

Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent



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Our Lady of Mercy Academy
National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
Michelle Powrie, Principal

MASS SCHEDULE *(Please register)*

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

RECONCILIATION

Monday: 7PM in the Church Vestibule
Saturday: 1:00-1:30PM

BAPTISM

Parents should contact the rectory for dates of Baptism
and Preparation Sessions.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should contact the
rectory at least one year prior to the wedding date.

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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 27

Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48

8:30 Patricia A. Christensen

5:30 Charles Moore

Second Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

7:30 John Beyer

9:00 Howard Minnick

11:00 People of the Parish

12:30 Giovanni Albanese

MONDAY, MARCH 1

Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38

6:30 Joan West

8:30 Florence Craffey

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Is 1:10, 16-20/ Mt 23:1-12

6:30 Eduardo Morillos

8:30 Susanne & Alex Vaccaro

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28

6:30 Laurie Melanson

8:30 Jacqueline Manniello

Saint Casimir

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31

6:30 Susanne Vaccaro

8:30 Nicholas Stathakis

First Friday

World Day of Prayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

6:30 Albert Zimmerman

8:30 Terri Nicolich-Mauer

7PM Special Intention for all RCIA Candidates

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:30 Alwine Mangers

5:30 People of the Parish

Third Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Ex 20:1-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25

7:30 Pat Dolan

9:00 Elias Schmitt

11:00 Charles Celmer

12:30 Hedy Lion



LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick of our parish, especially: Evelyn Pavese, Christopher Bucher, Steve & David Jordan, Yagelka Family, Carl Hansen, and for the intentions you hold in your heart.

Please also remember the deceased of our parish especially: Margaret Durba, Rosalie Bozzo, and Louis Vizioli.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS IN THE CHURCH burn this week in memory of Mae O'Brien, and Edward & Nora Lynch.



LIGHT AN ONLINE CANDLE

We know that Our Lord, Our Lady, and all the Saints hear and respond to our prayers. Light an online candle and share your prayer intention so we can pray with you as well. <https://urolm.org/light-a-candle-request-form>

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING –

February 21 Collection: \$14,654

Same time last year: \$18,760



ONLINE PARISH GIVING

OLM offers online giving on the Parish Giving website. You can make a secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card. You will be able to select from the various opportunities to contribute to OLM and other initiatives. An overview of some of the features:

- Ability to make one-time contributions
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<https://www.parishgiving.org/index...>

Video on how to set up an account

<https://youtu.be/HQQ23eTtlfA>

You may continue to use your church envelopes if you prefer. They can be mailed or dropped off in the Rectory interior door mail slot.

SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

2021 Annual Appeal

2021 Goal: \$109,318.

Pledged to date: \$ 19,095

Thank you for your generosity.



A Message from Fr. Bob



September 2010 I was on my first longer trip to Stockholm. It was a time to visit friends and explore. At the airport I bought my transit pass and picked up many brochures. The guidebook suggested a visit to Sofia Kyrka - a church fairly close to where I was staying. I knew I couldn't get lost because I could see the steeple. Actually, the hardest part of the adventure was finding the front door. The church has a unique architecture. Once inside I really was impressed. There were no gold or silver adornments. There was an altar, some side altars, some globe candle stands, and a beautiful painting creating an arch around the altar. It was that painting that caught your attention. The guidebooks say it is based on the verse in Micha about turning swords into plowshares. But it was much more than that one scene. On its path to the top of the arch where Jesus welcomed to his kingdom, all of the corporal works of mercy are portrayed. All those acts lead us to Jesus. Today's Gospel says the same. We have to go beyond just saying as Peter said "it's good to be here." The challenge is living that goodness and all the acts that support that goodness. Traditionally we call those acts the corporal works of mercy. Later I found out that this parish tries to center its life on the works of mercy. I was glad I went on the little adventure. If you are in Stockholm, visit Sofia Kyrka in Sodermal. Its worth the visit.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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LOOKING AHEAD



We are happy to announce that Bishop Michael Saporito, Auxiliary Bishop for Bergen County, will celebrate Mass with us on Saturday, March 6th at 5:30PM. Please register to attend Mass by visiting our website at www.urolm.org. The Mass will be live-streamed as well.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES



Please join us for part two of Fr. Vincent's Presentation "God Is Love" - Sunday, March 7th at 7 PM in the Church or via Live-Streaming.

