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We Invite you to
**CELEBRATE THE
EUCHARIST ON...**

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening

5:30 pm

Sunday Morning

7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Weekdays

9:00 am

Saturday Morning

9:00 am (*Novena*)

Holy Day Eve

5:30 pm (*Church*)

Holy Days

6:30 am & 12:05 pm (*Chapel*)



Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should make arrangements with one of the priests one year in advance of the wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

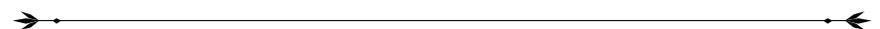
The Parish Community celebrates Baptisms on all Sundays of the month at 12:00 pm. One preparation session is required for first time parents. Parents should register by calling the Parish Office after the child's birth.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of the Lord's Forgiveness is celebrated Saturday afternoons at 5:00 pm. Other times for Reconciliation are announced in the bulletin, and by making an appointment with one of the priests.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Parish Community celebrates this Sacrament at a Special Liturgy during the year or at home anytime.



Religious Formation

9 Parsippany Rd, Whippany, NJ 07981

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Mass Calendar for the Week

January 20th, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday January 19th – Vigil - 2nd Sun. in Ord. Time

5:30 PM Vinny Albanese
Alfonso Del Sordi

Sunday January 20th – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Gancarick & Wolf Families
9:30 AM Frank P. Tampany (2nd An)
11:00 AM Louis Marsico

Monday January 21st – St. Agnes

9:00 AM

Tuesday January 22nd – Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

9:00 AM Billy McGinty

Wednesday January 23rd – St. Vincent

St. Marianne Cope

9:00 AM

Thursday January 24th – St. Francis de Sales

9:00 AM Peggy Staats

Friday January 25th - The Conversion of St. Paul

9:00 AM

Saturday January 26th - Sts. Timothy & Titus

9:00 AM
5:30 PM Margaret Yavorski
William & Elinor Kuehner
Bartolo Siino
Living & Deceased Salko Family
Michael Puskar Sr.

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Collection for January 12 - 13

This Year	\$7,988.00
Last Year:	\$6,844.00

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Liturgy of the Word

For next Sunday January 27th

First Reading – *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*

The Book of Nehemiah narrates events following the Babylonian exile, when the Persian king Cyrus assisted in the restoration of Israel. The Jewish people were sent back to the land of Judah, to rebuild the city and the Temple. Somehow, part of the Bible, God's precious Word, was lost. During the time of Ezra the priest, the missing manuscript had been rediscovered. For the first time in many years, the people could hear more of God's Word. It is generally thought to be passages found in the Book of Deuteronomy.

Responsorial – *Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15*

Second Reading – *1 Corinthians 12: 12-30*

The people in Corinth claimed partisanship with the one who baptized them—Paul, Apollos, or Cephas. Paul prays that the community's members be united in the same mind and purpose. Paul's metaphor of the Body of Christ is one of the most striking images in his letters. He describes the Corinthian Church as a single corporate entity, though with different parts. Each of these parts has a corporate function. They all rely on each other, even as each serves the rest. In this way, all parts share the honor and the suffering of each.

Gospel – *Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

The beginning of today's reading is taken from the opening of Luke's Gospel, where he explains the reason for its composition and introduces the central character, Jesus. The reading then skips to chapter 4 where Jesus returned to Galilee and taught in the synagogues. Here, Jesus reads several verses from Isaiah in which the prophet announces the coming of the Lord. The words of Isaiah describe the reason why God has sent his Son into the world—to redeem men from sin, to liberate them from slavery to the devil, and from eternal death. In this liturgical setting Jesus announces that he fulfills the Scriptures and invites discipleship. "The acceptable year" is a reference to the jubilee year of the Jews, occurring every fifty years.

