Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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SCHOOL
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, MARCH 13
Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14
8:30 The Lynch Family
5:30 David McNeil

Fourth Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY, MARCH 14
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21
7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Scott Speziel
11:00 Theresa A. Fornatale
12:30 Elizabeth Dearani

MONDAY, MARCH 15
Is 65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54
6:30 Richard Deiser
8:30 Nick Nicolich

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16
6:30 Joanne Chamberlain
8:30 Roger Friedman

Saint Patrick, Bishop
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30
6:30 Gerard Maughan
8:30 Paul Clements

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
THURSDAY, MARCH 18
Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47
6:30 Robert & Linda Gunther
8:30 Peter Holmes

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
FRIDAY, MARCH 19
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
6:30 Special Intention
8:30 Ralph & Ferdinando Forcellati
7PM John F. Gallo

SATURDAY, MARCH 20
Jer 11:18-20/ Jn 7:40-53
8:30 John Gaffney
5:30 Lenny Principe

Fifth Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY, MARCH 21
Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33
7:30 Elias Schmitt
9:00 People of the Parish
11:00 Mary Dowd
12:30 Jimmy Doherty

LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick of our parish, especially: Reynaldo Arcilla, John LaMarca, Tim Noone, and for the intentions you hold in your heart.

Please also remember the deceased of our parish especially: Louis Vizioli, John P. Monaghan, Albert Parrasch, Anna Schneider, Dolores Portugal, Manny Fernandes, and Carl Hansen.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS IN THE CHURCH burn this week in memory of Theresa A. Fornatale, and for Special Intentions.

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 –

March 7 Collection: $16,229
Same time last year: $15,789

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
- Ability to make recurring contributions
- Ability to select your billing date
- Ability to use Credit Card or Bank Transfer
- Ability to access end of year contribution reports

Make sure you include your envelope ID number when you create your account.

CLICK BELOW TO ENROLL

https://urolm.org/online-giving

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: $ 59,740
Thank you for your generosity.

Guest Column from Fr. Patrick

Dear My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pax Vobis! The other day, I asked the students what they thought about St. Patrick, and one student blurted out: "St. Patrick wasn't even Irish!" <<gasp from all the folk from the Emerald Isle>> Shocking I know! It's kind of like telling the Italians that St. Joseph isn't actually Italian no matter how many pastries they name after him!

It's true – St. Patrick wasn't Irish! Historians have him born and raised in Great Britain (maybe Wales), until he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland where he worked as a shepherd, until he escaped to modern-day France. There, he studied under the then Bishop-now St. Germaine, and it was with him that he embraced Christ in his life and received his name, Patrick.

During this time, Patrick realized that what Christ calls his disciples to do is to go out and evangelize the nations. So, what does he do? He returns to the place where he was enslaved for 7 years in order to be the Lord's instrument to convert the pagans of Ireland to worship the One, True God (and to get rid of those pesky snakes!)!

For myself, I was named Patrick because, as the legend goes, someone was reading off a list of names to my Mom, and when she heard the name Patrick, she said she heard a bell go off in her head. That was the beginning of my name, Patrick. However, through the years, St. Patrick has walked beside me so that, like himself, I might leave home and seek after souls to find Christ!

However, sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking: evangelizing and converting is for Priests and Sisters and Missionaries. That could not be farther from the Truth! Every single one of us who is Baptized, we are each called to leave the comforts of our home and find those who do not know Christ! Of course, Parents are called to be the First Teachers of the Faith to their children – but what that means is that Parents are not meant to catechize their own children and that's it. No, Parents are meant to go out and find non-family members and evangelize them, serve them, catechize them. Then and only then will they have shown and taught their own children what it means to be a Christian. I think of a quote from the Catechism:

> **Two other sacraments, Holy Orders and Matrimony, are directed towards the salvation of others; if they contribute as well to personal salvation, it is through service to others that they do so. They confer a particular mission in the Church and serve to build up the People of God (CCC 1534).**

Christians by their nature cannot stay comfortable at home. We are called to imitate those like St. Patrick who left home to evangelize a whole nation of people; and when we ourselves have been so filled with the Holy Spirit that we cannot help but go out to find those who do not know Christ and become instruments of the Lord for their conversion, then and only then can we finally call ourselves Christian!

