Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 11, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE
Daily: Monday—Friday 6:30AM, 8:30AM,
Saturday 8:30AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:30PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM Spanish, 6:15PM Praise and Worship

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Thursday from 9AM-10AM in the Chapel
Every Thursday from 7:30PM-9PM in the Church with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
First Friday from 7PM—10PM in the Chapel

RECONCILIATION
Monday: 7PM
Saturday: 1:00-1:30PM
Thursday: 8PM

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.

Rectory	Catechetical Center	Youth Ministry	Music Minister	School
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OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Church is a welcoming, faith-filled community where MERCY abounds. Strengthened by God's Word, and moved by the Holy Spirit, we strive to bring His immeasurable mercy to all who enter our doors. 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 on a journey together. Our goal is that the life of each person leads to the Lord more deeply.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
1 Cor 10:14-22/ Lk 6:43-49
8:30 Patricia Clements
5:30 Emil & Agnes Trabulsi

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/ 1 Tm 1:12-17/ Lk 15:1-32
7:30 Federico & Fernardo Forcellati
9:30 Thomas Fitzpatrick
11:00 Paul Rizza
12:30 People of the Parish
6:15pm Anne Ruggieri

The Most Holy Name of Mary
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/ Lk 7:1-10
6:30 Richard Conklin
8:30 Ralph Meyer

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/ Lk 7:11-17
6:30 Gerard M. Toriello, Sr.
8:30 Charlie DeBrock

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Nm 21:4b-9/ Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17
6:30 Greg Mosel
8:30 Ralph Meyer

Our Lady of Sorrows
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
1 Cor 15:1-11/ Jn 19:25-27
6:30 Marie Kehoe
8:30 Angela Nash

Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
1 Cor 15:12-20/ Lk 8:1-3
6:30 Malcolm & Alys Rea
8:30 David Wittman

Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/ Lk 8:4-15
8:30 Giovanni Albanese
5:30 Mary Kashickey

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Am 8:4-7/ 1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 16:1-13
7:30 Theresa Gilmour
9:30 Patricia Kent
11:00 Dante Cataldo
12:30 People of the Parish
6:15pm Joan Downey

LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick of our parish, especially: Dave Golenischew, Luke Tataro, Glen Ruffino, Agatha Stoker, and William Griffith.

Please also remember the recently deceased of our parish especially: Gerard Warhol, Jeanette DuBois, and Eileen Leino.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS IN THE CHURCH burn this week in memory of Nicole Decker, David Rozema and for those who perished on September 11, 2001.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL burns this week for a Special Intention.

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**

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers for the week of September 11th are through the generosity of the Rectory Office Staff in memory of Jeanette DuBois.

Each week the flowers are given to the Glory of God by individuals. We will take three dedications in memory or special intentions each week and include the names in the bulletin. The cost of sponsoring the flowers is $25.

To reserve a date, please call the Rectory Office.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING –

September 4th Collection: $12,201
Same time last year: $13,300

Thank you as always for your generosity!

eGiving—Faith Direct enables parishioners to make contributions to OLM through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. Please visit **faith.direct/NJ1138** to enroll securely online.

God Bless You!
Fr. Vincent

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHAN

This Sunday our liturgical readings are inviting us to meditate upon our journey of conversion. How many times we have felt lost, without direction or even without some sense to live in this world. The parables of the Gospel and even the first reading remind us of how we allow our heart and minds to separate from God's plan, which in reality is what SIN is –total separation from God and His love. And we are encouraged to call to mind our sins and repent from them; and here are some ideas to consider while we prepare ourselves to renounce Satan and his evil ways. The following are Satan's lies which lead humanity to the eternal condemnation, be aware of them:

1. Nothing will happen to you if it makes you feel good.
2. God is a sentiment, not a religion, religion does not save.
3. There are no absolute truths.
4. The devil does not exist.
5. Everybody is God's Child.
6. All religions lead to God.
7. There are no dogmas of faith.
8. Why should I confess my sins to a sinful man when I can directly confess my sins to God?
9. It is my body and therefore my choice.
10. Why should I baptize my baby? Wait until he/she is grown up and he/she can choose what he/she wants.
11. The Blessed Mother died as any human being.
12. Hell is here on earth.
13. Purgatory does not exist.
14. Why should I go to Mass? Everybody is a hypocrite.
15. Why should I get married? Love does not have any compromises/commitments.
16. We only live once, enjoy everything and never regret.
17. There is no way God will ever forgive you.
18. Having a family is a thing of the past, I have enough with my pet.
19. Don't worry when you die, everything ends There. There's nothing after that.

