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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 16, 2023

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Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday | 9:15 AM Chapel

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Parish Office Hours

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

Friday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

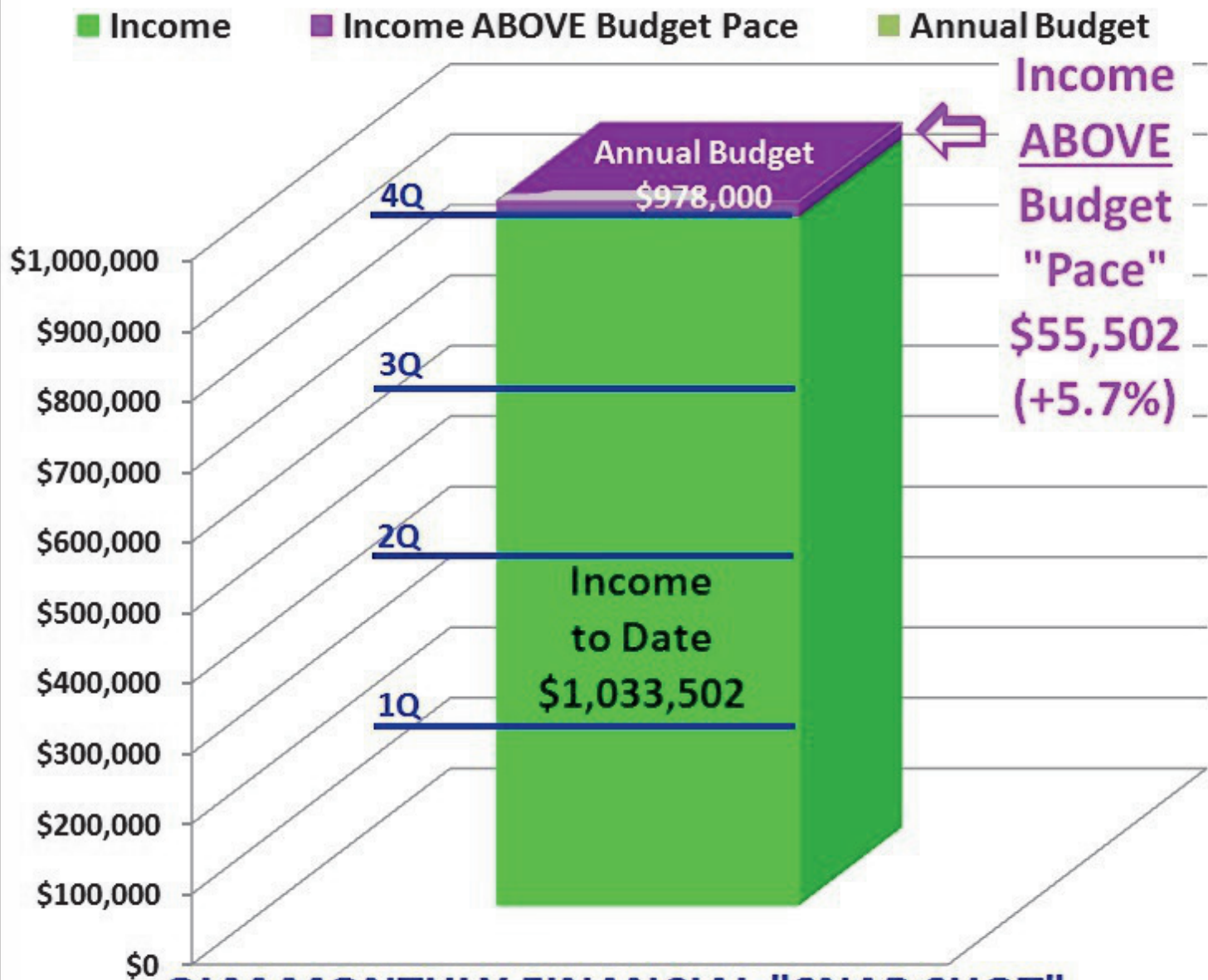
Join Us For Mass

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



(July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

Based on the annual budget of \$978,000 to operate OLM, the total collections of \$1,033,502 for the full 12 months of our fiscal year are ABOVE budget "pace" by \$55,502 or +5.7%.

As per previous years, the OLM Finance Committee is very appreciative of the generosity of weekly, holiday, and special collections from Parishioners that helped to raise additional income needed to meet our parish financial obligations.

Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 16 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM **Joseph Steliga**
r/o Sarah, Abigail & Mim

10:00 AM **Francis Alapatt**
r/o The Alapatt Family

11:30 AM **Jeffrey Easthope**
r/o Family

Monday, July 17

9:15 AM **Jeffrey Easthope**
r/o Family

Tuesday, July 18 *St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

9:15 AM **Debra Serra**
r/o Steve & Doreen Gliebe

James Serra
r/o Steve & Doreen Gliebe

Wednesday, July 19

9:15 AM **William L. Smalley**
r/o Bill & Sylvia Smalley

Thursday, July 20 *St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

9:15 AM **Ray Vesey, Jr.**
r/o Dino & Emma DeBorja

Friday, July 21 *St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest and Religious Founder*

9:15 AM **Martina Schmalz Palmer**
r/o Kathy Dalton

Saturday, July 22 *St. Mary Magdalene*

9:15 AM **Patrick Collins**
r/o Kathy Dalton

5:00 PM **Martina Schmalz Palmer**
r/o Mom & Dad

Sunday, July 23 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM **For the Intentions of Kathy & Eric Garcia and Family**
r/o Alicia & Gary Montemurno

10:00 AM **Ursula Ehmann**
r/o Otto & Amanda Schmalz

11:30 AM **Anthony Pugliesi**
r/o John & Bernadette Truglio

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>. Mass stipends are \$10.