Your Brother in XC,

Fr. Patrick

Register for in-person Mass
https://urolm.org/mass-registration
If you have a problem registering for Mass, please call the Rectory office on Wednesday or Thursday between 10AM & 3PM
All Masses will be live streamed
https://urolm.org/live-stream

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
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In honor of the year of Saint Joseph and in joyful anticipation of Saint Joseph's Day on Friday, March 19th, we will bless our new Saint Joseph statue at all the Masses this weekend. The statue will be placed in the Chapel next to the tabernacle where Saint Joseph will join the statue of the Blessed Mother.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.

MSGR. TURRO REFLECTION

The Gospel of Matthew begins with a listing of some of Christ's early forebears. These were the persons who helped make the coming of Christ possible.

In a sense you too are part of the genealogy of Christ because you too in your own way make the coming of Christ possible. Just as He once came to Palestine, you make Him come into the world in which you live and work.

33-Day Consecration Prayer to St. Joseph with Msgr. Turro https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDgZ1USON_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

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Winners can pick up their check after school at the school office.

March 1 - Daisy Daniel - $50
March 2 - August Rechner - $50
March 3 - Nicole Shiner - $100
March 4 - Pat Griffiths - $50
March 5 - Judit Sanelli - $50
March 6 - Daguanno Family - $75
March 7 - Paul Riario - $75
March 8 - Andrea Higgins - $50
March 9 - Stoker Family - $50
March 10 - Judit Santelli - $25
March 11 - Caley Svensson - $25
March 12 - Judit Sanelli - $50
March 13 - Karen Keating - $25

Winners will be drawn once a week from now until May 31st. Each winning ticket gets thrown back in the pot for additional chances to win! Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased in the school office (201-391-3838).

OLMA weekly flyer can be read on page 6

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

On Sunday, March 14th at the 9AM Mass, we welcomed the 7th Grade Class 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 Kindergarten Class. Please pray for all the children, teachers and Catechists

RECTORY OFFICE NEWS

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

Mass book for March 2022 intentions is open. 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.

Stay up to date with the latest upcoming events by visiting Our Lady of Mercy website. www.urolm.org

FR. VINCENT'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

https://urolm.org/

Thank You Bishop Saporito for celebrating Mass at Our Lady of Mercy on March 6th at the 5:30PM Mass.

GET INVOLVED

Bible Study
"Sermon on the Mount"
You are invited to join the fourth 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 23 & 24.

At our Class Mass on Sunday, March 14th at 9AM, we pray for the 7th 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 7th Grade
Catechist: Jennifer Kavanagh

Calista Allen
Lauren Amorese
Abby Backos
Aiden Bednarz
Kathryn Bradler
Kate Broderick
Alyssa Browne
Hailey Browne
Luke Buonocore
Matthew Burns
Dillon Cahill
Matthew Caleca
Stacy Caracozza
Morgan Connell
Emma Cortelli
Jack Courtney
Emily de la Prida
Laurel DeBiase
Andrew DeFalcon
Marc Dellaquila
Gabriella DellaVolpe
Nicholas DeSantis-Amin
Vanessa Di Stefano
Alyssa Dinaro
Ava DiRese
Rylee Dolan
Leanne Dy
Meghan Eddy
Rachael Ein
Rilie Fazio
Kaitlyn Fernandes
Lochlan Finnegan
Lia Francica
Amanda Friedlander
Andrew Frustieri
Elizabeth Gibbons
Thomas Gibbons
Trevor Grageda
Lori Graham
John Gurrieri
Cristina Gutierrez
Madelyn Hryniw
Jayden Ingala
Derek Kaine
Peter Laquidara
Addison Lein
Damien Liu
Meghan Long
Giavanna Macaluso
Julia MacEwin
Isabella Manessis
Michaela McCreight
Ella McDermott
Christopher Merendino
Matthew Merlino
Madeline Moss
Alexa Mulholland
Joseph Napolitano
Kayla Newton
Aidan O'Connor
Travis Otto
Braydon Ottomanelli
Kayli Pieratos
Patrick Rotella
Anthony Salimbene
Gavin Ulanday
Daniel Vanson
Mckenna Walsh
Joseph Zanfardino
Emma Zielinski
Ryan Zoelle

Our Lady of Mercy Academy 7th Grade
Teacher: Stephanie Van Goor

Martine Alvarez
Andrew Belcher
Lucas Buckley
Bernadette 'Grace' Colon-
na
Brody Corey
Avianna Cunnane
Lauren DeLuca
Sophia DeLuca
Kate Dolan
Thomas Gehm
Angela Giuliano
Kevin Joseph
Sean Keating
Edward List
Daniel Lopez
Dominic Mosca
Iliana Pezzutto
Brian Prince
Matthew Pulis
Keith Rankin
Eva Santelli
Sheamus Schlicher
Noah Shippie
William Tellado
Sasha Vursta

WONDER AND WISHES FROM MS. WILLARD'S STUDENTS IN SIXTH GRADE

The sixth grade students agree that this year has been one for the history books! So much change and adaptability has required emotional and spiritual strength. There has been a big growth in prayer and living our lives spiritually. We have realized the need for support of those less fortunate, and we have felt the beauty of giving, compassion, and appreciation for all of God's Blessings.

