

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sunday	January 1st	
	NO 8 AM MASS	
9:00 AM	Janina and Henryk Koboska (Living)	POLISH requested by their family
10:30 AM	Tony Saita	CHOIR requested by Father Michael Rodak
12:00 PM	Robert Duffy	CANTOR requested by Donna Currenti
Monday	January 2nd	
8:30 AM	John Flintrop	requested by Rose Flintrop
Tuesday	January 3rd	
8:30 AM	Paul Nowakowski	requested by Lucy Nowakowski
Wednesday	January 4th	
8:30 AM	People of the Parish	
Thursday	January 5th	
8:30 AM	Padraig and Mary Kilkelly	requested by Frances Bough
Friday	January 6th	
8:30 AM	William Dami	requested by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish
7:30 PM	Gloria Osiecki	requested by Joe and Mary Beth Osiecki
Saturday	January 7th	
8:30 AM	Paul Bryan	requested by Lillian and John Franetovich
5:00 PM	Clifford S. Zoppo	requested by Eileen Gangi
Sunday	January 8th	
8:00 AM	Paul Roth	requested by the Pskowski Family
9:00 AM	Teresa Wodziak (Living)	POLISH requested by her family
10:30 AM	Helen Dodzik	CHOIR requested by Moninger and Sarnella Families
12:00 PM	Robert Duffy	CANTOR requested by the Smiths and McCabes

READINGS FOR January 8, 2017

We are
sharers
of the promise



Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MICHAEL NEW YEAR

This weekend, we begin a calendar New Year, and there will be much discussion about New Year's resolutions. The proverbial yearly favorite is to lose weight (selected by over 60% of people recently surveyed). Some resolutions will be concerning financial progress, and others about making new friends. Rarely mentioned is a new relationship with God. Why?

Is it that God is taken for granted? Is it that we will go to heaven no matter our sins? Is it that God doesn't really matter much? In all cases, and examples, they are bad decisions to avoid the most important relationship one can have in life.

With the turning of the calendar, it's time to seek out God, and realize the importance of God in our life. It means developing a relationship and planning on how we can really grow in a better love of Him.

A relationship with God is easy, yet hard. First, in a culture and society that is very absorbed in itself, it means self-denial. Self-denial does not necessarily mean a financial decision but rather denying oneself of the spotlight being placed on oneself. It means a willingness to give freely to the will of God, and have a willingness to serve. It means thinking of someone before thinking of oneself, and don't always do something for self-gratification, or praise. Secondly, it means removing the things of this world that absorb all my time and thus cause little or no time with God. Like every relationship, one must be willing to give some time to the relationship through prayer, meditation, spiritual reading, and receiving the sacraments by attending Mass weekly. Lastly, it means being people of faith, and hope. Know that God is hearing you, and ready to be there, and that one day there will be a better day through hope.

So, as we closed out a crazy, and for some a very difficult year, we look to this New Year with much hope. May this be the year that you make a purposeful effort to get closer to God, and be ready to find that new relationship with Him.

Father Michael



PASTOR NOTES



New Chapel

Our Saints room is almost complete. We have some final adjustments, and placement of items in the room to make it complete. Once completed, we will be inviting the Bishop to come and bless the room, and will have a celebration. Once open, this will be sacred space, and not a through way to exit the Church. In this crazy world, it is our hope that this room, adorned with the statues of the saints they represent, will be a place of solace, and peaceful prayer.

Feast of the Holy Family

This year we celebrated the feast of the Holy Family this past Friday. With a super long Advent, the Christmas season was shortened, and thus we had the early date. Nonetheless, let us pray for families. Let us pray that they will stay united in the challenges they face, and look to renewal of faith in God to help them along in their daily lives.

Becoming Stillness

The next Women's Afternoon of Reflection is Sunday, January 15th. See registration flier on last page of the bulletin. This is a wonderful opportunity for women to come together, enjoy some quiet prayer time, share with other women and learn more about God who loves us without limit. All women welcome, so bring your friends and relatives. Registrations due by January 9th: Call 973-728-8162, ext. 309, e-mail mbosiecki@olqpnj.org or mail in registration form to register.

Thank You

A big THANK YOU to Julie Thorsen and all those who helped prepare the church and gym for Christmas. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. All looked beautiful to welcome our New Born King and to provide a prayerful atmosphere as we gathered in celebration.

Health Precaution Taken

We have been alerted by a large number of parishioners who have been very sick with the stomach flu. Since we wish not to expose parishioners to any potential illnesses, in this heightened time, we are suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood this weekend, and will resume when we get through the peak of the illness. It is important to bear in mind that we have no reports of illnesses after reception of the Precious Blood, but rather we are acting out of the abundance of caution. The practice of receiving the Precious Blood is purely an option, and one receives both the Body and Blood of the Lord when they receive the host. Further, unlike other parishes who suspend the use of Precious Blood each winter and flu season, or never have the Precious Blood offered, we have offered it each week, but there are times we must consider all health concerns in the community as well. Thank you for your understanding.

