

Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

January 1, 2012
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



Rev. Charles P. Granstrand, Pastor
Rev. Robert T. Ulak, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Msgr. James C. Turro (Weekends)
Rev. Msgr. Carl D. Hinrichsen (In Residence)
George F. Rice, Deacon
Joseph Romano, Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:30PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 & 12:30PM
Daily: 6:30, 8:30AM
Saturday: 8:30AM

BAPTISM

The Sacrament is celebrated one Sunday every month. Parents should contact the rectory prior to the birth of their child for dates of Baptism Preparation Sessions.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should contact the rectory at least ONE YEAR PRIOR to the wedding date.

John Rokoszak, Pastoral Associate
Debra Wyka, Minister of Music
Amy Ballanco, Religious Education Coordinator
Jennifer Kavanagh, Youth Minister
Donna Quinn, Business Manager

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9-9:30AM & 1-1:30PM
Monday: 7-7:30PM

SCHOOL

Our Lady of Mercy Academy
2011 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
25 Fremont Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 07656
Laraine Meehan, Principal

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Grades K-6: 4-5PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Grades 7/8: 3:45-5:15PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

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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 31

5:30 Mary Kashicky

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

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

7:30 Marie Cole

9:30 Ed & Jean Williams

11:00 De Pinto Family

12:30 Florence Carney

St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

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

6:30 Dick Smith

8:30 David Emerick

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

6:30 Kathleen Tonnor

8:30 George Callow

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

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

6:30 Clementine Buonadonna

8:30 Louis Chiellini

2 pm Mass at the Plaza Regency in memory of
Florence Yannotti

St. John Neumann

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

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

6:30 George Callow

8:30 Joseph Anecchino

St. Andre Bessette

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

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

6:30 Mary Ferguson

8:30 Jack Mc Namara

8:00 pm Cure for Autism

St. Raymond of Penyafort

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

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

8:30 George Callow

5:30 Ann Mc Neil

The Epiphany of the Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

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

7:30 Edward Feddock

9:30 People of the Parish

11:00 Barbara Wedlick

12:30 Walter Jozwyk



LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick especially: Lucy Kraus, Tom Dvorschak, Mary Schwabe, Allison Eberhardt, Tim Waples, Robert Witte, Sr., Diane Dougherty, Laura Humble, Alicia Portieles, Evelyn Valla, and Steven McCabe.

Please also remember the deceased of our parish.

Please join with us in praying one OUR FATHER per day for all those who have no one to pray for them.



The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week in memory of Helen Mack, William Fantry and for a Special Intention.

If you would like to have one of our Sanctuary Lamps burn in memory of a loved one or for a Special Intention, please call the rectory office at 201-391-5315.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – Tithing

December 18 Collection: 20,441

Christmas Collection to date: 95,665

Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God. We ask half of this, or 5%, for your Parish church. The other 5% goes to your favorite charities.

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA will be recited each Saturday in the Sacred Heart Chapel immediately following the 8:30AM Mass.

THE FAMILY OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets every Tuesday at 7:30PM in the chapel to praise God and pray for special intentions.

Please join us to pray the rosary on Wednesdays at 7:30PM in the chapel.

THE RECTORY OFFICE will reopen Tuesday, January 3rd.

UNTRIM THE CHURCH: Please volunteer to help "untrim" the church on **Monday, January 9th** at 7PM. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation candidates to earn service hours.



THE ROSARY SOCIETY will attend the 8:30am Mass on Saturday, January 7th followed by recitation of the Rosary and a breakfast meeting in the Parish Center. Newcomers are always welcome!

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Happy New Year!

On this first day of the New Year we, as Church, also celebrate the Octave Day of Christmas and honor Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Since this year it falls on a Sunday, we follow our usual Sunday schedule. The Christmas Season, according to the liturgical calendar of the Church, concludes with the Baptism of the Lord by John, which this year is celebrated on Monday, January 9. Our church will be 'undecorated' that evening starting at 7 pm. and all are welcome to help.

In the first week of the year the Catholic Church honors three saints whom we should know, two Americans and one Canadian. First, on January 4, is Elizabeth Ann Seton the first American-born citizen to be canonized (1975). She was born August 28, 1774 in New York City, by birth and marriage she was linked to the first families of the city. Married at 19 to a wealthy businessman, William Seton, they had five children before his business failed and he died of tuberculosis. At the age of thirty, Elizabeth was widowed and penniless, with five small children to support. To support her children, she opened a school in Baltimore. From the beginning, the small group Elizabeth gathered to conduct the school followed the lines of a religious community, which was officially founded in 1809 as the Sisters of Charity.