The kick-off to all of this wonder started with the school-wide reading of *The Wishtree by Katherine Applegate. On page 54 there was a comment of the neighborhood being "wild, tangled, and colorful". The students wrote about the world today being complicated, diverse, unique, powerful, beautiful, and loving. They also realized that tangled in this wildness is a pandemic, racism, rioting, and an overall messiness. These wild and tangled moments sum up the never-ending need of support and love from our God.*

It has been helpful for the students to share with one another their feelings of stress, hope, and concerns of their own life journey. This discussion led to the idiom of "the bridge to nowhere". The students are currently writing about what the "bridge" looks like. They are writing a suspense-type of paper where they go looking for the bridge, find it, but don't go over it, yet! We look forward to continuing the papers at the end of the year - will the scary, gloomy, unknown bridge wind up leading to a positive, hopeful, sunny future?

Religion has focused on the Lenten season with Christ through the desert. We have been writing our thoughts and prayer responses to the daily gospel readings in our prayer journals. Religion studies have centered on the Old Testament and the frustrating, and sometimes bewildering, ways selfishness and the hunger for power seeped through even the most desirable of God's chosen. Yet, God's love and never-ending forgiveness triumphs and nourishes us to keep receiving his Body and Blood each week at Mass. Sixth grade has participated in several collections to date, such as the Souper Bowl where donations of over 600 soup cans have been collected for the local food pantry, and a currently-running book collection so OLMA can share their love of reading with one another by creating a school library.

Finally, the sixth grade is full of wishes - wishes for the pandemic to end, for socializing to return, for the sick and suffering to ease, and for all to have a successful journey with Christ during this Lenten season.
The sixth grade wishes you a wonderful Lenten season and a glorious Easter!

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.

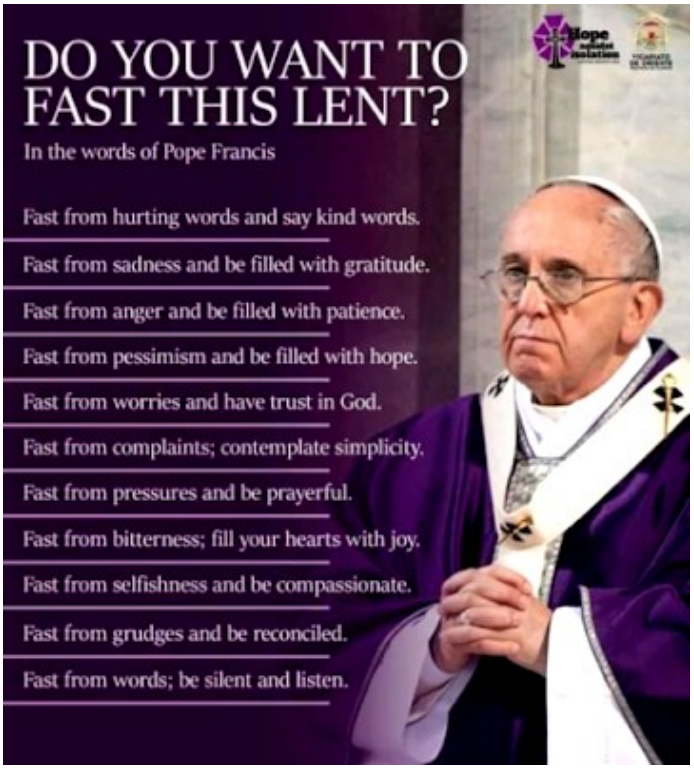
A PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

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



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"

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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 is open 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.
Pasión del Señor in Spanish: 8:30 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 VISIT www.urolm.org TO SIGN UP OR CALL THE RECTORY FOR ASSISTANCE

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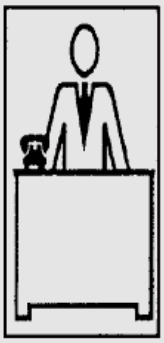

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