

Our Lady of Mercy Church

Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656

February 5, 2012
Fifth 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, FEBRUARY 4

5:30 People of the Parish

Fifth Sunday in 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

St. Paul Miki & Companions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13/ Mk 6: 53-56

6:30 Francis J. Maloney, Jr.

8:30 Joseph Knoeringer

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30/ Mk 7: 1-13

6:30 William Stein

8:30 Richard Mc Donald

St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

1 Kgs 10: 1-10/ Mk 7: 14-23

6:30 William Donnelly

8:30 Michael Cooney

2PM Mass at the Plaza Regency in memory of James Lyons

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1 Kgs 11: 4-13/ Mk 7: 24-30

6:30 Mary Rita Petroni

8:30 Kathleen Tonner

St. Scholastica

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12: 19/ Mk 7: 31-37

6:30 William Donnelly

8:30 Linda Mayer

Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34/ Mk 8: 1-10

8:30 Maria Cecilli

5:30 Carrie Ortiz

Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

Lincoln's Birthday

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10: 31-11: 1/ Mk 1: 40-45

7:30 People of the Parish

9:30 La Candia Family

11:00 Gerry Langley

12:30 Marianna Addorizio



LET US PRAY

In your love and kindness please pray for the sick especially: Mary Schwabe, Diane Dougherty, Evelyn Valla, Owen Haley, Ed Alger, Tim Waples, George Mahoney, John Morra, and Laura Humble.

Please also remember the deceased of our parish, especially: Norman Brown, Ralph Schneider, Rev. Paul Hayes, and Sister Rene Donohue.

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 Donna Johnson, Edward Ziltz and for Marino Antognini.

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: 17,806

Last Year's Collection: 16,536

Christmas Collection to date: 110,253

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 MASSBOOK for March 2013 will open this weekend. If you would like to schedule an intention, please stop by the Rectory office. Mass intentions scheduled at the Plaza Regency are also available.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL— This is "Kick-Off Weekend" for the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Brochures and pledge envelopes are in the pews. Please make a pledge and be as generous as possible. This year Our Lady of Mercy's goal is 100,738. Thank you for supporting the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

HELP WANTED—Rectory Cook

Do you enjoy cooking? Work from home and prepare dinner meals for 2 people—3 times per week. Paid position and expenses reimbursed. Call Donna in the Rectory at 201-391-5315 for more information.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we observe Pledge Sunday for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and the NFL Super Bowl. Now it might be easy to choose the latter as more fun, but the former is certainly more significant for the life of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Newark. We at Our Lady of Mercy Parish do have a particular rooting interest in the Super Bowl since Coach Tom Coughlin is a regular at Sunday Mass. I realize, however, that the Jets fans in our congregation might not share that feeling.

I thank Father Bob for presenting the video presentation for the AAA this weekend and asking for your participation. Our parish has successfully reached our assigned goal for many years and I pray that we will be able to do so again this year.

By now you should have received a Statement of Contributions for the calendar year 2011 if we have a record of your use of envelopes. If you did not, please contact the parish office. We include in this week's bulletin a copy of the Financial Report for our parish for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 which was included with the statement of contributions mailed home. Thank you for your support of the parish, especially those who have been faithful in tithing a percentage of the blessings you have worked for. In the bulletin this week please note additional contributions for Christmas have been received bringing the total to \$110,243 which is the best Christmas collection by almost \$6,000! Thank you.

This week I am hosting five of my former colleagues on the formation faculty of the North American College in Rome at the Carmel Retreat in Mahwah. We will gather on Monday evening and disperse on Friday. Those able to make this year's reunion are pastors in Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Long Island, and Ohio. Please keep us and our parishioners in your prayers.

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—

Register Now before all the spots are filled!

“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! February 5, 12, 26.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS: Workshop 2 for candidates with last names A-G is scheduled for Sunday, February 12th from 3:30 to 4:30 in the church. Candidates with last names H-O are scheduled for February 19th and candidates with last names P-Z are to come on February 26th.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Men of the Parish, please consider taking advantage of a unique opportunity to get involved, meet good people and have a great time. The Knights of Columbus need your help supporting the Parish, Our Lady of Mercy Academy and needy members of the local community with fundraising and community building events, assisting with holiday decorations at the church, hosting the annual Parish Picnic and St. Patrick's Day dinner and running the basketball free throw contest at OLMA. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Knights, please contact Tim Lane (201) 665-1842 or Bob LeHane (646) 263-9536.

LECTOR WORKSHOP—A workshop to train or renew those who serve in the ministry of lector will be held March 10th from 8:45—12:30pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. Please call the OLM Rectory if you would like to attend.

ACOUSTIC CAFÉ' MUSIC SERIES - Come Join Us!
We had a great turnout & an enjoyable afternoon of music for our first show of the year with Sloan Wainwright & Barnaby Bright on Jan 22nd. The Jan 26th issue of Community Life ran a full page of photos from the show! Sunday, Feb 19th we are excited to be able to present critically acclaimed singer/songwriters Willie Nile and Joe D'Urso in an afternoon of songs & stories. The NY Times called Willie Nile "one of the most gifted singer/songwriters to emerge from the NY scene in years." Joe D'Urso is a Park Ridge resident & OLM parishioner. Both recently shared the stage with Bruce Springsteen at the Light of Day Festival in Asbury Park. Concert starts at 2 PM in the OLM Academy gym. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund for St. Vincent's parish in Vallieres, Haiti. Refreshments are on us and we are wheelchair accessible. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Tickets \$20 advance, \$22 at the door www.cafeacoustic.org 201-573-0718

CAN YOU HELP? Local families are in need of the a kitchen table & chairs, microwave, and a stroller large enough to fit a 2 or 3 year old child. If you can help, please call 201-391-1488.

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 9:00am 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—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.