Second, on January 5, is John Neumann, born in 1811 in what is now the Czech Republic, who came to the United States at 25 with the desire to be a missionary priest. He did missionary work in northern New York, and then entered the Redemptorists (C.S.S.R.) at 29, becoming its first member to profess vows in the United States. In 1852 John was appointed Bishop of Philadelphia where he became well known for his holiness, learning, spiritual writing and preaching, as well as for organizing the parochial schools into a flourishing diocesan system. Bishop John Neumann was canonized in 1977.

The third saint, honored on January 6, is Andre Bessette of Montreal, canonized by Pope Benedict in 2010, orphaned at age twelve he entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross and after much difficulty became a Religious Brother. Brother Andre was known as a healer and the "Miracle Man of Montreal" where he founded the Oratory of St. Joseph to whom he was dedicated and promoted devotion to the foster father of Jesus.

In this New Year we plan to offer a viewing of the recently produced DVD series, Catholicism, a "Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith." Father Robert E. Barron is the author and guide for this excellent presentation. Described as "for the first time, in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography, the beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith is illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience." There are ten episodes on five DVD's telling one story. We are planning as parish staff the best way to schedule the opportunities for as many parishioners as possible, probably starting before Lent and continuing through the Season of Lent.

Mark your calendar! Save the date! On Sunday, January 22, at 11am Monsignor James Turro will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in anticipation of his 90th Birthday.

The Thursday Book Groups will reconvene on Thursday, January 5, morning and evening, but we will skip the following Thursday, January 12.

Peace in the Lord throughout the New Year,

M. Charles

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Here at OLM we are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration, starting after the 8:00pm Mass, every First Friday and continuing throughout the night ending at 6:30am, on Saturday. Everyone is encouraged to come and visit. Date: January 6-7. Any questions, please call 201-391-0657.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE—The annual March For Life will be held once again in Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 23, 2012 on the 39th anniversary of the US Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade legalizing abortion on demand. Once again the OLM Knights of Columbus Council will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to the March. Join your fellow parishioners, pro-life Congressmen, religious leaders of all faiths, students, and tens of thousands of pro-life Americans from across the country in witnessing to the Gospel of Life espoused by Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI, and the American bishops. Speaking to the marchers gathered at the National Shrine last year Cardinal DiNardo said "You have continuously come forward here and throughout the places where you live to be unflagging witnesses to the inestimable worth of each human person." A bus or van will leave the OLM parking lot after the 6:30 AM Mass. A free will offering of \$25 is suggested. Contact Art Lavis at 391-6431 to make a reservation.

NEW HOPE, INC. - We were truly overwhelmed by the generosity of OLM parishioners and their response to the Giving Tree. Our outreach to first-time single moms who have chosen life for their babies has received a major boost with your check donations of \$530, Shop-Rite cards totaling \$945, 1,000+ diapers, tee shirts for our toddlers, scarves, gloves, and hats for our mothers. We cannot express the joy you have spread with your love and giving spirit! Please access our web site - www.newhope4lifeweb.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. Feel free to visit our Center in Englewood. E-mail us at newhopeinc@verizon.net or call us at (201) 408-4726. We will be remembering you in prayer and ask for yours in return.

"CATHOLICS COME HOME" - The national organization that seeks to evangelize fallen away Catholics to return to the Church, will start a nationwide television ad campaign that will run through the first week of January. We are hopeful that this program will spark a renewed interest in the faith among people who have not attended Church in recent years, particularly now when the Church celebrates the birth of our Savior. We ask that all in this parish add to the importance and vitality of this welcoming message by encouraging those who have not been to Church in some time to think about rejoining us. Also, we encourage you to be as welcoming as this local community always has been to the newcomer. Visit www.catholicscomehome.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY—Join us during the 9:30 Mass as we gather the children in the little chapel after the Opening Prayer. They will listen to the same liturgy as the regular Mass, but in a way they could understand with stories, coloring, and songs. The children will then return to the church during the Offertory. It will make your child look forward to Sunday Mass! Best for ages 3 to 8 years old, but older siblings are welcome to help out. No registration necessary, just come! January dates: 8, 22, 29.