So my dear brothers and sisters, be careful and aware of this. Remember that repentance and conversion are parts of the journey with Christ. When we read the Gospel, keep in mind that there are always two parties—God, and the sinner. God who loves us infinitely and invites us to partake of His divinity, knowledge, justice, peace and mercy; and also the sinner who repents and embraces God's grace for life, for a better life. Be careful do not play with Satan: "**Be alert and of sober mind**. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." (cf. Peter 5:8)

The Sacred Heart Chapel at OLM is open every day for private prayer as follows:

MONDAY – FRIDAY 6 AM – 8 PM
SATURDAY – 6 AM – 5 PM
SUNDAY 6 AM – 8 PM

FR. VINCENT'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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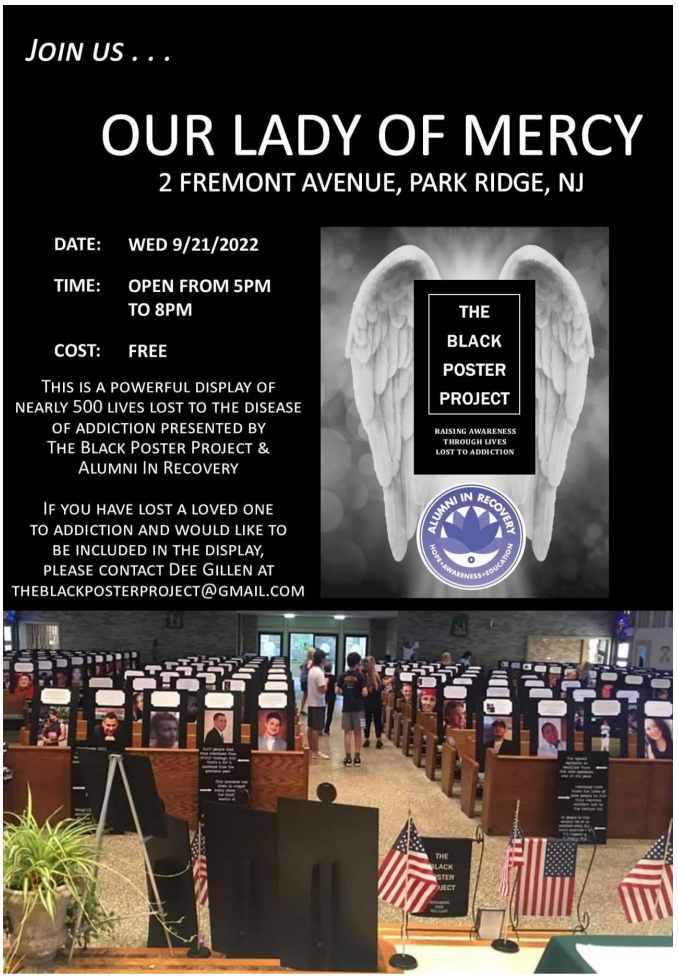
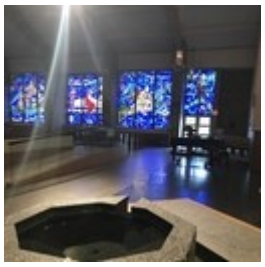


God Bless OLM's newly baptized in August, 2022



Emily Rose Alvarez
Oliver Santos Brown
Cain Janusz Chmielowiec
Santina Coccia
Amelia Louise Doyle
Brianna Madelyn Henion
Graham Paul Keenan
Tyler John McArdle
Kylie Jade McGlynn
Flynn Arthur Wiss

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

Welcome Faculty, Staff, Students and Families! Last week we welcomed new and old friends, thank you for joining our OLMA family! We are excited to begin a new year, to inspire each other and grow in our faith. Our Lady of Mercy Pray for Us

Help Wanted: Part-time OLMA Aftercare Aide— Our Lady of Mercy Academy is seeking a part time Aftercare Aide M-F 2pm-5:30pm beginning September 2022. Experience with young children in a school/daycare setting is preferred. All applicants must be over 18 yrs of age, and complete a background check and the Protecting God's Children workshop. Please call the school office and speak with Lakisha Fontana M-TH 10am-2pm for more details and to fill out an application: 201-391-3838 ext. 116

