

Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:30PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish)
Daily: 6:30AM, 8:30AM
Saturday: 8:30AM

BAPTISM

The Sacrament is celebrated one Sunday every month. Parents should contact the rectory prior to the birth of their child for dates of Baptism Preparation Sessions.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should contact the rectory at least ONE YEAR PRIOR to the wedding date.

John Rokoszak, Pastoral Associate
Debra Wyka, Minister of Music
Amy Ballanco, Coordinator of Religious Education
Jennifer Kavanagh, Youth Minister
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Maureen Giaccio, Rectory Office Manager

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9-9:30AM & 1-1:30PM
Monday: 7-7:30PM

SCHOOL

Our Lady of Mercy Academy
2011 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
25 Fremont Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 07656
Laraine Meehan, Principal

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Grades K-6: 4-5PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Grades 7-8: 3:45-5:15PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Rectory	Websites	School	Catechetical Center	Music Minister	E-Mail
201-391-5315 2 Fremont Ave.	UOLM.org OLMAcademy.org	201-391-3838	201-391-3590 201-802-1771	201-358-2994	olm.church@gmail.com Uolm.religious.ed@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Parish is a Catholic community that worships God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, celebrating Mass, proclaiming the Gospel Message and uniting in prayer. We strive to welcome all and to educate ourselves and others in the Good News of Jesus Christ. We support one another in times of joy and sadness and attempt to serve each other by reaching out to those in need in our community and beyond. We are imperfect people on a journey. Our goal is that the life of each person leads to the Lord.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

8PM George Kashickey

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9

7:30 Lillian Buttner

8:30 Eileen Gerz

9:45 John & Meghan Petrofsky

11:00 Paul Clements

12:30 People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Mt 28:8-15

8:30 Charlotte Cieszko

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18

6:30 Carl E. Padovano, Jr.

8:30 Lenny Principe

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35

6:30 Bernard Krueger

8:30 Ken Scheck

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48

6:30 Charlotte Cieszko

8:30 Alex Vaccaro

First Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14

6:30 Saverio Procaro

8:30 Salvatore Zacchia

8PM Michael Astarita

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15

8:30 Ann Dvorschak

5:30 People of the Parish

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31

7:30 Marie Pansini

9:30 Orazio Iacono

11:00 Joseph Zgaluic

12:30 Malcolm Rea



LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick of our parish, especially: Shalini Krawiec, and Esme Morales.

Please also remember the deceased of our parish and their families, especially: Dick Rothe, and Marie Vasconcellos.

Please join with us in praying one OUR FATHER per day for all those who have no one to pray for them.



THE SANCTUARY LAMPS burn this week in memory of: Ronald Szpila, Katherine Meyer and for Clayton Beyer.

If you would like more information about reserving a Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or for a Special Intention, please call the rectory office at 201-391-5315.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – Tithing

March 18th Collection: \$17,024

Last Year's Collection: \$16,753

Palm Sunday Collection will be recorded in a future bulletin due to early bulletin deadline.

Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God. We ask half of this, or 5%, for your Parish church. The other 5% goes to your favorite charities.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS—

Parish Goal \$99,592.

Total pledged to date: \$35,048. Thank you.

THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets every Tuesday at 7:30PM in the chapel to praise God and pray for special intentions.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY PRAYER GROUP meets Thursday mornings at 9:30AM in the Chapel.

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA will be recited each Saturday in the Sacred Heart Chapel immediately following the 8:30AM Mass.

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, April 2nd

There will be one Mass at 8:30AM

No scheduled confessions will be heard

There are consecrated low gluten hosts available at all our Sunday Liturgies. They are made available during the reception of Communion near the ramp.

Pastor's Column

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have come to the end of our Lenten journey of preparation and we have passed through the Passion of Jesus and now finally, we rejoice in His Resurrection – a victory He has won for us!

So what are we to make of this and how should we live tomorrow in light of the victory Jesus has won for us today?

