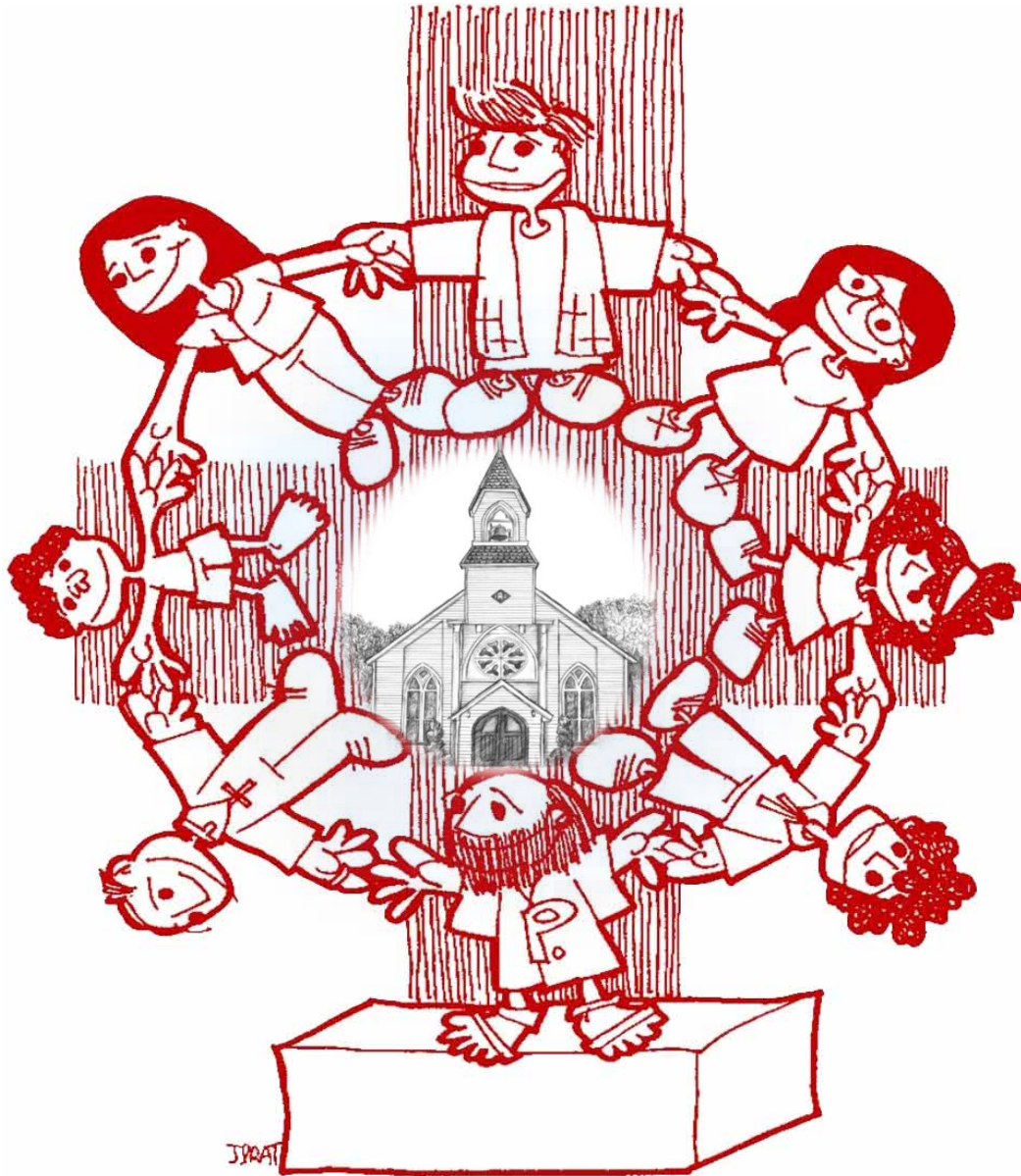




***Each one must Give as they have
Decided in their heart,***



***NOT reluctantly or under compulsion.
For God loves
A Cheerful giver.***

2 Corinthians 9:7.

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Sunday 04/24/16	Monday 04/25/16	Tuesday 04/26/16	Wednesday 04/27/16
5th Sunday of Easter Calendar Raffle Caring & Sharing Baby Shower for Several Sources 12-2PM in Parish Ctr.		Parish Council Mtg 7PM Ministry House 	Morris View Bakers OLMA 10:30 - 12PM Grandparents Day

APRIL 24, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, April 23rd - Vigil Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:30 P.M. Anne & Victor Frette
Anna & Michael Konesny

SUNDAY, April 24th - Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 A.M. Carl Rapp
Richard & Louise Patterson (50th Ann)
9:30 A.M. Paul W. Bolcar (29th Ann) Robert Cook
Geraldine Macchiaverna (39th Ann)
11:00 A.M. Frank Scitrto Harry Sago
Frank Manganelli Maureen O'Connor

