Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

April 28, 2019
Second Sunday of Easter

Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Chapel, Pastor
Rev. Charles P. Granstrand, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Robert T. Ulak, Parochial Vicar
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),
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
Donna Quinn, Finance Manager
Maureen Giaccio, Rectory Office Manager

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 9-9:30AM & 1-1:30PM
Monday: After 7PM Mass during Lent

SCHOOL
Our Lady of Mercy Academy
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

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, APRIL 27
5:30 William & Evelyn Topper

Second Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY, APRIL 28
Acts 5:12-16/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ Jn 20:19-31
7:30 John J. Jennings
9:30 Joann Sommer
11:00 People of the Parish
12:30 Tonia Hodgins

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
MONDAY, APRIL 29
Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8
6:30 Patricia A. Christensen
8:30 Beverly Hackett

Saint Pius V, Pope
TUESDAY, APRIL 30
Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15
6:30 Arthur Palumbo
8:30 Giovanni Albanese

Saint Joseph the Worker
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21
6:30 Arnaldo Larza
8:30 Anne & Catherine Vaccaro

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
THURSDAY, MAY 2
Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36
6:30 Robert McCabe
8:30 Alex Vaccaro

Saints Philip & James, Apostles
FRIDAY, MAY 3
1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14
6:30 Sean Judge
8:30 Bob Roberts
8PM Lori Hennessey

SATURDAY, MAY 4
Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21
8:30 Lucia Principe
5:30 George Kashickey

Third Sunday of Easter
SUNDAY, MAY 5
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/ Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19
7:30 Lori Hennessey
9:30 Special Intention for the McGurk Family
11:00 Lauren "Redd" Taylor
12:30 People of the Parish

LET US PRAY
In your love and kindness please pray for the sick of our parish, especially: Alice Quackenbush, Kathryn Petrides, John Emerick, Muriel Gerard, John Ollinger, Jim Ryan, 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: Gloria Barbieri, and Frank Dundon.

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, Jared Bowen, and for a Special Intention.

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

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

Palm Sunday Collection: $22,037
Easter Collection to date: $57,478

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 said to him, 'Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

It has been said that "seeing is believing." A steward's actions are guided by faith and those actions serve as a model for others who need to see how it is done.

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: $40,641.

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

Deacon Juan Guillermo Rojas Chavarría

"Learning and Growing from a Loving Faithful Community"

My vocation to the priesthood came from two main sources, the first being my family. I come from a very strong Catholic family with an uncle who is a priest in Colombia, a brother, Luis, who is a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark, ordained in 2013, and an older sister who also desired to follow the good Lord as a nun, back in Colombia. The second source of influence was my home parish. I was very active in the life of the church there, first as an altar server, then as a reader, also as a member of the parish youth group and so on. Thus, I was growing in my faith and at the same time I was falling in love with thoughts of the priesthood.

So, in 2009, after a prudent and prayerful time, I entered the college Seminary in Yarumal, Colombia, under the direction of the Archdiocese of Newark vocations office. After four years of formation, I earned a license degree in Philosophy and Religious Science and came to the United States on January 15, 2013.

Since I came here without any English at all, I attended the PALS and ESL programs both at Rutgers and Seton Hall University, learning the language and coming to know and love the American culture. In the fall of 2013, I entered Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, NJ, where I have been attending classes, earning an M.Div. degree in Pastoral Ministry and a MA in Biblical Studies.

And it was in May of 2018 when I was ordained as a transitional Deacon for the Archdiocese of Newark and assigned to OLM parish until my ordination as a priest on May 25, 2019.

The challenges have been numerous, especially when I moved to the United States. I left behind my family, my country, my friends, everything that I love and miss very much even until today. But the Lord has been good to me through these years and He has rewarded me with a loving and large faithful family. People like you, today, in whom I've found so much support, care and love in my journey towards the priesthood. A community whom I have gotten to know, admire and love very much throughout this year. Your faith, your devotion, and your warm welcome to the life of the parish, have made a strong impact on my formation. Thus, despite the challenges, the blessings and joys have been countless.

So, what can I say to you, the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy? A very big thank you. Thank you for embracing me, for your kindness and for the continuing support you've shown me during my time here as a transitional deacon. I realize that since English was not my first language, your "extra attention" to my homilies has been required. Please know that it's been very much appreciated as was the very helpful feedback you provided. I also owe a very big thank you to our pastor Msgr. Joseph Chapel, an excellent mentor, and priest. I also want to thank the priest community, Msgr. James Turro, whom I love and admire very much, Fr. Robert T. Ulak, Fr. Patrick J. Seo, and Deacon Joseph S. Romano, for their warm welcome to the life of the parish and for teaching and preparing me so much that I feel confident to successfully move forward in my ministry.

(Continued in next column)

I also want to thank our staff members: Maureen Giaccio (Rectory office Manager), Linda Priore (Bulletin Editor), Joanne Gordinier (Administration), Donna Quinn (Business Manager).

I also offer my gratitude to the different parish ministries and their leaders, especially: John Rokoszak (Pastoral Associate), Amy Ballanco (Coordinator of Religious Education), Jennifer Kavanagh (Youth Ministry), Diane Manzione (Office Manager), Lorraine Hurd (Program Assistant), Debra Wyka (Director of Music) together with our cantors and musicians, Laraine Meehan (School Principal), as well as our Knights of Columbus Council for their support and prayers.

