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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday 9:00 AM (Chapel)
Saturday Evening 5:30 PM (Church)
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 AM (Church)

CONFESSION

Saturday 5:00-5:30 PM (Church)
or by appointment

DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)

- Monday 7:00-8:00 PM
- Friday 9:30-10:00 AM (Divine Mercy Devotion)
- First Friday 9:30 AM - 12:00 noon

Rosary (Chapel)

- Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM

Miraculous Novena (Chapel)

- Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass

SERVED BY

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon

Saturday-Sunday Closed

Holy days of obligation Closed (see the Bulletin)

BAPTISM

We celebrate Baptisms on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 12:00 PM or at any Sunday Mass. A preparation session is required for first time parents.

MATRIMONY

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

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office when a family member is in the hospital or homebound.

MINISTRIES

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JANUARY 28, 2024 • FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27

5:30 PM William and Elinor Kuehner; Unborn and their mothers; Raymond Grill Jr.; Michael Sorresse, Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy; Fannie Richardi

Sunday, January 28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Robert, Steven and Patty Thompson
9:30 AM Giuseppe and Giuseppina Cirasole; Chiara Cirasole; Anna E. Peters
11:00 AM Michael B. O'Connor; Sonia MacDonald

Monday, January 29

9:00 AM Giuseppe and Giuseppina Cirasole; Sue Lopatofsky; Joe Salko

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 AM Margaret Buce

Wednesday, January 31

St. John Bosco

9:00 AM Special intention

Thursday, February 1

9:00 AM Cynthia A. Stauder

Friday, February 2 the Presentation of the Lord

9:00 AM Anna DeMattia (44th Ann.); Marie Karr

Saturday, February 3

9:00 AM Aloysius Hendricks (42nd Ann.)
5:30 PM Billy McGinty; Colleen Asea; Aloysius Hendricks (42nd Ann.); Arthur McCann Sr.; Cesare Caprio

Sunday, February 4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Deceased members of the Guerin Family; the Vezzosi Family; Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:30 AM Veronica Tibus Bolcar
11:00 AM Patrick Russo; Anthony Stalgaitis (52nd Ann.); Unborn and their mothers

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers: Please remember in your prayers: Nick Agro, Nancy Bakalis, Michael Bota, Giuseppa Casarrubea, Lisa Cifaretto, Lia Colorio, Beverly & Blaine Fresco, George Fresco, Arlene & Fred Gentile, Bertha Gonzalez, Kevin Goodsir, Cristopher Gruno, Emil Herkert, Georgjean Huegler, Helen Kasiski, Anthony LaFerrara, Frank LaMura, Victor & Ruth Madill, Michael Meluso, Anne Marie Nappi, John O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, John & Marie O'Mullan, Carol Osterman, Philip Patavia, Jaxson Rivera, Bob Roberts, Agnes Ryan,



Mary Ann Schilare, Theresa Seleski, Theresa Stancel, Belarmino Viegas, Joseph Ward, Rick Yarem, Gloria Zawacki, Susan.

To add or remove from the list, please contact olmhealthministry@ourladyofmercyparish.com.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of George Arpino

To request the Sanctuary Candle to burn for a week in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. \$10 is the customary donation per intention. The bulletin will publish the intentions.



COLLECTION

Sunday Collection (1/21)\$ 4,815.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK AT OLM

Sunday, January 28

- Religious Education

Monday-Saturday

- 8:30 AM: Rosary (Chapel)

Monday, January 29

- 7:00-8:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

Friday, February 2, First Friday

- 9:30 AM-12:00 noon: Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, February 3, First Saturday

- after 9:00 AM Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena (Chapel)

Weekend, February 3-4

- after all Masses: blessing of throats (Memorial of St. Blaise)
- monthly food collection

FOOD COLLECTION



**Food
Pantry**

Our monthly food collection to benefit the OLM and Interfaith Food pantries will be held on the weekend of February 3-4. Kindly leave your donations in the Church vestibule. Thank you, again, for your overwhelming generosity.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 14), we are changing our main email address. From this date, we will use the following email address: office@ourladyofmercyparish.com

We won't be checking the old email address any longer.



