

Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

January 29, 2012
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let's "Run Up the SCORE" on Souper Bowl Sunday With a Super Supply of food items for area Food Pantries



Date: Saturday, Feb. 4- Sunday, Feb. 5
Sorting: Sunday, Feb. 5 @ 12:30 P.M.
**Deliveries to food pantries after 2 P.M.
or arranged time on Monday, Feb. 6th**

Food Pantries' Special Needs:

Blessed Sacrament/ Newark: Rice, Beans and donations of your choice

Pascack Food Center/Park Ridge: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Macaroni & Cheese, Rice á Roni, Coffee, Tea, Laundry and Cleaning Products

Center For Food Action/Mahwah: Canned Meat & Fish, Hearty Soups, Canned Vegetables & Fruit; 100% Juice, Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cereal (low sugar), Instant Potatoes, Dry Milk, UHT Milk (e.g. Parmalat), Baby Formula, Diapers (sizes 4,5,6), Bar Soap, Toothpaste & Toothbrush, Supermarket Gift Cards

River Vale Food Pantry: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Hearty Soups, Canned Fruit

Buddies of NJ/Aids Coalition – Hackensack: Hackensack: ENSURE, Paper products, Personal Hygiene products, Cleaning products, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Canned Clam Chowder, Beef Stew, Tuna, Pasta

Hackensack Soup Kitchen: Paper Towels, Paper Napkins, Cups

Remember to check expiration date on food items. Donations to the OLM Serenity Fund or Triboro Family Care will be greatly appreciated. MAKE CHECKS OUT TO OUR LADY OF MERCY with a note on memo line.



Thank you for your faith-filled generosity and putting Catholic Social Teaching into ACTION. - The Social Justice & Peace Ministry of OLM

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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, JANUARY 28

5:30 Miriam Kashickey

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Dt 18: 15-20/ 1 Cor 7: 32-35/ Mk 1: 21-28

7:30 Edward Feddock

9:30 Jack Mc Namara

11:00 Louis Vitta

12:30 People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13/ Mk 5: 1-20

6:30 Kathleen Tonner

8:30 Michael Cooney

St. John Bosco

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/ Mk 5: 21-43

6:30 Isabella Fischer

8:30 Peter Harkin

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17/ Mk 6: 1-6

6:30 Ann Martorano

8:30 Pina Sorci

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

Presentation of the Lord

World Day of Consecrated Life

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Mal 3: 1-4/ Heb 2: 14-18/ Lk 2: 22-40

6:30 Larry Kelly

8:30 Ricardo & Pilar Eugenio

St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

First Friday

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Sir 47: 2-11/ Mk 6: 14-29

6:30 Dorothy Cross

8:30 Nicholas Giuricich, II

8:00 pm Joao Augusto

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

1 Kgs 3: 4-13/ Mk 6: 30-34

8:30 Lucia Principe

5:30 People of the Parish

Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1: 29-39

7:30 Edward Feddock

9:30 Mary La Candia

11:00 George Callow

12:30 Larry Kelly



LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick especially: Mary Schwabe, Diane Dougherty, Evelyn Valla, Owen Haley, Audra LaFrance, Rose Sinisi, Ed Alger, Tim Waples, and George Mahoney.

Please also remember the deceased of our parish, especially: Mary Toni, Jean McManus, Joseph Lotito, Robert Witte Sr., and Norman Brown.

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 Ralph & Ferninando Forcellati, Joanne Brennan and for Ed Ziltz.

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

Sunday's Collection: 18,502

Last Year's Collection: 17,831

Christmas Collection to date: 109,853

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.

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: February 3-4.** Any questions, please call 201-391-0657.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—Thank you for your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, which helps bring to reality the experience of welcome and affirmation for individuals and families living with disabilities in the Archdiocese of Newark. The 2012 Annual Appeal Pledge Weekend begins February 4th.



The **Rosary Society** will attend the 8:30am Mass on Saturday, February 4th, followed by recitation of the Rosary and a breakfast meeting in the Parish Center. Newcomers are always welcome!

