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Sunday, May 8, 2022 A.D.

Good Shepherd Sunday

MOTHERS

The most important person
on earth is a mother.

She cannot claim the honor
of having built Notre Dame
Cathedral. She need not.

She has built something
more magnificent than any
cathedral ... a dwelling for
an immortal soul, the tiny
perfection of her baby's body.

Mothers are closer to God the
Creator than any other creature.
God joins forces with mothers
in performing this act of creation.

What on God's good earth is
more glorious than this:

to be a mother!

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

**TO ALL OUR MOTHERS,
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.**

- Fr. Wojciech, Fr. Ed and OLV Family

**To our Mothers who
have gone before us,
eternal rest grant unto
them, oh Lord!**



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

Happy Mothers Day to Our Lady and to All our Mothers!

Today we celebrate **Mothers Day**. It is always great to celebrate such a special day during **HER month**, our **MOTHER of ALL Mothers**. May SHE grace you dear Mothers with all you need. Let us, HER children make this HER month, our month as well, tributing her with our love, prayers, etc. May our homes become Her home. May our hearts become HER hearts.

Every Wednesday of May we pray as a parish a **special Rosary outside after 8AM and 12 NOON Masses**. Come, join us!

To help so many struggling mothers our **OLV Knights of Columbus Council** will be distributing **baby bottles** this weekend after Masses. Please return them with your donations.

This Friday and Saturday **35 children** will receive the **Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. You can see all the names below and if you wish to pray for all or even for one in particular, it would be great.

Today is also **Good Shepherd Sunday**, day of prayers to the Lord of the harvest for vocations.

HEADS UP: With our First Communicants we will have our May crowning of **Mary at all Masses next weekend**. I encourage all to honor **Mary by a special crowning in your homes**.

Next Sunday 10:45AM Family Mass will close our CCD year. We ask that all CCD students be present to celebrate and thank the teachers. We will have a special surprise.

Happy Mothers Day to All Mothers!

FOR ALL MOTHERS - Special MOTHERS DAY quotes:

"A man never sees all that his mother has been to him until it's too late to let her know he sees it" - William Dean Howells

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take." - Cardinal Mermillod

To all whose Mothers have passed

"There is no death, daughter. People die only when we forget them," my mother explained shortly before she left me. "If you can remember me, I will be with you always." - Isabel Allende

"The highest tribute to the dead is not grief but gratitude."
- Thornton Wilder

**God Bless
Our
First
Holy Communicants.**

The Queen of this Land

Jaime Cardinal Sin, Primate of the Philippines, spoke at Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts, to graduating Seniors on May 18, 1986. His Eminence said of a scene he witnessed on February 23, 1986: "We knew that Marcos had sent out his troops, and that the only way to stop that dictator was to encourage the people to go to EDSA and pray to Our Lady."

Cardinal Sin said "Through all the available media sources, I, along with many other religious and media individuals, pleaded with the people to "Go to EDSA!" Shortly after the EDSA event, Rosalie was in the Philippines, and she spoke to Mr. Alex Reyes, the President of the local Blue Army, and a restaurant owner. At the time of the plea, he asked his family, "Who will go with me to die for God?" Several of his grandchildren joined him in his mission, fully expecting to be run over by the tanks ... and die. And, they went!

Without any other weapons, several hundred people were praying the Rosary - everyone in deep and earnest prayer, with beads in their hands and candles flickering beside them.

On the front lines of EDSA stood Brother Joseph Rona with the statue of Our Lady that he had received from Rosalie, John, and the Blue Army, some two years before. Because the people had seen miracles with this statue, they asked Our Lady to intercede for them again, since their only alternatives now were Her help, or death. Facing them were hundreds of combat-ready marines whom this assembly of prayer had stopped; and, behind the soldiers (ready to climb up the little hill), the tanks, trucks, there stood two battalions about to launch an attack!

Then a very amazing thing happened. The troops stopped, the tanks were halted, not by any force of weapons, nor even by the force of bodies bound together in a human barricade. In the United Press International, Cardinal Sin reported that the government troops held their fire and did not attack the crowds blocking their way to Camp Crame, "because," as the soldiers told him, "a very beautiful Lady appeared," saying to them, "Dear soldiers, stop! Don't attack my people. I am the Queen of this land." The troops dispersed!

Cardinal Sin said, "I have not said this publicly before, and I hesitate to say it here, but I firmly believed, in my heart of hearts, that if the people prayed there, there would indeed be a miracle, and that our deliverance would come in peace from the Lord, through His Mother's hands.

"That is why I had to encourage them to go there. I felt that their confidence in Our Lady was necessary to save the day. Their lives were at stake, but we all trusted in God's power and Our Lady's love."

EASTER DUTY

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 12. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession.