MONDAY, April 25th - St. Mark

9:00 A.M. Cecelia Reid (18th Ann)
Richard Zetterlund

TUESDAY, April 26th -

9:00 A.M. Barbara J. Henneberry

WEDNESDAY, April 27th -

9:00 A.M. Barbara J. Henneberry

**THURSDAY, April 28th - St. Peter Chanel and
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort**

9:00 A.M. Josephine Mulligan

FRIDAY April 29th - St. Catherine de Siena

9:00 A.M. Catherine & Feilx Smiecinski

SATURDAY, April 30th - St. Pius V

9:00 A.M. William F. Palumbo

SATURDAY, April 30th - Vigil Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:30 P.M. Frank Manganelli
Jeanette Western
Edward Lombardo

SUNDAY, May 1st - Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 A.M. Alice & William Gibbs
Chester Ziolkowski
Walter Minerowicz (9th Ann)
Robert, Steven & Patty Thompson
Deceased Members of the Guerin Family
9:30 A.M. Eleanor Zailo
Mary & George Gurchak
11:00 A.M. William J. Coughlin
Charlie Cookson
James Creaney
Maureen O'Connor
Christopher Michael Segot

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April 17th	\$ 7, 137. 00
Last Year	\$ 7, 028. 00
Second Collection	\$ 1, 501. 00



**MESSAGE THROUGH THE
PASTOR'S DESK...
FROM OUR DEACON**

This past Sunday 62 of our confirmation students attended a retreat along with their sponsors and parents. In total we had 136 in attendance. I can honestly say it was one of the best retreats I have attended. We had Colleen Kelly Rayner of CKR Retreats lead us on a journey that ended with adoration. Colleen in her special way showed us how God worked in her life and reminded us that He is always working in our lives. Whether we were playing silly games, watching video clips or listening to her as she recalled her final hours with her mom, we were always reminded of where God was and how much He loves us. There were a few times when I was honestly at a loss for words. During one activity she divided everyone into groups and then she would call out items. The first group to bring the items up got some tickets, which we later found out counted for nothing more than fun. She asked us to bring up eight holy things. That proved to be a challenge, some were quick to grab medals or prayer cards but most did not come up with eight. At one point she asked one person if any in the group were married. I thought that was an odd question but then when they said yes, she replied "get the wedding bands they are holy"! Right then and there I looked at my ring in a completely different way. When she recalled her final moments with her mom there were not many dry eyes and then she showed a clip from the passion, she had us. We ended our retreat with adoration. You could have heard a pin drop in the church. She had music softly playing and then we concluded with benediction. Throughout the day she would randomly yell "people of God lets"..... At first everyone would laugh but at the end of the day when she said it we knew what she meant. We are "people of God".

In the peace of Jesus, and with the servants heart
Deacon Vinny



"OLM'S BABY SHOWER"

This Sun, 4/24 at 12PM in our Parish Ctr. our Caring & Sharing Committee will host a "Baby Shower" to assist "Several Sources", a shelter for mothers and their babies. All are welcome to attend and bring an **UNWRAPPED** gift (can be in a gift bag). If you are unable to join us but would like to participate, donations can be left at the doors of the Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. Come help to support the wonderful work that Several Sources does for women and children in need. If you are unable to attend but would still like to donate items, please contact Lisa 973-887-0767 or email her at: olmlitminwhip@aol.com

Thursday 04/28/16	Friday 04/29/16	Saturday 04/30/16	Sunday 05/01/16
		Caring & Sharing Mother's Day Raffle 	6th Sunday of Easter Calendar Raffle Caring & Sharing Mother's Day Raffle

**For everything there is a Reason and a Time
for Every Purpose under Heaven**

...A Time to Heal...