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today the Church in the United States begins the observance of Catholic Schools Week, and we at Our Lady of Mercy have much to celebrate. I thank all who are directly involved in making Our Lady of Mercy Academy successful as both a Catholic and an academic reality. We were recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, a distinction awarded to a small number of schools nationwide by the U.S. Department of Education. However, we are not resting on our laurels, as our faculty, staff, and administration, led by Mrs. Laraine Meehan, collaborating with parents through the School Advisory Board and the Home School Association, continue to plan for our future. Come and See! Check the parish bulletin and the school website for the opportunities to visit.

Also today, our parish formally welcomes and accepts at the 9:30 Mass, Laura Creighton and Carolyn Torres as catechumens preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We are also glad to welcome Fred Farro, Jason Kangas, and Carlos Linzan who are already baptized, but are now preparing to complete the sacramental process of initiation. I thank John Rokoszak and the RCIA team for their generous efforts in accompanying these good folks on the journey of faith.

Next weekend is the Pledge Sunday for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The video part of the presentation reminds all of us of the pastoral services provided by the Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Newark beyond our parish. We are a large diocese in the four counties of northeastern New Jersey, numbering more than 1.3 million Catholics, trying to help those in need in our faith community and beyond. Your support of the AAA each year has been generous and I ask you to continue if you are able, begin pledging this year if you have not done so in the past, if it is possible for you to do so now. We have reached our assigned goal again this past year, 2011, and I thank you for being concerned with the needs of the larger Church.

Today at 12:30 Mass, I am going to be with the priests and people of St. Aedan Parish of Jersey City as they celebrate the Centennial of their founding in 1912. St. Aedan was my first assignment as a priest forty-five years ago and I look forward to being there on this special day.

Peace in the Lord,



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.

ADULT HANDBELL RINGERS WANTED

For Holy Week & Easter

Handbells enhance the beauty of the Mass inspiring people to worship & they're fun to ring! Reading music is not a requirement so if you are interested, please see Debra Wyka, Music Minister for a copy of the schedule. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 5:30—6:30 PM.

2012 CORNERSTONE RETREAT—

“Women at the Well”

We invite the women of Our Lady of Mercy Parish 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 meditate on Christ's love. It is a great opportunity to step out of your daily life, recharge your batteries and connect with some great women. The retreat starts at 7pm on Friday night until 11pm. Then you come back Saturday morning and start the day with a hot breakfast buffet and end the day with dinner followed by a family Mass Saturday night at 7pm. It is a 24 hour gift to yourself that will leave you refreshed and ready to face life's challenges. You will find more information and registration form on our parish website: www.urolm.org. If you have any questions, please contact Joni Von Autenried 201-930-1421, Cheryl Pletch 201-594-1213 or Joanne Ryan 201-573-9457.

OUR LADY OF MERCY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



Wednesday, February 8, 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.

R.C.I.A The group will meet after the 9:30 Mass in the Parish Center. Dates: February 5, 19, March 4, 18. If you cannot attend, or for more info, please call John Rokoszak at 201-391-3590.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY—Join us during the 9:30 Mass as we gather the children in the chapel after the Opening Prayer. They will listen to the same liturgy as the regular Mass, but in a way they can understand with stories, coloring, and songs. The children will then return to the church during 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, 29. February 5, 12, 26



Our Lady of Mercy Academy
A 2011 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
celebrates

Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, and Service

Along with an outstanding Preschool Program, Our Lady of Mercy Academy offers an excellent full day Kindergarten– 4th Grade Primary School Program, a stand alone Grade 5-8 Middle School Program, a Before/After School Program and additional enrichment programs. We follow the curriculum guidelines of the State of New Jersey and the Archdiocese of Newark. Our students' standardized test scores are well above national norms.