Perhaps these words from St. Paul's "Letter to the Colossians"* will provide good fruit for how to view this great grace and how to live in light of it:

...For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory..... Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Happy Easter and many blessings for the whole Easter Season!

God bless you all!

IS RCIA FOR YOU? There are many reasons why you may want to become involved in the RCIA. Do any of these fit you?

- I have never been baptized.
- I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know what the next step may be.
- I have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic.
- I have been baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments.

Do you know someone who might be interested in being in full communion with the Catholic Church? Ask, encourage and invite them to this program. The journey begins with one small step!

Call John Rokoszak at 201-391-3590 or email Jlrok@optonline.net for more information.

EASTER SUNDAY

Hope Restored

Today Christians around the world gather to celebrate the centrality of their faith—that the Lord Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead to bring new life to all who believe. What difference can Easter really make in our lives?

Any difference that Easter can bring can be summed up in one word: hope. Picture yourself as one of the followers of Jesus of Nazareth. The one for whom you had given up everything, the one in whom you had placed all your trust, the one who seemed to be the way to freedom from fear—this one had been put to death in the most horrifying way. He was nailed to a cross, and on that cross it seemed that hope itself breathed its last. Have you ever felt that way—that hope had breathed its last? For many who lose a cherished job, a spouse to death or divorce, a child to drug abuse or disease, there just doesn't seem to be any hope remaining. This was the kind of despair that Peter, John, and Mary of Magdala must have been feeling on that first day of the week.

Easter: Our Own Story

The Gospel story today is, in a nutshell, the story of our very own lives. It is a story of restored hope. Like those disciples, we must always, when in despair, see and believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. When we place our belief in the power of God to raise Jesus from the dead, we also place our belief in the power of God to deliver us from the death of despair, malaise, and hopelessness. This is at the heart of why we come to church this day. We look to the empty tomb to find hope that was lost. It is for this that we raise heart and voice in an endless "Alleluia!"

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—At OLM we are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration, starting after the 8:00PM Mass, every First Friday and continuing throughout the night ending at 6:30AM, on Saturday. Everyone is encouraged to come and visit. **Date: April 6-7.** Any questions, please call Tim Lane 201-476-1704.



THE ROSARY SOCIETY will attend the 8:30AM Mass on Saturday, April 7th followed by recitation of the Rosary. **Newcomers welcome!**

THE OLM MASSBOOK for April, 2019 will open on Sunday, April 8th. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please stop by the Rectory Office during office hours.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK will once again have the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating 5, 25 and 50 years of Christian marriage in the year 2018. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. April 29th at 3pm (5 and 25 years RSVP deadline April 20), May 6th (50 years RSVP deadline April 27). Please call OLM rectory office if you would like to attend.

OLM 2018 TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

The OLM Track and Field Team is open to OLMA and OLM/OLGC Religious Education students in grades K-8. Races and field events are competed by grade level and gender. Practices are scheduled to be held April 11 - June 9 at the Park Ridge High School Track. The practice schedule (weather permitting) is Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 pm and Saturdays 2 to 3:30 pm. There will be four track meets held on Sunday 4/29/18, Sunday 5/6/18, Sunday 5/20/2018 and Saturday 6/2/2018 at local schools sponsored by other parochial schools in the North Bergen County Interparochial Track Association. Please visit www.uolm.org for information about registration for this wonderful program. A medical release form is also attached. Forms and payment should be mailed to Sharon Jung 127 Meadow Lane, Nanuet, NY 10954. OLMA students can send papers and payments via backpack to Sharon Jung c/o Daniel Jung 3J. **COACHES NEEDED** - For the program to be successful we need parents to help with practices and meets. If you can volunteer your time, please contact Sharon Jung for more information. We would love to have you! See you at the track!

