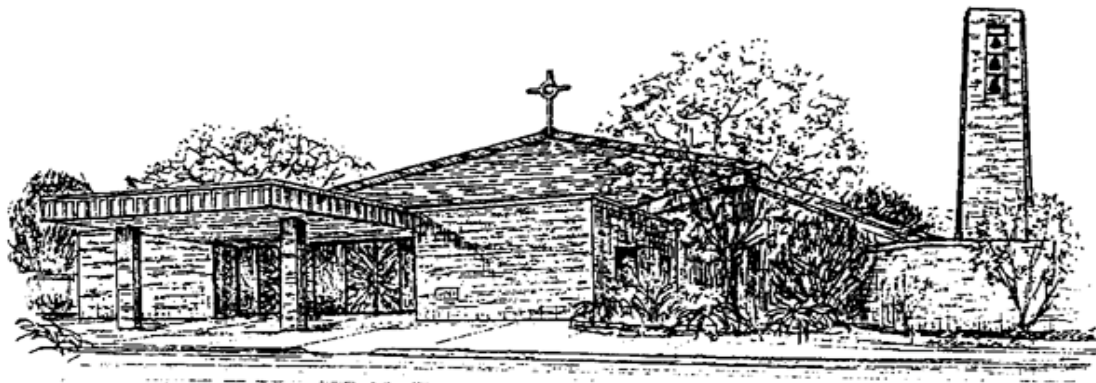


The Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament

787 Franklin Lake Road - Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417

Stewards of God's Gifts



Most Blessed Sacrament Parish is a welcoming community which comes together to implement Christ's mission. We join to teach, to evangelize, to accept and to encourage ourselves and others in ongoing spiritual growth. Serving and supporting those within and beyond our parish remains a major focus as we recognize that each of us is called to be a witness to God's love in our world.

Parish Mission Statement

SERVED BY:

MOST REV. JOHN W. FLESEY,
Pastor

REV. JOHN JOB,
Parochial Vicar

REV. JOSEPH O'BRIEN, O. CARM.,
Weekend Assistant

THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO,
Weekend Assistants

SISTER ROSE MARIE KEAN, SSJ,
Pastoral Associate

THOMAS J. ALTONJY, Ed. D.,
Principal

LAUREN LONGO, Ph.D.,
Office of the Bishop

DAVID MAIULLO,
Music Director-Choirs/Organist

VALERIE TORKELSON,
Director of Music-Programming/Cantor

ELAINE LERCH,
Business Administrator

DIANE TRIOLO,
R.E. Coordinator, Grades 1 - 6 & Confirmation

PAT WUENSCH,
R.E. Coordinator, Junior High 7th & 8th

KRISTA M. PASTOR,
*Director of R.E., Grades 1-9
Local Safe Environment Coordinator*

MASSES

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. & Noon
(July & August: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12 Noon)
Holy Days: Consult Bulletin for Times
Week Days: 6:45 & 9:15 a.m.
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.
First Fridays: 9:15 a.m. Mass of Exposition, Eucharistic
Adoration throughout the day, with Benediction 4:00 p.m.

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 a.m. Mass & the 9:15 a.m. Mass, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday and also by appointment. Communal services 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
201-891-8390

CONVENT
201-891-1836

PARISH WEB SITE: www.mostblessedsacrament.ws **SCHOOL WEB SITE:** www.amb.s.or.g

This Week at MBS

Monday, January 1-New Year's Day

- Parish Center & AMBS Closed

Tuesday, January 2

- Parish Center & AMBS Closed

Wednesday, January 3

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

Friday, January 5

- AMBS Early Dismissal-First Friday; No Aftercare



Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday, January 5
 9:15 am Mass of Exposition
 Eucharistic Adoration
 until 4:00 pm

Please sign-up to watch during the day!



First Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Mother

DATE: First Saturday, January 6

PLACE: Most Blessed Sacrament Church

TIME: After the 9:00 am

Mass

DEVOTION: Rosary and Short Scriptural Meditation on the Mysteries of the



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31, 2017

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

—Luke 2:30-31

A New Year's Prayer

*Lord, You make all things new
 You bring hope alive in our hearts*

And cause our Spirits to be born again.

*Thank you for this new year
 For all the potential it holds.*

*Come and kindle in us
 A mighty flame*

*So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
 And live forever to praise Your glorious name.*

Amen

Eucharistic Adoration at MBS "Come to Me...."

