# OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH 62-81 60th Place, Ridgewood, New York 11385

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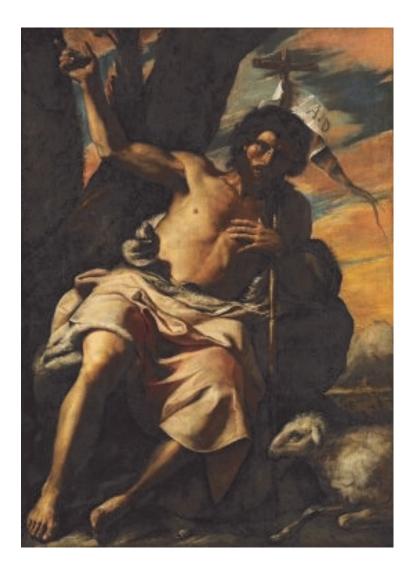
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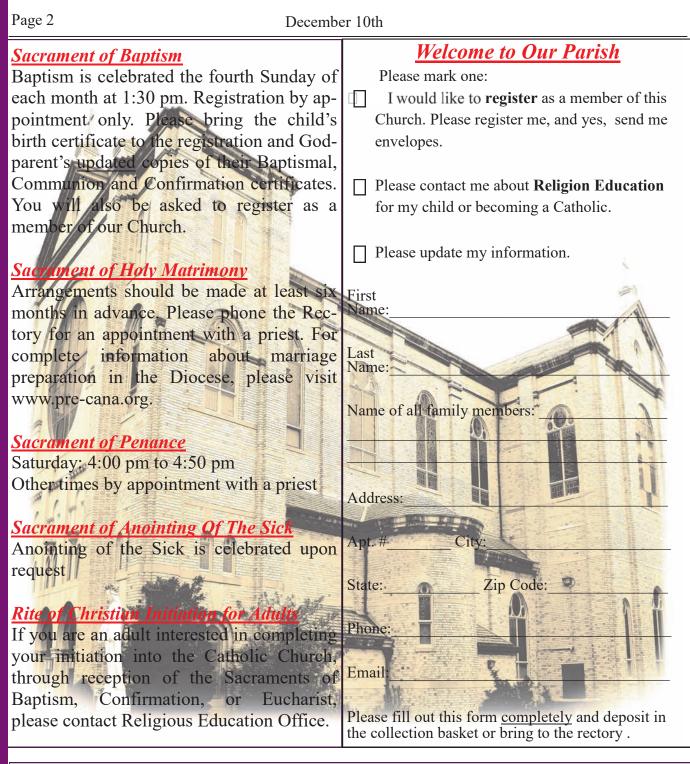
 Readings for Sunday, December 10th, 2017

 Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

 Psalm 85:9-14

 2 Peter 3:8-14

 Mark 1:1-8



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is a Roman Catholic community of the disciples of Jesus Christ called together by the Holy Spirit to worship and serve God our Father. Alert to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we proclaim our Faith and enrich our members spiritually through the Sacred Liturgy as we educate them in our Religious Tradition. Cherishing the heritage we have received from dedicated clergy, religious, and parishioners who came before us, we encourage one another to place our gifts at the service of the Kingdom of God as good stewards. As men and women of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds we welcome everyone as we invite new members to join our parish family. We strive to provide an atmosphere of acceptance in which each member feels recognized and valued, as we cooperate with our neighbors in the community to promote the common good. Together we face the future with our hope anchored in Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.



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## 1917-2017 Our 100th Anníversary Come Joín Us

## <u>Weekday Masses</u>

Monday-Saturday: 8:30am

## Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: English - 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:45 pm Polish - 9:00 am Italian - 11:45 am

## <u>Miraculous Medal Devotion</u>

Tuesday and Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

Rectory: (718) 366-3360 Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9am to 4:30pm Fax: (718) 456-0564 Email: olmm11385@aol.com Website: www.olmmparish.webstarts.com

## Parish Directory

*Pastor* Rev. Anthony J. Sansone

*Parochial Vicars* Rev. Johny Chengalan Thomas, CMI Rev. Jaroslaw Szeraszewicz

*Deacon* Dcn. James Maloney

*Director of Music* Mr. Galen DeGraf

## **Religious Education Office**

(718) 456-3275 *Director of Religious Education* Mrs. Mary Macchiaroli

## **Religious Education Classes**

Wednesday Grades1 thru 5 - 2:15 - 3:30 pm Grade 6 - 4:00 - 5:00 pm Grade 7 & 8 - Parish Confirmation Program 7 pm-8 pm

## <u>Notre Dame Catholic Academy</u> <u>of Ridgewood</u>

(718) 821-2221 6222 61st Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385 *Principal:* Mrs. Maria Cuomo Email: ndcaridgewood@yahoo.com

