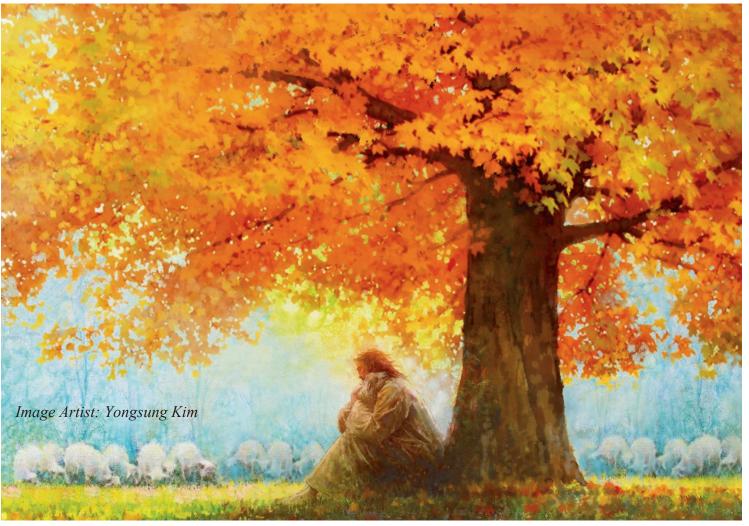
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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 15, 2023

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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, October 15 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 AM

Giacomo D'Avella

r/o Andrew & Cathy Farro

10:00 AM Lester Gryszkiewicz 10th Anniversary

r/o Wife & Children

11:30 AM Anne Laferrera

r/o Amanda & Otto Schmalz

Monday, October 16 St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret

Mary Alacoque, Virgin

9:15 AM Johann Joussen

r/o Mike & Lisa Yacone

Tuesday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and

Martyr

9:15 AM Horst Mahr

r/o Amanda & Otto Schmalz

Wednesday, October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist

9:15 AM Yetta Pressman

r/o Bill & Sylvia Smalley

Thursday, October 19 Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac

Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

9:15 AM Antonio DeBorja

r/o Emma & Dino DeBorja

Friday, October 20 St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

9:15 AM Peter Sepesi

r/o Eileen & Gene Piszko

Saturday, October 21 BVM

9:15 AM Susan Leidner

r/o Emma DeBorja & Caterina Caruso

5:00 PM Katherine Alapatt

r/o The Alapatt Family

Sunday, October 22 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 AM Joseph Dell Beni

r/o Steven & Doreen Gliebe

10:00 AM Dorothy Flemm

r/o Roger Nova

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.

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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Mass stipends are \$10.



In Loving Memory

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

Marguerite Thompson

Mother of Gregory, Jeffrey and Christopher

Denise "Denny" Borrelli

Wife of Vincent and Mother of James and Marc

Robert Yankevicz

Husband of Barbara and Father of Robert Yankevicz, Jr. and Linda Monath

Anne Marie Romero

Wife of Victor and Mother of Robert Moraga, Frank Moraga and Victoria Romero Corozine

Mario Petrino

Husband of Marta and Father of Frederick, Susan Gallic and Adele Brennan

Christine Canady

Wife of David and Mother of Alex and Danielle Vastl

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 offer our prayerful congratulations to the following couple married at Our Lady of the Mount last weekend:

Danielle Maldonado & Peter Barnes





October 10, 2023

Dear Friends,

As your pastor, I am pleased to share our Parish Stewardship Report and Financial Summary for fiscal years 2022-2023. We were challenged this year to overcome the compounding effects of the high inflation we all have experienced over the last couple of years. Thanks to a combination of your generosity and good budget work by our financial council we have once again been able to meet our financial commitments.

To all of you who support the parish via weekly donations, the parish appeal, or the funding of capital projects – thank you! Your year over year consistent participation in the ministry of the Gospel reminds me of what Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians 4:19: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus".

Thank YOU again, our parishioners, for your steadfast, consistent generosity. I am especially inspired as you continue to support our parish when I know most families are struggling with higher costs.

Know with confidence that the spiritual health of our parishioners will always be my focus for this parish. Rest assured of my prayers for you and your families and please keep our parish family in yours.