The talk will focus on God's love as shown to us in His Mercy.

We ask that you please register if you intend to be with us in person at www.urolm.org

Confessions (in the Church Vestibule)

Mondays at 7PM, Saturdays at 1PM,
Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week at 7PM
(or upon request—call Rectory 201-391-5315)

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Each Wednesday during Lent at 3PM with Eucharistic Adoration.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent after the 7PM Mass
7:30PM (English) & 8:30PM (Spanish)
Stations will be live-streamed

Best Lent Ever. Register for daily emails through out the 40 days of Lent. <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

MSGR. TURRO REFLECTION



Man is God's most precious thought. This is one of the truths the sacraments disclose close to us. Just as in the human community signs are used by men to manifest their thoughts and intentions toward one another, so God uses these signs to put beyond doubt His affection for us. No need to wonder or fear what God thinks of us, He declares himself through the sacraments.

33-Day Consecration Prayer to St. Joseph with

Msgr. Turro https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDqZ1USON_s&feature=youtu.be

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! For more info, email John Rokoszak at john.rokoszak@urolm.org <https://urolm.org/rcia> **Please see flyer on page 8**

SUPPORT GROUPS

OLM PARISH GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

See flyer on page 9



ZOOM Caregiver Support Group

meets every first Wednesday of the month from 7:30PM—8:30PM

Facilitated by:

Bonnie Costabile, *Care Manager*
John Rokoszak, *OLM Pastoral Associate*

To register for the ZOOM meeting, email Ron von Autenried (r.vonautenried@gmail.com)
cell: 201-919-8748

Or call John Rokoszak at 201-264-6376



OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

On Sunday, February 28th at the 9AM Mass, we welcomed the 5th Grade Class children from Our Lady of Mercy Academy and the Religious Education Program.

A flyer with the names of the children are on page 5. Next weekend we will welcome the 1st Grade classes. Please pray for all the children, teachers and Catechists.

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

We are excited to announce that school OLMA has started the registration process for the new school year. We invite you to register for preschool and Kindergarten as spots are limited.

OLMA weekly flyer can be read on page 6

GET INVOLVED



Bible Study "Sermon on the Mount"

You are invited to join the third session of this study by filling out the form on the web site under "Get Involved". Meetings are on Zoom at 10am, and Wednesday at 12 and 7:30pm. March 2 & 3. Future dates: March 23 and 24, same times.

Hackensack Dinner Program continues to supply food as they have for more than 20 years. Your generosity allows us to fulfill our commitment to the community, ensuring that anyone in need of a free meal during these challenging times will get one. Due to current restrictions we are working with LePores Restaurant in Westwood to feed up to 150 individuals each night. Our next dinners will be on **March 11 and July 8, 2021**. We plan to continue providing the food made at LePores for both of these dates. Please consider 'Adopting a Meal' - \$10 will provide a dinner of: salad, bread, pasta and meatballs, broccoli, dessert and beverage.

Checks can be made out to the 'Serenity Fund' with Hackensack Soup Kitchen written in the memo and dropped off or mailed to the OLM rectory.

If anyone is interested in helping with food deliveries, contact Joni von Autenried at jrvonaut@gmail.com for more information.



OLM Youth Ministry and Nora Kavanagh graciously thank the volunteers and all who generously participated in our Baby Clothes and Diaper Drive! Together we will be helping the moms and babies of New Hope with 14 grocery bags FULL of new baby clothes, thousands of baby wipes and over 70 packages of diapers!

RECTORY OFFICE NEWS

Rectory Office hours:

Monday—Friday 9:30AM—2:30PM. The Rectory Office

Mass book for March 2022 intentions will open on March 1, 2021. Parishioners may enter the rectory one person at a time with masks on to purchase Mass Cards. You may request one Sunday per month, two weekdays per month for each of the months that we are opening.

OurLadyofMercyChurch07656 is on Facebook. Like us to get information about parish news, and inspirational messages.