MBS has Adoration every Saturday from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm. Although we invite you to drop in whenever you can, we really need adorers to sign up and commit to a specific hour each Saturday. If you can commit to a specific hour or even to a specific 30 minutes, call Rose Stone at 201-677-0761.



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

"A time to be healed"

Parish Sick: Lupangelo Orsini, Jerome Gruber, Ed Tryon, Caitlin Licare, Mary Dilenno, Barbara Kincaid (sister-in-law of Cathy Kincaid), Fred Englander, Kimberly Wexler, Jackie Kobes, Alex Lerch, Michael Maher, John Pullaro, David Stone, Kimberly Wexler, Rose McConway, Mimoo Khodadi, Linda Brown Gearity, Florence Gorsky, Maryanne Harkins, Marian Jakubik, Bernadette Sephton, Jerome Gruber, Alice Peisch, Jeff Cotugno, Robert Cotugno, and Darren Was

"A time to mourn"

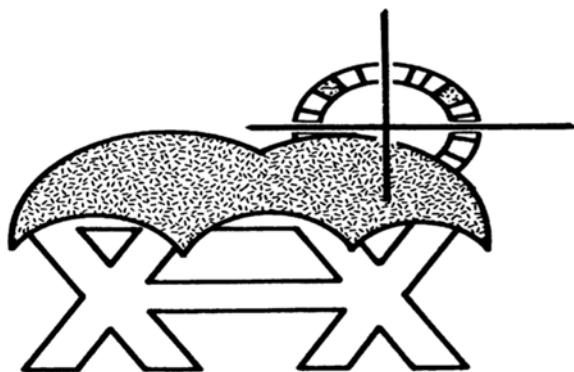
Recently Deceased: and all those who grieve them

"A time for peace"

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:30 pm	December 31-New Year's Eve Parish Family Michael Guerrasio (Family) Andy Schaaf (Family) Hector Munoz-10th Anniversary (Family) Andrew Latincsics (His Mom)
Monday 9:00 am 10:30 am	January 1-New Year's Day Claudia J. Carson (Michael Bellapianta) Ellen Collie (George & Lesley)
Tuesday 6:45 am 9:15 am	January 2 John Picarella (Pat McKeon) Filipovits Family (Family)
Wednesday 6:45 am 9:15 am	January 3 Frank Mulqueen (Rory Quinn) Henits Family (Family)
Thursday 6:45 am 9:15 am	January 4 John Picarella (Raymond & Jean Gibel-lo) Edward Wojcik (Duffy Family)
Friday 6:45 am 9:15 pm	January 5 Gregory Massood (Julia Massood) Virginia Dittamo (Jackie Seslin & Arnie Berg)
Saturday 9:00 am 5:30 pm	January 6 Mary Ellen Celentano (Bill & Sandy Frech) John Picarella (Ann & Peter Swist)
Sunday 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	January 7 Antonia Bellapianta (Son, Michael) Parish Family Peter Angelo Battista (Battista Family) Sam Generelli (Anthony & Phyllis Pirone)

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



The Sanctuary Candle
will be lit this week for
Salvatore Zisa
requested by
Family



AMBS is a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School!!!

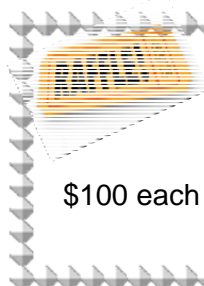


Our school community wishes you a New Year of good health, happiness, love, joy, and peace! May God continue to bless AMBS in the new year!

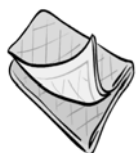


Our school is closed for the Christmas Break and will reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at the regular time. We hope that everyone is enjoying this beautiful time of the year with family and friends!

Please join us for First Friday Mass on January 5 at 9:15 am. This is an early dismissal day with no aftercare provided.



Please support our school's annual raffle sponsored by our Home Academy Partnership (HAP) organization. This year we are having a Super 50/50, with only 1800 tickets to be sold and the potential for one winner to receive \$90,000! Your support is greatly appreciated...and you may be the lucky winner! Tickets are \$100 each and available at the school or after certain Masses. The drawing of the winner will occur on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.!



Sacramental Linens Ministry

- Sunday, December 31 - Elaine Lerch
- Friday, January 5 - Pat Wuensch
- Sunday, January 7 - Jo Delaney
- Friday, January 12 - Mary Conway

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.