Religious Formation

There are no Religious Formation classes this week. The next classes are scheduled for:

- Pre-K – 5th Grade; Sunday Jan. 27th @ 9:30 AM
- 9th – 10th Grade: Sunday Jan. 27th @ 9:30 AM
- 1st – 5th Grade: Tuesday Jan. 29th @ 4:00 PM
- 6th – 8th Grade: Tuesday Jan. 29th @ 7:00 PM

Please note that the full Religious Formation class schedule is available on the OLM Web Site at www.ourladyofmercyparish.com under the Religious Formation tab.

Roses For Life Drive 2019

On January 26 – 27, the Elizabeth Ann Seton Council Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Roses for Life Drive at all Masses. Your donations will be helping to support the programs at Birth Haven of Newton and Several Sources Shelters, two organizations that provide transitional housing and all appropriate support services, including medical, for young pregnant woman. These young distressed pregnant mothers are made to feel wanted and loved and are supported in a loving, caring environment. They often have nowhere else to turn to and these two organizations provide the help and emotional support needed. The little Rose appliqué we hand out symbolizes our support for life in all of its stages and our carrying out of Jesus' admonition to *"take care of the little ones."* Please help support this very worthy cause and may God bless you for all of your prayers and generosity. Please make any checks payable to K of C #6904.

Martha & Mary Ministry

The Martha and Mary Ministry is a group of parishioners that help to clean the church. They are composed of four groups that meets on a rotating basis once every four weeks. They are looking for additional volunteers. If you have an hour once a month on a Wednesday night or a Saturday Morning and are interested in joining, please contact either Patti Cobane at 973-386-1393 or Anne Roda-Farrell at 973-884-2969.

Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those in our parish and community who are ill, especially:

Michael Albano, Ann-Marie Andre, Patrick J. Asay, Jr, William Bulman, Emma Carothers, Giuseppa Casarrubea, Linda Ann Celeste, Nettie Cocca, Paul Commerford, Pat Conforti, John Cordova, Marie Mackenzie Cunningham, Peter D'Alessio, Kip Dangler, Connor Davey, Bob Flieger, Beverly Fresco, Arlene & Fred Gentile, Anita & Armando Geroldi, Elaine Gieger, Generoso Giesullo, Jimmy Hark, Nicholas Lacitignola, Anthony LaFerrara, John Lenox, Christine McGarry, Peggy Mead, Susan Nicoll, Theresa Pentz, Marlou Perrin, Jean Marie Petrino, Colton Ford Petronaci, Michael Rado, Raye, Charles Realmonte, Bob Roberts, Agnes Ryan, Audrey Sherry, Stella, Justin T., Belarmino Viegas

If you wish to have a loved one who is ill placed on our prayer list please call the rectory at 973-887-0050 and provide their name and your contact information. Names will remain on the list for 3-months after which time they will be removed, unless we are notified to retain them on the list.

Compassionate Friends Meeting

The Compassionate Friends is a self-help group for bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings. The program at their next meeting is **"Choices" (*Bring a picture of your child*)**.

All are welcome on Thursday, February 14th, 2019 at 7:30 PM in St. Christopher's Church (room 101) 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164

Caring & Sharing Collection

Our Caring and Sharing Ministry will be joining forces with our Health Ministry to collect items for local service personnel who are actively serving and for the residents of Care One. There will be a flyer in the bulletin, in the upcoming weeks, with all the details and listing the items we will be collecting during the month of February. We hope you will join us in sharing your love and gratitude for those for whom will be collecting. If you would like to help in any way please contact Deacon Vinny or our Health Ministry. Their contact information can be found on the cover of the bulletin.

100 Bible Verses Everyone Should Know

Continuing our inclusion of a verse-a-week, here is the next verse.

#3. John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is arguably the Bible's greatest verse about the incarnation. The Word (God the Son) became flesh and took up residence among us.

The Conversion of Saint Paul

Feast Day January 25th

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted. He had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church.