## **Offering for Weekly Intentions**

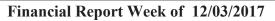
| Sanctuary Lamp              | \$35.00  |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Altar Bread, Wine & Candles | \$35.00  |
| Altar Flowers               | \$100.00 |
| Mass Intention              | \$20.00  |

#### December 10th

| MASSES FOR THE WEEK |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| SATURDAY            | December 9th   |  |  |  |
| 5:00                | Wojtowicz Rajmund  |  |  |  |
|                     |  |  |  |  |
| SUNDAY              | December 10th  |  |  |  |
| 8:00                | Hilda & Joseph Tscherne  |  |  |  |
| 9:00 (P)            | Za zm.Katarzynę Ostasz 3 r.<br>smierci & za zm. Jana Drapała 2 r.<br>śmierci |  |  |  |
| 10:30               | Closing 100th Anniversary  |  |  |  |
|                     | Mass - Bishop DiMarzio   |  |  |  |
| 11:45 (I)           | In celebration of Tina & Vito Miceli first wedding anniversary               |  |  |  |
| 12:45               | Andrew Bennett   |  |  |  |
| MONDAY              | December 11th  |  |  |  |
| 8:30                | Michael Cavallo  |  |  |  |
| TUESDAY             | December 12th  |  |  |  |
| 8:30                | John Felix   |  |  |  |
| WEDNESDA            | Y December 13th  |  |  |  |
| 8:30                | Frances Hoffman  |  |  |  |
| 7:00pm (P)          | Za zm. Edwarda Zacharewicz   |  |  |  |
| THURSDAY            | December 14th  |  |  |  |
| 8:30                | John & Margaret Snowden  |  |  |  |
| 7:00pm(P)           | Za zm. Antoniego i Anielę  |  |  |  |
|                     | i całą rodzinę Krzeczowskich   |  |  |  |
| FRIDAY              | December 15th  |  |  |  |
| 8:30                | Frank Jaklitsch (father),  |  |  |  |
|                     | Frank Jaklitsch (son)  |  |  |  |
| 7:00pm(P)           | Za zm. Jrennę Jurską 1 r. śmierci  |  |  |  |
| SATURDAY            | December 16th  |  |  |  |
| 8:30                | Edna & Arthur Linnemann  |  |  |  |
| 5:00                | Gaetano, Giuseppa, &   |  |  |  |
|                     | Salvatore Catalano, Giuseppe Ganci   |  |  |  |
| SUNDAY              | December 17th  |  |  |  |
| 8:00                | Maryann Calov, Kinkopf & Kitz<br>family                                      |  |  |  |
| 9:00 (P)            | Za zm. Marylę Dąbrowską 13   |  |  |  |
|                     | rocznicę śmierci & Za duszę św.  |  |  |  |
|                     | pamięci Annę i Tadeusza  |  |  |  |
| 10:30               | Elizabeth & Charles O'Connor   |  |  |  |
| 11:45 (I)           | Michele Motisi, Rosalia Pizzolato  |  |  |  |
| 12:45               | Franciszek Duchnowski (2A)   |  |  |  |

#### THIS WEEK AT O.L.M.M.

#### Sunday, December 10th C - Mass 10:30am - 100th Anniversary Closing Celebration - Bishop DiMarzio with Parish Hall to follow students & families are required to attend Monday, December 11th JPII - SVDP - 7pm - Monthly Meeting JPII Center - RCIA - 7pm-8pm (use Bleecker St. door) PH - Sports - 5pm-9:30pm **Tuesday, December 12th** PH - 7pm - Holy Name Society - Christmas Party C - 7pm - Advent Prayer & Scripture Wednesday, December13th C - 6pm - Polish Advent Retreat - Confession C -7pm - Polish Advent Retreat - Mass Rev. Daniel Kowalski JPII Center - Rel. Ed. - 7pm-8pm -**Confirmation Class** JPII Center - Rel. Ed. -Grades 1-5 - 2:15pm-3:30pm and Grade 6 - 4pm-5pm PH - Sports - 5pm-9:30pm Thursday, December 14th C - 6pm - Polish Advent Retreat - Confession C -7pm - Polish Advent Retreat - Mass Rev. Daniel Kowalski PH - Sports - 5pm-9:30pm Friday, December 15th C - 6pm - Polish Advent Retreat - Confession C -7pm - Polish Advent Retreat - Mass Rev. Daniel Kowalski PH - Sports - 5pm-9:30pm Saturday, December 16th PH - Sports - 9am-7pm Sunday, December 17th PH - Sports - 1pm-4pm SVDP - Monthly Food Drive



| Expenses           | - | \$<br>7,439.00 |
|--------------------|---|----------------|
| Sunday Collection  | - | \$<br>5,177.00 |
| Church Restoration | - | \$<br>1,732.00 |



Please remember in your prayers all the deceased members of our parish family especially Giuseppe Manzella, Alice Malmer.