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Click here to read Cardinal Tobin's Vol. 2 #11 newsletter

Click here for Archdiocese of Newark updates





At our Class Mass on Sunday, February 28th at 9AM, we pray for the Fifth Graders in our school, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, and in our Religious Education Program and for their teachers and Catechists.

MAY GOD BLESS THEM ALWAYS!

Religious Education 5th Grade

Catechists: Gerri Ann Tuttle & Marilyn Laquidara

Our Lady of Mercy Academy 5th Grade

Teacher: Mrs. Grace Rodrigues

GiannaAriola
Leonardo Balboni
Brielle Battaglia
Dane Brimigion
Cristian Browne
Ashlyn Buono
Ray Burdette
Giana Capilli
Cali Caprio
Emily Cleary
Ryan Courtney
Lilah Curran
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Alex Davis
GiannaDellaquila
Aubrie DelRusso
Devin Deubel
Daniel DiSalvo
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Alexis Ferraro
Alessia Ferreira
Tristan Festa
Ava Francica
Gabriella Garcia
Adelle Gollub
Allie Graham
Anthony Gurrieri

Lily Hryniw
Julian Ingala
Declan Kenlon
Alexander LoGrande
Tommy Madden
Ava Manessis
Keira Marrotte
Hope Mellone
Cody Menge
Sabrina Mitchell
Laney Mulholland
Kaitlyn Nagy
Patrick Nahmias
Declan O'Brien
GabrielPallarca
Katherine Pereira
Daniella Petrillo
Shaelyn Riat
Connor Roberts
Anthony Sbarbaro
Emily Schlereth
Olivia Stigliano
Jude Thomas
Hannah Tuttle
Luca Ventimiglia
Rosalie White
Shannon Zielinski

Emma Arevalo
Faith Bellofatto
Victoria Christerer
Andrew Colonna
Jayden Destro
Leannah Guerrier
Kaitlyn Higgins
Grace Higgins
Christopher Mosca
Erin O'Brien
Bianca Ortiz
Henry Rankin
James Rawcliffe
Ryan Sato
Rebeccah Shippie
Jovita Thomas
Stella Tineo
Forster Walsh
Jaiden Woodley

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY WEEKLY PAGE

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." (Emilie Buchwald)

And principals and teachers encourage reading too! In fact, over the past few months, the entire school participated in a shared reading experience! Grades 2-8 read *Wishtree* by Katharine Applegate and Pre-k through first grade, read a companion storybook called *The Wish Tree* by Kyo Maclear. These are wonderful stories about inclusion, kindness, acceptance and the true nature of friendship.

The purpose of this reading initiative was to create a sense of community through literature. Indeed we did! Each day, immediately following Morning Prayers, the Middle School read together with Ms. Powrie. As teachers, we would then incorporate the story into *every* subject area.

In my Social Studies classes, we have been working on an Identity Project. Inspired by a part of *Wishtree* where a child is adopted and receives her birth name (Amodora, which in Italian means "the gift of love"), my students were tasked with interviewing a parent or family member, to discover the story behind their names! Many discovered the personal or cultural significance that influenced their parents' decision.

From there, the students delved deeper into the characteristics of their families. Who makes up your family? What is your place or order within your family? What is one family tradition you have and why is it important to you? What are your nationalities? Who was the first family member to immigrate to America and when? Where did they come from and why did they leave? What challenges did they face upon arriving in America? What did they overcome?

Each question that was answered, each anecdotal story they heard, connected the students to their own personal history and identity. With a greater sense for who they are, each student will now present a slide show as their Identity Project. I am so excited for us to learn a bit more about one another! Afterall, "He who knows others is wise. He who knows himself is enlightened."

Blessings,
Mrs. Applin

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Every Thursday
from 9AM-10AM in the Chapel

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The second Friday of every month
3PM—4PM in the Chapel

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive your Body and Blood. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Stay close to me, Jesus, so that I may be close to all our sisters and brothers, especially those who are most in need of your loving care. Amen.



A PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms.

I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, pray for us.
Amen.

Divine Mercy Chaplet—

Follow-along visual of Rosary beads and the words to the prayer. Join us everyday at 3PM to pray along with us.