Pray for the sick

Giuseppa Casarrubea, Pat Fusco, Ann Y., Connor Davey, Addie Cinquino, Connie Delio, Rita Tironi, Carol, Bob Bark, Angela Cassano, Allen Lebo, Dominic Guida, John Stolfi, Daniel Matakis, Larry C, Carolyn Mangravite, Susan Nicoll, Giovanna Cinquino, John Jaczyński, Jacqueline Gorman, Shane Hakes, Mike McLaughlin, Bill Van Hall, Fr. Charlie, Ralph LeFevere, Pat Conforti, Agnes Ryan, Kip Dangler, Robert DelPurgatorio, Michael, Charles Realmonte, Roger, Linda Ann Celeste, Lucille Cocca, John Strumolo Sr., Cara Coughlin, Shirley Smiecinski, Joyce Ann Michaelson, Stephen Donnelly, Ronnie Noll, Emma Carothers, Bob Roberts, Joseph Mascia, Colton Ford Petronaci, Mark Herkert, James Giannetti, Patrick J. Asay Jr, Fran Zubel, Lisa Compas, William Bulman, Audrey Sherry, Kevin Mulligan, Russell Cassella, Michael Smith, Randy Olsen, Arlene Gentile, Marylou Perrini, Michelle White, Patsy Manna, Bob Peters, Felisa Manlapig, Chris Surrage, Richard Virgil, June Surrano, Paul Comerford, Lorraine Azzinnaro, Angela, Pat Rue-an, Angel Lamontagne, Neal Spickert-Fulton, Gary Y.. Generoso Giesullo, Assunta Less, Audrey Safin, Arlene Esposito. Anita & Armando Geroldi, Antoinette Gleave, Angelina Martin, Wagner Estivalletti, Christine McGarry, Ann Granzziel, Mackenzie Cunningham, Arlene Gentile, Theresa Pentz Ann-Marie Andre, John Cordova, Betty Deren, Ken Holzer, Jean Marie Petrino, Beverly Fresco and Jessica Hermans

...A Time to Die...

Pray for the dead

Please pray for those buried in St. Mary's Cemetery and for those who have died especially Barbara J. Henneberry the victims of the Houston TX floods and Equadorian earthquakes

...A Time for Peace...

Pray for peace and our enemies in our world, in our homeland, and in our Church

IN MEMORIAM



We are very sad to announce the passing of Barbara Henneberry, a teacher who served at OLM Academy for over 30 years. The wake service will be held at Bradley Funeral Home in Chatham on Sun 4/24 from 12 -

3PM and 5-7PM. Mass of Resurrection, celebrating Barbara's life will be held at Corpus Christi Church in Chatham on Mon 4/25 at 10:30. Please keep Barbara and her family in your prayers. We thank her for the many years of service to Our Lady of Mercy and for all the children she taught and nurtured during her years here.



LITURGY CORNER

For all of us, Easter is a lot to believe. That Jesus lived, died and then was raised up by God on our behalf (Rom 4:25); that bonded with Christ by Baptism, we, too, are raised up and can "live in newness of life". We know for sure that we will all die, but can we also trust that "in Christ, shall all be brought to life" again? There, surely, is the greatest stretch for our faith: that death, our ultimate concern, is not really for real, that it is no more than a "change of life". It was this belief that began the Christian faith. If Jesus had simply lived and died, he might be remembered as another great Israelite prophet. But His disciples became fully convinced that God had raised Him from the dead, and so began on their own distinctive path that we know as Christianity. If ours is an Easter faith, then surely, all is "changed utterly". Now no oppression can hold us bound, no evil can finally triumph, no cross is too heavy to carry, no trouble can rob us of hope, no sin can enslave us, no dependency is beyond healing. If we truly believe that "Christ is risen", then, "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Does this mean that we understand the mystery of Jesus Christ's birth, death and resurrection? No, not in a rational way. Through the eyes of faith, though, we can say yes and be enlivened by this mystery of faith. Such faith means that the whole human family has been "raised up" effectively and definitively through its solidarity with Jesus Christ. So, too, we can live at one with God, and God's grace overflows through Christ to empower us to live as God's people after "the way" of Jesus. Have a blessed week! Lisa



FAITH AT HOME

What does it mean to keep the Lord's Day holy? Sunday - the Lord's Day - is the day of the week we set aside just for God. We gather at Mass to listen to his Word and take part in the Eucharist. Our activities on Sunday should center around thanking God for our blessings and promise of salvation. One of the best ways we can show God how much we love him is to show love to each other. Sunday is a great day to devote to the care of relatives and friends, which may be tough during the week. Performing works of mercy is also a fitting observation of the day. Sunday is also a time for the reflection and meditation necessary for our spiritual growth. It can be the one day in the week during which we slow down and listen for the voice of our Father, and actually have a chance of hearing it. Enjoy your week! Lisa

OLM ACADEMY UPCOMING EVENTS

This year OLMA will present **"The Lion King"** on 5/18. Tickets are \$10 pp. Please contact OLMA Office for further info 973-887-2611.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OLM

"Annual Mother's Day Raffle" 4/30-5/1; **Celebration of First Eucharist** 5/7 11AM & 2PM; **OLM Annual Parish Family Picnic** 5/15 1-4PM (raindate 5/22) at Blackbrook Park. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information about these upcoming events.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

As part of their preparation for First Eucharist, our Candidates and their families will present the gifts at the following liturgies:

5:30	Justin Getsinger
7:30	Madelyn Kaser
9:30	Ava Colatruglio
11:00	Gavin Kelly



Antioch 70 "With God All Things Are Possible" will take place at Notre Dame Friday 7pm - Sun,

