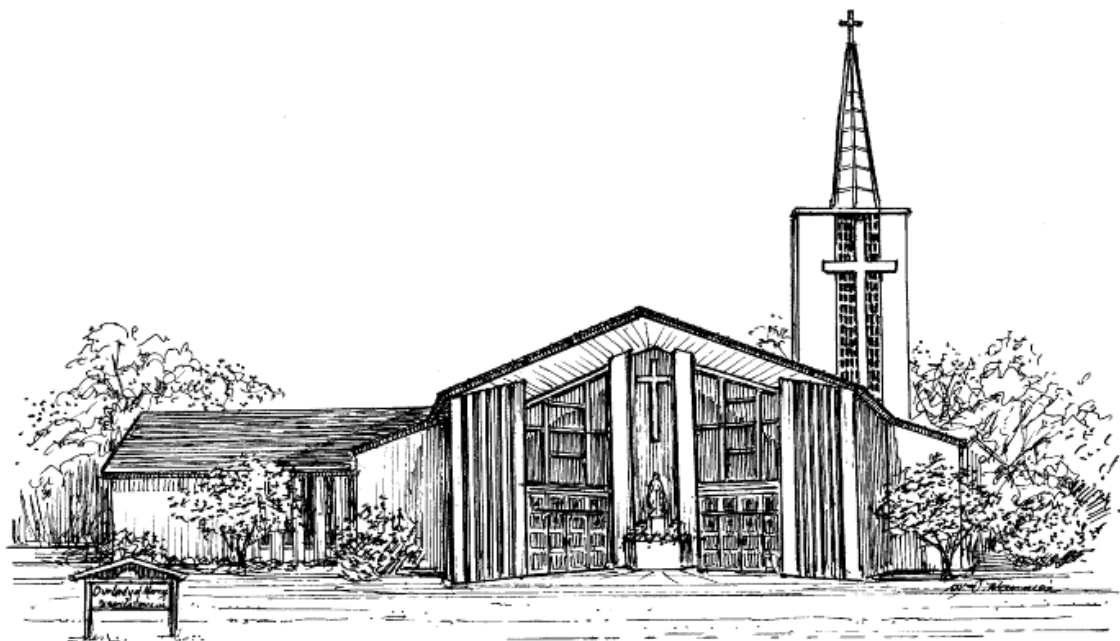


# Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

November 25, 2018

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe*



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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Evening: 5:30PM  
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish),  
4PM First & Third Sundays (until April 7)  
Daily: 6:30AM, 8:30AM  
Saturday: 8:30AM

## **ADORATION**

Every Thursday 9AM—10AM  
First Friday 8:30PM—8:15AM

## **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  
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Amy Ballanco, Coordinator of Religious Education  
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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  
National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence  
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Laraine Meehan, Principal

## **CATECHETICAL MINISTRY**

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

### **Rectory**

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## 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, NOVEMBER 24

5:30 Walter Jozwyck

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe*

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Dn 7:13-14/ Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37

7:30 Ann Kilmartin

9:30 Inge & Robert Coholan

11:00 People of the Parish

12:30 Polifrone Family

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/ Lk 21:1-4

6:30 Edward Feddock

8:30 John Griffith

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Rv 14:14-19/ Lk 21:5-11

6:30 Patricia A. Christensen

8:30 Margaret & Owen Toolen

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Rv 15:1-4/ Lk 21:12-19

6:30 Carmela Bussanich

8:30 Alex Vaccaro

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/ Lk 21:20-28

6:30 Margaret Mucciolo

8:30 Thomas Scanlon

*Saint Andrew, Apostle*

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22

6:30 Lois Re

8:30 Ann Kilmartin

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Rv 22:1-7/ Lk 21:34-36

8:30 Sheri Destro

5:30 Anthony Gross

*First Sunday of Advent*

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Jer 33:14-16/ 1 Thes 3:12—4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

7:30 People of the Parish

9:30 Sheri Destro

11:00 Michael P. Barrett

12:30 Michael DiMeglio

4PM Special Intention



### LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick of our parish, especially: Marie Barrett, Frank Dundin, Gloria Davino, and for those intentions listed in the book of intentions in the Vestibule.

Please also remember the deceased of our parish and their families, especially: Torre Tobiassen, Bo Sup Hahn, and Eileen Ballanco.

