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*Fourth Sunday of Lent | March 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

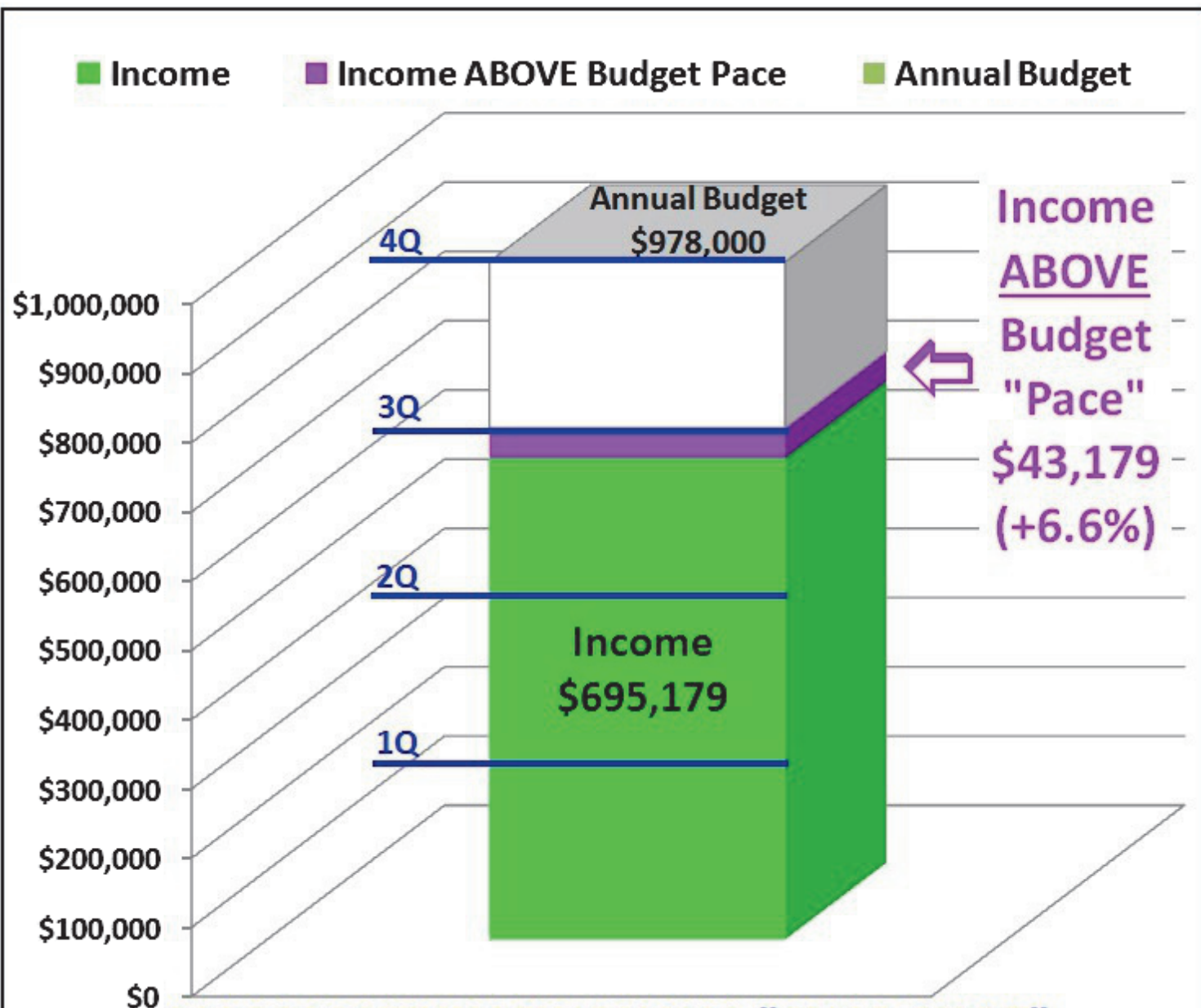
## *Join Us For Mass*

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



## OLM MONTHLY FINANCIAL "SNAP SHOT"

*(July 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023)*

Based on the annual budget of \$978,000 to operate OLM, the total collections of \$695,179 for the first 8 months of our fiscal year are **ABOVE** budget "pace" by \$43,179 or +6.6%. 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.

