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The Holy Mother of God—January 1, 2023



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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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Thursday: 8PM

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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OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Church is a welcoming, faith-filled Catholic 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 INTENTIONS

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

8:30 Patricia Clements

5:30 Joanne Quinn Glaeser

7PM Ellen Visone (Mass in Spanish)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

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

7:30 Ellen Visone & People of the Parish

9:30 Ralph Meyer

11:00 Lois Greco

12:30 David Zocco

Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,

Bishops & Doctors of the Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

1 Jn 2:22-28/ Jn 1:19-28

8:30 Donald Davies

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/ Jn 1:29-34

6:30 Maureen Monaghan

8:30 Ralph Meyer

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

1 Jn 3:7-10/ Jn 1:35-42

6:30 Bernardo Yanogacio

8:30 Patrick Borzone

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

1 Jn 3:11-21/ Jn 1:43-51

6:30 For all the Souls in Purgatory

8:30 Ralph Meyer

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

1 Jn 5:5-13/ Mk 1:7-11

6:30 Theresa Albanese

8:30 Kenneth Ryan

Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

1 Jn 5:14-21/ Jn 2:1-11

8:30 Patricia M. Clements

5:30 Patricia Clements

The Epiphany Of The Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

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

7:30 Ralph & Ferdinando Forcellati

9:30 Oritzo Iacono

11:00 Richard & Elizabeth Manzella

12:30 People of the Parish

6:15 Priore-DuBois Families



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, William Griffith, Brian Gynegrowski, Angelo Pascale, Hortensia Cevallos, Tom Garigliano, Jose German Batiste, and Jeanette Warhol.

Please also remember the recently deceased of our parish especially: Eileen Gibbons, Robert Murphy, Charles Vodrazka, and Helen Cranmer.



THE SANCTUARY LAMPS IN THE CHURCH burn this week for Special Intentions.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL burns this week for People of the Parish.

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://uolm.org/light-a-candle-request-form>



Thank you to all who contributed to the beautiful flowers in the Church, and to those who helped "trim the Church".

THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES—
Burn this week for a Special Intention
through the generosity of
the Rosales Family
And a Special Intention for the
Romaine Family

If you would like to sponsor a Christmas Candle that will burn at each Mass for the week, during the Christmas season, please call the Rectory Office. The dedication or names will be listed in the bulletin. The cost is \$25.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING –

December 18th collection: \$17,039

Same time last year: \$15,985



The collection for Christmas was not available when the bulletin went to press. It will be reported in a future bulletin.

Thank you as always for your generosity!

If you are interested in making your contributions to OLM online, please visit the OLM website to enroll securely online.

God Bless You!

Fr. Vincent

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON ED

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let me be among many who wish you all, Happy New Year!

As we continue our celebration of this Christmas season, our Gospel passage tells us how the shepherds were the first to visit the baby in the manger. They then began to spread the word of the amazing revelations they had been party to. We are also told how Mary "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

As we observe the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, I find myself reflecting on Mary's tale in passing on the story of Christmas. After all, none of the writers of the Gospels were actually there.

At the time Christ lived the main story from Bethlehem, for most Israelites, would have been the remembering of the Slaughter of the innocents. That would have been the news of the day, not the rantings of some lowly shepherds.

So, how was the story changed? It was through Mary. She was the one in position to reveal the events of Christ's birth to the Apostles. It was she who would have told the stories of the shepherds visiting, the Magi coming, how Jesus was as a baby. These were accounts that only a mother could tell.

Think on it. How many of our stories originate from others "who were there." How many of the stories passed around family celebrations originate from those who experienced the events? It was very much the same, if not more so, at Jesus' time, as there weren't any recording devices to capture the moments.

It is through the simple family act of sharing stories that Mary, yet again, leads us to a better understanding of Christ.

As we all look forward into this new calendar year and set our resolutions, maybe we can endeavor to make a resolution to make time for the Gospel in our lives. Learn about Christ more deeply, embracing his words as his loving mother did.

