

Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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SCHOOL

Our Lady of Mercy Academy
National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence 2011/2018
Michelle Powrie, Principal

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday—Friday 6:30AM, 8:30AM,
Saturday 8:30AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday from 9AM-10AM in the Chapel

First Friday from 7PM—10PM in the Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Monday: 7PM in the Church Vestibule

Saturday: 1:00-1:30PM

BAPTISM

Parents should contact the Rectory Office 201-391-5315
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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201-391-5315

UOLM.org
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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, DECEMBER 25

Readings for dawn, & day

8:00 Roger Friedman

10:00 Terri Nicolich Maurer

12PM Carmela Pandolfi

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/ Lk 2:41-52

7:30 Edwin J. Mooney Jr.

9:00 Mimi Kashickey

11:00 Fay & Tony Tudisco

12:30 People of the Parish

Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

1 Jn 1:1-4/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8

6:30 Patricia A. Christenson

8:30 George Behr

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/ Mt 2:13-18

6:30 Nancy Lee Geyer

8:30 Michael Adone

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35

6:30 Robert & Linda Gunther

8:30 Sylvia & Robert Schultz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/ Lk 2:36-40

6:30 Edward Coppola

8:30 Giovanni Albanese

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

1 Jn 2:18-21/ Jn 1:1-18

8:30 Ed KleinMargaret Albanese

New Year's Eve

5:30 Elizabeth Redding

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

10:00 David Dunn

12PM Corina Scrobogna

5:30 Kyle Green

Epiphany of the Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

7:30 People of the Parish

9:00 Donald Davies

11:00 Margaret Legrazzio

12:30 Guido J. Sebben



LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick of our parish, especially: Dave Golenischew, Luke Tataro, Juana Isabel Chicas, Neil Boccanfuso, Richard McDine Sr, Paula Huhn, and John Ollinger.

Please also remember the deceased of our parish especially: Donald Boman, Constance DePietro, and Ryder Brown.



THE SANCTUARY LAMPS IN THE CHURCH

burn this week for Special Intentions of the Wittekind Family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL

burns this week 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 –

December 12th collection: \$20,132

Same time last year: \$16,873



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God Bless You!

Fr. Vincent

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship in Action

GOAL MET! Thank you to all those who have helped

OLM Parish, reach our 2021 Annual Appeal goal of \$109,439. To date, pledges received: \$139,924. OLM will receive 100% of all funds received over our goal. To date, collected pledges: \$138,724. Please be sure to honor your pledges. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form in the Gathering Space or visit <http://www.rcan.org/sharing>. As always, thank you for your generosity.

A Message from Fr. Patrick

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pax Vobis! Christmas Day just passed, and the Christmas Octave continues! On December 26 (except for this year because it is trumped by Sunday), we celebrate St. Stephen, the first martyr, stoned by Saul in Acts of the Apostles. Question is, why in the joyful and jolly Octave of Christmas did the Holy Spirit ordain that the dreary martyrdom of St. Stephen be memorialized the day after Christmas? More on that later?

Over Advent and Christmas, we've had so many decorations – Christmas trees, Nativity scenes, Candles in windows, Lights inside and out, Poinsettias, Stockings. But the ornamentation I want to focus on is the Wreath.

For our history buffs, in ancient times (according to the most trustworthy of sources, i.e. the internet), there was a 12-day pagan festival celebrated by the older Germanic and Scandinavian peoples in midwinter called "Yule" held to honor the return of the sun in springtime; Rome had a similar celebration called Saturnalia worshipping Saturn, the god of agriculture and sowing in the hopes of good harvests after the snows have melted; and this annual cycle of seasons was symbolized by the circular Wreath. Wreaths became symbols that would crown the heads of emperors and victorious athletes in olympian contests.

Then comes Christ Who wore a crown of thorns, and He as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords showed the kind of rule by which He would reign in His Kingdom by laying down His life for those He was called to serve; He as the great Athlete showed the kind of victory He would win by entering into the contest against death and defeating it.

Which brings me back to St. Stephen, whose name's etymology is *στέφανος* = stefanos, which means "wreath" or "crown." St. Stephen, the first martyr, points to the reality that the victory of a Christian is not in Swimming, Slalom, or Speed Skating; the Christian's Victory is in Christ's Victory of Life over Death, the life of Divine Love over the selfish life of Sin. The martyr is the one who lays down his own life in that ultimate sacrifice so that in dying with Christ, he will rise with Christ to new life.

