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***Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 19, 2023***

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## ***Daily Masses***

Monday-Saturday | 9:15 AM Chapel

## ***Clergy***

Rev. Sean W. Kenney, OFS, Pastor

Dawid Malik, Seminarian

## ***Parish Office Hours***

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

## ***Join Us For Mass***

Sunday Masses | Saturday Vigil— 5:00 PM Church

Sunday— 8:00 | 10:00 | 11:30 AM Church

Confessions— Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM

Holy Days— 9:15 AM | 7:30 PM Church

## Daily Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 19** *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 AM** **Jerry Biro**  
r/o Elizabeth Biro
- 10:00 AM** **Gaetano Sasso**  
r/o Stefanina Sasso
- 11:30 AM** **Anthony N. DiGiovanni**  
r/o Schlingloff/Fyfe Families

**Monday, February 20** *Presidents' Day*

- 9:15 AM** **Cheryl Augustine**  
r/o Citarella Family

**Tuesday, February 21** *St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

- 9:15 AM** **Elizabeth Theinert**  
r/o Margaret Szombath  
**Luigi, Agatha, Giovanni, and Frances Cordileone**  
r/o Maria Cordileone

**Wednesday, February 22** *Ash Wednesday*

- 9:15 AM** **Alfonso Della Russo**  
r/o Bill & Sylvia Smalley
- 12:10 PM** **Service Only—Distribution of Ashes**
- 4:30 PM** **Service Only—Distribution of Ashes**
- 7:30 PM** **For the Intentions of Our Parishioners**

**Thursday, February 23** *St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*

- 9:15 AM** **Raymond McCue**  
r/o Jeanette Falcone  
**Mary Nobile**  
r/o Jeanette Falcone

**Friday, February 24**

- 9:15 AM** **Donald Incalcaterra**  
r/o Elias Family

**7:00 PM** **Open for Intention**

**Saturday, February 25**

- 9:15 AM** **Jacques Joukhadarian**  
r/o Elias Family
- 5:00 PM** **Christine Salemi** *9th Anniversary*  
r/o Gerald Salemi

**Sunday, February 26** *First Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00 AM** **Margaret "Peggy" Walker**  
r/o David Walker & his Family
- 10:00 AM** **John & Wilhelmina Robinson**  
r/o The Carroll Family
- 11:30 AM** **Dennis Kardos**  
r/o Dennis & Evelyn Maloney

*Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.*

**Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.**



## In Loving Memory

*Please pray for the families and loved ones of the departed who now enjoy everlasting life:*

**Shirley Ann Martin**

*Mother of Lisa Anzelone and  
Mother-in-law of Bill Anzelone*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

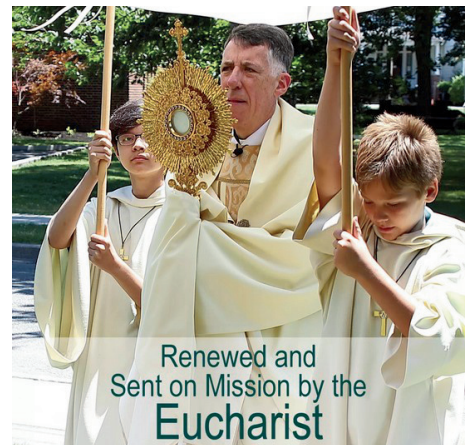


The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel  
burns this week in loving memory of



**Rachel Zampaglione**

at the request of  
**Mrs. Madeline Faccenda**



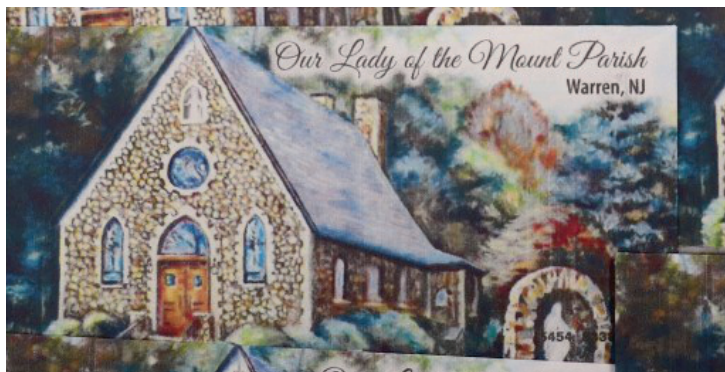
## 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here at Our Lady of the Mount. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor Fr. Sean encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website:

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

*To date, the Development Office  
has received payments totaling  
\$247,274.00 from 54 parishioners.  
This represents 64.56% of our \$383,000.00 goal.*





Dear Parish Family,

Due to supply chain issues, our envelope company was forced to suspend the production of February contribution envelopes.

