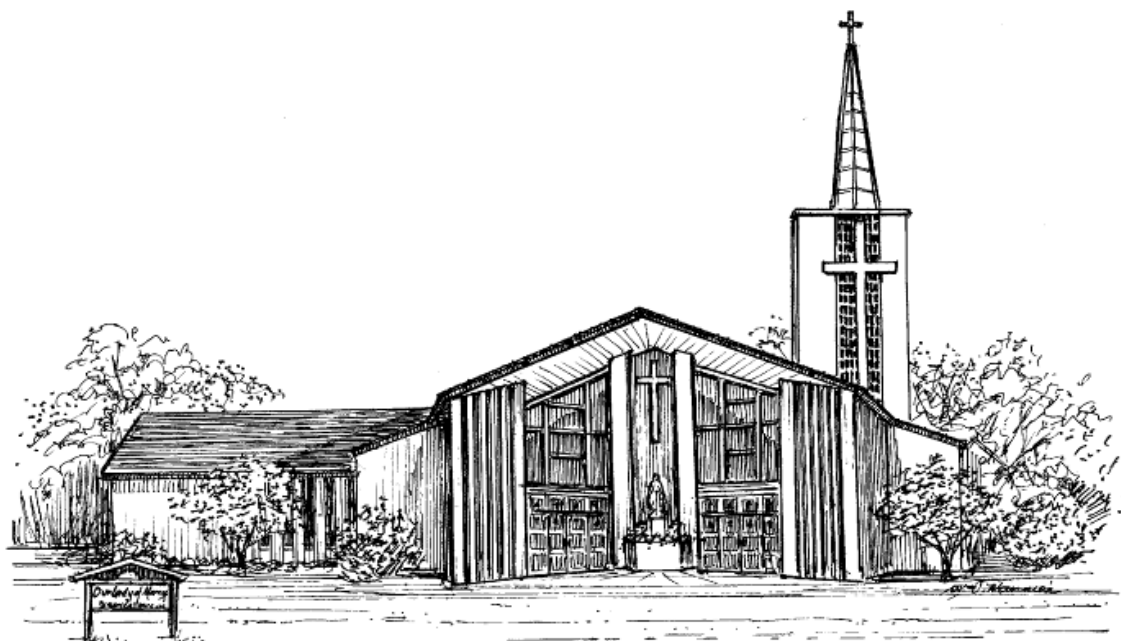


Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Rev. Patrick J. Seo, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Msgr. James C. Turro (Weekends)
Rev. Mr. Juan Rojas, Transitional Deacon
Rev. Mr. Joseph S. Romano, Permanent Deacon

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
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

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Grades K-6: 4-5PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

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

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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, FEBRUARY 16

5:30 Clements Family

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Jer 17:5-8/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

7:30 Margie Zuchowski

9:30 Patrick Hayes

11:00 People of the Parish

12:30 Vincent Maccaro

4PM Carmela Vuolo

President's Day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Gn 4:1-15, 25/ Mk 8:11-13

8:30 Edward Emerick

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/ Mk 8:14-21

6:30 Stephen McCabe

8:30 Ralph & Fernandino Forcellati

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/ Mk 8:22-26

6:30 Anna Meehan

8:30 Maureen Barden

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Gn 9:1-13/ Mk 8:27-33

6:30 Mary McGlue

8:30 Ed Klein

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19

6:30 Anna Meehan

8:30 Robert Drobinske

Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Heb 11:1-7/ Mk 9:2-13

8:30 Anna Meehan

5:30 Mimi Kashickey

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ 1Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38

7:30 Margie Zuchowski

9:30 Peter McCullough

11:00 Dave Miller

12:30 People of the Parish



LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick of our parish, especially: Tom Boylan, Alice Quackenbush, James Beardsley, and for the prayer requests listed in the book of intentions in the Vestibule.

Please also remember the deceased of our parish and their families, especially: Patricia Lynn Buck, Nicholas Apuzzo, Claire Padla, Theresa Maisch, Robert LaTerra, Veronica Boccher, Lucy Buonarota, and Florence Kushler.

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: Michael & Concetta DiPierro, Dulce Castillo, and for Kayla Scott.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL burns this week in memory of Jim Flynn.