I love Christmas nowadays with all its presents and lights and milk 'n cookies for Santa, and with all the wreaths we hang on our doors and place on our dining tables to ornament the Christmas season. However, by the help of St. Stephen, we are reminded that Christmas is just the beginning of a story. In the Christmas Octave on Day 1, we celebrate the birth of an Infant; on Day 2, on the Feast of St. Stephen, we point forward to the day that that Child would one day wear the Wreath of Victory over Satan and Sin and Death; to the day that that Kid would grow up to wear the Crown of a King on a Cross;

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Christmas is a truly Joyful celebration. May we appreciate its true meaning this year. Merry Christmas! St. Stephen, pray for us!

In XC,

Fr. Patrick

FR. VINCENT'S WEEKLY MESSAGE



<https://urolm.org/>



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR'S EVE
5:30PM
NEW YEAR'S DAY
10AM, 12PM**

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.

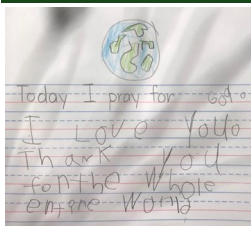
Do you know someone who might be interested in being in full communion with the Catholic Church? Ask, encourage and invite them to this program. The journey begins with one small step! For more info, email John Rokoszak at john.rokoszak@urolm.org
<https://urolm.org/rcia>

MSGR. TURRO REFLECTION



Time and place are made beautiful by the presence of someone who loves us. It is always a beautiful day if it is spent in such company and always a beautiful home if shared with such company. The presence of someone who loves us is one of the great joys of life. How comforting it is to have someone who loves us stand by in time of suffering. It helps us bear the pain. And in good times, the presence of a loved one serves only to enlarge our happiness. A loving presence is warm and cheering. It makes us feel strong and confident. It is a sheer joy. Christmas is the celebration of a loving presence. The presence of God come down to earth in Jesus Christ to share our fate, to support us and to enliven our existence in a thousand ways.

DISCOVERING OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY



"We are problem solvers. We are role models. We are Prayer Champions". These are all part of the Growth Mindset in Mrs. Applin's Transitional Kindergarten. The children see themselves as all these things! As Prayer Champions they turn to prayer to give

thanks. This is even carried over into their journal writing where they express their thoughts while practicing their writing skills. On this day, Anthony is thankful to God for the whole entire world.

SUPPORT GROUPS

ZOOM Caregiver Support Group

Will meet January 5th 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 John Rokoszak at 201-264-6376

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus are holding a 50/50 Raffle. Only 200 tickets will be sold for \$100 each. Winner gets 50% of proceeds up to \$10,000! All are invited to the drawing February 13th at a Communion Breakfast at OLMA from 11:00-1:00. Join us for a continental breakfast and for the drawing of the winning ticket in our 50/50 Raffle. See the flier in the bulletin or for more information call Peter Revie at 201-320-6221 or email Previe1@optonline.net

HELP NEEDED

Woman in Park Ridge needs a ride to 5:30 Mass on Saturdays. If you can help please call 201-312-4550.

RECTORY OFFICE NEWS

Rectory Office hours:

Monday—Friday 9:30AM—4:00PM.

Closed: December 31st and January 3

NOTE: Masks must be worn to enter Rectory

Mass Intentions for January 2023 will open January 4th. You may request one weekend per month, two weekdays per month for each of the months that we are opening.

THANK YOU

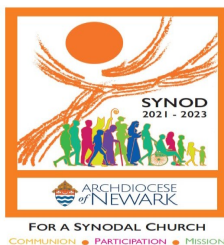
Our Lady of Mercy church looks so beautiful thanks to many parishioners who helped "trim the church".

Thank You Christmas Flower Contributors

New Hope Inc. a non-profit organization that helps first time single mothers and their babies wishes to thank you for your great generosity. You have overwhelmed us time after time with your Giving Tree gifts for our moms and babies for Christmas. I wish you could see the expressions of surprise on the faces of our clients when we tell them our local parish has a gift for you. Visit www.newhopeprc.org to learn more about our all-volunteer program and our Pregnancy Resource Center. Read about some of our many moms who rely on your generosity to make ends meet. Our Center is located at 149 Third Ave. in Westwood. Please e-mail us at info@newhopeprc.org or call us at (201) 722-4705 if you know anyone facing an unwanted pregnancy, we are here to help. God Bless you and your loved ones with a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

SYNOD 2021-2023

INFORMATION NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5TH AT 7 P.M. IN THE CHURCH



ON MAY 21, 2021, POPE FRANCIS SURPRISED THE CHURCH BY ANNOUNCING THE WORLD-WIDE "SYNOD ON SYNODALITY" – A TWO-YEAR REVIEW OF THE WAY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS LISTENING AND WALKING WITH ITS PARISHIONERS.

