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Sunday, May 11, 2025 AD Jubilee Year of Hope

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

"THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST"
(LK 19:10)



IF you are suffering
IF you can't forgive
IF you want to deepen your faith

COME AND LISTEN

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

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Starting MAY 12

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Fr. Wojciech's Corner Jubilee Year Invitation

Dear Parishioners,

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

Over 30 years ago I did not know who my biological mother was. I lived with my adoptive parents who were wonderful. However the pain of being orphaned as a child dominated my life? and I could not understand why would God allow this suffering in my life. I was very good at sports music yet... question why? remained.

Today, I am at peace with myself and others, I have reconciled with my history and am happy to be a priest and to give my life serving you.

I owe all of this to a series of talks I heard when I was 18. God came to seek me out and saved me. What St. Paul says is true: "God chose to save the world through the foolishness of the preaching". That's why he sent his apostles, very poor people to announce:

Christ is risen! He is alive!

He loves you as you are and wants to communicate the power of the Resurrection to you. He has an answer to the questions and sufferings of your life.

Courage! God can do the impossible!

Come and Listen. Everyone is invited!

Starting on May 12, every Monday and Thursday at 7:30 pm in the OLV Gym.

As every year, to help so many mothers and their babies with their needs, our OLV Knights of Columbus Council will be distributing baby bottles this weekend after Masses. Please return them with your donations to the bins in the Church.

Last Sunday we had our last CCD class and this weekend our last CCD Family Mass. We thank all the teachers, assistants and especially Mrs. Evanella and Mrs. Coulter. Now that our CCD is over we invite the families to join us for any Mass in the Church.

As we crown Mary today at all Masses, may we crown Her in our souls as well. May we live our lives as children of a queen. May our homes become Her homes. (To all parishioners who will crown and honor Mary in their homes, kudos). May our hearts become HER hearts.



My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. John 10:27

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Sunday, May 11

What if you are CALLED!??? Call Fr. Patrick, Director of Vocations 973-497-4365, who is always ready to listen - or call Fr. Wojciech at 201-768-1706.

Prayer to the Good Shepherd for good shepherds

Eternal God,

Bless your Holy Church with holy and faithful priests.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.

With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI) SURVEY

Cardinal Tobin has requested that all adult members of our parish and young adults who have received Confirmation participate and individually complete the survey.

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/cybga7

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 15. 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.

Holy Name Society meeting Today! May 11 after 9:30am Mass

Rosary Society Mass & meeting

Thursday, May 15 - 12:00Noon Mass followed by refreshments & social in lower Church.

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL Thank you to those who have already donated. Our parish goal is \$61,292. To date pledges total \$54,850. Appeal envelopes are available in the Church. Drop appeal envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or mail directly to the processing center. (if you mail directly, please let Maria know, to ensure OLV parish receives credit.

Happy Mothers Day to all our <u>first-time</u> Mothers this year!

3rd Sunday after Easter

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente RRT Specialist James Crumb Staff Sergeant Peter Dippolito Major Michael Franson Sergeant First Class Charles Greene Captain Shawn Linn Colonel John McLaughlin Sergeant Major Marc Medina Captain John G. Miele Captain Joseph W. Niece 1st Lieutenant Megan Niece Captain Jack Ottomanelli Staff Sergeant David Petersen Specialist John Petersen

US Air Force

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National Guard

1st Lieutenant Matthew Dinnell **US Marine Corps.**

Corporal Shanna Bennett Staff Sergeant Matthew Brady 1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo Corporal Mark Fredrick Private Nicholas Giron Major Stephen Ikalowych 1st Lieutenant J.P. Maher Corporal Cody McGrath Corporal Matthew Przybocki

US Navy

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 Wll: infants Jack Merritt, Abigail Jude, Aidan, Olive, Adeline Quarello, Jonathan & Joseph; children Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Cordelia and Eileen, Remy and Silvie; Cheryl Alonso, Annie Baklycki, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Paul Brennan, Mimi Brown, James Buckley, Joe Cafaro, Anna Carfagno, Bill Clark, Kevin Columbo, Thomas Connolly, Eddie Cooper, Paula Criqui, Michael Curran, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Noelle DeJoseph, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Ann Diller, Siobhan Donaghi, Whitney Dugan, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Peter Fimbel, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Cara Hansen, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Robert Knaack, Joseph Koch, Chester Kovaleski, Artie Latz, Kenneth LeGrand, Lisa LeGrand, Shawn Linn, Lisa LoSchiavo, Mary Lowe, Mary Ann Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Matt McGowan, Michael McMahon, David Mercur, Alice Miller, Len Moriarity, Gianna Moscatello, Kevin Mullane, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, Michael Oates, John Pal, Mary Parker, Tom Paskewich, Louis Peduto, Bob Phillips, Cathy Pommett, Canice Prince, Christina Pulver, William Ragu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Patrick Ricci, Herman Rodriguez, Veronica Romanchuk, Wendy Ruggiero, Beth Sacco, Blase K Sacus, Samantha Sconzo, Patricia Ann Shalhoub, Peggy and Chris Shedden, Roseanne Stella, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tetlow, Angeline Thomas, Aileen Vassar, Jim Vlantes, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Donna M., Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Kathleen V., Kaitlin V. Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 11 - MOTHERS DAY- St. Francis Di Girolamo-Jesuit Missionary All Masses today are for All Mothers, living and deceased.