WOMEN'S CREATIVE GROUP

Thursday, April 5th Parish Center 7:00 - 9:00

Come be creative with us! The Women's Creative Group is a place for women of our parish to come and work on their craft projects: doodling, scrapbooking, knitting, counted cross stitch and more. Take time from your busy schedule to let your creative juices flow!

Bring your current project or, if you would like to learn something new, come and see what other women are working on. We have varied craft supplies that are available for your use. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month in the parish center, 7 - 9pm. Please contact Jessica Bruno with any questions at 201-664-3536 or email at j2pb3@hotmail.com.

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." (Pope Francis)

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father." So many are suffering from the effects of abortion and emotional, physical, and sexual abuse. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark sponsors two healing retreats to address these wounds - Rachel's Vineyard, post abortion healing, and Grief to Grace, healing the wounds of abuse.

Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 or e-mailing rileyche@rcan.org. All calls are confidential.

"He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ECOUNTER

He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 or 609 335 6880 or email mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY NEWS:

Blessed Sacrament Church/Newark sends the generous parish of Our Lady of Mercy Easter blessings and thanks for the delivery of food donations to Blessed Sacrament food pantry. The food donations for March were delivered to Newark by an OLM volunteer driver as part of the Blessed Sacrament /Newark Ministry. Thank you. The Blessed Sacrament food cart can be found after weekend Masses in the front vestibule of the church next to Sacred Heart Chapel. Donations are always appreciated each and every week. Next Social Justice & Peace Ministry meeting will be on April 19 @ 7:00PM in the Saint Mary's Room which is located across the parking lot from the Rectory. Want to learn about Social Justice in A-C-T-I-O-N at OLM? Request to be on the SJPM email list by sending an email to Vmillard@yahoo.com.

MINISTRY OF ELDER CARE—A ministry to provide support and education to individuals, families and caregivers who are dealing with aging issues and concerns. 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Center. The **next meeting is April 4**. If you would like to attend, please call the rectory office at 201-391-5315. For more info call Bonnie Costabile at 201-784-1914.

HELP NEEDED—OLM parishioner needs a mature woman to be a part-time caretaker for a woman in her nineties. Duties include: light housekeeping such as wiping counters, spot cleaning floors, changing the bed, taking out the trash, bringing in the mail. Will require some assistance with dressing, toileting, daily grooming, answering the phone. May be asked to shop locally for groceries, simple cooking and heating up food. No medical assistance required. Would prefer someone four afternoons per week for approx. 2 hours per day. \$17 per hour. Call 201-819-3010 if interested.

Seniors in high school or college! Please visit the "seniors" table in the Gathering Space today. The next OLM Parish Newsletter will have an article about keeping God in your life in and after high school. Your ideas and advice needed!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MASS For The Day of the Unborn Child—The Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Council at OLM will be commemorating the annual Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child on April 9th, the feast of the Annunciation, at a 7:30PM Mass in the chapel. This event was instituted by the Supreme Council of the Knights to show the Order's commitment to build a culture that respects and protects every human life and to answer the call of Pope Francis and the Bishops to cultivate a Culture of Life. This event is open to all.

OLM MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT— Holy Family Retreat Center - West Hartford CT. Friday - Sunday April 6-8—In an age of division, tension and change, enjoy a weekend of peace and reflection exploring the theme "Grace Enough" and discovering the many ways God's presence empowers us and supports us through every step of life's journey. The retreat begins with a buffet dinner on Friday evening and concludes with Mass and brunch on Sunday. Retreatants enjoy dynamic teaching, home cooked meals, uplifting music and free time. \$320; more if you can, less if you can't. Call Jack Emerick for more information. 201-391-6149

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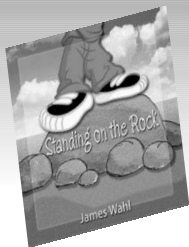
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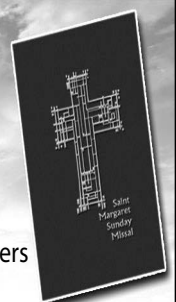
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