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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 | 7:00 PM Chapel

Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 14 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

10:00 AM For the Protection of Babies in the Womb & their Families

r/o Steve & Doreen Gliebe

11:30 AM Tom O'Dea, Sr.

r/o The Family

Monday, January 15 *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

9:15 AM Thomas A. Villano

r/o Anthony & Karen Franchini

Tuesday, January 16

9:15 AM For the Intentions of Kathleen Salmon

r/o Doreen & Steve Gliebe

Wednesday, January 17 *St. Anthony, Abbot*

9:15 AM Martino Iuso

r/o The Suitovsky Family

Thursday, January 18

9:15 AM Carol Ann Donovan

r/o John & Kate Nordstrom

Friday, January 19

9:15 AM Rainer Tegge

r/o Mike & Lisa Yacone

Saturday, January 20 *St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr, BVM*

9:15 AM Genevieve Bartol

r/o Paul & Eileen Rust

5:00 PM Sadie BiFalco

r/o Christine & Anthony Palumbo

Sunday, January 21 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Vincent G. Albano

r/o Bill & Sylvia Smalley

10:00 AM For the Intentions of Diane Tomasello

r/o Joan Temple

11:30 AM Rainer Tegge

r/o Steve & Doreen Gliebe

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.

January 14, 2024 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.



In Loving Memory

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

Alfred Nielsen

Father of Yvonne Daunno, Clifford Nielsen, and Donna Maria Walsh

Rafael Ko

Husband of Pui Lin and Father of Martin and Carmela Phan

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.



**Parish Offices will be closed
on Monday, January 15th
in observance of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**



**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

*Scripture Readings
For the Week of January 14, 2024*

Sunday | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday | Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

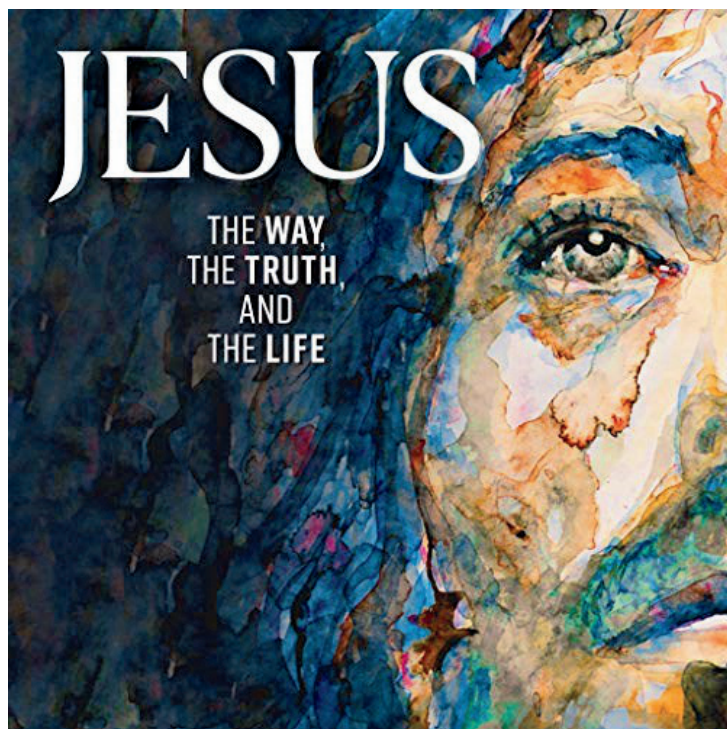
1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday | Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Sebastian, Martyr

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Who is Jesus for you? Is he a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? The OLM Women's Ministry invites you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life. This 10-week video study program is anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels. We'll explore the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today.

The study is presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri and was filmed in the Holy Land so you can experience the extraordinary world in which Jesus lived and taught—the historical context, the politics, the clashing cultures, the history, and the ancient land—and see where the most significant events of his life took place, from his infancy to his ascension.

We will learn how Jesus is God Incarnate, fully divine and fully human. We'll experience his intimacy with the Father, his revelation of the Father's love, and his gift of the Holy Spirit to each of us. Most importantly, our encounter with Christ will empower us to know and love him in a new and life-changing way.

Participants will meet every other Tuesday to view an engaging video presentation, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. We will begin the Jesus study on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Father Peter Room**. For more information or to register for the study, see OUR PARISH BULLETIN or OUR PARISH WEBSITE: www.olmwarren.org/womens-ministry
We hope you can join us!

Journey Through Grief



Church of the Little Flower
Bereavement Support Group

**Mondays at 7:00 PM
January 22 – March 18**

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

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The **2023 Ornament Boutique**, headed by parish-ioner and parent, Kim Damiano, was a delightful way to accessorize our Christmas trees and celebrate the holiday season. Fellow parents of our 7th & 8th grade Faith Formation students volunteered their time and talent to create the variety of ornaments. The Knights of Columbus provided the snacks, and even Bishop Checchio stopped by to meet the parents, students, and shoppers. We thank Kim, and all the parents who helped make this event fun and a successful fundraiser for our Faith Formation program.



Saint Hilary of Poitiers



This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a “disturber of

the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said “The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athanasius of the West.”

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.

Reflection

Christ said his coming would bring not peace but a sword (see Matthew 10:34). The Gospels offer no support for us if we fantasize about a sunlit holiness that knows no problems. Christ did not escape at the last moment, though he did live happily ever after—after a life of controversy, problems, pain and frustration. Hilary, like all saints, simply had more of the same.

Source: www.franciscanmedia.org

Saint Gregory Nazianzen



After his baptism at 30, Gregory gladly accepted his friend Basil’s invitation to join him in a newly founded monastery. The solitude was broken when

Gregory’s father, a bishop, needed help in his diocese and estate. It seems that Gregory was ordained a priest practically by force, and only reluctantly accepted the responsibility. He skillfully avoided a schism that threatened when his own father made compromises with Arianism. At 41, Gregory was chosen suffragan bishop of Caesarea and at once came into conflict with Valens, the emperor, who supported the Arians.

An unfortunate by-product of the battle was the cooling of the friendship of two saints. Basil, his archbishop, sent him to a miserable and unhealthy town on the border of unjustly created divisions in his diocese. Basil reproached Gregory for not going to his See.

When protection for Arianism ended with the death of Valens, Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in the great see of Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for three decades. Retiring and sensitive, he dreaded being drawn into the whirlpool of corruption and violence. He first stayed at a friend’s home, which became the only orthodox church in the city. In such surroundings, he began giving the great sermons on the Trinity for which he is famous. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults, and even personal violence. An interloper even tried to take over his bishopric.

His last days were spent in solitude and austerity. He wrote religious poetry, some of it autobiographical, of great depth and beauty. He was acclaimed simply as “the Theologian.” St. Gregory Nazianzen shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Basil the Great on January 2.

Reflection

It may be small comfort, but post-Vatican II turmoil in the Church is a mild storm compared to the devastation caused by the Arian heresy, a trauma the Church has never forgotten. Christ did not promise the kind of peace we would love to have—no problems, no opposition, no pain. In one way or another, holiness is always the way of the cross.

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