In Loving Memory



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

Joan H. Lynch

Mother of Kathy Schreck, Brian Lynch, and Patty Finer

Peter G. Sepesi

Father of Tommy, Peter, and Laura, Father-in-law of Kasia and Amy, and Grandfather of George

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.



We Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Anthony Nicholas Peterpaul

Son of Anthony and Rebecca

Clara Grace Federici

Daughter of Nick and Julie



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

Martina Schmalz Palmer

at the request of
Mom & Dad



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

Joseph F. Steliga

at the request of
Sarah, Abigail and Mim



Volunteers Needed

We need your help to serve our Faith Formation program. We are currently in need of catechists/substitutes/aides.

Tuition discounts available for all adult volunteers.
And service credits for all students volunteers.

For more information please contact us at:
908-647-1075 x112 or email us at
faithformation@olmwarren.org



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*

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**SCAN
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Thank you!

Aden Kamath – Warren Boy Scouts Troop 228,
completion of Eagle Project at OLM

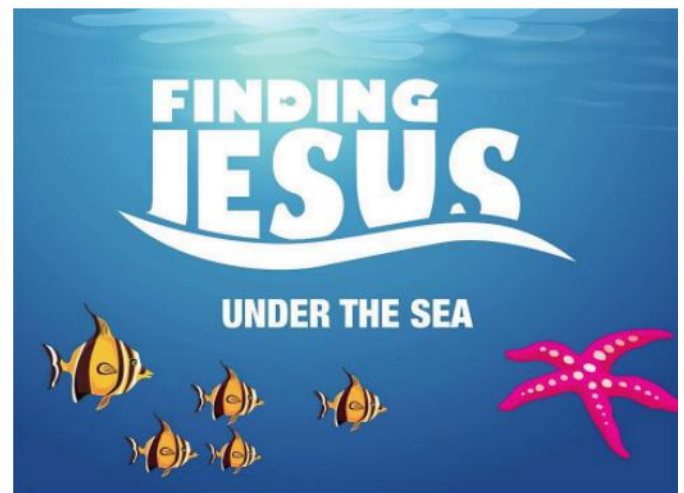
Thank you to all the parishioners for the generous donations on the weekend of Apr 14/15 collected after all Masses.

My Eagle project was successfully completed on June 30, 2023. We built a 12x12 bluestone patio, installed 2 metal benches, built a small walkway to the patio and anchored the statue of Blessed Fr. McGivney at the top center of the patio.

However, the statue is covered at the moment. It will be blessed and unveiled by Fr. Sean in the presence of the Knights on Sunday Aug 13, 2023 after 11:30 Mass. Thank you all again for your donations, blessings and support. Hope to see you all on Aug 13 for the unveiling of the statue.

Thanks,

Aden Kamath



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School
July 24th –27th
9:00 AM—12:30 PM
Wilson Memorial Church
7 Valley Rd, Watchung, NJ
All 4-11 years old are welcome to attend.

*Scripture Readings
For the Week of July 16, 2023*

Sunday | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Monday
Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday | Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday
Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday | Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday | Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30



July 16, 2023 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.”-Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

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
\$376,648.00 This represents 98.34%
of our \$383,000.00 goal.*



Mission Appeal to benefit Expansion of the DeMatha Elementary School in India

July 29 and 30th, 2023

On July 29 & 30, 2023, Fr. Valliyakulathil Devasia Jins, O.S.S.T. (Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives) will be in our parish for a mission appeal. Fr. Jins currently serves as a missionary in the Middle East. At each Mass Father will ask for our prayers and financial assistance as his Order works to expand its ministry of Catholic education in Kamrup (Assam) India. Most of the Christians in this secluded part of the country belong to tribal communities and are often persecuted for their faith by non-Christian tribes. In this part of the county children do not have access to a proper education due to extreme poverty and persecution. The Trinitarians in India hope to expand their ministry of Catholic education through their newly opened DeMatha Elementary School. This expansion will allow the school to add additional grade levels, dormitories for boarding students, a Monastery for the religious, a playground for the younger children, and an auditorium. The Trinitarians are hopeful that your generosity during this Mission Appeal will help them to more effectively live their school's motto, "Educate to Liberate." Please consider supporting the work of the Trinitarians in India as they continue to spread God's mercy and redemption in this remote part of the world. Checks and donations can be made out to our parish. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Saint Bonaventure Perhaps not a household name for most people, Saint Bonaventure, nevertheless, played an important role in both the medieval Church and the history of the Franciscan Order. A senior faculty member at the University of Paris, Saint Bonaventure certainly captured the hearts of his students through his academic skills and insights. But more importantly, he captured their hearts through his Franciscan love for Jesus and the Church. Like his model, Saint Francis, Jesus was the center of everything—his teaching, his administration, his writing, and his life. So much so, that he was given the title “Seraphic Doctor.”

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood, but we do know that his parents were Giovanni di Fidanza and Maria Ritell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint’s birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure’s teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Thus, there is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing.

Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love—Jesus.

Reflection

Bonaventure so united holiness and theological knowledge that he rose to the heights of mysticism while remaining a very active preacher and teacher, one beloved by all who met him. To know him was to love him; to read him is still for us today to meet a true Franciscan and a gentleman.

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th

century they became known as “Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.” They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.

Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel “the Order of the Virgin.” Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition—which may not be historical—that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary’s own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance—a call that Mary models in a splendid way.

Reflection

The Carmelites were known from early on as “Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.” The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as “mother,” but also as “sister.” The word sister is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She is the daughter of God and therefore can help us be authentic daughters and sons of God. She also can help us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.



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