FROM FR. MICHAL

Vestments

After describing the most essential elements of the church, we will stop for a moment (as usual) on the liturgical vestments. In the first centuries of Christianity, the priest's robes did not differ from the regular clothes. During liturgical celebrations, the priest changed his everyday clothes to festive ones. It consisted of a long, belted tunic with two purple stripes, sleeves, a flowing cover, and sandals. From the fourth century comes the so-called *paenula*, a garment covering the whole body. In the 7th century, liturgical vestments were separated from those used in everyday life. The vestments used in the liturgy were richly decorated with precious stones and presented Christ, biblical scenes, or Eucharistic symbolism. Since the 11th century, symbolic meaning has been given to particular liturgical vestments. The symbolism of the garments referred to Christ, his passion, or the wearer. In the liturgical assembly, the variety of vestments is an external sign of the various functions in the liturgical service.

Alb is a long, white robe with long sleeves. Traditionally, it was made of linen. The name *alb* comes from Latin and means *white*. The white alb symbolizes the purity of the soul. Surplice was formed from shortening the alb. Initially, it was used during the common recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours (breviary). Later, from the 14th century, it was also used for other liturgical functions for which an alb was not required.

Cingulum/Cincture is a thick rope with fringes at both ends, which are tied around the alb. A belt is a sign of dedication to God. In the Middle Ages, the belt symbolized a towel with which Christ girded himself while he washed his disciples' feet. Another tradition saw it as the ropes that tied Christ to a pole during the scourging.

The stole is a long, wide ribbon made of the same fabric as the chasuble. The bishop and priest wear a stole that hangs around their neck and freely in front. The deacon puts a stole in the shape of a sash from the left shoulder to the right side. In the liturgy, the stole signifies the authority and dignity of the priestly office.

The chasuble is a garment used in the celebration of the Holy Mass. It was created from an old Roman cloak with a bell-shaped form with a small opening for the head and was sleeveless. The chasubles were decorated with rich embroidery and other decorations. The chasuble also symbolizes God's love covering sins.



BALTIMORE CATECHISM

97. Where was Christ's body while His soul was In limbo? While His soul was in limbo, Christ's body was in the holy sepulcher. *And, taking him down, he wrapped him in fine linen and laid him in a sepulcher that was hewed in stone, wherein never yet any man had been laid. (Luke 23:53)*

98. When did Christ rise from the dead? Christ rose from the dead, glorious and immortal, on Easter Sunday, the third day after His death. *And on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came*

to the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled back from the sepulcher. (Luke 24:1-2)

99. Why did Christ rise from the dead? Christ rose from the dead to show that He is a true God and to teach us that we, too, shall rise from the dead. *For if the dead do not rise, neither has Christ risen; and if Christ has not risen, vain is your faith, for you are still in your sins. (I Corinthians 15:16-17)*

SAINT OF THE WEEK

January 31 ▶ Saint John Bosco, a priest from Turin, devoted his entire life to young people. He founded congregations of Salesian priests and the congregation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians to care for young people. He died in Turin on January 31, 1888. **February 2 ▶ The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** falls on the



fortieth day after Christmas. In memory of the rescue of the firstborn sons of Israel during the Egyptian captivity, every firstborn son among the Jews was considered God's property. Therefore, on the fortieth day after his birth, the son had to be carried to the temple in Jerusalem, placed in the hands of the priest and then redeemed for a symbolic fee of 5 shekels. This amounted to 20 days' wages (1 shekel or shekel equals four denarii or drachmas, i.e., payment for four days of work of an unskilled worker). On this occasion, the mother was obliged to sacrifice a lamb, and if her poverty did not allow it, at least two turtledoves or pigeons. The fact that Mary and

Joseph offered a turtledove shows they were very poor. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus is one of the oldest because it was celebrated in Jerusalem in the 4th century, immediately after the end of persecution. Two centuries later, it also appeared in the Western Church. Traditionally, today is called the day of Our Lady of the Thunder Candle. This highlights the fact that Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple. During the Presentation, the old man Simeon took the Lord Jesus in his arms and uttered the prophetic words: "Light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory of Israel" (Luke 2:32). According to legend, the procession with lit candles was known in Rome already in the times of Pope St. Gelasius in 492. Since the 10th century, the ritual of consecrating candles has become popular, the flame of which symbolizes Jesus - the Light of the world, Christ who calmed the storms, was, is, and will forever remain the Lord of all the laws of nature. Until the post-conciliar reform of the Missal in 1969, this feast was called "Purification of the Virgin Mary" - "In purificationem Beatae Mariae Virginis". With the feast of Our Lady of the Thunder Candle, the period of singing carols, keeping mangers and Christmas trees ends - the traditional (not liturgical - it ended with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord) Christmas period ends. Today's holiday ends the series of celebrations related to the revelation of the Incarnate Word to the world. The liturgy shows us Christ the Child for the last time this year. Since 1997, the Universal Church celebrates on February 2, established by St. John Paul II Day of Consecrated Life, dedicated to prayer for people who have given their lives to the service of God and people in countless orders, religious congregations, societies of apostolic life and secular institutes.