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

February 10th collection: \$ 17,019

Same time last year: \$ 16,191

Christmas collection to date: \$113,841

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

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord; the Lord will be their trust." Jeremiah 17:7

We know that we are called to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. If we trust in the Lord, how can we not be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to us in this life? St. Francis of Assisi instructed that, "For it is in giving, that we receive" which includes receiving abundant blessings from our Heavenly Father.

2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal.

Our parish goal this year is \$100,843. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you for any help you can provide. If you choose to donate online, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing To view video click [here](#). Pledged to date: \$2,050



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

Guest Column: Letter from Cardinal Tobin

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The revelations of clergy sexual abuse of minors throughout this past year have provoked feelings of shock, anger, shame, and deep sorrow throughout our Catholic community. Victims, their families, and the faithful are rightfully outraged over the abuses perpetrated against minors. Additionally, the failure of Church leadership to immediately remove suspected abusers from ministry is particularly reprehensible.

In an effort to do what is right and just, we are publishing the names of diocesan clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors in the Archdiocese of Newark. This list of names is the result of an extensive review of Archdiocesan records dating back to 1940. All names were previously reported to law enforcement agencies.

The Archdiocese of Newark has a zero-tolerance policy for any type of mistreatment or misconduct involving children and young adults. No member of the clergy with a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor remains in ministry.

It is our sincerest hope that this disclosure will help bring healing to those whose lives have been so deeply violated. We also pray that this can serve as an initial step in our efforts to help restore your trust in the leadership of the Catholic Church.

I wish to express my genuine sorrow to the victims and their families who were so profoundly betrayed. On behalf of our Church, I beg your forgiveness. You have my solemn promise of prayers and support as you continue on your healing journey.

As a sign of our commitment and support, a new *Independent Victim Compensation Program* has been established. This program will allow those sexually abused as minors by clergy to seek compensation in a compassionate, expeditious and transparent manner. While no degree of financial compensation can adequately address the suffering endured, we want this to be a genuine expression of our remorse and our desire to comfort and compensate those victimized by this abuse.

The disclosure of this list of names is not an endpoint in our process. Rather, it is an expression of our commitment to protecting our children, and a new level of transparency in the way we report and respond to allegations of abuse. We must protect our children, first, foremost, and always.

Significant progress has been made to ensure that children are safe in today's Church. Since 2002, we have implemented Safe Environment programs and measures that have positively impacted how we create and support safe environments throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Moving forward, vigilance must be maintained. We all must be committed to protecting our children, the most vulnerable members of our community.

As such, I urge anyone aware of suspected sexual misconduct by any cleric, employee, or volunteer of the

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Archdiocese to report it immediately to law enforcement and to the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 201-407-3256.

While these are difficult times for all of us, prayer is critical to maintaining our faith. Let us place our anger, shame, sorrow and disappointment at the feet of Our Lord, asking for the healing that only His grace can provide. We pray that we may be a source of strength and compassion for the victims of abuse and their families. We also pray for all members of the Catholic community who suffer from these tragic wounds in the Body of Christ. And we offer encouragement and fraternal support to the many faithful priests who are so deeply hurt by the failings of their brothers.

I pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, but also the Mother of Holy Hope, may heal our hearts and light our way so that we will see the Church rise again renewed.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

February 13, 2019

For more information go to: <https://healing.rcan.org/>

MSGR. TURRO HOMILY

My dear friends,

Countless days have dawned and died – twenty centuries have come and gone. And through it all one central figure stands out and divides history in two - B.C. and A.D. - Jesus of Nazareth. All the kings that have reigned, all the armies that have marched, all the navies that have sailed have not affected life on earth as that one solitary life, the life of Christ. And yet, as ironical as it seems, that life of Christ is unacknowledged by millions of people on this planet. Thanks be to God that is not the case with us. Very early on in our childhood our parents revealed to us the powerful, beautiful fact that Jesus Christ is God – the creator of all that is.
February 10, 2019

[Click here to see more homilies by Msgr. Turro](#)

PRAYER GROUPS

THE ROSARY SOCIETY will attend the 8:30AM Mass on the first Saturday of the month, followed by recitation of the Rosary.

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.

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: February 17, March 24, 31 at 10:30AM in the Parish Center. Call John Rokoszak at 201-391-3590 or Jlrok@optonline.net for more information.