**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 IN CHURCH** burn this week in memory of: Cristina Santos, Sheri Destro, and for Ralph & Ferdinando Forcellati.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL** burns this week for Special Intentions.

**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

Due to early publication, the collection totals will be listed in December 2nd bulletin.

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.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

***"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'"*** JOHN 18:36

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS** — To date we have received \$58,296 in pledges. Our goal is \$99,592. Thank you to those parishioners who have already shown their support and generosity.

***Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood***

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,

Today is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year – the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: the same Jesus we find on the Cross; the same Jesus who will judge us in justice and mercy, the same Jesus we are waiting for, waiting to see and to know face to face, and heart to heart.

Our First Reading from the Prophet Daniel tells us that “His dominion is everlasting” and so it is that “all peoples, nations, and languages serve him.” The Second Reading from Revelation reminds us that because Jesus “has freed us from our sins by his blood,” He has thus “made us into a kingdom,” He has made each and all of us “priests for his God and Father.” And finally, in the Gospel of John, Pilate struggles to comprehend as he asks: “Are you the King of the Jews?” And indeed He is!

All of our readings today point to the fact that there will be Final Days; that there will be a final and individual judgment of each and every one of us. The lives we have lived on earth will be the criteria for being received by Jesus into eternal life.

A year ago, at the Mass for my Installation as pastor, I recounted the dream a young friend had in which he was standing at the gates of heaven, awaiting Jesus' decision on admission – “yea” or “nay.” In the dream, Jesus kept looking past, over, around him. Finally he asked, “Jesus, what are you looking for?” Jesus replied, “I’m just looking to see who else you brought with you!”

My brothers and sisters, in these last days of the Liturgical Year, which suggest the last days before the Final Judgment, this would be an excellent question to bring into our daily prayer with Jesus! How wonderful that you and I celebrate Mass each week, but that is not enough! Who did you bring with you?

Jesus' question, “who else did you bring with you?” touches directly the reality of how you and I have lived the mission He gave each one of us to “go and make disciples of all nations.”

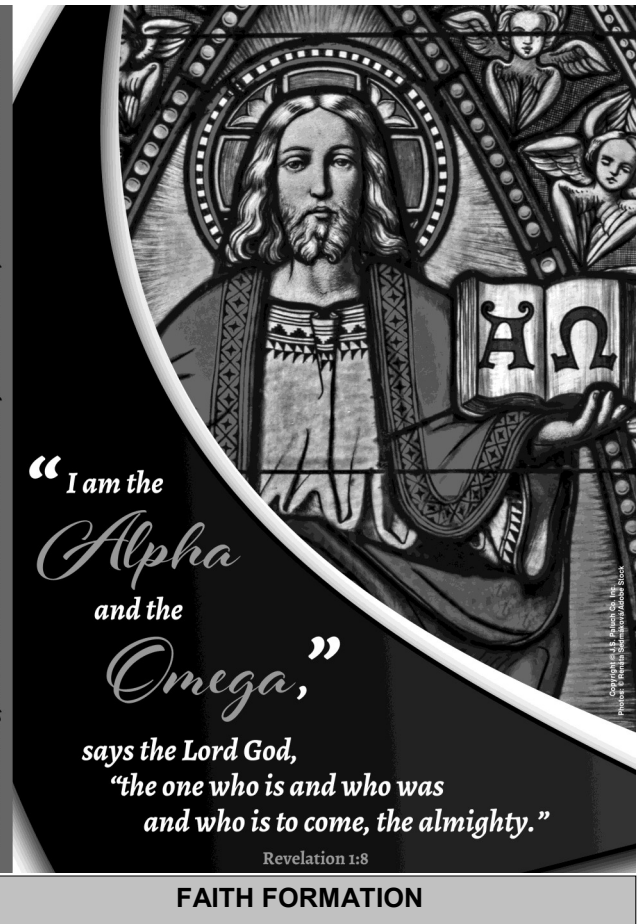
Does our participation in the Eucharist – which is fundamental and essential – manifest itself in our lives in such a way that, despite the joys and sorrows of life, others are drawn to you, asking, “what is the source of your joy?” Do you invite them, as Jesus did, to “come and see”?

God bless you all!