SENIOR MINISTRY



Chair Exercises Postponed until Further Notice

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 THRIFT SHOP

God bless you for sharing your new or gently used items with us. 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.

Please do not donate summer clothing at this time.

Happy New Year! Religious Education

New Years Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We



know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen.

Happy New Year from the
Religious Education Department!
Krista, Pat and Diane

CCD GRADES 1-6

NEXT CCD Classes: Monday,
January 8th and Tuesday,
January 9th.

Home Study CCD



We still have Home Study Books ready for pick up in the Religious Education office located in the Parish Center. **You are running out of time!!!!** Please pick them up ASAP and follow the directions included with your book. All chapters along with the online chapter reviews needs to be completed no later than February 27th.

Junior High Notes!

A Reminder for Classes: We will meet again on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018!!

Home Study: You should be working on your books. PLEASE be sure to have all chapter reviews online submitted before you hand in the completed book. Due NO LATER than February 27th!



The Fall Confirmation Program

NEXT CLASS:

Monday, JANUARY 8th
from 4:00-5:15 pm in AMBS School.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

Community News

Church of the Nativity's Planned Schedule of Masses for Differently-abled People

Saturday, December 24, 2017- 5:30 pm
(Christmas Eve)

Sunday, January 14, 2018 - 9:00 am

Sunday, February 11, 2018 - 9:00 am

Sunday, March 11, 2018 - 9:00 am

Sunday, April 8, 2018 - 9:00 am

Sunday, May 13, 2018 - 9:00 am

Reception to follow Mass.

If you have any questions, you can call:
201-444-6362

or janelynnemec@yahoo.com.

70x7: Faith, Family, and Forgiveness Series

The latest program in the 70x7: Faith, Family, and Forgiveness Series sponsored by Immaculate Conception Seminary and Relevant Radio will take place Saturday, January 27, from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ.

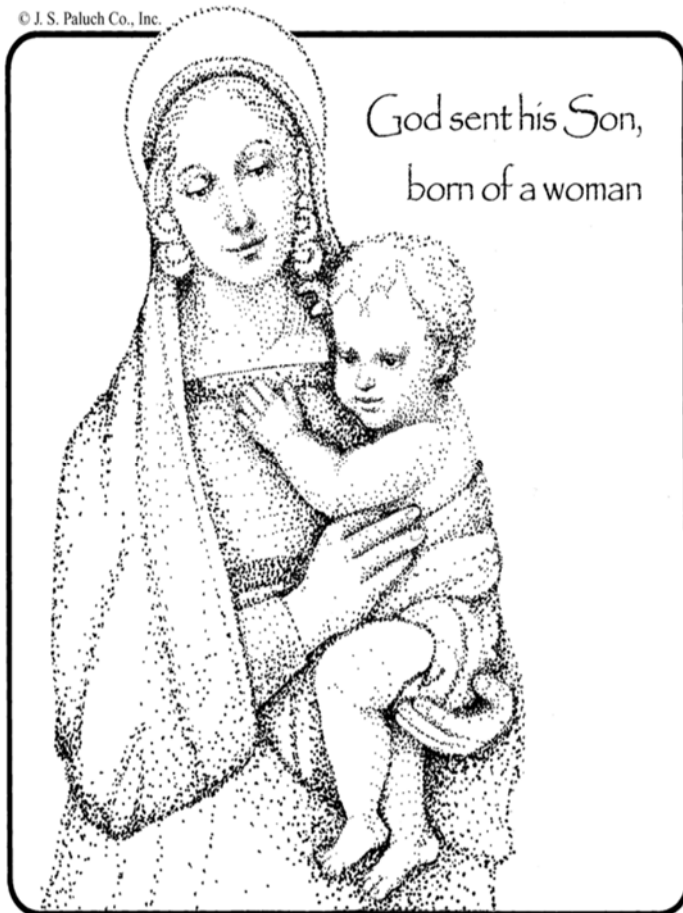
This program, Part IV in the Series, is entitled New Beginnings: New Life

-- How the Sisters of Life Accompany Others on Paths of Forgiveness, Healing and Hope. Presenting at this program will be members of the community of the Sisters of Life.

To register please contact:

Theresa Miller at theresa.miller@shu.edu or (973) 761- 9575

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BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

Sisters of St. Joseph Mass Cards
Sisters of St. Joseph Mass Cards are available in the Parish Center.



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