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners can pick up their check at the school office.

Feb 11—Isabelle Akinyemiju - \$50

Feb 12—Armand Lucania - \$50

Feb 13—Nancy Arroyo - \$25

Feb 14—Barbara Gibbons - \$100

Feb 15—Denise O'Donnell - \$50

Feb 16—Hunter Newell - \$25

Feb 17—Vinia Jeudy - \$75

Winners are drawn once a week from Feb 1 through April 30th. Each winning ticket gets thrown back in the pot for additional chances to win! Win cash prizes of \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$200. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased in the school office (201-391-3838) or Eileen Stevenson at ecstevenson@optonline.net.

GET INVOLVED

SPRING 2019 SCRIPTURE STUDY—The spring bible study "James, Peter and Jude" will begin the week of Feb. 17th. Sessions are held on Tues. at 9am and Wed. at 12:30pm in the lower Gathering Space, and on Wed. evening at 7:30pm in the St. Mary room. All are welcome. Questions? Call Carolyn at 201-746-0315.



OLM Hat/Scarf Project—You are invited to join this year-round group project. Knit/crochet patterns and yarn are available upon request. For additional information please contact Laretta Miller at 201-391-6109 or by email at: ljim@optonline.net.

Protect Viable Babies Postcard Campaign— This weekend our parish will be signing 3 postcards to send to our 3 Representatives to ask them to support the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (A-1686/S-537) that would protect babies in the womb at 20 weeks and beyond. Babies at this stage can feel excruciating pain. Seventeen states have already passed this bill. We need to pass it in NJ! Also, "baby feet" car magnets are available in the Gathering Space for a suggested donation of \$5. The "baby feet" symbol means we are in solidarity with babies in the womb and their families. Proceeds cover the cost of the magnets.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK NEWS

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken February 23/24 for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

PRE-CANA March 9th at Ss Peter & Paul Parish in Hoboken. Register by clicking here for official form.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSURE & INFORMATION

The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, February 18th for President's Day. There will be one Mass at 8:30AM. No scheduled confessions will be heard.

UPCOMING EVENTS

♥ It's February, **Heart** Month! The OLM Women's Cornerstone XI Retreat Team encourages women in our parish to open their **hearts** to our invitation to join us on March 22nd and 23rd, 2019. Information and sign up forms can be found on the OLM website and registration fliers are located at all doors of our church. Come feel the love at our "Beautifully Rooted in Christ" retreat!!

✿ **ST. PATRICK'S DINNER on March 16th**—The Our Lady of Fatima Council #4486 of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting our annual St. Patrick's Dinner on Saturday, March 16th at 6pm in the Our Lady of Mercy Academy Auditorium. Delicious Irish fare will be served and wonderful prizes will be available to try your luck at winning. This is always a terrific event enjoyed by all who attend; so gather your family and friends and get your reservations in early – it will most assuredly sell out! The cost is \$25 per person pre-paid, \$30 at the door. Children 12 and under are \$10. Please contact Frank Lentino 201-264-0198 for pre-paid reservation. This is our Council's biggest fund-raising event for the year. With the proceeds we are able to give donations to many local and worthy charitable organizations. We hope you join us for this wonderful evening! RSVPKofC4486@gmail.com

MISCELLANEOUS

OLD PALM FOR NEW ASHES—Baskets will be in the Vestibule and Church for you to leave your old palm.

SAVE THE DATE—

Women's Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 9th at Seton Hall

Catholic Men's Conference

March 16th at Seton Hall

\$25 for adults. Includes continental breakfast and lunch

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019 –San Alfonso Retreat House—March 8th - 10th. Theme for 2019 is: "The Call to Holiness" Cost of weekend is \$240.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required. Last day for deposit is February 24th. Contact: Beth Gangeri at 201-391-2569 or email bgangeri@yahoo.com.

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 classes:** February 19, 26.

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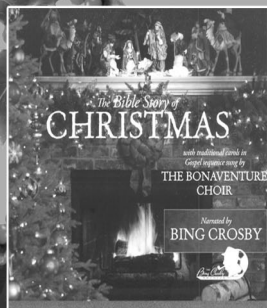
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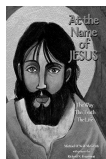
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