*Fr. Joe*



NOVEMBER 25, 2018 • SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



*“I am the  
Alpha  
and the  
Omega,”  
says the Lord God,  
“the one who is and who was  
and who is to come, the almighty.”*

Revelation 1:8

**FAITH FORMATION**

**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! Upcoming sessions: December 2, 16 at 10:30AM in the Parish Center. Call John Rokoszak at 201-391-3590 or [Jlrok@optonline.net](mailto:Jlrok@optonline.net) for more information.

### PRAYER GROUPS

**THE FAMILY OF GOD** meets Tuesday at 7:30PM in the Chapel to praise God and pray for special intentions.

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

**MOTHER'S GROUPS** meet day or evening for one hour each week. If interested in joining, please call Cathy Flynn at 201-391-1482.

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

**THE OLM MASSBOOK** for December, 2019 will open on Sunday, December 2nd. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please stop by the Rectory Office during office hours.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports necessities such as medication and nursing care. Please give generously.

## FAITH FORMATION

### PRAY FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

All parishioners are encouraged to take the name of a Confirmation candidate, and pray for him or her for one week. Cards are available in the Gathering space and Vestibule. Take a new name each week!

## GET INVOLVED



**THE ROSARY SOCIETY** will attend the 8:30AM Mass on Saturday, December 1st followed by recitation of the Rosary.

**Newcomers welcome!**

### WOMEN'S CREATIVE GROUP—December 6th

**Parish Center from 7-9PM.** 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. Please contact Jessica Bruno with any questions 201-664-3536 or email at [j2pb3@hotmail.com](mailto:j2pb3@hotmail.com)



### CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS!

A BIG thank you to all who participated in our Hat/Scarf project last winter. Family Promise was delighted with our delivery of 28 handmade hats, 7 scarves, and 5 pairs of gloves. We hope we can count on you and others to continue this effort for this winter. Patterns and yarn are available upon request. Please contact Loretta Miller at 201-391-6109 or by email at: [lajim@optonline.net](mailto:lajim@optonline.net) if you would like to be part of this effort.

### Religious Books Take-away

Our library shelves are full and therefore we cannot accept any more. The overflow books we have acquired will be on a table in the Gathering Space this weekend. We invite you and members of other parishes to take some home.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** —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 December 5th**. For more info call Bonnie Costabile at 201-784-1914.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS

Our Lady of Fatima Council will celebrate a Memorial Mass for our deceased members on Monday, November 26th at 8PM in the Chapel. Family and friends of these brothers are invited to attend.



**ADVENT GIVING TREE**—Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, the Advent Giving Trees will be set up in the church November 26. The Social Justice & Peace Ministry will place Advent Giving Tree tags on trees the First Sunday of Advent, December 1/2. Look for the colorful tags and gift ideas for the different non-profits OLM will be sponsoring this year. Gifts and contributions will be collected the weekend of December 15/16.

### ADVENT PARISH MISSION—December 3, 4, & 5

All are invited to begin our Advent journey with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. 7PM. More details to follow.

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

December 12th at 7PM

### SAVE THE DATE—OLM CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 16th at 5:30PM. Music by OLM choirs.

### ADVENT DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lady of Mercy— December 17th at 7PM.

### TRIM THE CHURCH

Come help us "trim the Church" on Tuesday, December 18th 7PM. This is an ideal service project for high school students and Confirmation candidates.



### WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

During Advent, the Women's Cornerstone XI Team will be praying for the women of OLM to give a gift to themselves. Attending the Cornerstone retreat here at OLM on March 22nd and 23rd, 2019 will definitely be the "gift that keeps on giving"! Registration information to follow.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW:** On Sunday, December 2nd, Saint Joseph Regional H. S., Montvale, will be hosting its annual Christmas Craft Show from 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., showcasing the talents of over 120 juried crafts people and fine artists. Admission is \$3.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. No strollers permitted. [www.saintjosephregional.org](http://www.saintjosephregional.org)

**BREATHING & STRETCHING with Joan**—Tuesdays at 10AM, OLM Lower Gathering Space—\$10 donation with half being given to Haiti Scholarship Fund. Bring yoga mat, blanket, small towel, and wear comfortable clothes. **Next class: November 27th.**

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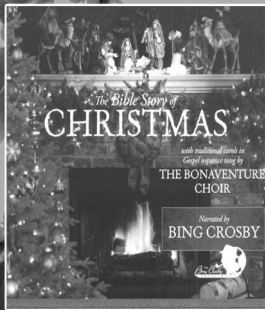
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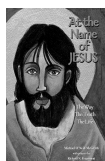
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