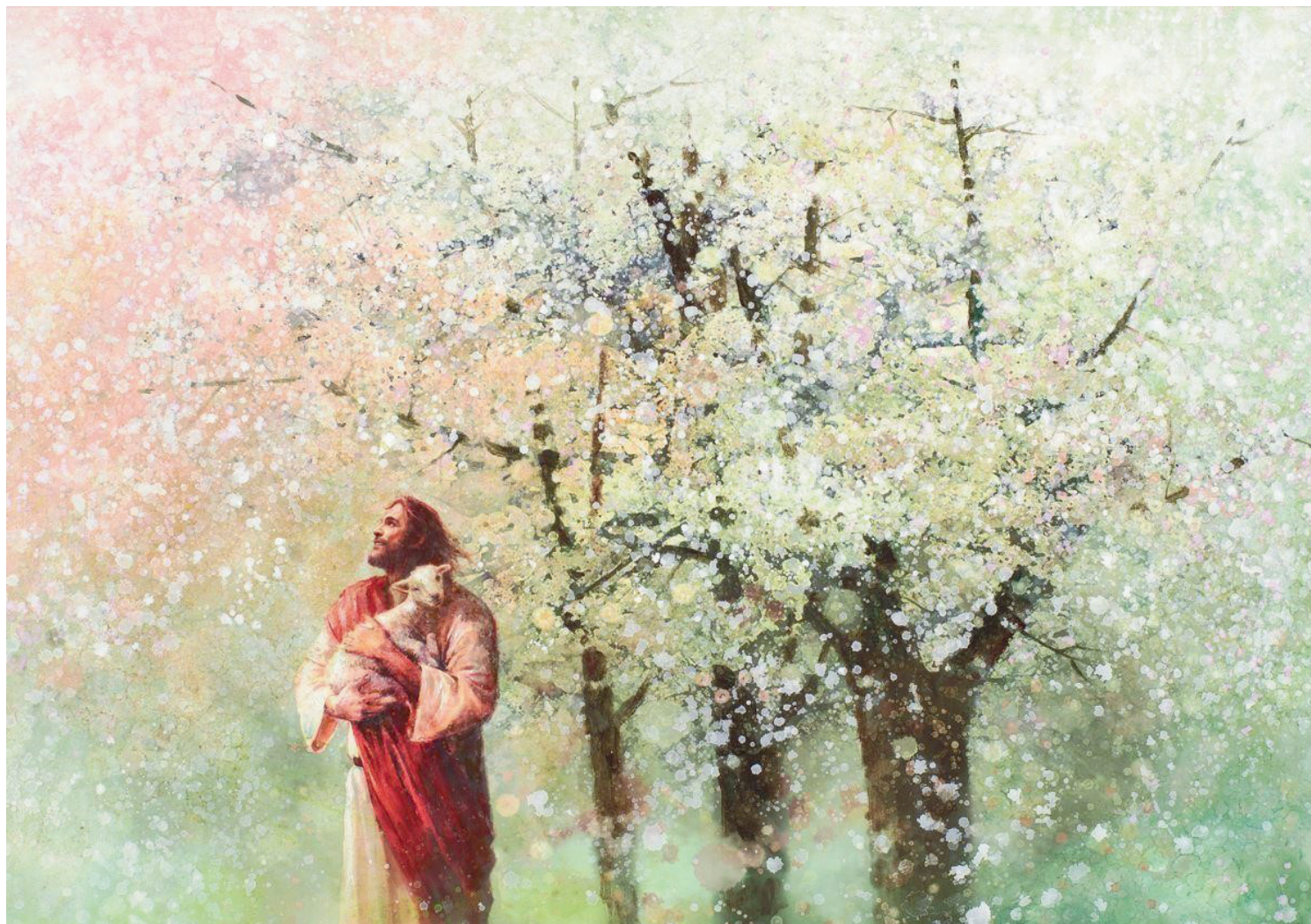


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Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 30, 2023

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Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday | 9:15 AM Chapel

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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, April 30 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

10:00 AM Gary Thorp
r/o John & Bernadette Truglio

11:30 AM Mary Murphy
r/o Kathy Dalton

Monday, May 1 *St. Joseph the Worker*

9:15 AM Bartholemew Girard
r/o The Llanes Family

Tuesday, May 2 *St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

9:15 AM Lou Cirrotti
r/o Mike & Lisa Yacone

Wednesday, May 3 *Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*

9:15 AM Randie & Yetta Pressman
r/o Bill & Sylvia Smalley

Thursday, May 4

9:15 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

Friday, May 5

9:15 AM Raymond Godleski *5th Anniversary*
r/o Michele Godleski

Saturday, May 6

9:15 AM Mass of Remembrance

5:00 PM Gina Fitch
r/o John & Carol Tobin

Sunday, May 7 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM The Ramirez Family
r/o Alicia & Gary Montemurno

10:00 AM Bill Wittreich
r/o The Family

11:30 AM Joseph Adest
r/o Kathy Dalton

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.