Every Wednesday in May after the 8AM and 12Noon Masses, we will make a special tribute to Our Lady before her image **outside** reciting the Holy Rosary. **Let us witness** to all passers-by that it is HER month and that we are HER's.

As the mother knows the needs
better than the babe.
So the Blessed Mother
understands our cries and worries
and knows them better
than we know ourselves.

-Ven Fulton Sheen

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Specialist Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Private First Class Sean Keohane
Captain Shawn Linn
Colonel John McLaughlin
Captain John G. Miele
1st Lieutenant Joseph W. Niece
US Air Force
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Private Mark Fredrick
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafrate
Captain Stephen Ikalowych
2nd Lieutenant J.P. Maher
Private Cody McGrath
US Navy
Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Lieutenant Jonathan Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
Airman Cody Massa

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick

Please **Pray** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the *sick of the Parish* may be restored to health and all those who assist and care for the sick will be given the *strength* to continue *God's Will*: baby Cordelia, baby Emmet Fischer, baby James Amicucci, baby Jonathan, baby Joseph, little boy Antonio, Michael Andre, Phyllis Avella, Michael Baruch, Phyllis Bloomer, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Paul Brennan, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Kevin Columbo, Paul Corbett, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Roseann Dennehy, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Christine Flatt, Mary Foley, Ken Grier, Amy Hartwell, Dianne Kaiser, Gerald Kasper, Peter Kellar, Pat Kissane, Joseph Kock, Mary Lowe, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Michael McMahon, Ann Millar, Gianna Moscatello, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan Phalon, Canice Prince, Elaine Punziano, William Ragu, Fr. John Renard, Debra Rendon, Bruce Michael Ricciardi, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Samantha Sconzo, Peggy Shedden, Jill Tabor, Charles Touw, Aileen Vassar, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Michelle, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sean, Sharon, Tina W., Tom, Tara M., Mary D.

Jesus asked one thing from us!!!

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday and Thursday - 8:30 to 11:50AM.

FRIDAYS outside Lent

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of Penance. Each individual should abstain from meat or may substitute some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

NEW TO THE AREA? If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. You may register via our parish website olvhp.org. PLEASE, if you change your address or phone number, let us know!

Mother's special WEEP ON and WEAPON:

The Rosary stops a busy family in its tracks, quiets the world's noise, gathers us together, and focuses us on God and not ourselves.

This does wonders for a family psychologically and emotionally.

—TOM HOOPES - from *The Rosary of Saint John Paul II - Mary MOTHER OF VOCATIONS*:

Mass Intentions

Monday May 9 - St. Pachomius – Egyptian Abbot

8:00 James McGrath Jr. R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
12:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

Tuesday, May 10–St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest

8:00 All Mothers, living and deceased
12:00 John Nicoletti R/b Rose Nicoletti

Wednesday, May 11–St. Francis Di Girolamo–Jesuit Missionary

8:00 Chacko and Jimmy Joseph R/b Tom and Ann Thomas
12:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

Thursday, May 12–Ss. Nereus, Achilles & Pancras-Martyrs

8:00 All Mothers, living and deceased
12:00 Michael Giotta R/b Ann Giotta

Friday, May 13–Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 John Plinio R/b Stephen and Robin Hartman
12:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

Saturday, May 14–St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00 Shirley James R/b the Thomas Family
12:00 All Mothers, living and deceased
4:00 Mario Gobetti R/b Lorraine Gobetti
5:00 Michael Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family

Sunday, May 15–St. Isidore the Farmer

7:00 Anna Cafaro R/b the DiBari Family
8:00 Alberto Bellini R/b Carole Bellini
9:30 Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family
10:45 David Zocco R/b Mike Zocco
10:45 (gym) Brian Gibbs R/b Jon and Jen Fischer
12:00 Charlotte and Thomas Kerrigan R/b the Kerrigan Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Harvey Patri, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Irene Louise Ricciardi, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Malvina Bertoglio, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi.

My Parish—My Responsibility

Thank you to those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some have been laid off from their work or are experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations/offering envelopes may be mailed to OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640. Thank you for your generosity.*

**"Whoever finds Mary shall find Jesus Christ,
the Way, the Truth, and the Life."**

Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

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CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession at a **minimum once a month**. This sacrament is offered EVERY DAY Monday thru Saturday at 7:30AM-7:50AM, EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to 11:50AM and 3:00-3:45PM, as well as every First Friday at 6:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions by appointment.

Mary is the **NECK**!!!

Do you remember that scene in the film *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* in which the Greek mothers teach the Greek girl that the Greek father is the "head" of household, but that the mother is the "neck"?