Catholic Schools Week Open Houses

Sunday, January 29th 10:30am – 12:30pm

Tuesday, January 31st – Wednesday, February 1st
9:30am-11:00am & 1:00pm-2:00pm

Bring your child or come alone. Take a tour of our school and have all your questions answered by members of the Home-School Association. On Tuesday and Wednesday we will have classroom visitation in addition to school tours. Questions? Call the school office at 201.391.3838. Visit our website www.olmacademy.org.

Kindergarten Registration Dates for September, 2012

February 7th 8:30am-11:00am OLM & OLGC Parishioners

February 8th 8:30am-11:00am Non-Parishioners

Grade 1-8 Registration for September, 2012

Opens Thursday March 1st

Transfer students must call the school office to arrange for an interview appointment prior to registration.

**Our Lady of Mercy Academy \$100 Night
Dinner & Raffle**

Saturday, February 4th
7:00pm in the OLMA Cafeteria

One Grand Prize of \$5,000
(or 35% of gross receipts)

10 Prizes of \$250 each
(or 1.5% of gross receipts)

Only 150 tickets will be sold

Ticket Price: \$100.00

Ticket price includes buffet dinner for two, beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. Note: Winner need not be present. Come alone, or invite some friends & make a table, for a fun evening, great food and a chance to win. Proceeds will support the programs at Our Lady of Mercy Academy. For more information, call Muriel Rubio @ 845-425-9460 or see the bulletin insert.

BIBLE STUDY—The study of The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans will continue beginning Feb. 15th for the Wed. group at 12:30pm, Feb. 20th at 7:30pm for the Mon. group and Feb. 21st at 7:30pm for the Tues. group. There will be no session on Ash Wed. Each will begin with lesson #9 (Romans 7 through 8:13) and continue for five weeks.

OLM PARISH NEWSLETTER—Thanks to all who contributed their time and talent to the Fall 2011 issue, now on the web and in the Gathering Space carousel. Special thanks to Fr. Charles and Donna Quinn for their continuing support of this ministry. Anyone who wishes to submit an article for the Spring issue is asked to send it to the rectory addressed to the "Newsletter" by March 1st or call Carolyn McNamara at 201-746-0315 with your ideas, questions and comments.

**Volunteer Coordinators Needed for OLM's
Hackensack Soup Ministry:**

After many years of service, Flo Craffey and Anne Mayer are retiring from a job "well done." Our Lady of Mercy Parish is seeking a facilitator (or facilitators) to head our Hackensack Soup Kitchen Ministry. Florence has organized the Soup Kitchen for "17 years" and she wants to leave the very worthwhile and important ministry in good hands. Anne Mayer assists Florence with publicity and organization. The needs of the Soup Kitchen have grown from serving 70 people years ago to 150 at the present time. Area churches take turns so that the homeless in Bergen County are served one good meal a day 365 days of the year. Florence gave us the following job description for facilitating the Soup Kitchen Ministry. She would be more than happy to mentor and advise anyone who is interested:

Our Lady of Mercy serves dinners at the Bergen County Homeless Center on River Street, Hackensack **six times a year** on the "Second Thursday of January, March, June, August, October, November

OLM brings everything needed to serve 150 dinners on their assigned days: meal, paper products, serving pieces, etc...The kitchen is in a brand new facility so there are warming trays and a modern clean kitchen for serving

Meals are planned, organized and posted on small slips of paper on the "Hackensack Soup Kitchen" boards and charts in the GS and front lobby OLM church. This procedure begins about 2 weeks before serving at the Hackensack Soup Kitchen.

ALL food donations come from our very generous and committed OLM parishioners. Florence said she is always provided with donations and volunteers. The Ministry is a working and devoted crew!

All food donations are left at the Religious Education office who graciously watch over and store the food until 2:30 PM.

Twelve volunteers (and 3 vans) transport food, set up, serve and clean up. Serving dinner takes place from 5-6.

Some volunteers come from the Girl & Boy Scouts, Youth Community Service, Companies and groups who want to serve in this rewarding program. It's one of those "life lessons".

If you are interested or would like more information, please call Flo Craffey at (201)391-8185.