Gearity, Florence Gorsky, Marian Jakubik, Alice Peisch, Jeff Cotugno, Robert Cotugno, and Darren Was

"A time to mourn"

Recently Deceased: Rosario Lisciandrello, Elizabeth Garvey and all those who grieve them

"A time for peace"

For national and world leaders and those in the armed services: especially Ronald Anzalone, Greg Mucks and Delaney Williams

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



Sunday, December 8

5:30 pm: Morley

Sunday, December 9

7:30 am: Dvoretzky

9:00 am: Dudas

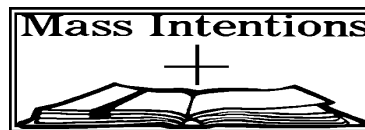
10:30 am: O'Grady

12:00 pm: Macaluso

Thank You! Thank You!
Thank You!



Hundreds of coats were delivered and we were met with open arms and tears of joy! Thank you to all of the parishioners who donated and touched the hearts of our dear neighbors!



Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 pm

12:00 pm

December 2

Parish Family

Dr. John Scarpa (Scarpa Family)

Elizabeth & James Partrick
 (Joe & Joan McAuliffe)

Frank & Margaret O'Marra (Family)

Monday

6:45 am

9:15 am

December 3

Josephine Massood (Joe & Virginia Massood & Massood Family)

Robert Sephton
 (Maureen & Frank Bivona)

Tuesday

6:45 am

9:15 am

December 4

Josephine Massood (Joe & Virginia Massood & Massood Family)

Anthony Pirone (Myriam & Hugo Baby)

Wednesday

6:45 am

9:15 am

December 5

George Sowa (Family)

Marianne T. Stillman (Rottkamp Family)

Thursday

6:45 am

9:15 am

December 6

James R. Gallo (Family)

Anthony Pirone (Kerrigan Family)

First Friday

6:45 am

9:15 am

December 7

Ronald S. Kulig (Family)

Robert Radoslovich (Michelle, Nicole & Matthew Radoslovich)

Our Parish Family

Saturday

9:00 am

5:30 pm

December 8-Immaculate Conception

Anthony & Frances Racioppo (Thomas & Theresa Potenza)

Harry Knapp (Terri & Roger Knapp)

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 pm

12:00 pm

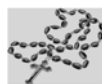
December 9

Parish Family

Irene Hannan (Joy & Stanley Sova)

Catherine & Charles O'Connor
 (Tom & Noreen Jones)

Mrs. Spanovich (Ricca Family)



Join in praying the rosary after every weekday and Saturday morning Masses.



The Bread & Wine

will be offered this week for

Delia Bernal Martinez

requested by

Daughter, Eulalia & Alfred Alvarez,

Amanda, Alfi & Michael



The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week for

Rosaria DeBenedetto

requested by

Daughter, Anna



AMBS is a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School!!!



Please plan on joining us on Monday afternoon, December 3rd at 4:30 pm for our Fifth Annual Advent Celebration! We will have Prayer Circles, music, the lighting of the AMBS Christmas Trees, and refreshments. All are welcome! We hope you will join us!

Our school will attend First Friday Mass on Friday, December 7 at 9:15 am. This is an early dismissal day with no aftercare available.

God Bless our AMBS students and the parish's Religious Education students who will be receiving First Penance on Saturday, December 8.



Save the date and plan on joining us for our annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 12, with performances at 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm.

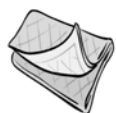


May God continue to bless our school!!!

Sacramental Linens Ministry

- Sunday, December 2 - Toni Wagner
- Friday, December 7 - Chris Hanlon
- Sunday, December 9 - Lydia Piacentini
- Friday, December 14 - Barbara Behrens

Please Mark Your Calendars



If anyone would like to help in this ministry, please call Joan McAuliffe at (201) 891-1712. If you are unable to commit to six times a year, consider being a substitute.

Dear Parishioners of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish,

Our Annual Report came out this week. St. Joseph Circle lists the highest benefactors to our congregation. High among these benefactors is Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, NJ, as well as a Parish Family Foundation. I feel sure that this highest listing is because of your generosity to our parish March Collection

In the next highest level of giving is the Family Thrift Shop which has been a benefactor for over 50 years. The items of clothing and brick-a-brack has been a great means of support over the years.

In the next level of benefactors are donations from individual families. Among the memorial gifts left to our congregation are those of Victor A. Viggiano.

Good works continue through our SSJ Associates under the guidance of Sister Rose Marie Kean, SSJ. One of the most recent projects was collecting coats for the needy.

How can we thank you? We promise you the daily prayers of all of our sisters.

With a grateful heart and fond memories I remain,
Sister Anne Lucille, SSJ



Senior Breakfast Social

Friday, December 14th

from 10:00-11:30 am
in the AMBS Gym

Sign up is in the Narthex of the Church
(AMBS Choir will be singing)

Religious Education



Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

CCD Grades 1-8

NEXT CCD CLASSES:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

FROM 4:00-5:15 pm.

THIS IS OUR LAST CLASS BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

First Communion Candidates:

First Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th at 12:30 pm in MBS Church. Please arrive by 12:15 pm.



Home Study Students

THERE ARE STILL 4 BOOKS FOR HOME STUDY STUDENTS WAITING FOR PICK UP IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE LOCATED IN THE PARISH CENTER. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOOK ASAP. ALL BOOKS AND ONLINE WORK NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 28.