Peace and all good,

Rev. Sean W. Kenney, OFS

Pastor

Our Lady of the Mount Church

Our Lady of the Mount Church Financial Summary for Fiscal Years 2022-2023

	7/1/22- 6/30/23	7/1/21- 6/30/22	Increase/ (Decrease)	%
SUMMARY				
Parish Revenue	\$1,057,823	\$1,358,686	(\$300,863)	-22.1%
Parish Expenses	\$1,104,970	\$1,150,810	(\$45,840)	-4.0%
Net Income	(\$47,147)	\$207,876	(\$255,023)	-122.7%
Net Ordinary Income	(\$50,220)	(\$153,716)	\$103,496	-67.3%
COLLECTIONS				
First Offertory Collections	\$572,213	\$556,833	\$15,380	2.8%
Diocesan Assessment Collection	\$11,834	\$15,747	(\$3,913)	-24.8%
Christmas	\$103,489	\$94,100	\$9,389	10.0%
Easter	\$57,850	\$50,832	\$7,018	13.8%
Annual Parish Appeal	\$105,196	\$102,295	\$2,901	2.8%
OTHER INCOME				
Special Donations and Offerings	\$102,695	\$74,855	\$27,840	37.2%
Religious Education Fees	\$50,773	\$49,306	\$1,467	3.0%
Diocesan & National Appeals	\$25,467	\$33,679	(\$8,212)	-24.4%
Restricted Donations	\$19,570	\$378,256	(\$358,686)	-94.8%
Other Development Revenue	\$8,736	\$2,783	\$5,953	213.9%
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Salaries and Benefits	\$369,214	\$383,355	(\$14,141)	-3.7%
Administrative Expenses	\$129,538	\$128,916	\$622	0.5%
Operations and Maintenance	\$235,405	\$231,015	\$4,390	1.9%
Parish Life, Ministries and Charities	\$50,535	\$76,825	(\$26,290)	-34.2%
Religious Education	\$24,483	\$29,950	(\$5,467)	-18.3%
Diocesan and National Appeals	\$25,467	\$33,679	(\$8,212)	-24.4%
Depreciation	\$133,828	\$130,570	\$3,258	2.5%
Diocesan Assessment	\$136,500	\$136,500	\$0	0.0%
PARISH METRICS				
Average Weekly Collections	\$11,220	\$10,918	\$302	2.8%

Our Parish continued to feel the effects of inflation in the 2022-2023 fiscal year but efforts to reduce expenses combined with improved revenue has provided stability to our financial position.

Total Parish revenue decreased by 22% or \$301k compared to the prior fiscal year but as noted in the previous annual report, the 2021-2022 fiscal year included Restricted Donations of \$378k which compares to \$20k in 2022-2023. After revenue is adjusted for comparative purposes, Parish revenue increased by \$59k or 5.9%. Total Parish expenses were 4.0% higher than the previous fiscal year but that was significantly less than the surge in expenses realized in the prior year of 9.3%. The Parish operated at a deficit of \$50k, down from a loss of \$153k in the previous year. This again is before the Restricted Donations mentioned earlier. And it should be noted this deficit in the 2022-2023 year includes \$134k in depreciation expense.

Our parishioners' charitable nature and their support of our Parish continues as our annual appeal raised \$105k which equates to a rise of 2.8% over the prior year. This revenue was critically important to our financial stability as without it we would have sustained an operating loss of \$155k.

Overall weekend collections were \$15k or 2.8% greater than 2021-2022. The weekly "in pew" collections rebounded by \$41k or 15% while online giving remained strong but dipped by \$26k or 9.0%. The Parish weekend collections include online giving, through WeShare and eCatholic. We are grateful that many of our parishioners continue to choose online giving. We cannot stress enough the importance of online giving because it ensures our Parish a dependable stream of weekly collections, particularly during summer months or any other time of year when parishioners are away from home.

The Diocesan Assessment collections experienced a decline of \$4k or 25% from the prior year. This revenue is used to offset the Diocesan Assessment we pay which is a tax of about 13.5% of assessable Parish revenue. This assessment is used to support the operation of the Diocese.

Christmas collections increased by \$9.3k or 10.0% while Easter giving was more robust with growth of 14% or \$7.0k. Holy Days collections rebounded substantially by 40% or \$2k. Religious Education revenue grew modestly at 3.0% as our student count continues to grow. Interest income which has been essentially non-existent for some time amounted to \$5.6k. The Parish also was the recipient of a sizable bequest of \$25k.

Total operating expenses dropped by \$26k or 2.4% which correlates with the focus of the Finance Council to lower all controllable costs. Significant savings of \$15k were realized in the liturgy and worship category while salaries and related costs fell by \$11k. Religious education expenses declined by \$5k and the cost of our musicians decreased by \$10k. Higher expenses were realized in repairs and maintenance at \$10k and contracted services at \$13k. Both of these increases were directly attributable to the upkeep of the property and related systems as well as unforeseen repairs. Capital improvements made to the facilities during the year included HVAC and sound system improvements amounted to approximately \$28k.