They may have been Greeks, but they were reading from a Roman script – because a similar thing was said by Pope Saint Pius X in his encyclical *Ad diem illum* of 1904, # 13 (and also by Saint Bernard of Sienna before him). According to Saint Pius X, the source is Jesus Christ "of whose fullness we have all received" (*John* i., 16), the Blessed Virgin Mary is the "neck" that connects Christ the Head to the Church as His Body.

But Mary as St. Bernard fittingly remarks is the 'channel' or, even, the neck, through which the body is joined to the head, and likewise through which the head exerts its power and strength on the body. For she is the neck of our Head, by which all spiritual gifts are communicated to His Mystical Body.

Honoring *the Bedridden Mothers*

St. Anna Schäffer (1882-1925)

Growing up in Bavaria, Anna desired to enter a missionary order, but after her father's untimely death she had to work to support her family. In February 1901, while working in a laundry, she slipped and fell into a vat of boiling lye, suffering severe burns. The next months were ones of excruciating pain. Anna survived gangrene, only to undergo thirty unsuccessful surgeries for skin grafts. Finally the word came that she would be bedridden for the rest of her life. At first Anna struggled against this diagnosis. Yet, through prayer and frequent Communion, she began to embrace a new path. "Her sickbed became her cloister cell and her suffering a missionary service," Pope Benedict XVI would say at her canonization. Anna devoted her days to writing letters of consolation and creating needlework for local churches. "I have three keys to heaven," she said. "The biggest is made out of pig iron and is heavy - it is my suffering. The second is the sewing needle, and the third is the penholder. With these different keys, I strive each day to open the door to heaven."



As her prayer life deepened, so did Anna's joyful confidence in God's plan. Paralysis set in, and then colon cancer. A fall from her bed caused a neurological injury that robbed her of her voice. Yet on her deathbed she made one last prayer: "Jesus, I love you." Her feast day is October 5th.

PROVERBS ABOUT MOTHERS

*God could not be everywhere,
and therefore He made mothers. - A Jewish Proverb*

*There is only one pretty child in the world,
and every mother has it. - Chinese Proverb*

*A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best,
but his mother the longest. - Irish Proverb*

"Never be afraid of loving Blessed Virgin Mary too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

-St. Maximilian Kolbe

THEOTOKOS - Mary: Mother of God

A woman is a man's mother either if she carried him in her womb or if she was the woman contributing half of his genetic matter or both. Mary was the mother of Jesus in both of these senses; because she not only carried Jesus in her womb but also supplied all of the genetic matter for his human body, since it was through her - not Joseph - that Jesus "was descended from David according to the flesh" (*Rom* 1:3).

Since Mary is Jesus' mother, it must be concluded that she is also the Mother of God: If Mary is the mother of Jesus, and if Jesus is God, then Mary is the Mother of God. There is no way out of this logical syllogism, the valid form of which has been recognized by classical logicians since before the time of Christ.

Although Mary is the Mother of God, she is not his mother in the sense that she is older than God or the source of her Son's divinity, for she is neither. Rather, we say that she is the Mother of God in the sense that she carried in her womb a divine person - Jesus Christ, God "in the flesh" (2 *John* 7, cf. *John* 1:14) - and in the sense that she contributed the genetic matter to the human form God took in Jesus Christ.

Some assert that Mary did not carry God in her womb, but only carried Christ's *human* nature. This assertion reinvents a heresy from the fifth century known as Nestorianism, which runs aground on the fact that a mother does not merely carry the *human nature* of her child in her womb. Rather, she carries the *person* of her child. Women do not give birth to human natures; they give birth to *persons*. Mary thus carried and gave birth to the *person* of Jesus Christ, and the *person* she gave birth to was *God*.

Mother of the Eucharist

St. Peter Julian Eymard, that Saint so totally devoted to the Eucharist, declared that even in this world, after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, the Blessed Virgin "lived a life in and by the Blessed Sacrament;" and thus he liked to call her "Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament."

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina would sometimes say to his spiritual children, "Do you not see the Madonna always beside the tabernacle?" And how could she fail to be there --- she who "stood by the Cross of Jesus" on Calvary (*John* 19:25)?

Therefore **St. Alphonsus Liguori**, in his book of devotions, used to always join a visit to the Blessed Virgin Mary to each visit to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

St. Maximilian M. Kolbe used to recommend that when we go before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we never fail to remember Mary's presence, calling on her and associating ourselves with her, at least seeing to it that her sweet name comes to mind.

The reply **St. Bernadette Soubirous** gave was very beautiful, when someone put this tricky question to her: "What would please you more, to receive Holy Communion, or to see the Madonna in the grotto?" The little Saint thought for a minute and then answered, "What a strange question! The two cannot be separated. Jesus and Mary always go together."

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Elizabeth. 2. St. Anne. 3. Eve.
4. St. Elizabeth Seton. 5. St. Gerard.

Happy Mothers Day to all our first-time Mothers this year!