### *Second Collections for the Month of February, 2023*

Ash Wednesday  
Diocesan Assessment

\$1,334.00  
\$250.00



## Daily Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 19** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**8:00 AM** Open for Intention

**10:00 AM** Lydia Labinsky  
r/o The Family

**11:30 AM** Idalina Cavassani Marques  
r/o The Family

**Monday, March 20** *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**9:15 AM** Paul Temple  
r/o Maria Cordileone

**Tuesday, March 21**

**9:15 AM** Open for Intention

**Wednesday, March 22**

**9:15 AM** Donald Lloyd *13th Anniversary*  
r/o George & Family

**Thursday, March 23** *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

**9:15 AM** Church Morrison *7th Anniversary*  
r/o Alison Morrison

**Friday, March 24**

**9:15 AM** John Stasi  
r/o The Gatto Family

**7:00 PM** Open for Intention

**Saturday, March 25** *The Annunciation of the Lord*

**9:15 AM** Open for Intention

**5:00 PM** Dennis Kardos  
r/o Beverly & Ron Smith

**Sunday, March 26** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**8:00 AM** Open for Intention

**10:00 AM** Patrick J. Murphy  
r/o Mrs. Anna Campo

**11:30 AM** Open for Intention

*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**



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We look forward to hearing from you!

## In Loving Memory



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

**Anthony Dragoni, Jr.**

*Husband of Joyce,  
Father of Lisa Dragoni and Denise Coates,  
and Grandfather of Maddie and Jack Cohen,  
Cameron and Elsa Coates*

*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.*



### Mass Intentions Available

Mass Intentions are available for 2023/2024.  
To request to have a Mass offered for a loved  
one, please contact the Parish Office.  
Mass stipends are \$10.

### Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend

This Sunday, March 19th, the Bishop's Annual Appeal Video will be shown in Shepherds Hall after all Masses. Please join us to watch the video and enjoy coffee and donuts with your fellow parishioners.

**March 19, 2023**  
**- 4th Sunday of Lent**

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees  
the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."  
1 Samuel 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

## Saint of the Day Sunday, March 19, 2023

### Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary



The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

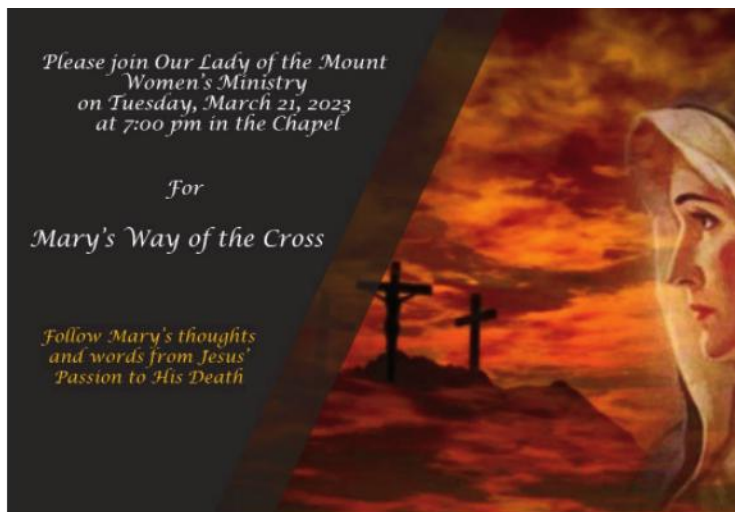
It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

### Reflection

The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41–51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus’ mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn’t believe that he came from such humble beginnings: “Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary...?” (Matthew 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” (John 1:46b).

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

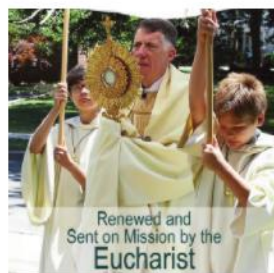


### Holy Week Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please sign up to serve at Masses during Holy Week on the OLM Website: <https://olmwarren.org/extraordinary-ministers-of-holy-communion> or by calling the Parish Office at (908) 647-1075. God Bless.

### 2023 Bishop’s Annual Appeal



This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating **Bishop’s Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ’s presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

**You can find the link to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal Video by going to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.**

*To date, the Development Office has received payments totaling \$295,758.25. This represents 76.98% of our \$383,000.00 goal.*



## *From the Office of Faith Formation*

Forty-five 8th grade students, which included 5 students from outside parishes, attended our OLM Faith Formation Confirmation Retreat on Thursday, March 9th. The retreat was facilitated by the Hard As Nails Missionary Team, which was made up of six members. Students enjoyed presentations, games, break-out work groups, prayers, dinner, and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The dinner was graciously donated by our 7th grade families, and some 8th grade parent volunteers helped to set up, serve dinner, and clean up. We truly appreciate all their help. We thank them, as well as our 8th grade Catechists for their time and participation. The Hard As Nails missionaries did an amazing job evangelizing and bringing the joy of Christ to everyone present. It was an exciting and fruitful event.



### ***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.

**2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration for Grades K-8 is ongoing. Please check the OLM website.**

## 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 March 19, 2023*

Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Monday | Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday | Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis

2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday | Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45





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