March for Life – January 27

Please take note, registrations for the Right to Life March to Washington are being taken at this time. A flier can be found in this bulletin, on our website, and in the parish offices. Please register if you plan to attend.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

What Comes Next?

4 Sessions

January 2, 9, 16, 23

Mondays, 7:00-8:30 pm

Multi-Purpose Room

First Floor in Education Center

How do you work through the loss, pain, and guilt?
Through activities, prayer and sharing with others
find consolation and help.

All are Welcome!

ALTAR CLEANING



Week of January 1, 2017

Team 1 – Kathy Flynn, Ginny Ligus, Lidia Bobak

PRAYERS REQUESTED



Please remember in your prayers the following: Tom Baron, Wilma Caldwell, Joan Dundorf, Pat Hajek, Marian Hartmann, Barbara Jawson, Suzanne Kahaly, Infant Gabriella Mann, Margaret Mateus, Evelyn McCabe, Dave McClellan, Mac McCormick, Babies Ryne Onarato and Mia Onarato, Frank Pellegrino, Genevieve Puso, Nicholas Salleroli, Sr., Joann Somma, John Tenhula, Ursula Torella, Joe Verboys, Ann Vogel, Barbara Zaccaro.

Please also pray for those who have gone before us and are now at rest: Catherine Gannon.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 1st

Mass in Polish – 9:00 AM – Church
 Mass in English – 10:30 AM – Church
 Mass in English – 12:00 PM Church
 AA – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
 Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

Monday, January 2nd

What Comes Next? – 7:00 PM – MP Room

Tuesday, January 3rd

CCD Classes grade 1-4 – 4:30 PM-Education Center
 Children's Choir – 5:45 PM – Church
 Adult Choir – 7:00 PM – Church
 CCD Classes grade 5-8 – 7:00 PM-Education Center

Wednesday, January 4th

Year of Mercy Spirituality Class – 10:00 AM - Library
 Boy Scout Troop – 6:30 PM – Gym

Thursday, January 5th

Bible Study – 7:00 PM – Library

Friday, January 6th

Eucharistic Adoration – 9:00 AM – 7 PM – Church
 Benediction – 7 PM – Church
 First Friday Mass in Polish – 7:30 PM - Church

Saturday, January 7th

Liturgy Committee – 2:30 PM – Annex
 Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM –Library
 AA – 2:00 PM – Library
 Confessions – 4:00 PM – Church

Sunday, January 8th

CCD Classes grade K-4 – 9:00 AM-Education Center
 Festival Planning Meeting – 9:00 AM – Library
 RCIA – 11:30 AM – Library
 Confirmation I and II Mass – 12:00 PM – Church
 Confirmation I & II Class–1:00 PM–Education Center
 Baptism – 2:00 PM – Church
 AA – 7:30 PM – Cafeteria
 Al Anon – 7:30 PM – Gathering Space

FOOD PANTRY ITEM



Peanut Butter

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
 The brand new year ahead,
 Help me live the way I should
 As each new day I tread.
 Give me gentle wisdom
 That I might help a friend,
 Give me strength and courage
 So a shoulder I might lend.
 The year ahead is empty,
 Help me fill it with good things
 Each new day filled with joy
 And happiness it brings.
 Amen.

The Daily Bible Verses
<http://thedailyverses.blogspot.com> - www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Donations

December 18, 2016	\$6,287
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,087

Donation For Loved One

Altar Bread and Wine for Week of January 7-13
 In Memory of Anthony DeSimone
 Requested by Millie Brooks

SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS

Week Ending December 25, 2016

Sold – \$2,805.00
 Profit – \$140.25
 Total Profit since July 1 – \$3,773.25



March for Life Trip to Washington, DC

When: Friday, January 27, 2017

Time: Departure 5:30 AM

Return 10:30 PM

Mass on Capitol Hill at the Church of St. Peters
 March for the voiceless, children aborted, parents involved in
 abortion, and for an end to abortion.

Those interested are asked to return the following form to the
 parish office by January 19, 2017. Tickets are first come, first
 serve. Please do not delay.

March for Life – January 27, 2017 – trip to Washington, DC

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Town _____

Adults (\$40) _____ # Students (\$15) _____

Please complete and return before January 19th

BECOMING STILLNESS

AN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

Sunday,

January 15, 2017**

12 – 4 PM, beginning with Mass

Free will offering will be taken up at event to cover expenses.

****BRING YOUR JOURNAL (if you have one)**



Program to include:

- Mass and Lunch
- Reflections on Mark 1:12-13
- Presentation on Prayer
- Journaling, silent reflection, sharing and prayer



This event is open to all Christian women, so bring your friends, relatives and neighbors.

MUST REGISTER PRIOR TO THE EVENT. Call (973-728-8162, ext 309), e-mail Mary Beth mbosiecki@olqpnj.org, or complete and return registration form below to: **Mary Beth Osiecki, Our Lady Queen of Peace, 1911 Union Valley Rd, Hewitt, NJ 07421** by January 8th.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____