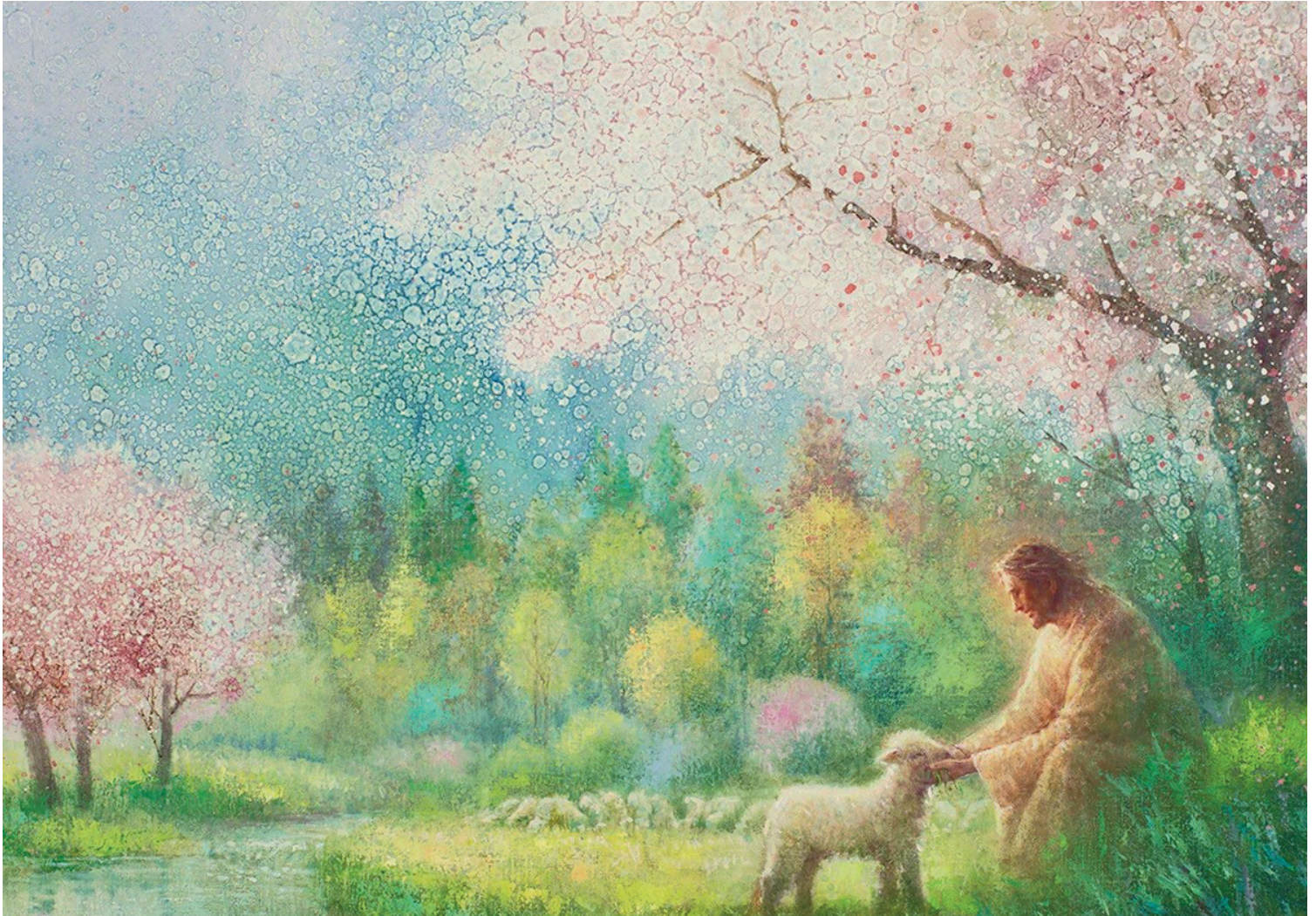


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Daily Masses

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

Daily Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 24 *St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest*

9:15 AM **Anita Nazemetz**

r/o Daughter Corinne

Tuesday, July 25 *St. James, Apostle*

9:15 AM **Filomena DeLos Santos**

r/o DeBorja Family

Wednesday, July 26 *Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:15 AM **Peter Sepesi**

r/o Sue & Greg Kelble

Thursday, July 27

9:15 AM **Thomas E. Kane, Jr.**

r/o Fumoso Family

Fernando Amesti, Jr.