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Online Registration is open **https://urolm.org/religious-education-primary-grades-k-to-4**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Share Your Faith As a Catechist! Teachers and Classroom Aides are needed for grades K-4 for our Monday and Wednesday after-school classes this fall. Group Leaders and Assistants are needed for grades 5-8 in our bi-monthly program as well. Sign up now to receive your materials and have the summer to plan your lessons! Contact Jennifer Ballanco, PCL at 201-391-3590 x204 or **jennifer.ballanco@urolm.org**

OLM MUSIC MINISTRY

Hello! My name is Rossana McLaughlin, and I am the Director of Music here at OLM. I want to tell you a little bit about our music ministry, and where you might fit in! Here are some of the current and future plans: We have an adult choir that sings at the 11:00 Mass each Sunday. We will have practice on Monday evenings starting September 19, from 7:15-8:45. We will be preparing for the weekly masses, as well as a Christmas concert. We have several instrumentalists. Some play weekly, some on special occasions. I am hoping to begin recruiting for our children's choir in October. We also hope to have some High School students who will be interested in serving as cantors to fulfill their service hours. Many people have asked about a Bell Choir. That is also in the works. There is much planning involved in getting all the moving parts to come together. I am certain that if you have any interest in being part of the Music Ministry, there will be a place for you. Interest forms are in the Gathering Space. Please fill it out and drop it off at the rectory (or give it to me next time you are in church). If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (201) 407-7262. I look forward to meeting you!

RECTORY OFFICE NEWS

Rectory Office hours:
Monday—Friday 9:30AM—4:00PM.

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

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Keep up to date with what is happening here at OLM. See page 6 of the bulletin or visit the OLM website.

MEET RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'S OFFICE STAFF MEMBER

Each week we will spotlight an OLM staff member. Read about Erica Porta on page 5 of the bulletin.

KNIGHT LIFE

SAVE THE DATE! Our Oktoberfest Dinner is back! Saturday, October 15th, 6pm-11pm in the OLMA Gym. German food, German music, Raffles and Prizes, Friends and Fun! For more info. please send an email. Reservations are now open! This is an age 21 and over event. Vivat Jesus!
Tom Kistler, Grand Knight **tkistler@optonline.net**

OLM PARISH SUPPORT GROUPS

"Grieving the Loss of a Loved One" - A Journey toward Healing & Hope. The next meeting is September 14th from 7-8PM in the Parish Center. Please call Kathy McCabe at 201-391-6367 if you plan to attend. For more info visit: **https://urolm.org/bereavement** or email **janedoe544@aol.com**

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRY

On Thursday September 15th, the Social Justice & Peace Ministry will be featuring a presentation by 'Linda The Bee Lady'- this presentation will be held in the lower gathering space.

Want to learn more about Laudato Si? Join this Zoom study group to learn about Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home. Contact Joseph Lavin certified Laudato Si animator by Vatican based Laudato Si Movement **jjlavin0120@gmail.com**. Virtual meetings will be Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Oct. 3, from 7:30PM-9:00PM. Open to all.

RETREAT

Women's 182nd Cursillo Weekend October 6-9, 2022 Details at **www.mycursillo.com/comeandsee.html**

AIR HANDLER UPDATE

Click here to get updates on the Air handler/Boiler project.

MEET ERICA PORTA

Hello, my name is Erica Porta and I am on the office staff in our religious education department. I was raised in Ridgefield, New Jersey and I was a parishioner of the Church of the Epiphany in Cliffside Park . I received a bachelors from Montclair State University in accounting. I now reside in Wyckoff, New Jersey with my husband, son a junior at Boston College, my daughter a senior at IHA and our dog . I am a member at the parish of Saint Elizabeth's in Wyckoff New Jersey.

I have always had a strong faith my entire life. In recent years I became very close with my priest at St Elizabeth who is now the pastor here, Father Vincent. He helped us navigate three losses in eleven months. Without his guidance and strength our family would have been lost. I was blessed to follow him here at our Lady of Mercy. I myself have been a Religious Education Teacher for over 15 years and my strong faith and love of God ultimately blessed me to be here at this wonderful parish.

My entire life revolves around my family and God and I consider OLMA to be my new family. I am excited to be part of such an amazing community. Please come stop by and visit us. I look forward to helping your children grow in their faith. I am beyond Blessed and I owe it all to our Savior .

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 25th starting at 12:30PM
The 11AM Mass will be bi-lingual. No 12:30PM Mass.

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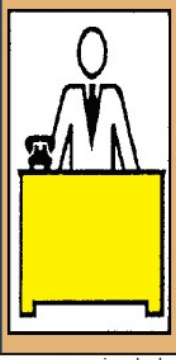

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