In closing, I would like to share a quote with everyone. It helps me consider which way I want to go with my new year. C.S. Lewis once said, "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

I pray each and every one of you has a healthy, prosperous, and happy New Year!

Deacon Ed

Our Lady of Mercy Pray For Us

FR. VINCENT'S WEEKLY MESSAGE



<https://urolm.org/>

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see
the wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.
Amen

(A modern prayer for the New Year from
www.lords-prayer-words.com)

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MSGR. TURRO REFLECTION



If, as it seems, a person is defined by his relationships to others, it is significant that often in Matthew's infancy narrative, the reference is to "the child and his mother."

In other words, Mary is not designated by name but by her quality as "**His** mother." She draws her identity from the **Child**.

This stands as an **ideal** for us; that people should think and speak of us in terms of **Christ**.

*I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Anyone who remains united to me,
with me united to him, will be very
fruitful, for you cannot do anything
apart from me*

(John 15:5)



A MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

The first-grade students have been learning about St. Nicholas. Through echo reading and the use of hand motions, they retold the story of his life. They learned that he loved children and especially loved the poor. He was generous to others in the name of Jesus. He often gave to others without them knowing that it was him. We modeled St. Nicholas' life by making small treat bags that included candy canes to represent his bishop's staff and Hershey kisses to represent his love for others. A St. Nicholas Day Blessing of Candy Canes was attached. To keep in the spirit of St. Nicholas, the first-grade students silently delivered the packages to the door of each classroom. They truly learned and loved the old adage that "it's better to give than receive."



BIBLE STUDY

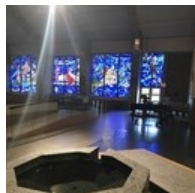


Registration for the 2023 Bible study, the Minor Prophets, will be held on the weekend of Jan. 7, 8. The first meetings will be on the 17th and 18th of January. Books will be distributed, new members will be signed in, and information about the meeting schedule will be available. You can also register on the web site. Please contact Carolyn at jcmcn38@yahoo.com with any questions.

FAMILY PROMISE

The Family Promise Hackensack Dinner Program continues to supply food as they have for more than 20 years. Thank you all for responding to this growing need. 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. We are continuing to work with Lepores Restaurant in Westwood to prepare the food. Our next dinner will be on January 12, 2023. Please consider 'Adopting a Meal' - \$10 will provide a dinner of: salad, bread, pasta, 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. Thank you for your financial support. Contact Joni von Autenried at jrvonaut@gmail.com for more information.

God Bless OLM's newly baptized in December, 2022



Sophia Barragan Gonzales
Mia Laganell
Francesca Laganella
Dylan Kirkby
Beckham McDermott
Adelaide Ruello

RECTORY OFFICE NEWS

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

The Rectory will be closed:
January 2

Mass Intentions for January 2024 will open on January 3, 2023. You may request one weekend per month, two weekdays per month for each of the months that we are opening.

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 Fr. Johan at Father.Johan@urolm.org or call the Rectory Office 201-391-5315

KNIGHT LIFE



Do we really need a new set of 365 days to begin living a new life? Can we begin any day of the year? Thank you God for being with me every day of every year. Thank you for making all things new, and for giving me the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings. The Knights of Columbus wish you and your families a very Happy and blessed New Year. Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kistler, Grand Knight tkistler@optonline.net

SUPPORT GROUPS

"Grieving the Loss of a Loved One" - A Journey toward Healing & Hope. The next meeting entitled "Dealing With the Stress that Grief Brings" is January 11th 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



ZOOM Caregiver Support Group will meet the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30PM—8:30PM Facilitated by: Bonnie Costabile, *Care Manager*. To register for the ZOOM meeting, email Ron von Autenried r.vonautenried@gmail.com Cell: 201-919-8748



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A PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL



St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of
the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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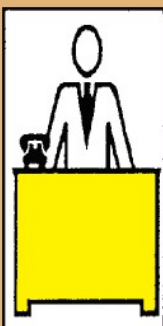
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