The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April.

In the meantime, please use regular blank envelopes or call the Parish Office at 908-647-1075 to request blank envelope sets.

**\*\*\*THIS DOES NOT AFFECT PARISHIONERS THAT CONTRIBUTE ONLINE\*\*\***

We appreciate your understanding.

God Bless,

*Parish Office*

## Bus Trip to See “MOSES” at Sight & Sound Theater, PA | Open to All



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**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

*All Inclusive \$150 (Bus, Show, Lunch, Tips)*

Bus leaves Blessed Sacrament at 7 AM  
and returns by 7:30 PM

**Questions?** Call Janet Etsch at 732-718-7278 or  
[jeetsch603@gmail.com](mailto:jeetsch603@gmail.com)

## From the Office of Faith Formation

**THANK YOU** to all who supported our Bake Sale sponsored by the 5th & 6th grade Faith Formation students this past weekend. It was a great turnout with lots of sweet treats and baked goodies! We collected \$1,559.00 to be used towards Faith Formation program activities. The event was a big success!



## Religious Education

We offer religious education for children of registered parishioners who attend public school grades Kindergarten through 8th. Preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation is also provided for students who attend Catholic Schools. The Confirmation Program is two-year preparation program. Students may not enroll into 8th grade unless they complete our 7th grade program or attend a Catholic School. Please check our website or contact the Office of Faith Formation at 908-647-1075 ext. 112 for more information.

## 2023 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22nd Masses (Church)  
9:15 AM, 7:30 PM

Distribution of Ashes (No Mass) – 12:10 PM, 4:30 PM

### MASS

February 24th – March 31st 7:00 PM Chapel

EACH FRIDAY OF LENT  
(EXCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 24th – April 7th 7:35 PM Chapel

EACH FRIDAY OF LENT  
(INCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY)

### MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS (STATIONS)

Tuesday March 21st 7:00 PM Chapel

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:15 PM - 4:45 PM  
EACH SATURDAY OF LENT  
(EXCLUDING HOLY SATURDAY)

### PENANCE SERVICE

Monday March 20th  
7:30 PM Church

### PASSION|PALM SUNDAY

Saturday April 1st Vigil Mass 5:00 PM Church

Solemn Blessing of Palms

Sunday April 2nd Masses Church  
8:00 AM|10:00 AM |12:00 Noon

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel

EACH FRIDAY OF LENT

Beginning at 10:00 AM, Concluding with Benediction  
at 7:00 PM \*

\* On March 24th only, Adoration will conclude at  
4:00 PM

### HOLY WEEK ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Chapel

Beginning at 3:00 PM on April 2nd, Concluding with  
Benediction at 7:45 PM  
April 3rd through April 5th  
10:00 AM-7:45 PM

### HOLY THURSDAY

April 6th

Morning Prayer 9:15 AM (No Morning Mass) Chapel

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM Church

Procession to the Chapel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 7th

Morning Prayer 9:15 AM (No Morning Mass) Chapel  
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 PM Church

Annual Parish Good Friday Fish Dinner –

4:30 PM or 6:30 PM Shepherds Hall

Stations of the Cross 7:35 PM Chapel

### HOLY SATURDAY

April 8th

Morning Prayer 9:15 AM

(No Morning Mass-No Confessions) Chapel

Blessing of Easter Food 12:30 PM Shepherds Hall

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 PM Church

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 9th Masses Church

8:00 AM|10:00 AM |12:00 Noon



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FOR THE

## 8TH ANNUAL PASTA NIGHT

TO BENEFIT  
THE ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

SHEPHERDS HALL



**DONATION: ADULTS \$35.00**

**CHILDREN (UNDER 12): \$20.00**

**FAMILIES (4 OR 5): \$80.00**



## Bishop of Metuchen Calls for Prayer and Assistance for those Impacted by Earthquake



Reacting to the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to be in solidarity with the region. The death toll had reached close to 20,000 as of February 9, with the number of dead expected to climb further. Watching the horrifying scenes of children being pulled from the rubble is heartbreaking too.