Parish Stewardship

Parish Overview:

56 New Parish Registrations

8 Full-Time and Part-Time employees

Goal met for Bishop's Annual Appeal

Goal met for Annual Parish Appeal

Sacraments:

• Baptisms: 29

First Communions: 52Confirmations: 40Weddings: 14Funerals: 28

Parish Ministries:

Baptismal Preparation Ministry:

• 6-Member Team

Preparing first-time parents for their children's baptisms

Liturgical:

• 25 Readers

- 80 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- 6 Altar Servers
- 7 Ushers/Greeters
- 4 Sacristans
- 1 Diocesan Seminarian

Music Ministry:

• 6-10 Members

Photo/Livestream Ministry:

- 10-Member Team
- Livestreaming Daily and Sunday Masses
- Livestreaming and Photographing parish events like Confirmation, First Communion, celebrations, etc.
- Livestreaming Statistics:
- 1,500+ videos posted since March 2020
- 794 YouTube subscribers
- Viewed in 23 countries and 18 US States

RCIA:

• 5-Member Team

Women's Ministry:

- Speaker series / 3 Talks
- Moms Retreat / 45+ Attendees
- Bible Study Jan.-Apr. / 30+ Attendees
- May Crowing / 40+ Attendees
- Team Dinner

Faith Formation/Evangelization:

• Catechists: 28

• Students in Faith Formation: 282

• Adult Bible Study (10 sessions-8 attendees)

Eucharistic Adoration:

• Every Friday in the Chapel

Holy Week Adoration:

• 50+ attendees, 90+ hours

Community Outreach:

Faith Formation Students:

- Feeding the Hungry
- Backpacks-Homeless Men's Shelter
- Inspire Family Life Center-Baby Bottles
- Ornament Making
- Bake Sales
- Clothing Collection

Giving Tree:

• 25 contractor-size bags filled with gifts for Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Perth Amboy

Good Samaritan Ministry:

 Outreach to South Bound Brook twice a month delivering toiletries and clothing to South Bound Brook Soup Kitchen

Knights of Columbus:

- Members 150+
- Welcome Back Breakfast
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Good Friday Fish Dinner
- Easter Food Drive

Visitation Ministry:

- 8 Visiting Ministers
- 5 homebound parishioners

Wellness Ministry:

- Provides Blood Drives and Blood Pressure Screenings
- 2 blood drives collected 120 units of blood

Our Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Saturday, October 21st.

Scripture Readings For the Week of October 15, 2023

Sunday

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

Monday

Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday

Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5,11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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All are invited to the Shrine's Annual Dinner. This year's gathering will be hosted on **Thursday**, **October 26th**, beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. at the Shrine Chapel, followed by a cocktail hour, dinner, and award ceremony at the Primavera Regency in Stirling, NJ. There will be over 30 baskets offered at the Silent Auction, a special award ceremony, and an opportunity to support the Shrine's ministries and all the people who come seeking God's presence and peace; this is sure to be a wonderful evening! For more information, please visit shrineofsaintjoseph.com/



Church of the Little Flower Bereavement Support Group

Wednesdays | October 11 - December 6 | 4 - 5:30 PM Meetings are held in the Bernauer Parish Center Upper Level Multi-Purpose Room 290 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ

Registration Required
For more information or to register,
contact Dan Grossano at 908.464.1585
/ pastoral110.LF@gmail.com

October 15, 2023 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Blessed Carlo Acutis



Born in London and raised in Milan, Carlo's wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Upon receiving his first communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying before the tabernacle before or after every Mass. In addition to Francis of Assisi, Carlo took several of the younger saints as his models, including Bernadette

Soubirous, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Dominic Savio.

At school Carlo tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend disabled students from bullies. After school hours he volunteered his time with the city's homeless and destitute. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, soccer, and playing popular video games.

Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope—Benedict XVI—and the entire Church. His longtime desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020.

As he had wished, Carlo was buried in Assisi at St. Mary Major's "Chapel of the Stripping", where Francis had returned his clothes to his father and began a more radical following of the Gospel.

Among the thousands present for Carlo's beatification at Assisi's Basilica of St. Francis were many of his child-hood friends. Presiding at the beatification service, Cardinal Agostino Vallini praised Carlo as an example of how young people can use technology to spread the Gospel "to reach as many people as possible and help them know the beauty of friendship with the Lord." His liturgical feast is celebrated on October 12.

Reflection

Carlo Acutis did not strive to become famous but rather to cooperate as generously as possible with God's grace. That journey brought him many experiences, but they were all united by a burning desire to serve God and others as generously as possible.

Saint Teresa of Avila

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman. Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipling, and appraising there heart helegand to

discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.

Reflection

Ours is a time of turmoil, a time of reform, and a time of liberation. Modern women have in Teresa a challenging example. Promoters of renewal, promoters of prayer, all have in Teresa a woman to reckon with, one whom they can admire and imitate.

Our Lady of the Mount Annual Parish Appeal

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To help our parish meet its financial obligations



Goal: \$125,000

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(the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux)

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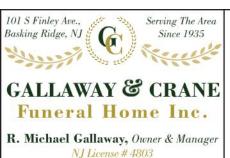
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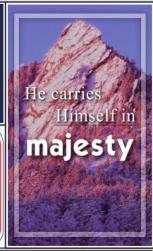
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