FISH FRY

If something seems fishy, it is... The Fish Fry is back! Every Friday night during Lent. We will serve fried or baked fish with fries and slaw. We will have pizza for our friends who don't eat fish. There are three ways to be a part of the fun: #1 - Come and eat!!! #2 - Help set up/ break down or serve #3 - Donate financially

#1 is my favorite and, of course, the most fun way to be a part of it. Come and EAT! Enough said.

#2 is self-explanatory. We need volunteers to set up, break down and serve. Each Friday night, a different organization will help set up and serve. Currently, the Whippany Park Interact Club, the CYO, and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have each reserved a night to volunteer. We have four more Friday nights to cover. Suppose you are part of an organization that volunteers. Here's a perfect opportunity. Pick one of the open Fridays and help with the fun. You can if you're not part of an organization and would still like to volunteer. The last Friday of Lent, Good Friday, is parishioners' night. Sign up and help serve on parishioners' night. Shortly, a sign-up genius will be going around to sign up for this night.



#3 Some of us have the means but not the time. Some of us have the means and don't like fish. Whatever the case may be, we need your means. You know what I mean? To make this a financial success, we are looking for financial sponsors. Do you own a business? Do you work for a business that donates? Here's a perfect opportunity. Sponsor one of our Friday night Fish Fries. Your name will be displayed as that week's sponsor and announced with a thank you in the bulletin and at the event. We will need seed money to get started and keep it going.

Not all of these are for everyone, but we can do at least one.

Which will you choose? More details to follow!

For information on volunteering or donating, please call or text Dan Mihalko at 973-652-3277

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Roses For Life Drive 2024 On the weekend of January 27th and 28th, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council Knights of Columbus will have their annual Roses for Life Drive at all Our Lady of Mercy Church masses. This drive will be helping support the programs at Birth Haven of



Newton and Several Sources Shelters, two organizations that provide transitional housing and all the appropriate support services, including medical for young pregnant women. These young, distressed pregnant mothers are made to feel wanted and loved and are supported in a loving, caring environment. These young women often have nowhere else to turn to, and these two organizations provide the help and emotional support they need. 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."

So, as you leave church on those days, please help support the Knights of Columbus in this worthy cause, and may God Bless you for all your prayers and generosity. Please make any checks payable to K of C #6904. Please look for more information on the Knights of Columbus, your local Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 6904, and upcoming events in future Bulletins. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus or have any questions, please contact Vinny LoBello (OLM) at vinlobello@aol.com or John Monahan (ND) at johnmonahan08@gmail.com

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends Parsippany Chapter is a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents. All meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of each month; our next in-person scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 7:30 PM; NEW LOCATION: 427 Franklin Road, Denville,

NJ, Union Hill Presbyterian Church/School- Recreation Room (Back Entrance). Please join our private Facebook page, "The Compassionate Friends Parsippany Chapter," for more information regarding in-person meetings. Program for February 8, 2024: "Sharing Precious Moments".



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Paterson celebrate Catholic Schools Week this week. This year's theme highlights the focus our Catholic schools have on faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to community service. As a parish, we support Catholic schools through prayer and resources, and the schools, in turn, collaborate with families to develop our children into future model leaders and citizens. To find out more about what sets our Diocese of Paterson schools apart from other educational options, please visit www.patdioschools.org.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Please join Morris County Right to Life for our upcoming prayer and fasting for life campaign. We are looking for volunteers to come out and pray in the public walkway in front of Planned Parenthood at 196 Speedwell Avenue in Morristown. Prayer and presence save lives! The vigil runs daily from February 14th through March 24th, 2024, from 7 AM -7 PM daily. Please sign up at the link below. Contact Frances



Spilman with any questions at: 44lifeus@gmail.com

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