ALTAR BREAD, WINE AND CANDLES this week were donated in loving memory of

Marian & Valentine White.

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ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in loving memory of all parishioners.

ALTAR FLOWERS this week were donated in

loving memory of In Gratitude - Virgadamo-Lang family - 100th Anniversary.

> Join the Choir for Christmas Polish Choir Practice 6:30pm-7:30pm **English Choir Practice 7:35pm-8:45pm** Thursdays in the choir loft



If you would like to sing at the Christmas Masses with the OLMM choir, you need only attend rehearsals during Advent. Email galendegraf@gmail.com for details or simply attend a rehearsal.

#### **Holy Name Society** Final Christmas Party, Tuesday, December12th at 7:00pm in the Auditorium

The Holy Name Society will be having their final Christmas Party. Wives are invited. Holy Name men should bring a wrapped Christmas present worth at least \$10.00 as well as peanut butter & jelly for the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry.



#### **Christmas Church Decorating**

Friday, December 22nd at 9:30am

There are many ways to give, to support Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church's mission of spreading the Gospel here in Ridgewood, Queens. Please con-sider including the Church that you love in your will. No gift is too small. Your generosity is greatly appre-ciated. God Bless you & your family. Thank you.

### **ADOROTE - DEVOTE - LATENS - DEITAS**

#### **O** Come, **O** Come Emmanuel

Come join Fr. Sansone on Tuesday, December 12th & 19th at 7:00pm at the Altar Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal for a conversation on Advent and Christmas with: Scripture, Song, Prayer and some treats.

#### **Advent Reconciliation Monday** Monday, December 18, 2017

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the Church on Monday, December 18, for anyone wishing confession. The times for confession will be after the 8:30am Mass in the morning and in the evening from 7pm-8pm.

The basic requirement for a good confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the "prodigal son" and to acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before the priest.

## **St. Vincent De Paul Society**

#### **Christmas Food Drive**



Christmas food Baskets love your neighbor as yourself". Through your gift to the St. Vincent De Paul Soci-

ety you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, perhaps feeling hopeless, alone and maybe even frightened. The Christmas Food Drive is the perfect opportunity to help our neighbors in need.

Parishioners wishing to donate food for Christmas, can place their food donations on the table at the entrance of the church or drop off at the rectory. In lieu of food, your cash donations are always accepted in the poor box, your donations are equally appreciated.

The following items are needed for the pantry:

canned fruits, tuna fish, jars of tomato sauce, cans of spam, small cans of ham (or any canned meats), Dish detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, coffee, and tea.

Your help is deeply appreciated by all those who receive your donations of food from our parish.

If you know of a person/family in need of food who lives within our parish boundaries, you can tell them to call the rectory for assistance. All names will be kept confidential.

#### **St. Vincent DePaul Society**

#### Monday, December 11th at 7:00pm in the JPII Holy Family Room

Will be having their monthly meeting. New members are always welcome. Note: This is a change of date due to Christmas.



St. Ann, the mother of Mary, and Our Lady as a child next

to her. **Before** 

Dear Parishioners,

In late spring of this year, as we began the painting and decoration of our church, I included a special word of thanks to all those who contributed to our diocesan campaign - Generations of Faith. If we went over our goal, a percentage of the monies would come back to the parish. In fact, we have a return of \$70,000 in a diocesan account which now is being used to repaint the church. It was the desire of the Parish Council to use the money in this way to redecorate and beautify our church after the last painting of more than 20 years ago. Once again, I say - thank you! - to those parishioners who participated in the campaign and allowed this money to return to our parish, now being used for this special work. Without this, we would not be able to entertain this wonderful project during our Centennial 100th Anniversary.

In the process of this work, it was my concept to utilize the Bleecker Street side of the church with a special shrine dedicated to Our Lady under the title of Cezstochowa, which is a national symbol and devotion to the Polish community. It is by virtue of this that I entrusted this Icon to our Polish people so that they may raise funds to allow this to happen apart from the painting project. The cake sale after the 9:00am is their effort to achieve this as well as a dinner/dance scheduled for November 25, 2017.

Along these lines, one of our parishioners brought my attention to a forgotten devotional piece of art-work displaying St. Ann,

the mother of Mary, and Our Lady as a child next to her. I have included the restoration of this

painting to be placed on the Bleecker Street side of the church and ordered

special candle stands so that St. Ann is to be remembered as the mother of Mary. This painting and the candle stands are separate and distinct from the church painting project. The restoration painting of St. Ann has a cost of \$10,000 and two candle stands \$5,000 each.