One sentence determined his theology: *"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting"* (Acts 9:5b). Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to *"present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me"* (Colossians 1:28b-29). Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials

Paging through a Sunday Missal, you will see references to the "the Feast of," "the Solemnity of," and the "Memorial of." But what are the differences? How do they rank in importance?

Although we often use the generic word *feasts* to describe the cycle of celebrations we observe during the course of the Church year, there are four different ranks that highlight their significance: solemnities, feasts, memorials (obligatory), and optional memorials.

Solemnities celebrate major events in the life of Jesus or Mary and the greatest mysteries of our faith. Examples of solemnities are Easter, Christmas, Epiphany, and the Annunciation. We also celebrate solemnities to honor specific titles or descriptions of Jesus or Mary, such as the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; Christ the King; the Most Holy Trinity; and Mary, Mother of God. Included are Holy Days of Obligation and days that honor saints who played a pivotal role in salvation history: such as the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul and the birth of John the Baptist.

Feasts also commemorate mysteries of our faith and events in the life of Jesus, Mary, and other people who played an important role in Church history. Feasts, while central to our celebration of the faith, are of less significance than solemnities. Examples of feasts are the Transfiguration of the Lord and the Holy Family; they include celebrations honoring the Evangelists and Apostles.

Memorials most often venerate specific saints and martyrs throughout history, including those canonized in our time. Certain memorials are set aside to celebrate something about Mary (e.g., Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15). We are required to observe obligatory memorials. However, we must not think that optional memorials are unimportant. They give us the opportunity to honor an individual whose life shows us how to live as a disciple of Christ and who now shares life everlasting with God.

Thoughts from the Pastor

My Dear Friends,

This weekend, following the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are celebrating the Second Week in Ordinary Time. The Church is dressed in green again as well as the stoles and chasubles of those who preside and concelebrate liturgies. This time in liturgy contains 33 or 34 weeks. It begins on the Monday following the Sunday after January 6 and continues until the beginning of Lent. It starts again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. During this time of the liturgical year the Gloria and the Creed are both included at Sunday Masses and omitted during weekday Masses.

We may wonder about the meaning of this “green time” in the liturgy of the Church. The Church Calendar provides us with the celebrations of Christmas Time which remakes the Mystery of the Nativity of the Lord and Easter Time which highlights the central truth of our faith, the Paschal Mystery. Both seasons include very important statements of our faith: the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, ascension of Jesus Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, invite us to walk through the life of Christ. This is a time of conversion and meditation on the life of Jesus as Savior and Lord. We are to live as disciples of the Lord and imitate the life of Christ. Ordinary Time doesn't mean a less important or neglected time during the Church Year. It is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

As we can realize, this period of time has a significant importance in the Church and for every one of us as Christian individuals. It consists of 34 out of the 52 weeks of the year.

Every week during this time we meditate on a different passage of the Gospel which talks about the public ministry of Jesus and his mission as Messiah and Savior. We see Jesus developing the mission entrusted by the Father which consists of offering people the kingdom of God. We meditate on his miracles, we see Jesus concerned about the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the outcast. He heals the body and soul of those who need his loving care and healing power. He has compassion and forgives sins; not judging, but loving with the same love he has received from his Father. We find Jesus fulfilling the will of his Father, God.

The Ordinary Time then also becomes for us a privileged time which we can use to grow in faith, hope and love in our lives as disciples of the Lord. We can use this time to thrive on our daily responsibilities. It is a time to value our daily routines which are not less important. It is time to evaluate our married life, our priesthood or our life as a single person, and how we serve God and others with joy and fidelity. The Ordinary Time becomes genuine scenery to encounter God in our daily circumstances of life. It is a time of salvation and true holiness found in simple things and without the noise of things extraordinary. The spirit of this season is well described in Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: *“For in you we live and move and have our being and while in this body we not only experience the daily effects of your care, but even now possess the pledge of life eternal”*. May we all experience the daily proof of God's love in our lives.

God bless you all,

Fr. Roberto



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