Monday, May 12 - Ss. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras-Martyrs

8:00 All Mothers, living and deceased /

Michael Wiseman - First Anniversary R/b Fred and Jane Wiseman 12:00 Ken Berlinghieri and Philiip Audino R/b the Berlinghieri Family

Tuesday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

12:00 Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

Wednesday, May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00 William H. Schweizer R/b Guy and Patti Schweizer

12:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

Thursday, May 15 - St. Isidore the Farmer

8:00 Alberto Bellini R/b Carole Bellini

12:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

Friday, May 16 - St. John Nepomucene of Bohemia-Priest

8:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

12:00 Selena Piazza R/b St. Vincent de Paul/Social Concerns

Saturday, May 17 - St. Paschal Baylon of Spain - Brother

8:00 Anna Mae Kaelber R/b Tony and Laura Scott

12:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

4:00 Mario Gobbetti R/b Lorraine Gobbetti 5:00 Michelle Paparella R/b loving parents

Sunday, May 18 - St. John I of Italy - Pope and Martyr

7:00 Danny Wakefield R/b the McLarnon Family 8:00 Donald Liebreich - 3rd Anniversary R/b Marie Liebreich 9:30 Kathleen Falotico R/b Cathy Ryan

* No Family Mass until September, join us in the Church *

10:45 Carole Stonitsch R/b Pete Stonitsch

12:00 Peter A. Rinaldi Sr. R/b Rob and Marianne Waldron

1:00 All Mothers, living and deceased

6:00 Giuseppe Panuccio R/b William and Dianne Smith

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Lynne Diorio - 2nd Anniversary, r/b loving family.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the Black Poster Project Children, r/b Glynis Burke Dolan.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for those suffering with mental health, r/b the McElroy Family.

Sanctuary Offerings The Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and the bread and wine can be dedicated on a weekly basis. Altar Flowers may be dedicated as well contact the rectory.

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 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 St., Harrington Park, NJ 07640.

New to the area? Register to become a member of the OLV Family. Visit OLV's website olvhp.org and click on "Parish Registration".

New address or phone number? Please inform the rectory

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

Saturdays are dedicated to Our Lady



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Bring flowers
of the fairest.
Bring flowers
of the rarest. ...
O Mary!
We crown thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels,
Queen of the May.

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.

Our Lady of Fatima - May 13

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Our Lady spoke these words to the children of Fatima on July 13th, 1917, during the third of the six visits she would pay them.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

St. Elizabeth
 St. Anne
 Eve
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 St. Gerard

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 Wilde

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.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

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 two Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (CanonLaw872-874)

Sacred Matrimony on Sacred ground

"ceremony" at the venue is not a valid Sacrament

For the Catholic Church the Sacrament of Matrimony is such a sacred matter that the Church requires for two Catholics to be married Sacramentally in the Catholic Church not elsewhere. All the Sacraments except Confession are always celebrated in Church. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and the Sacred Orders (Priesthood is even celebrated at the Cathedral of a given Diocese). A Catholic priest can only officiate Sacrament of Matrimony of two Catholics on sacred grounds (Church). This wedding at the same time is a civil wedding. For more info contact Fr. Wojciech.

and in need of assistance should <u>never</u> feel that abortion is her only option. For confidential assistance call: Archdiocese Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350 * Gateway Pregnancy Center: 908-353-0604 * Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379 * Lifecall: 800-662-2678 * New Hope 201-722-4705 * Birthright: 201-845-4646.

OLV Needlers If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, join us in the lower church Wednesdays at 6PM and/or Thursdays after 12Noon Mass. Yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles supplied.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas For info' contact Marie 201-741-0499.

Saint Anne

and the

Blessed Virgin Mary





One of the most beloved saints of a deeply Catholic country did not govern a diocese, write a theological masterpiece or heroically die a martyr's death. Instead, Saint Isidore of Madrid, Spain, became a holy man by plowing fields.

Isidore was born in 1070 into a peasant family, but his parents taught him to love God and hate sin. He was baptized "Isidore" in honor of the famous archbishop of Seville. When barely old enough to wield a hoe, he became a day laborer in the service of a wealthy landowner. Isidore worked for that man for the rest of his life.

Isidore married a poor but devout young woman named Maria who is now venerated as a blessed. Their only child, a son, died in infancy. After his death, they decided to live as brother and sister. They worked their farm together, in many ways just like their neighbors. But Isidore was different. He attended daily Mass before he began his workday. He prayed while he plowed. After fulfilling his obligations to the owner of his land, he and Maria often they brought food to poor and prayed with them.

During his lifetime, Isidore had the gift of miracles. A story told about St. Isidore is that he often came later to work in the fields than other laborers because he would first attend Mass in the morning. Yet his work never suffered and he always met the chores required of him. It was said two angels, one on either side of Isidore, appeared and joined their pious companion in plowing the fields. More than once he fed hungry people with food that seemed to multiply miraculously.

Isidore refused to do unnecessary labor on the Sabbath. His neighbors scoffed at his lack of business sense and mocked his piety. But they could not ignore the success of his crops, the power of his intercessory prayers, or the miracles that showed God's favor on Isidore's hard work and obedience. -Magnificat; catholicrurallife.org

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'

"What do you call a priest, a deacon, and a bishop asking for food at a restaurant?"



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