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***First Sunday of Lent | February 26, 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 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

### Monday, February 27 *St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

- 9:15 AM** **Peter Pugliese**  
r/o Elaine Beecher

### Tuesday, February 28

- 9:15 AM** **Chris O'Donohue**  
r/o John O'Donohue  
**For the Intentions of Trudy Fritze**  
r/o Amanda & Otto Schmalz

### Wednesday, March 1

- 9:15 AM** **James Mione**  
r/o Noreen & John Golinski

### Thursday, March 2

- 9:15 AM** **Robert "Zeke" Zelehoski**  
r/o Sandra McCrone  
**Gary Thorp**  
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Morakis

### Friday, March 3 *St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

- 9:15 AM** **Lorraine Visotski**  
r/o Her Faith Sisters
- 7:00 PM** **Genevieve Bartol**  
r/o Chris & Al Galdi

### Saturday, March 4 *St. Casimir*

- 9:15 AM** **Mass of Remembrance**
- 5:00 PM** **Jennifer Meyer Thibault**  
r/o Drew & Hope Meyer

### Sunday, March 5 *Second Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00 AM** **Genevieve Bartol**  
r/o Cheryl & Steve Liberti
- 10:00 AM** **Tom O'Dea, Sr.**  
r/o The O'Dea Family
- 11:30 AM** **James Golden**  
r/o Donna Golden

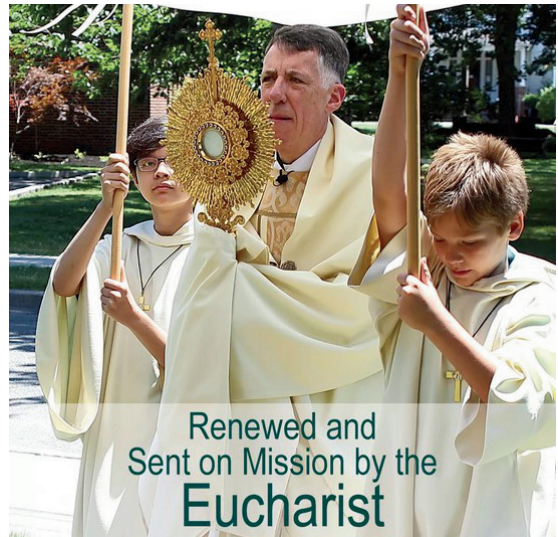
*Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.*



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

**Martina Schmalz Palmer**

at the request of  
**Mom & Dad**



Renewed and  
Sent on Mission by the  
**Eucharist**

## 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

The impact and success of the Catholic Center at Rutgers is relational outreach to students, a distinct approach for college campus ministry. The staff includes religious from the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope and the Brotherhood of Hope, as well as, the Associate Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen and several interns. They are out on campus meeting and interacting with students where they live their lives and also reach them using the tools of technology. Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Catholic Center offers a safe haven where students are able to grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Thank you for your support.

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:

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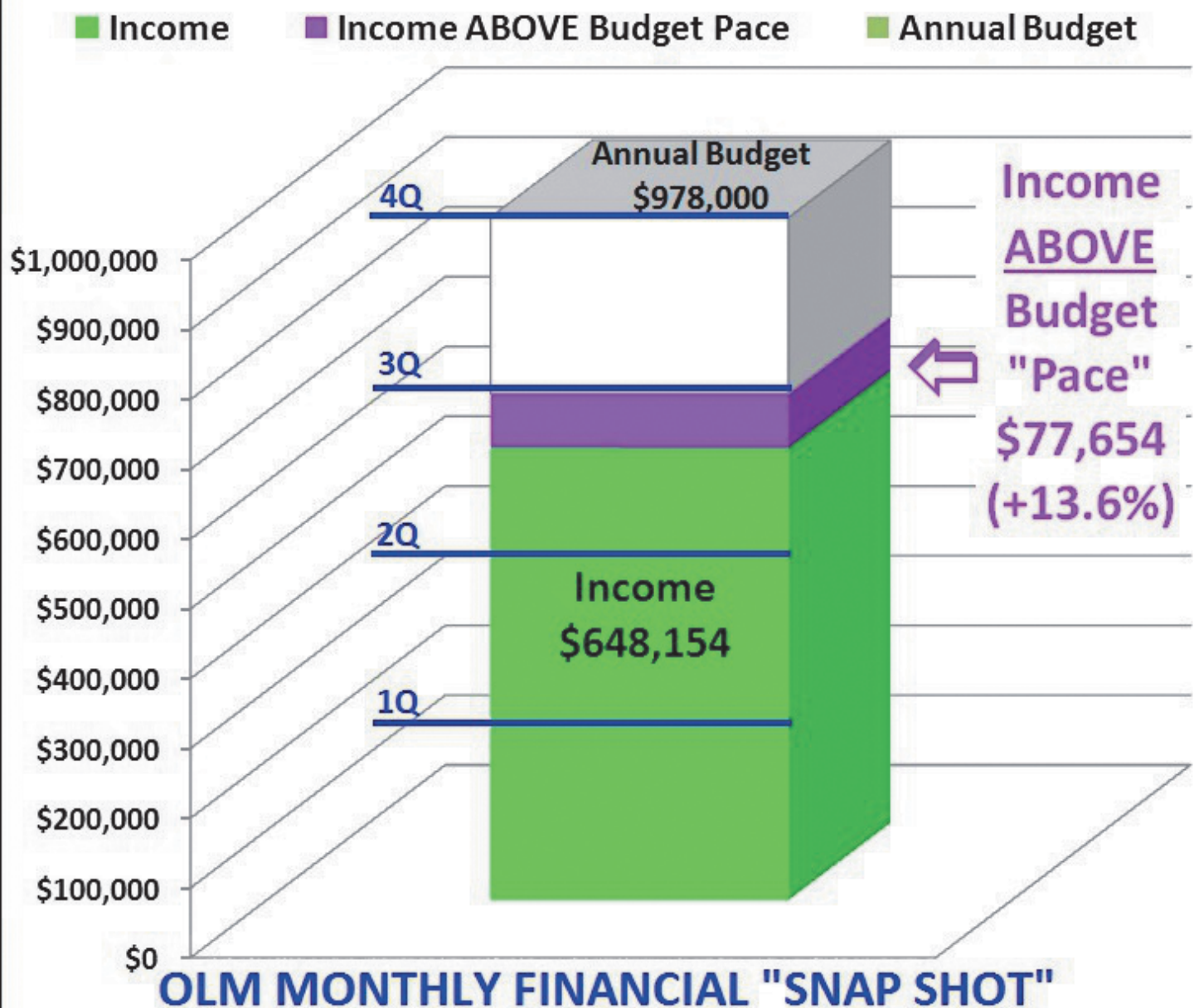
*To date, the Development Office  
has received payments totaling  
\$255,742.00 from 63 parishioners.  
This represents 66.77% of our \$383,000.00 goal.*



## 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.





*(July 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023)*

Based on the annual budget of \$978,000 to operate OLM, the total collections of \$648,154 for the first 7 months of our fiscal year are ABOVE budget "pace" by \$77,654 or +13.6%. As per previous years, the OLM Finance Committee is very appreciative that the generosity of the **ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL** (Oct 1st - Nov 1st) and **CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS** helped to raise additional income needed to meet our parish financial obligations.

## 2023 LENTEN SCHEDULE



### 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



## *Scripture Readings For the Week of February 26, 2023*

### Sunday | First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

### Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

### Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday | Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FAMILY  
FOOD COLLECTION FOR EASTER**

**Monday, February 27th - Easter Sunday, April 9th**



We are collecting food for our sister Parish, Most Holy Name of Jesus, in Perth Amboy for Easter. Canned goods, dried beans, rice, pasta, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, cooking oil, condiments, coffee, sugar, paper napkins and paper towels are all needed.

Please feel free to add other items if you wish. Candy or cookies for the children will help with the family celebration.

Checks for fresh food items can be made out to the "Knights of Columbus" and dropped off on the weekend in the K of C Food Drive box in an envelope marked "K of C Easter Food Donation".



If you have any questions, you may call the parish office at 908-647-1075.



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

## 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 *this 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.

## Saint of the Day Sunday, February 26th, 2023

### Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin



If anyone knew rejection, ridicule and disappointment, it was today's saint. But such trials only brought Maria Bertilla Boscardin closer to God and more determined to serve him.

Born in Italy in 1888, the young girl lived in fear of her father, a violent man prone to jealousy and drunkenness. Her schooling was limited so that she could spend more time

helping at home and working in the fields. She showed few talents and was often the butt of jokes.

In 1904, she joined the Sisters of Saint Dorothy and was assigned to work in the kitchen, bakery and laundry. After some time Maria received nurses' training and began working in a hospital with children suffering from diphtheria. There the young nun seemed to find her true vocation: nursing very ill and disturbed children. Later, when the hospital was taken over by the military in World War I, Sister Maria Bertilla fearlessly cared for patients amidst the threat of constant air raids and bombings.

She died in 1922 after suffering for many years from a painful tumor. Some of the patients she had nursed many years before were present at her canonization in 1961.

### Reflection

This fairly recent saint knew the hardships of living in an abusive situation. Let us pray to her to help all those who are suffering from any form of spiritual, mental, or physical abuse.

*\*Source: "Saint of the Day" Franciscan Media*





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