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 or request online at

<https://olmwarren.org/mass-intentions>.

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Lexi Jacklyn Miller

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Riley Elizabeth Burke

Daughter of Kerry and Susan

Owen Richard Burke

Son of Kerry and Susan



Welcome!

Register at Our Lady of the Mount



Registering in the parish you attend is important if you wish to receive pastoral care, sacraments and religious education for yourself or your children. It is necessary if you wish to obtain a letter of suitability to be a godparent or Confirmation sponsor.

We welcome you to register at Our Lady of the Mount Church to more fully participate in the life of our parish. Receive mail and/or email communications to stay up-to-date with the latest happenings and opportunities in our parish.

To register please visit our website:

www.olmwarren.org



Record a Happy 90th Birthday Video Message to Fran Kenney!

All parishioners are invited to record a Happy 90th Birthday video message to Father Sean's mother Fran after Masses on April 29th and 30th, May 7th, and May 13th. Please go to Classroom #1 to record your message.



The parish family of Our Lady of the Mount would like to share the names of the children who will receive First Eucharist on the following dates. We praise them as they journey towards the Table of the Lord.

Saturday, April 29th at 5:00 PM

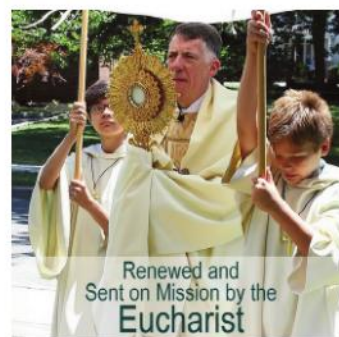
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Emily Brown
Riley Burke
Cora Camiolo
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Elena DeAlmeida
Zoe Etzold
Lidia Huska
Madeleine Marks
Matthew Maziarz
Madison Neihart
Carlos Perez
Madeline Prestipino
Lucas Sartori
Dylan Vieira-Pires
Savannah Vieira-Pires

Sunday, April 30th at 11:30 AM

Elias Burns
Stella Carollo
Owen Herrmann
Savannah Maurer
John Sutton
Ava Tayal

May Jesus come to bless you on your First Communion Day. May you feel His loving presence in a very special way. And as you strive to follow in His footsteps, may He bless your life with many graces and lasting happiness. Congratulations to all of you!

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal



Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

To date, the Development Office has received payments totaling \$335,941.00 This represents 87.71% of our \$383,000.00 goal.

Thank You!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - LK 18:16

2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FOR GRADES K-8 IS NOW OPEN.

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Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 30, 2023

Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday | Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18 or Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday | Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday | Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Online Giving

Our Lady of the Mount Church invites you to consider our Online Giving Program as a way to automate your regular weekly offering.

Online Giving is convenient for you and provides much needed consistency for our church. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you no longer need to write checks or envelopes. When travel, illness, or other circumstances prevent you from attending Mass, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue to support the church on an uninterrupted basis.

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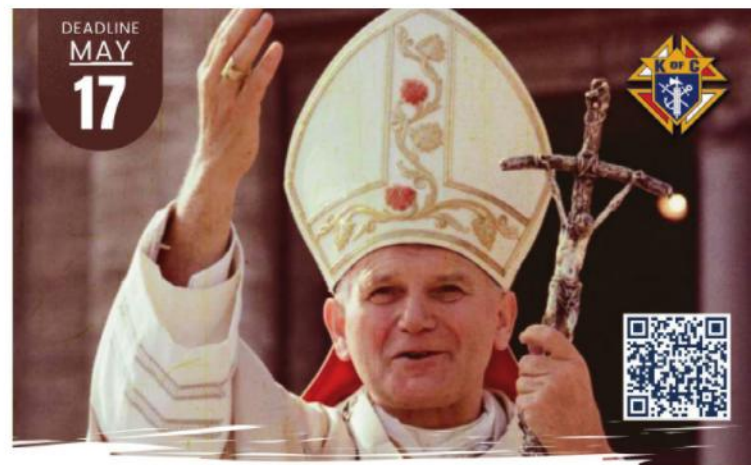


Ordination to the Diaconate for our Seminarians



We're pleased to announce that Mr. Ai Van (Peter) Phan and Mr. Dawid Malik, who have served in our parish, have been called by the Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, to the Order of Deacon. They will be ordained on Saturday, May 13th, 2023 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. All are welcome.