r/o Margarita Losada & Family

Friday, July 28

9:15 AM **For the Intentions of Dorothy Gallie**

r/o Marta Petrino

Saturday, July 29 *Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

9:15 AM **Joseph Adest**

r/o Kathy Dalton

5:00 PM **David Autore**

r/o Suitovsky Family

Sunday, July 30 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM **Georgia Wright**

r/o Cheryl & Steve Liberti

10:00 AM **Robert Gray**

r/o Gail & Lee Waddell

11:30 AM **Lois Dalton**

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>. 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

Jerome Kelble

Brother of Greg Kelble and Brother-in-law of Sue Kelble

James La Bella

Husband of Judith and Father of Jeff and Jonathan, and Jacqueline Beusan

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.



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.

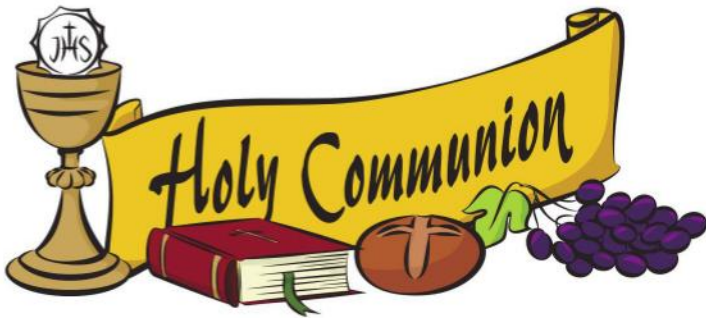
We welcome you to register at Our Lady of the Mount Church to more fully participate in the life of our parish. Receive mail and/or email communications to stay up-to-date with the latest happenings and opportunities in our parish.

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To register as a parishioner please visit our website, www.ourladyofthemount.org, and complete our online registration form or scan the QR code.



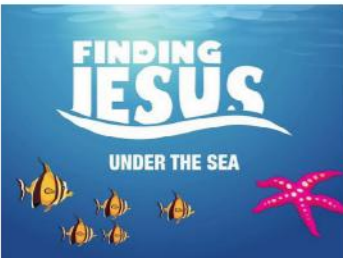


We need your help to serve our Faith Formation program. We are currently in need of catechists/substitutes/aides at the following times:

3rd Grade – Monday 4:15pm – 5:30pm
4th Grade – Monday 4:15pm – 5:30pm
7th Grade – Wednesday 4:30pm – 5:45pm

Tuition discounts available for all adult volunteers,
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For more information please contact us at:
908-647-1075 x112 or email us at
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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 23, 2023

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

Monday | Memorial of Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday | Feast of Saint James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday | Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9;

Thursday
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday
Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday | Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46



July 23, 2023 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." -Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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 of the Day

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Saint Mary Magdalene



Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of

the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, “of Magdala,” was the one from whom Christ cast out “seven demons” (Luke 8:2)—an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness.

Writing in the New Catholic Commentary, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that “seven demons” “does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36.” In the Jerome Biblical Commentary, Father Edward Mally, S.J., agrees that she “is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her.”

Mary Magdalene was one of the many “who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means.” She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the “official” witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the “Apostle to the Apostles.”

Reflection

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all “unofficial” witnesses of the Resurrection.

Saint of the Day

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Saint Bridget of Sweden



From age 7 on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her

visions formed the basis for her activity—always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favors.

She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Mother of eight children—the second eldest was Saint Catherine of Sweden—Bridget lived the strict life of a penitent after her husband’s death.

Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines.

In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses.

A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373. In 1999, Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, were named co-patronesses of Europe..

Reflection

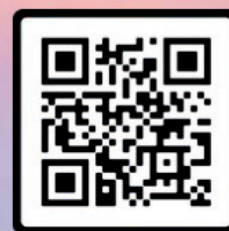
Bridget’s visions, rather than isolating her from the affairs of the world, involved her in many contemporary issues, whether they be royal policy or the years that the legitimate Bishop of Rome lived in Avignon, France. She saw no contradiction between mystical experience and secular activity, and her life is a testimony to the possibility of a holy life in the marketplace.


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Feminine Genius Brunch **Saturday, October 14, 2023**

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