Confirmation Classes

REMINDER: Next scheduled Confirmation Class is Monday, December 3rd from 4:00-5:15 pm in AMBS School. Please be on time. All classes are mandatory.



Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Sunday, December 9th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A calendar of class dates was included in your registration. Please watch your email for updates. If you have any questions, please call Diane Triolo in the



Junior High Notes!

This Sunday begins our season of Advent, the anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus!

Just a reminder for classes: We have one more class this week on Tuesday, December 4th. We will resume classes on Tuesday, January 8, 2019!!

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. All students are encouraged to attend the celebration of the Mass. Masses will be Friday, December 7th at 6:30 pm, and Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 am.

Stewardship of Treasure

“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” MARK 13:26

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you? How will you respond?”

- November 17/18 Basket Collection: \$12,956.00
- 2nd Collection (Campaign for Human Development): \$ 3, 419.00
- November 24/25 Basket Collection: \$11,367.00

Thank you for being a part of our Most Blessed Sacrament family. As we are in the last quarter of the year, consider enrolling in electronic giving through Faith Direct.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ133.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God bless you,
Father John



SENIOR MINISTRY

**Chair Exercises Are Cancelled
Until Further Notice**



COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP

God bless you for sharing your **NEW or GENTLY** used items with us. **AT THIS TIME WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING GENTLY WORN WINTER CLOTHING.** All donations may be brought to the shed in the back of the parking lot. The key is at the Parish Center. Every donation is a blessing to the Sisters of Saint Joseph Retirement Community.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS

If you are in need of a gift of rosaries, cards or other religious items, please stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish Center to see what is available. All proceeds benefit the Sisters of Saint Joseph retirement community.

Community News



Sacred Christmas Music CD Offer from The Cathedral

This year, the musicians at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, are offering an hour of 19 hymns of sacred Christmas music with singers from both Broadway and the opera, plus a jazz guitar, flugelhorn, French horn and organ. The \$15.75 per CD is a tax deductible donation and makes an inspirational and durable gift item for around the holidays. Most important, the contribution goes directly toward assisting the homeless and disadvantaged in the Paterson areas. Please make your check out to "Cathedral of St. John the Baptist". For more information contact Tom Kieren 973-214-6473 or astoral140@earthlink.net, and/or send your check with your order form, to Christmas Hymns, 140 Notch Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

Open House

Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY
845-359-7800, *Saturday, December 8* from
9:00 am-12:00 pm



Christmas Craft Show

St. Joseph Regional High School
Montvale, NJ

Sunday, December 2nd

from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

www.saintjosephregional.org



Nativity's Broadway Christmas

With Ciaran Sheehan

Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 pm

Church of the Nativity, Midland Park, NJ

Featuring.....Ciaran Sheehan

Phantom of the Opera, Carousel

Sarah Pfisterer

Phantom of the Opera & Showboat

Gabriel Donohue

Multi-instrumentalist

For ticket information, contact Church of the Nativity
at 201-444-6362 or ffice@nativitynj.org.



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Special Message

to Families of RCAN Parishes

Remember your deceased loved ones this Christmas season and join us at December's **Mass of Remembrance** at one of our Catholic Cemeteries (Mass schedule at www.rcancem.org). Bring a personal, non-fragile tree ornament in memory of your loved one to help decorate the Christmas Tree of Remembrance following monthly Mass. In addition, the Catholic Cemeteries Annual Christmas Food Drive is underway. Please bring non-perishable food items such as cereal or canned foods to any mausoleum office during business hours now through January 6th. Or consider donating online at www.rcancem.org/donate. Feeding the hungry is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy and performing this charitable act of loving kindness on behalf of a deceased loved one is a caring gift that truly honors the memory of the faithful departed in a tangible way. **Let's keep Christ in Christmas and help feed the hungry this season.** Thank you.

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HOUR OF GRACE DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY ON THE FEAST OF HER IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

DATE: Saturday, December 8, 2018

TIME: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

PLACE: Most Blessed Sacrament Church
787 Franklin Lake Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ

DEVOTION: Rosary, prayers, hymns and silent
communication with Jesus and Mary



During 1946 to 1947, the Blessed Mother appeared 11 times to Pierina Gilli in a little church in Montichiari, Italy. She saw a vision of the Blessed Mother as the "Mystical Rose".

Our Lady told Pierina to come again on December 8th, at Noon, "This will be my Hour of Grace." The Blessed Virgin promised that whatever a person asked for during this Hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father.

"...During the Hour of Grace, many spiritual graces will be granted. The most hardhearted sinners will be touched by the grace of God."

**Our Lady
Rosa Mystica
(with three roses
across her chest)**

**2018 Sharing God's Blessings:
The Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

Dear Parishioners:

Through your generosity, we have surpassed (in pledges) our 2018 AAA goal. The goal was \$95,837. We have in pledges \$109,8400 with 272 families participating. **Wow!**

Now the work of the parish is to make sure those pledges are honored by December 31st, 2018. To date, we have received \$96,607 toward those pledges. There is a balance to be collected of \$13,233.

If all pledges are fulfilled, then **Most Blessed Sacrament Parish will receive 62% of all funds received over our assigned goal.** At this point, that would mean MBS would receive a rebate check from the Archdiocese of Newark in the amount of \$8,682. We have included this amount as anticipated income in our fiscal 2019 budget. Thank you for fulfilling your pledges!

If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form in the narthex or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Your stewardship of God's gifts is greatly appreciated!!

With gratitude,

Father John Job
Pastor