Are you an **ADULT** without **Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?**

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or Holy Communion should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

WEDDING always in the Church first "wedding" at the venue (without dispensation) is not a valid Sacrament

Start your married life with God and receive grace for your married life through Sacramental Marriage in Church. In this Sacrament, God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. **Were you married only civilly** by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Contact Fr. Wojciech for details.

Respect Life

Any woman who is **pregnant** and in need of

assistance? should **never** feel that abortion is her only option. Personal and confidential assistance is available at the following:
Several Sources 800-662-2678 (24/7) -Heartbeat Int'l: 800-712-4357 (24/7)
-Birthright: 800-550-4900 / Archdiocese Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Dates

Healing the pain of abortion - one weekend at a time

May 20 - 22 (English), Sep. 9-11 (English), Oct. 21 - 23 (Spanish)
Contact Respect Life Office for details 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2)
Cherly.riley@rcan.org (English); elvinedoderquelin@rcan.org (Span.)

REQUIREMENTS for GODPARENTS

Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life as role models of the faith. They should support not only the child, but the parents as well. Additionally, in their role as godparent, they represent the larger Church community and this is a tremendous responsibility. The Church has provided guidelines to help parents choose the best possible godparents for their children. In recognizing the importance of the godparent and their duties:

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old.

Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church. Must be a practicing Catholic (*attend Sunday Mass weekly*). Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only.

Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent. Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have 2 Godparents there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)

Clothing Bins: Please donate clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Please place your donations **INSIDE** the bins (sometimes you have to push it in). **Do not leave items outside.**

Bergen Catholic HS (Oradell) Open House Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30PM. Register on Bergen Catholic website. **BC Lead On Program:** 3-week summer enrichment program for students entering 7th and 8th grades Program Descriptions and Registration can be found on the BC website.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who was St. John the Baptist's mom?
2. Who was the Virgin Mary's mom?
3. Who was the mother of Cain and Abel?
4. What famous American Saint was the mother of five children?
5. Who is the patron of expectant mothers?

Answers on page four

Mother who believed in THE WEIGHT OF THE HOLY MASS

(From the Catholic Society of Evangelists Newsletter, August, 1999)

The following TRUE STORY was related to Sr. M. Veronica Murphy by an elderly nun who heard it from the lips of the late Reverend Father Stanislaus SS.CC.

One day many years ago, in a little town in Luxembourg, a Captain of the Forest Guards was in deep conversation with the butcher when an elderly woman entered the shop. The butcher broke off the conversation to ask the old woman what she wanted. She had come to beg for a little meat but had no money. The Captain was amused at the woman and the butcher. 'Only a little meat, but how much are you going to give her?', he wondered.

'I am sorry I have no money but I'll hear Mass for you,' the woman told the butcher. Both the butcher and the Captain were indifferent about religion, so they at once began to scoff at the old woman's idea.

'All right then,' said the butcher. 'You go and hear Mass for me and when you come back I'll give you as much as the Mass is worth'. The woman left the shop and returned later. She approached the counter and the butcher said. 'All right then, we'll see.'

He took a slip of paper and wrote on it 'I heard a Mass for you.' He placed the paper on the scales and a tiny bone on the other side, but nothing happened. Next he placed a piece of meat instead of the bone, but still the paper proved heavier.

Both men were beginning to feel ashamed of their mockery but continued their game. A large piece of meat was placed on the balance, but still the paper held its own. The butcher, exasperated, examined the scales but found they were alright.

'What do you want my good woman? Must I give you a whole leg of mutton?' At this he placed the leg of mutton on the balance, but the paper outweighed the meat. A larger piece of meat was put on, but again the weight remained on the side of the paper. This so impressed the butcher that he was converted and promised to give the woman her daily ration of meat.

As for the Captain, he left the shop a changed man and became an ardent lover of daily Mass. Two of his sons became priests, one a Jesuit and the other a Father of the Sacred Heart. Father Stanislaus finished the story by saying, 'I am from the Religious of the Sacred Heart, and the Captain was my father.'

'From this incident the Captain became a daily Mass attendant and his children were trained to follow his example. Later, when his sons became priests, he advised them to say Mass well every day and never miss the Sacrifice of the Mass through any fault of their own.'

If you like the story, share it with someone. Remember, too, that 'a Holy Mass a day keeps the Devil away'

A Little Humor...


MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER: Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling? **NAPOLEON'S MOTHER:** All right, Napoleon. If you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, then take your hand out of there and prove it. **GOLDILOCKS'S MOTHER:** I've got a bill here for a broken chair from the Bear family. Do you know anything about this Goldie? **ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER:** But, Albert, it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something...? **THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER:** Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas. Now turn off that light and get to bed! **HUMPTY DUMPTY'S MOTHER:** Humpty, If I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me? No!

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