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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 28, 2024



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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

Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 AM** **Joseph Chiriyankandath**
r/o Family
- 10:00 AM** **Raymond Smith**
r/o Linda & Mike Liccardi
- 11:30 AM** **Rainer Tegge**
r/o June Gray

Monday, January 29

- 9:15 AM** **John Mytrowitz**
r/o The Gatto Family

Tuesday, January 30

- 9:15 AM** **Gregory Wilson**
r/o Chris Flinn

Wednesday, January 31 *St. John Bosco, Priest*

- 9:15 AM** **Richard Greene**
r/o Marilyn Greene

Thursday, February 1

- 9:15 AM** **Lena Basile**
r/o Family
- Andrey Novikov**
r/o O'Reilly Family

Friday, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

- 9:15 AM** **Charles "Charlie" Cua**
r/o OLM Office of Faith Formation

Saturday, February 3 *St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop, BVM*

- 9:15 AM** **Mass of Remembrance**
- 5:00 PM** **Sue Leidner**
r/o Brenda & Richie Hann

Sunday, February 4 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00 AM** **Jack White**
r/o Nora, John & Family
- 10:00 AM** **Rainer Tegge**
r/o John & Bernadette Truglio
- 11:30 AM** **Rainer Tegge**
r/o Mike & Linda Liccardi

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 28, 2024 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.



In Loving Memory

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

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.



2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

**Renewed and Sent on Mission
by the Eucharist**



Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and many other vital services. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT PARISH MISSION

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and a transforming experience of God's great love and mercy.*

FEBRUARY 17TH - FEBRUARY 21ST

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AND 18TH

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be preaching at all Masses

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH | 7:00 PM

A Talk and Eucharistic Adoration

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All Are Invited!

Lions Club Lunch with Santa

This charitable event sponsored by the Warren Lions Club is held annually in December to support autistic children. This year's event took place on December 12th, 2023 from 10 AM to 12 Noon in Shepherds Hall for children ages 10-12 from the Morris-Union Jointure Commission, a regional collaborative public school district that includes the Developmental Learning Center on Mountain View Rd.

Our Knights of Columbus have a similar program called the Intellectual Disability Drive (IDD), a fundraiser to support individuals with intellectual disabilities, which they conduct in town at various locations (April 6-7 this year).

In previous years, the Lions Club Charity Lunch with Santa was held at a facility now under new ownership and unable to accommodate. Although 45 children attended this year, conceivably, a room size for around 80 is wished for as the typical attending. The Lions are thankful to Our Lady of the Mount and Fr. Sean.

Brother Knight Andy Smart played Santa and gave out the gifts supplied by the Lions Club. He did a fantastic job. This is our first year hosting the event at OLM.

From the MUJC website:

The Morris-Union Jointure Commission (MUJC) is a regional collaborative public school district that provides services and programs to meet the needs of its 30 constituent school districts. MUJC provides public school programs in supportive environments for students with autism or autistic-like behavior at the two Developmental Learning Centers.



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE **8TH ANNUAL PASTA NIGHT**

TO BENEFIT
THE ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2024

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SHEPHERDS HALL



**DONATION: ADULTS \$30.00
CHILDREN (UNDER 12): \$15.00
FAMILIES (4 OR 5): \$70.00**



Baby Bottle Blessings!

Help bring light into the world and life into the arms of a mother!

Our Lady of the Mount will host a Lenten Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign benefitting INSPIRE Family Life Center; a pregnancy help center located on Mt. Bethel Road in Warren. Inspire has both a Women's Center and a Family Center. They offer free ultrasounds, life-skills and parenting education, material aid, fatherhood initiatives, spiritual enrichment, and resources to those with both planned and unplanned pregnancies, inspiring them to be open to new life while courageously embracing the beautiful vision of God's will for them. To learn more visit: InspireFamilyLifeCenter.com. Bottles will be available at all entrances and should be returned to the Church by the weekend of March 17th.

Thank you and God bless you!

WINTER CLOTHING Drive



The OLM Faith Formation program, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, are collecting new or gently used winter clothing such as coats, sweatshirts, fleece tops, etc.



PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS IN ROOM 1/JESUS ROOM NEAR THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH, NOW THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH.



DRESS EXPRESS BOUTIQUE!



We all have beautiful dresses that we have worn once or twice and are now collecting dust in our closets. Why not give them a second chance to be worn by girls who need them and benefit a charity at the same time? We are seeking new/gently worn prom, bridesmaid, formal and semi-formal

dress donations. Clean dresses can be donated at **Flanzbaum, Cohen & Raia, 7 Mount Bethel Road, Warren, from now through February 23rd, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**

The curated collection will be offered on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at Embassy Suites by Hilton, 250 Connell Drive, Berkeley Heights from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with proceeds being donated to the Mercy Girl Effect. This sustainable, pop-up boutique will provide shoppers with beautiful dresses, while also supporting a good cause.

For questions, please call Sophia Tiboni at 908-963-4943 or email DressExpress@Tiboni.com. Thank you!

Blood Drive



This Sunday!

**January 28th
8 AM– 2PM**

Walk-Ins Are Welcome!

Scripture Readings For the Week of January 28, 2024

Sunday | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday | Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday | Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Saturday | Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop, and Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



Saint Thomas Aquinas

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

Reflection

We can look to Thomas Aquinas as a towering example of Catholicism in the sense of broadness, universality, and inclusiveness. We should be determined anew to exercise the divine gift of reason in us, our power to know, learn, and understand. At the same time we should thank God for the gift of his revelation, especially in Jesus Christ.

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