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IN JOINING DIOCESES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WORLD, THE ARCHDIOCESE WILL COORDINATE LISTENING SESSIONS IN WHICH CATHOLICS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR OPINIONS ON WHAT IS EXPECTED IN TODAY'S CHURCH. SESSIONS WILL BE GUIDED BY UNIVERSAL QUESTIONS FOR DIOCESES WORLDWIDE EXAMINING THE PERCEPTIONS OF TODAY'S CATHOLICS.

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PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5TH AT 7 PM IN THE CHURCH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EXCITING TIME FOR THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

YOU MAY ALSO VISIT <https://www.rcan.org/synod2023> TO READ ABOUT THE SYNOD.



Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Fatima Council



*You are invited to a Valentine's Day Communion Breakfast
And Raffle Drawing*

At OLM Academy, February 13th, 2022

From 11:30 - 1:00. Suggested Donation \$5.00 per adult

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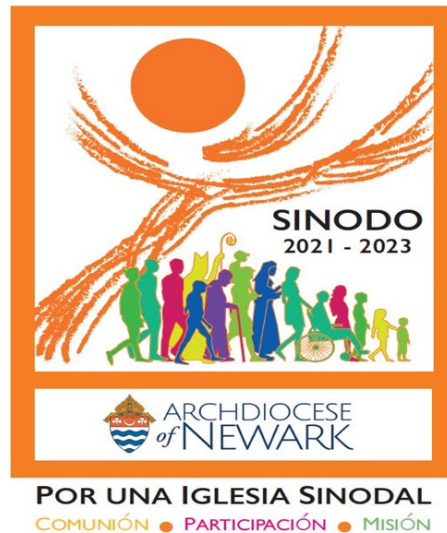
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Proceeds will be used to support Knights of Columbus Charities. Some of the many charities Our Lady of Fatima Council supports include the Hackensack Soup Kitchen, Tri Boro Food Pantry, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Eva's Village, Little Sisters of the Poor, American Wheel Chair Mission, Coats For Kids, New Hope Pregnancy Resource Center, the OLM Haiti Scholarship Fund, Spectrum for Living, Jawonio, the NJ Special Olympics.... and Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

DIA DE INFORMACIÓN – DOMINGO 9 DE ENERO A LAS 1:30 p.m. EN LA IGLESIA



EL 21 DE MAYO DE 2021, EL PAPA FRANCISCO SORPRENDIÓ A LA IGLESIA ANUNCIANDO EL “SÍNODO SOBRE LA SINODALIDAD” DE TODO EL MUNDO - UNA REVISIÓN DE DOS AÑOS, ACERCA DE LA MANERA EN QUE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA ESCUCHA Y CAMINA CON SUS PARROQUIANOS.

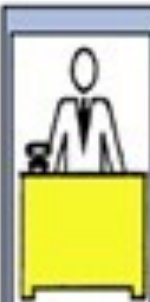
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LA ARQUIDIÓCESIS, EN CONJUNTO CON LAS DIÓCESIS EN TODO EL MUNDO, COORDINARÁ SESIONES EN LAS CUALES ESCUCHARÁ Y ALENTARÁ A LOS CATÓLICOS, A COMPARTIR SUS OPINIONES SOBRE LO QUE SE ESPERA EN LA IGLESIA DE HOY. LAS SESIONES SERÁN GUIADAS POR PREGUNTAS UNIVERSALES PARA LAS DIÓCESIS EN TODO EL MUNDO, QUE EXAMINAN LAS PERCEPCIONES DE LOS CATÓLICOS DE HOY.

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LOS INVITAMOS EL DOMINGO 9 DE ENERO, DESPUES DE LA MISA EN ESPAÑOL, PARA CONOCER MÁS SOBRE ESTA NUEVA ETAPA DE LA IGLESIA DE TODO EL MUNDO.

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