May 13-15, 2016 All H.S. teens in grades 10th - 12th are invited to attend. Antioch was where the Disciples of Jesus were first called Christians. You will be joining teenagers across the world who are searching to develop a deeper understanding of their faith and what it means to be a Christian in today's world. Our Antioch theme is, "With God, all things are possible" (Mt 19:26). The Antioch experience affords us the opportunity to stop, step back, and take a look at where we have been and, hopefully, where we are going. Antioch helps us to look at our faith and see the possibilities. Teens should bring comfortable, informal clothing (keep the weather in mind!), sleeping bag, bath towel and toiletries, donations of cake, cookies, or snacks would be greatly appreciated (food items can be dropped off at the kitchen when you arrive Friday night). The weekend consists of sharings, discussions, reflections, and community building. It is guided by an experienced team of teenagers, adults, and our priest, some of whom have been involved since Antioch 1 in 1983! The weekend is a completely faith-filled experience; we promise that you will be busy from beginning to end. The weekend retreat is overnight (both Friday and Saturday) whereby teens will stay at the church. It is our policy that no one leaves the weekend for any outside activity, so please keep that in mind when considering your application. If your teen is interested in attending, to register your son or daughter, go on to ND's website - www.ndcarmel.com. The cost is \$40 per teen. Registration is due by Sun 4/24.

EMAIL UPDATES



Have you recently changed your email, or haven't been getting updates/info about our parish? If anything has changed, please send your new email to Lisa olmlitminwhip@aol.com so that we can update our records. Thank you!



CALENDAR RAFFLE NEWS

Calendar raffle winners for April 17th - 22nd 2016

Sunday	Mary Gizzo	\$ 100
Monday	Mary Nolte	\$ 50
Tuesday	Alma Martin	\$ 50
Wednesday	Nadine Siciliano	\$ 50
Thursday	Madeline Fornaro	\$ 50
Friday	AnnMarie Hanrahan	\$ 50
Saturday	Lucille Cocca	\$ 50

Last Friday 5/15, the prize was \$500 for Steven Litz. We apologize for any confusion.

Congratulations to the winners. Remember, you must be in it to win it! Tickets are drawn after the 9:30 AM Liturgy

REMEMBER YOU MUST BE IN IT TO WIN IT!



OLM'S ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY PICNIC

We will hold our Annual Family Fun Day Picnic on Sunday 5/15 (raindate is 5/22) at Blackbrook Park in Whippany beginning at 1PM. Hot Dogs/ Hamburgers & Drinks will be provided by OLM and we ask that you provide the Sides & Desserts to share! Families with last names that begin with A-L are asked to provide a side dish or salad and those that begin with M-Z to provide a dessert. Please use the enclosed flyer or you may call Lisa at the Ministry House or email her at: olmlitminwhip@aol.com with the # of adults/children attending and what dish you will bring to share. Please join us to share an afternoon with old friends, make new ones and have fun with our OLM Parish Family!



OPERATION APPALACHIA 3rd ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK DINNER & TRICKY TRAY

All are welcome and invited to attend ND's 3rd Annual Operation Appalachia Beefsteak Dinner on Fri 5/6. The evening will feature all you can eat Beefsteak, Live Music, Tricky Tray and a 50/50 Raffle! (free babysitting is also available) Tickets are \$45pp. ADVANCE registration is required, (no one under 21 is allowed to attend) You can register on ND's website or email NotreDameOpAp@gmail.com for info. Reservations will NOT be confirmed until payment has been received. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Please support the wonderful and much needed assistance ND provides to the families in Preston County, WV.



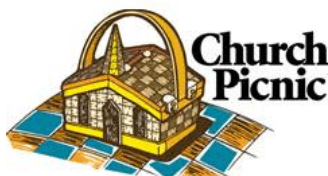
JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Known as lovers. This Sunday, when we show up in church (the building) as Church (the People of God), we hear this command anew: "love one another". It is what disciples (all of us) do. We love. But we are asked to stretch a bit, perhaps a lot. The command is to love - not only the ones who are easy to love, not only the ones we know and like, but everyone we meet, and even those we will not meet or know. Jesus tells the Church today, "Love". Jesus tells the disciples today, "Be known as lovers".

- Who seems unlikeable, unlovable and needs to be loved?
- What will I do?



OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH FAMILY



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Reserve quickly by contacting Lisa at 973-887-0767, returning the form below in the Sunday collection basket, Ministry House, Rectory or Academy office or via email at: olmlitminwhip@aol.com Families with a last name beginning with letters A to L, please bring a salad, M To Z, a dessert to be shared. Bring a lawn chair, your fun & your appetite! While admission is free of charge, free-will offerings will be accepted at the picnic to help subsidize the cost of the picnic.

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