Therefore, Bishop Checchio calls on the faithful and people of good will in the Diocese of Metuchen to prayerfully and financially support the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in their response to our brothers and sisters in their hour of need.

**Our parish will have a second collection to assist with humanitarian and ecclesial efforts *next weekend*, February 25th and 26th.**

- **Catholic Near East Welfare Association** has launched an emergency campaign to shelter survivors and provide bedding, food, medicines, nursing formula, diapers, and clothing to more than 2,000 families for three months in the Aleppo and Hama areas of northern Syria. Anyone who would rather mail a check rather than give online can mail it to Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022-4195. Please indicate it for earthquake relief on the check.
- **Catholic Relief Services**, the overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, was collecting funds to assist its local partners, Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria, particularly in Aleppo and Lattakia, Syria, where extensive damage has been reported. Again, if anyone would prefer not to give online, their address is Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700. Please indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check.



## *Baby Bottle Blessings!*

**Weekend of February 26th, 2023**

Our Lady of the Mount will host a **Baby Bottle Blessings** Campaign benefitting **INSPIRE Family Life Center**; a pregnancy help center located on Mt. Bethel Road in Warren. Inspire offers free ultrasounds, life-skills and parenting education, material aid and resources to those who are facing challenging and unexpected pregnancies; inspiring them to be open to new life while courageously embracing the beautiful vision of God's will for them. To learn more visit: [www.InspireFamilyLifeCenter.com](http://www.InspireFamilyLifeCenter.com). Bottles will be available at all entrances and should be returned to the Church by the weekend of March 12th. Thank you and God bless you!



## **Announcing the 62nd ANNUAL OLM RETREAT AT LOYOLA**

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*Theme: "Journey of Sorrow, Journey of Love"*

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## Saint of the Day Saturday, February 18th, 2023



### Blessed John of Fiesole

The patron of Christian artists was born around 1400 in a village overlooking Florence. He took up painting as a young boy and studied under the watchful eye of a local painting master. He joined the Dominicans at about age 20, taking the name Fra Giovanni. He eventually came to be known as Fra Angelico, perhaps a tribute to his own angelic qualities or maybe the devotional tone of his works.

He continued to study painting and perfect his own techniques, which included broad-brush strokes, vivid colors and generous, lifelike figures. Michelangelo once said of Fra Angelico: “One has to believe that this good monk has visited paradise and been allowed to choose his models there.” Whatever his subject matter, Fra Angelico sought to generate feelings of religious devotion in response to his paintings. Among his most famous works are the Annunciation and Descent from the Cross as well as frescoes in the monastery of San Marco in Florence.

He also served in leadership positions within the Dominican Order. At one point, Pope Eugenius approached him about serving as archbishop of Florence. Fra Angelico declined, preferring a simpler life. He died in 1455.

### Reflection

The work of artists adds a wonderful dimension to life. Without art our lives would be much depleted. Let us pray for artists today, especially those who can lift our hearts and minds to God

*\*Source: “Saint of the Day” Franciscan Media*

## Saint of the Day Sunday, February 19th, 2023



### Saint Conrad of Piacenza

Born of a noble family in northern Italy, Conrad as a young man married Euphrosyne, daughter of a nobleman.

One day while hunting he ordered attendants to set fire to some brush in order to flush out the game. The fire spread to nearby fields and to a large forest. Conrad fled. An innocent peasant was imprisoned, tortured to confess, and condemned to death. Conrad confessed his guilt, saved the man’s life, and paid for the damaged property.

Soon after this event, Conrad and his wife agreed to separate: she to a Poor Clare monastery and he to a group of hermits following the Third Order Rule. His reputation for holiness, however, spread quickly. Since his many visitors destroyed his solitude, Conrad went to a more remote spot in Sicily where he lived 36 years as a hermit, praying for himself and for the rest of the world.

Prayer and penance were his answer to the temptations that beset him. Conrad died kneeling before a crucifix. He was canonized in 1625.

### Reflection

Francis of Assisi was drawn both to contemplation and to a life of preaching; periods of intense prayer nourished his preaching. Some of his early followers, however, felt called to a life of greater contemplation, and he accepted that. Though Conrad of Piacenza is not the norm in the Church, he and other contemplatives remind us of the greatness of God and of the joys of heaven.

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