If this was not clear in my original articles in the bulletin over the course of early spring and summer; I take this opportunity to clarify it once again. Also, parishioners have asked about this particular work, and the possibility of making offerings to help defray the cost of St. Ann's painting and candle stands. To make donations for this, please see me.

I have always said, from the beginning of my tenure; it is not how much one gives, but rather, that one give what he or she can. I will make this bulletin

announcement again and at the Masses in the Sundays to come.

Rev. Anthony J. Sansone, Pastor



St. Ann, the mother of Mary, and Our Lady as a child next to her.

After

#### II Niedziela Adwentu

#### Spowiedz Święta:

1-sze Piątki Miesiąca od **5:45PM – 6:45PM** w j. Polskim

W każdy Pierwszy Piątek Miesiąca jest wystawiony Najświętszy-Sakrament:**5:45PM-7:00PM** (prywatna adoracja)

Sobota 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM w j. Angielskim

Niedziela 8:15 AM – 8:45AM w j. Polskim

**Chrzty:** Chrzest należy zgłosić w kancelarii przed ustaleniem daty przyjęcia

Oboje rodzice są zobowiązani do obecności podczas rejestracji. Proszę dostarczyć dziecka świadectwo urodzenia a także świadectwa chrztu, pierwszej komuni świętej i bierzmowania obojga rodziców chrzestnych

**Przynależność do parafii:** Do parafii należą Ci, którzy się do niej zapisali.

Tylko parafianom wystawiamy zaświadczenie do chrztu i bierzmowania

#### Słowo na Niedzielę

Czytania na niedzielę 10 grudnia 2017

PIERWSZE CZYTANIE: Iz 40,1-5.9-11 DRUGIE CZYTANIE: 2 P 3,8-14 EWANGELIA: Mk 1,1-8

## Medytacja nad Słowem

Pierwsza z czterech Ewangelii rozpoczyna się mało znaczącym na pierwszy rzut oka zdaniem: Początek Ewangelii Jezusa Chrystusa, Syna Bożego. Każde słowo jest tu jednak ważne. Zawierają one bardzo głębokie wyznanie wiary chrześcijańskiej. Otóż człowiek, który jest podmiotem Ewangelii, tj. dobrej nowiny o zbawieniu, ma na imię Jezus (Jahwe jest zbawieniem) i jest bardzo mocno zakorzeniony w tej ludzkiej rzeczywistości. Jest On Chrystusem, tj. oczekiwanym Mesjaszem. W Nim realizują się w całej obfitości Boże obietnice: to sam Bóg przyszedł, aby nas zbawić, gdyż ów Jezus jest Synem Bożym. Bóg wchodzi w historię świata jako całości, wkraczając jednocześnie w dzieje życia każdego z nas. To wkroczenie rozpoczyna się w momencie Zwiastowania, ale swój oficjalny poczatek bierze w momencie Chrztu Jezusa w Jordanie. To wtedy w nieco symboliczny sposób dokonało się zanurzenie grzechów całej ludzkości w wodach, które ojcowie Kościoła utożsamią z wodami naszego chrztu. W ostateczny sposób to zwycięstwo dokona się na То jest właśnie dobra nowina Krzyżu. chrześcijańska: Bóg umarł za nas, abyśmy mieli w Nim życie.

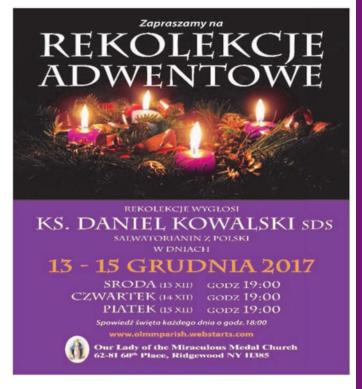
Panie, w Tobie jest początek i wypełnienie naszego zbawienia. Niech chrzest, który dał nam nowe życie, będzie dla nas nieustannie źródłem naszego chrześcijańskiego życia.

#### OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE

Po mszy św. będzie możliwość nabyć opłatki za dobrowolną ofiarę a także zakupu polskich i angielskich kartek bożonarodzeniowych. Pamietajmy o bliskich w Polsce i na całym swiecie i wyślijmy im swiateczne zyczenia w piękny tradycyjny sposób.

#### Wizyta Duszpasterska -Kolęda

Jeśli ktoś chciałby zaprosić księdza na kolędę bardzo proszę kontaktować się telefonicznie lub personalnie po mszy św. aby umówić się na dzień i godzinę . **Proszę to uczynić do 24 grudnia.** 





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