LOOKING FOR A FUN ACTIVITY? - The OLM Women's Bowling League is looking for one player to start ASAP. We bowl on Wednesday mornings from 9:20am to 11:30am. Our members range from mothers of school children to retired women in their 70's and 80's. It is a handicap league so you don't have to be a great bowler, just someone looking for a new activity. The player will start January 4th and the league ends play in early May. We are always looking for bowlers to be added to our sub list also. Please contact Peggy Ziltz at bobziltz20@aol.com or 201-391-8601.



OUR LADY OF MERCY PRESCHOOL ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE—Progressive Programs and Traditional Values

Open House - Wednesday, January 11th 9:30am-11:00am & 1:00pm-2:00pm.

OLMA offers a variety of classes and flexible programs designed to meet your needs. We offer weekly half-day and full-day programs. Our Transitional Preschool half-day program for 3 1/2 year olds and 4 year olds meets five mornings a week. Our Kindergarten Readiness full day program for 4 year olds meets five days a week with optional after-school care until 5:30pm. We offer an academically oriented program in large, spacious classrooms with private bathrooms. The programs offer daily specials such as Art, Music, Library, Computers and Physical Education. Within our supportive environment, the children enjoy individual learning, small group activities, directed learning centers, snack, outdoor play, and a religion program with daily prayer.

Take a tour of our school, visit and observe the preschool classes and have all your questions answered by members of the Home-School Association. Bring your child or come alone.

Preschool Registration Dates for September, 2012: January 17th 8:30am-11:00am for OLM & OLG Parishioners - January 18th 8:30am-11:00am for Non-Parishioners. Children must be 3 1/2 by October 1, 2012.

ACOUSTIC CAFÉ Music Series

Our upcoming concerts for 2012 include something for everyone, and our first 3 concerts will be Sunday matinees at 2 PM, starting January 22nd with Sloan Wainwright and special guests Barnaby Bright. 2012 is a great time to check us out if you haven't already. We are close to home & the desserts are on us! And proceeds go to the scholarship fund. To order tickets and for more information please visit our website www.cafeacoustic.org or 201-573-0718
Wishing you a joyous Christmas season!



HACKENSACK SOUP KITCHEN

On Thursday, January 12th, our parish will once again be hosting the Soup Kitchen in Hackensack. We plan to serve at least 150 homeless people in the new facility on South River St. The bulletin boards will be in the Gathering Space and the Lillis Room indicating the food needed. Interested parties may select the food they wish to prepare/provide, and deliver it to the Parish Center on Jan. 12th anytime until 2:30 p.m. Any high school students (must be 14 years old) who wish to earn credit for community service, or others who are willing to volunteer in serving the food at the center on Jan. 12th, should call, Florence Craffey 201-391-8185 or Anne Mayer 201-391-7993.

THE MASS BOOK for January 2013 is opened. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please stop by the Rectory office. Masses said at the Plaza Regency and for the Missions, are also available.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

The next scheduled SJ&P will be Wednesday, January 18th @ 7:15PM in the Lower Gathering Space.

***THANK YOU** so much for the recent donation of books, cards and stamps, which we received for "Stamp Out Despair" campaign. Your generosity is very much appreciated, and your gift is a big help to us.*

*Lorna Henkel
IRATE & First Friends*

R.C.I.A The group will meet after the 9:30 Mass in the Parish Center. Dates: January 8, 22, February 5, 19. If you cannot attend, or for more info, please call John Rokoszak at 201-391-3590.

OUR LADY OF MERCY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



Wednesday, January 11, 2012 - 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Often after the loss of a loved one, there are feelings, and issues left unresolved. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, please join us for the evening.

Our Bereavement Group will meet in the Parish Center (former Convent). For more information call John Rokoszak at 201-391-3590.

**2012 CORNERSTONE RETREAT—
"Women at the Well"**

You are invited to attend the 8th OLM Women's Cornerstone Retreat on March 2-3, 2012. At the retreat you will meet other women who, like you are seeking to deepen their faith. This time away from our everyday life provides an opportunity to focus, discuss and mediate on Christ's love. For more information, please contact Joni Von Autenried 201-930-1421, Cheryl Pletch 201-594-1213 or Joanne Ryan 201-573-9457.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT HOLY RETREAT

"Stay with us Lord" will be on January 6, 7, 8, to be held at the Carmel Retreat House, 1071 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, NJ. For more information, or to register, please call 973-497-4365 or email gabriejo@rcan.org

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