So, thank you everyone for your patience, support, love, and prayers. It has been an honor and a privilege for me to have shared this past year with you. I will take with me so many great memories of all of you and I pray that I have given you some as well. Finally, I would be delighted to have you attend my ordination on May 25th at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, in Newark, at 10:00 am, and my first "Mass of Thanksgiving" the following day, May 26th, here at our parish, OLM, at 12:30 pm. Please keep in touch and keep me in your prayers as I will keep you and your families in mine.

Again, thanks and God bless you all!

Yours in Christ.

Deacon Juan

Congratulations to the children receiving their First Communion

MSGR. TURRO HOMILY

My dear friends,

The joy and comfort of Easter rises from the fact that as Jesus rose from the dead so shall we in God's good time rise to new life. In the glory of the risen Christ we see ourselves as we shall be in time. This is the reason for the happiness of Easter.

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.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

SACRED HEART CHAPEL Renovation Project

Thanks to a handful of generous donors we have refurbished the altar, ambo and tabernacle stand with marble; and a new tabernacle. We also plan to improve the lighting and install a sound system. Additional funds are needed to complete the entire project. If you are interested in making a donation of any amount please contact: Fr. Joe or John Rokoszak Olm.church@gmail.com

THANK YOU TO THE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS

Ramon & Marilou Rosales
Ronald Dolan & Christine Kirby
Joanne Hansennnnn
Joseph & Donnaellen Donato
Joseph Duggan
Thomas & Joan Gleason

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MAY 26
12:30pm Bilingual Mass
Deacon Juan's first Mass
after his Ordination to the Priesthood
Reception in the OLMA auditorium to follow

If you would like to help set up, decorate, and help plan Deacon Juan's reception, please email: olm.Church@gmail.com Attention John Rokoszak

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners can pick up their check at the school office.
Apr 15—Anne Forgione - $50
Apr 16—Jeanne Covello- $25
Apr 17—John Del Purgatorio - $75
Apr 18—Tina Buckley - $200
Apr 19—Joanna Clarke - $50
Apr 20—Rankin Family - $25
Apr 21—Neblung Family - $200
Winners are drawn once a week until April 30th.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Please join the Respect Life Ministry for a meeting on May 6th at 7PM in the Gathering Space. We will be discussing upcoming events, including a Baby Shower on June 15 & 16. All are welcome to attend! If you would like to join or would like to hear more about our ministry please email Lucrezia Rack at lrack@optonline.net

JOB OPPORTUNITY

POSITION AVAILABLE – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM ASSISTANT Approximately 16-20 hrs./wk. Duties include assisting in the Religious Education office at the school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as well as the Parish Center from 2—5:30PM. Additional clerical hours as required in the Parish Center and occasional evenings/weekends to assist with sacraments and workshops. If interested, please submit a resume to the Rectory Office at 2 Fremont Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 07656.

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. 7PM - 8PM in the Parish Center. The **next meeting will be May 1st.** For more info call Bonnie Costabile at 201-784-1914.

GET INVOLVED

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY NEWS

"DEEDS FOR CHRIST"- LENT-IN-ACTION Thanks to all who had a hand in our beautiful Lenten Table filled with holy prayers and thoughtful artwork for the season. Thank you for all the donations of men's new socks and trial size toiletries which will be delivered to the Hackensack Soup Kitchen. The "Deeds for Christ" basket was overflowing. Blessed Sacrament/Saint Charles Borromeo Church/ Newark received a generous check for OLM's Knights of Columbus towards the Children's Easter party. Easter stuffed toy puppies and yummy Easter candy was also donated by a thoughtful and very creative parish family. Thank you for all the helping hands. Next Social Justice & Peace Ministry meeting: Thursday, May 2 @ 7:15 P.M. @ St. Mary's Room. Call the SJPM hotline for additional info- 201-391-6975.

MISCELLANEOUS

MEN'S 195th CURSILLO WEEKEND
May 2-5, 2019. Joins us! For details contact Gordon Roehrer groehrer@optonline.net

A SCOUT IS REVERENT—Scouting has a robust religious education program for Scouts. Scouts who participate can earn their Ad Alteri Dei emblem, signifying they have completed the expansive formation program. This program is designed to be completed by Catholic Scouts 13-14 yrs. of age or in Grades 7-10. Friday evening sessions starting May 3rd 7-8:30 pm @ Our Lady of Mercy.*Tentative schedule: 5/3, 6/28, 9/6, 10/4, 11/8, 12/6 *Fall dates are tentative due to facility schedule. If interested, please contact the Program facilitator, Ed Stoker at scouter142@outlook.com.

THE OLM MASSBOOK for May, 2020 will open on Sunday, May 5, 2019. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please stop by the Rectory Office during office hours.

WOMEN'S CREATIVE GROUP—May 2nd, 7:00 - 9:00 Parish Center. 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 at 201-664-3536 or email at j2pb3@hotmail.com.

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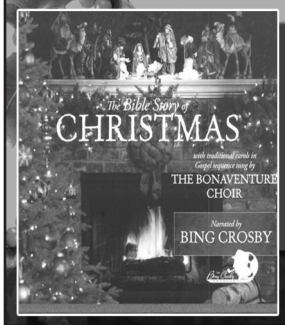

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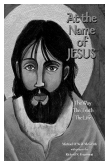

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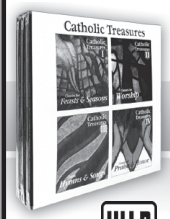

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