<https://vimeo.com/412725178>



The Chapel is open for Private Prayer from 9AM-3PM Monday thru Saturday and Sunday's 1PM-3PM.

Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Our Lady of Mercy Pray For Us

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

R.C.I.A. is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a year-long ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non-Christians), Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

IS RCIA FOR YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW? Do you know someone or are you someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but have not yet received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist)?

The RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives. Candidates include: · Non-baptized adults, who wish to enter the Catholic Church · Baptized adult Christians of another denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian), who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church · Adult baptized Catholics, who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so. Now is a great time to get information and find out more! For more information, please

contact John Rokoszak by email john.rokoszak@urolm.org or call the Rectory 201-391-5315.

INTERESTED IN SPONSORING? It's a wonderful way to renew your own faith & knowledge of the church while journeying with someone interested in joining the Church!

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Grief Support Ministry

“Grieving the Death of a Loved One”

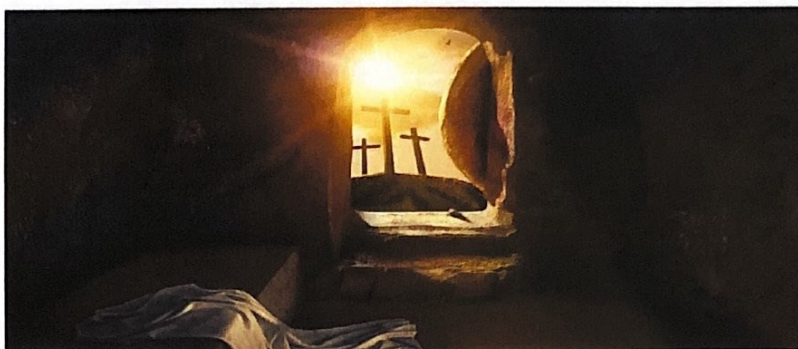


A Journey toward Healing and Hope

Grief is a journey that we are never really prepared to take. It begins the day you lose a loved one, and continues in many different moments of your life. It will take you to places you have never known and places that you may not want to go. **GRIEF IS A JOURNEY YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TAKE ALONE!**

Our support group is currently not meeting in person due to Covid 19 restrictions and out of an abundance of caution for all of our participants. Please visit the OLM website, urolm.org for additional resources for yourself or to support someone you know who has suffered a loss. Check the parish bulletin weekly for current information and updates concerning bereavement ministry.

If you would welcome a phone call from one of our parish priests or a member of our bereavement team, email **John Rokoszak** at john.rokoszak@urolm.org or call the rectory, 201-391-5315 and leave your name, contact information and a good time to receive a call. Please know that although we are not meeting in person, we continue to pray as a ministry and parish for you and your family during this difficult time of loss.



OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

online registration opens on March 1st or join us via live-streaming

Palm Sunday – March 28th (pre-registration required)

Masses: 5:30 p.m. (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 a.m. (no music), 9 a.m.,
11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
(with overflow space in the school gym)

Holy Thursday – April 1st (pre-registration required)

Morning Prayer: 9 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper (bi-lingual): 8 p.m.
(with overflow space in the gym)
Eucharistic Adoration in Church: until Midnight

Good Friday – April 2nd (pre-registration required)

Morning Prayer – 9 a.m.
Passion of the Lord: 3 p.m.
Youth Group Stations of the Cross: 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 3rd (pre-registration required)

Morning Prayer – 9 a.m.

Easter Sunday (pre-registration required)

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 3rd at 8 p.m. (bi-lingual)
(with overflow space in the gym)
Easter Sunday – April 4th – 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
(with overflow space in the gym)

**Please Note: SOME MASSES/SERVICES REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION. PLEASE
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WHY IS IT

A man wakes up after sleeping
under an ADVERTISED blanket
on an ADVERTISED mattress
and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas
bathes in an ADVERTISED shower
shaves with an ADVERTISED razor
brushes his teeth
with ADVERTISED toothpaste
washes with ADVERTISED soap
puts on ADVERTISED clothes
drinks a cup
of ADVERTISED coffee
drives to work
in an ADVERTISED car
and then . . .
refuses to ADVERTISE
believing it doesn't pay.
Later if business is poor
he ADVERTISES it for sale.

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