Dawid will preach for the first time as a Deacon here at Our Lady of the Mount on Sunday, May 14th, 2023 at the 11:30 AM Mass. The Mass will be livestreamed. Light refreshments to follow in Shepherds Hall. Please join us!



POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II *Scholarship*

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

The scholarship, established in 2005, is a \$1,000 stipend created in honor of Pope John Paul II. The award is presented to an outstanding OLM graduating high school senior student who maintains exceptional grades, while actively participating in church and community activities. A winner of the award is chosen on that basis by a committee of the Council's Past Grand Knights in late May. The applicant does not need to be a child of a Knight.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE,

WWW.OLMWARREN.ORG/AWARD-APPLICATION

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THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNER AT A JUNE COUNCIL MEETING.

Saint of the Day | Saturday, April 29, 2023

Saint Catherine of Siena



The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Reflection

Though she lived her life in a faith experience and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. Events which might make us wince or chuckle or even yawn fill her biographies: a mystical experience at six, childhood betrothal to Christ, stories of harsh asceticism, her frequent ecstatic visions. Still, Catherine lived in an age which did not know the rapid change of 21st-century mobile America. The value of her life for us today lies in her recognition of holiness as a goal to be sought over the course of a lifetime.

Saint of the Day | Sunday, April 30, 2023

Saint Pius V

This is the pope whose job it was to implement the historic Council of Trent. If we think popes had difficulties in implementing Vatican Council II, Pius V had even greater problems after Trent four centuries earlier.

During his papacy (1566-1572), Pius V was faced with the almost overwhelming responsibility of getting a shattered and scattered Church back on its feet. The family of God had been shaken by corruption, by the Reformation, by the constant threat of Turkish invasion, and by the bloody bickering of the young nation-states. In 1545, a previous pope convened the Council of Trent in an attempt to deal with all these pressing problems. Off and on over 18 years, the Fathers of the Church discussed, condemned, affirmed, and decided upon a course of action. The Council closed in 1563.

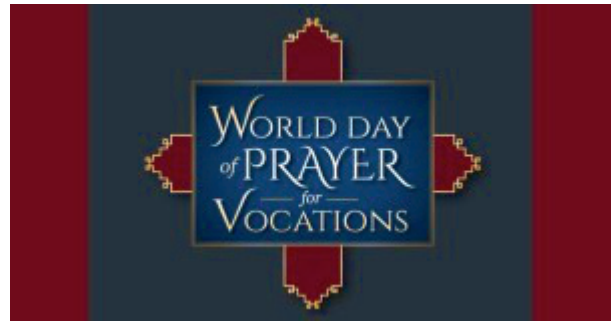
Pius V was elected in 1566 and charged with the task of implementing the sweeping reforms called for by the Council. He ordered the founding of seminaries for the proper training of priests. He published a new missal, a new breviary, a new catechism, and established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for the young. Pius zealously enforced legislation against abuses in the Church. He patiently served the sick and the poor by building hospitals, providing food for the hungry, and giving money customarily used for the papal banquets to poor Roman converts. His decision to keep wearing his Dominican habit led to the custom—to this day—of the pope wearing a white cassock.

In striving to reform both Church and state, Pius encountered vehement opposition from England's Queen Elizabeth and the Roman Emperor Maximilian II. Problems in France and in the Netherlands also hindered Pius's hopes for a Europe united against the Turks. Only at the last minute was he able to organize a fleet which won a decisive victory in the Gulf of Lepanto, off Greece, on October 7, 1571.

Pius' ceaseless papal quest for a renewal of the Church was grounded in his personal life as a Dominican friar. He spent long hours with his God in prayer, fasted rigorously, deprived himself of many customary papal luxuries, and faithfully observed the spirit of the Dominican Rule that he had professed.

Reflection

In their personal lives and in their actions as popes, Saint Pius V and Saint Paul VI both led the family of God in the process of interiorizing and implementing the new birth called for by the Spirit in major Councils. With zeal and patience, Pius and Paul pursued the changes urged by the Council Fathers. Like Pius and Paul, we too are called to constant change of heart and life.



April 30, 2023

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration



You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:30 PM. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 6, 2023. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.



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